

STATISTICS

	Year Ending 30-Jun-20	Year Ending 30-Jun-19	Year Ending 30-Jun-18	Year Ending 30-Jun-17
Population (1)	11,283	11,518	11,489	11,389
Number of Voters (1)	8,033	7,615	7,755	7,632
Number of Dwelling Houses (2)	3,676	3,676	3,674	3,669
School Membership (3)	1,906	2,039	2,103	2,057
Valuation of Real Estate	\$ 6,315,962,600.00	\$ 6,190,659,400	\$ 6,036,616,900	\$ 5,952,190,900
Valuation of Personal Property	\$ 72,356,100.00	\$ 71,681,100	\$ 69,551,400	\$ 63,924,000
Total Assessed Valuation	\$ 6,388,318,700.00	\$ 6,262,340,500	\$ 6,106,168,300	\$ 6,016,114,900
Tax Rate per \$1,000 Valuation	\$ 12.98	\$ 12.83	\$ 12.51	\$ 12.40
Town Debt	\$ 108,482,997.00	\$ 102,659,066	\$ 90,180,500	\$ 86,961,758.00

	Year Ending 30-Jun-16	Year Ending 30-Jun-15	Year Ending 30-Jun-14	Year Ending 30-Jun-13
Population (1)	11,472	11,391	11,581	11,580
Number of Voters (1)	7,943	7,907	7,455	7,611
Number of Dwelling Houses (2)	3,657	3,661	3,661	3,640
School Membership (3)	2,111	2,139	2,206	2,281
Valuation of Real Estate	\$ 5,811,898,500	\$ 5,811,898,500	\$ 5,565,225,800	\$ 5,292,759,000
Valuation of Personal Property	\$ 49,587,500	\$ 49,587,500	\$ 47,233,400	\$ 48,169,200
Total Assessed Valuation	\$ 5,941,014,800	\$ 5,861,486,000	\$ 5,612,459,200	\$ 5,340,928,200
Tax Rate per \$1,000 Valuation	\$ 12.16	\$ 12.28	\$ 12.73	\$ 12.40
Town Debt	\$ 85,069,900.00	\$ 87,927,000.00	\$ 71,425,000.00	\$ 74,723,333.00

	Year Ending 30-Jun-12	Year Ending 30-Jun-11	Year Ending 30-Jun-10	Year Ending 30-Jun-09
Population (1)	11,608	11,478	11,475	11,227
Number of Voters (1)	7,747	7,635	7,740	7,742
Number of Dwelling Houses (2)	3,632	3,619	3,615	3,589
School Membership (3)	2,322	2,304	2,315	2,332
Valuation of Real Estate	\$ 5,151,565,800	\$ 5,183,632,300	\$ 5,222,126,200	\$ 5,197,227,100
Valuation of Personal Property	\$ 43,864,400	\$ 39,840,500	\$ 38,678,600	\$ 34,784,600
Total Assessed Valuation	\$ 5,195,430,200	\$ 5,223,472,800	\$ 5,260,804,800	\$ 5,232,011,700
Tax Rate per \$1,000 Valuation	\$ 12.11	\$ 11.39	\$ 11.10	\$ 11.02
Town Debt	\$ 62,474,331.00	\$ 67,690,004.00	\$ 57,744,457	\$ 58,214,199

- (1) Population is as of January 1. The number of registered voters is as of December 31 of corresponding year
(2) Does not include 93 units at Norumbega Pt., 62 units in Merriam Village, and 75 units in Brook School Apts.
(3) Average membership as of October 1 of corresponding year

STATE OFFICIALS AND LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES
as of December 31, 2020

Governor
Lieutenant Governor
Secretary of the Commonwealth
Auditor of the Commonwealth
Treasurer and Receiver General
Attorney General
Senators in the United States Congress

Charles D. Baker
Karyn Polito
William Francis Galvin
Suzanne M. Bump
Deborah B. Goldberg
Maura T. Healey
Edward J. Markey
Elizabeth Warren

Representative in the United States Congress,
Fifth Congressional District
Governor's Councillor, Third District
State Senator in General Court,
Third Middlesex District
State Representative in General Court,
Fourteenth Norfolk District
District Attorney, Northern District

Katherine M. Clark
Marilyn M. Petitto Devaney, Watertown

Michael J. Barrett

Alice Hanlon Peisch
Marian T. Ryan



OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF WESTON

As of December 31, 2020

ELECTED BY THE VOTERS

	<u>Terms Expire</u>		<u>Terms Expire</u>
Board of Assessors		Moderator	
Gary C. Koger, Chair	2021	Ripley Hastings	2021
John Hennessey	2023		
Phyllis R. Kominz	2021	Planning Board	
Tamilyn M. Liesenfeld	2023	Alicia Primer, Chair	2024
Paul L. Zorfass	2022	Leslie Glynn	2023
		Stephen R. Oppenheimer	2022
Board of Health		Alex Selvig	2025
Laura Azzam, Chair	2022	Susan Jane Zacharias	2021
Elisabeth DiPietro, M.D.	2021		
David R. Kominz, M.D.	2023	Recreation Commission	
		Eric Rosenthal, Chair	2023
Board of Library Trustees		Maija Cirulis-Gooch	2023
Julie D. Panagakos, Chair	2023	Melissa Crocker	2021
Linda K. Delaney	2022	Margaret Dorna	2021
Deirdre Freiberg	2021	Julie Johnstone	2022
Emily Hutcheson	2022	Adam King	2023
Joseph W. Mullin	2023	Trevor W. MacDonald	2022
Susan Scott	2021		
		School Committee	
Commissioners of Trust Funds		John E. Henry, Chair	2021
Sanford Whitehouse, Chair	2021	Alexander R. Cobb	2021
Robert Trumbull	2023	Alyson Muzila	2023
Andrew Van Ogtrop	2022	Anita M. Raman	2022
		Rachel C. Stewart	2022
Measurers of Lumber		Select Board	
Aidan L. Fleming	2021	Laurie A. Bent, Chair	2022
Neil Levitt	2021	Harvey R. Boshart, Clerk	2023
Henry Viles	2021	Christopher E. Houston	2021

APPOINTED OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF WESTON

as of December 31, 2020

Animal Control Officer	Rachel Hoffman
Assessor	Eric R. Josephson
Assistant Town Manager and Human Resources Director	Lisa J. Yanakakis
Brook School Apartments Manager	Monyette Vickers
Community Preservation Committee Administrator	Tracey A. Lembo
Conservation Administrator	Michele L. Grzenda
Constable to Serve Civil Process	Robert P. Millian, Jr.
Council on Aging, Executive Director	Mignonne M. Murray
East Middlesex Mosquito Control Commission, Weston's Representative	Richard E. Sullivan
Facilities Director, Town-Wide	Gary E. Jarobski
Facilities Deputy Director, Town-Wide	Timothy DeMartin
Facilities Deputy Director, Project Manager	Gerard McCarty
Fields and Grounds Coordinator, Town-wide	Ben Polimer
Finance Director/Town Accountant	Susan D. Kelley
Fire Chief, Forest Warden, and Director of Emergency Management	David B. Soar
Fire Chief, Deputy	Justin Woodside
Highway and Stormwater Supervisor	Kenneth Calder
Information Systems Director (Municipal)	Tracy L. Sullivan
Inspector of Buildings/Land Use Coordinator	John F. Field
Library Director	Jennifer Warner
Library Assistant Director	Allison Palmgren
Parks and Cemeteries Supervisor, Public Works	Jacquelyn Jackson
Parking Clerk	Dianne M. Poole
Police Chief and Keeper of Lockup	Michael J. Goulding
Police Captain	Thomas Kelly
Public Health Director	Wendy Diotalevi
Public Works, Director of Operations and Tree Warden	Thomas C. Cullen
Public Works, Deputy Director of Operations	Richard E. Sullivan
Public Information Officer	Kara M. Fleming
Recreation Director	Christopher J. Fitzgerald
Solid Waste and Recycling Supervisor, Public Works	Jacqueline Jackson
Technology and Libraries Director	Lee McCanne
Town Clerk	Deborah M. Davenport
Town Counsel	KP Law
Town Engineer	Stephen R. Fogg, P.E.
Town Engineer, Assistant	Richard Sweeny, Jr., P.E.
Town Engineer, Project/Civil	Elika Bahrevar, P.E.
Town Manager	Leon A. Gaumont, Jr.
Town Planner	Imaikalani P. Aiu
Treasurer/Collector	Zoe Pierce
Veterans' Services Director	Sarada S. Kalpee
Vehicle Maintenance, Public Works	Daryl Cyr
Water Superintendent, Public Works	David L. Fava
Zoning Board of Appeals Assistant	Valerie Geary

2020 AND THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS THAT CAUSED COVID-19

The year started with bright hopes for the next 12 months despite vague reports of a new virus emerging in China. Come February, reports of the novel coronavirus being in the United States emerged and the disease known as COVID-19 spread rapidly. By March, everything changed. The virus arrived in Massachusetts and Weston had positive cases within the first week of the month. The Local Emergency Response Committee, chaired by the Emergency Management Director Fire Chief David Soar and accompanied by Public Health Director Wendy Diotalevi, was activated to address the rapidly evolving pandemic and to manage the Town's crisis response.

On March 10th, Weston Public Schools announced it would be temporarily closed due to the positive cases in the town affecting school families. This was the same day the Governor declared the State of Emergency for the Commonwealth. A set of executive orders were issued including one lifting certain restrictions to the Open Meeting Law, which allowed government meetings to be held through online meeting platforms. On March 16th, Town buildings, playgrounds, tennis and basketball courts, and recreation fields were closed to the public. Staff who could worked from home. On March 17th, the Select Board held its first online meeting and declared a State of Emergency in Weston. The Emergency Response team met two to three times weekly as it navigated the subsequent waves of the pandemic throughout the year.

2020 will be remembered as the year that COVID-19 upended our lives. New vernacular was introduced to our everyday speech, such as "virtual learning," "masking up," and "practicing social distancing," which was quickly replaced with "physical distance" so as not to socially isolate individuals and to impress the importance of maintaining a six-foot distance from others. People stayed home. Schools closed to in-person learning for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year and into the 2020-2021 school year. Travel ceased for the most part and holidays were spent with immediate household family.

Town Election and Town Meeting were delayed from May until September and in the interim, the Town adopted three 1/12th monthly budgets and elected officials' terms were extended. And despite all public buildings being closed to the public and the majority of non-emergency personnel working from home, virtual meetings, held via Zoom, an online meeting platform, allowed for increased citizen engagement and participation. That Town operations continued to function relatively smoothly is a testament to the leadership of the Emergency Response team, as well as the Executive Leadership, Department Managers, and the volunteers who support Weston's Town Government.

Highlights from our pandemic year, or what some called our silver linings, were:

The completion of:

- The Legacy Trail and connector paths;
- the Ecological Management Plan for the Case Estates;
- the updated Recreation Master Plan;
- the installation of solar arrays on the Field School roof; and
- the engineering feats along Merriam Street, including the replacement of water mains and gates, upgraded gas mains and stormwater drainage systems, the installation of a new culvert, and the completion of a sidewalk (including a boardwalk) that connects Concord Road to North Avenue

Progress was made on:

- the above-ground work and street realignment of the Town Center Project;
- the Josiah Smith Tavern restoration;
- updating the Hazard Mitigation Plan, making Weston an "MVP Community;"
- the drafting of the Town's first Climate Action and Resilience Plan; and

- the drafting and submission of the Community Choice Aggregation Plan to the Department of Public Utilities

We Did Not Stop Services

- Our Librarians got creative with virtual and outdoor offerings, including dial-a-story for children and walkabout stories and poems for children and adults
- The Building Department went virtual
- Annual Town Meeting, with logistical planning by the Assistant Town Manager and Facilities Department, was held outside on Proctor Field
- The Town Clerk, with the help of town staff, managed both the annual Town election and State Primary in September, and local voting in the November national election, in which voting was predominantly by mail-in ballots for all three elections
- Recreation got creative with safe and engaging programming
- The Council on Aging got creative with ensuring our older adults were not left behind, hungry, or isolated
- The Town, Recreation, Council on Aging, Police, and Library all got website upgrades
- Weston Media Center covered and hosted many meetings and community programming



The Community Came Together

- Many generous residents made sure food pantries were stocked and emergency financial assistance was available
- To help offset budget appropriations, the Police and Fire departments received generous gifts of a new K9 cruiser and ambulance
- The Weston High School Class of 2020 had a graduation parade, the Class of 2023 held a Halloween parade, and major milestones like birthdays and retirements did not go unnoticed
- Weston High School student-led activism brought about a peaceful march of solidarity in the face of national outrage
- The 100 miles of conservation trails received a lot of use
- More residents participated in local government

Many more details of the year are in the individual reports within this book. It was a very difficult year but the Weston community persevered.