OFFICIAL BALLOT
CITY OF WOBURN, MASSACHUSETTS
MUNICIPAL ELECTION
NOVEMBER 3, 2015
WARD ONE

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS
A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: •
B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

MAJOR
FOR TWO YEARS VOTE FOR ONE
SCOTT D. GALVIN 8 Coffey Road Candidate for reelection

ALDERMAN AT LARGE
FOR TWO YEARS VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN TWO
MICHAEL F. CONNOLLY 1 Ridge Farm Lane Candidate for reelection
RICHARD M. HAGGERTY 32 Leonard Street Candidate for reelection

SCHOOL COMMITTEE
FOR TWO YEARS VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN FIVE
ELLEN CROWLEY Governor’s Office Candidate for reelection
JOSEPH E. DEMERS 12 Capital Square Candidate for reelection
CHRISTOPHER T. KISIEL Candidate for reelection
FREDERICK J. METTERS 20 Warren Avenue Candidate for reelection
JOHN M. WELLS 33 Carta Road Candidate for reelection
SAMANTHA ANNE LOCHRIE 17 Pearl Street

ALDERMAN WARD ONE
FOR TWO YEARS VOTE FOR ONE
JOANNE E. CAMPBELL 57 Main Street Candidate for reelection
KEVIN C. MEANEY 50 Arlington Road

QUESTION 1
Shall the City of Woburn accept sections 3 to 7 inclusive of Chapter 44B of the General Laws, as approved by its legislative body, a summary of which appears below?

SUMMARY
Sections 3 to 7 of Chapter 44B of the General Laws of Massachusetts, known as the Community Preservation Act (or CPA), establish a dedicated funding source to enable cities and towns to:

1) acquire, create, preserve, and rehabilitate local parks, playgrounds and athletic fields,
2) acquire, preserve and restore historic buildings, artifacts and resources,
3) acquire, create and preserve open space, which includes land for drinking water protection, parks, recreational uses and conservation areas, and
4) acquire, create, and preserve community housing to help meet local housing needs.

In Woburn, the funding source for these community preservation purposes will be a surcharge of one percent (1%) on the annual property tax assessed on real property beginning in fiscal 2017 (July 1, 2016) and by annual distributions made by the state from a trust fund created by the CPA. If approved, the following will be exempt from the surcharge:

1) $100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property;
2) $100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of class three, commercial property, and class four, industrial property, as defined in Section 2A of Chapter 59; and
3) property owned and occupied as a domicile by any person who qualifies for low income housing or low or moderate income senior housing in Woburn as defined in Section 2 of the Act.

A taxpayer receiving a regular property tax abatement or exemption will also receive a full or partial reduction in the surcharge.

If the Act is accepted, a Community Preservation Committee will be established by ordinance to study community preservation resources, possibilities and needs and to make annual recommendations to the City Council on spending the funds. In each fiscal year, at least 10% of the funds will be spent or reserved for later spending on each of the CPA’s three community preservation purposes: (1) open space, (2) historic resources and (3) affordable housing.

YES
NO