



Municipal Shared Services in Massachusetts

An Overview Highlighting the
Community Software Consortium

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The Importance of Greater Efficiencies in Massachusetts

- Why are shared services and regionalization especially important in Massachusetts?
- Answer: State oversight of local finances is exceptional (compared to any other state) for every MA municipality every year because of Proposition 2 ½ and related court decisions. The Division of Local Services is the principal oversight agency in local financial management. In addition to keeping taxes low, local officials have to stay under levy limits and meet state statistical standards and pass accounting reviews.

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SEEKONK 2014

Jurisdiction Seekonk - 265 Fiscal Year

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I. TAX RATE SUMMARY

Ia. Total amount to be raised (from IIIa)	48,122,428.79
Ib. Total estimated receipts (from IIIe)	14,666,008.66
Ic. Tax Levy (Ia minus Ib)	33,456,420.13

CLASS	(a) Above times each percent in col (b)	(c) Valuation by class (from LA-5)	(d) Tax Rates (c) / (d) x 1000	(e) Levy by class (d) x (e) / 1000
Residential	20,066,023.28	1,505,354,446.00	13.33	20,066,374.77
Net of Exempt				
Open Space	.0000%	0.00	0.00	0.00
Commercial	31.5117%	10,542,686.74	398,703,692.00	
Net of Exempt			397,427,492.00	26.52
Industrial	2.8170%	942,467.36	35,641,700.00	26.52
SUBTOTAL	94.3053%		1,939,699,838.00	31,551,369.74
Personal	5.6947%	1,905,242.76	72,051,830.00	26.44
TOTAL	100%		2,011,751,668.00	33,456,420.13

Signatures

Theodora Gabriel, Assessor, Seekonk, 508-336-2980 11/25/2013 3:42 PM

(Board of Assessors) (Date)

Comments: Submitted under the authorization of the Board of Assessors

Complex state-local data exchanges for all municipalities and districts – Example 1

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WESTON 2014

Jurisdiction Weston - 333 Fiscal Year 2014 Go

Status	Delete	(A) Ballot Vote Date	(B) Purpose(s) of Exclusion Vote	(C) Date of original issuance note/bond per purpose(s)	(D) Temp or Perm (T/P)	(E) FY 2014 Gross Debt Service Excludable	(F) FY 2014 Gross Debt Service Excludable	(G) FY 2014 Gross Debt Service Excludable	(H) Reimbursement adjustments (Whole numbers only)	(I) FY 2014 Net Excluded Debt Service
Attached	<input type="checkbox"/>	5/1/2002	Case Complex Road Repairs	2/1/2012			10,346.00	9,000.00	118.00	8,882.00
Attached	<input type="checkbox"/>	2/1/2012	Drainage Improvements	8/1/2012			1,229.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Attached	<input type="checkbox"/>	2/1/2012	Shady Hill/Ledgewood Drainage Imp.	8/1/2012		409.00	409.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Attached	<input type="checkbox"/>	5/11/2009	Field School Feasibility & Design			919.00	919.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Attached	<input type="checkbox"/>	11/26/2009	School Technology Hardware Phas			48,066.00	48,066.00	47,012.00	721.00	46,291.00
Attached	<input type="checkbox"/>	5/10/2010	School Buses		P	65,085.00	65,085.00	63,130.00	581.00	62,549.00
Attached	<input type="checkbox"/>	5/10/2010	School Computer Har		P	20,874.00	20,874.00	20,413.00	312.00	20,101.00
Attached	<input type="checkbox"/>	5/10/2010	School Teleph	2/1/2011	P	82,737.00	82,737.00	80,250.00	737.00	79,513.00
Attached	<input type="checkbox"/>	11/26/2009	High S	2/1/2012	P	63,682.00	63,682.00	63,555.00	799.00	62,756.00
Attached	<input type="checkbox"/>	5/8/2004		2/1/2006	P	28,963.00	28,963.00	28,263.00	0.00	28,263.00
Attached	<input type="checkbox"/>	5/8/1999		1/1/2001	P	18,123.00	18,123.00	17,313.00	0.00	17,313.00
Attached	<input type="checkbox"/>	5/11/1996	ing. Refunded	8/1/2004	P	56,882.00	56,882.00	54,695.00	0.00	54,695.00
Attached	<input type="checkbox"/>	5/8/1999	quipment (1/99)	8/1/2004	P	27,732.00	27,732.00	26,638.00	0.00	26,638.00
Attached	<input type="checkbox"/>	5/11/1996	chool Renov. Refunded 1/6/99	8/1/2004	P	35,551.00	35,551.00	34,184.00	0.00	34,184.00
Attached	<input type="checkbox"/>	5/6/1995	School Roof Repair Refunded (Case)	8/1/2004	P	6,401.00	6,401.00	6,128.00	0.00	6,128.00
Attached	<input type="checkbox"/>	5/7/2005	Fiber Optic Network 5/11/05	12/15/2006	P	37,188.00	37,188.00	36,551.00	638.00	35,913.00
Attached	<input type="checkbox"/>	5/4/1991	Public Library Refunded	6/1/2003	P	118,655.00	118,655.00	109,063.00	0.00	109,063.00
Attached	<input type="checkbox"/>	5/8/2004	Library Windows #21 5/12/03	12/15/2006	P	6,925.00	6,925.00	6,700.00	0.00	6,700.00
Attached	<input type="checkbox"/>	5/7/2005	Library Roof Repairs 5/11/05	12/15/2006	P	36,860.00	36,860.00	35,923.00	0.00	35,923.00
Attached	<input type="checkbox"/>	5/6/2006	Library Roof Repairs #2 5/8/06	2/1/2008	P	38,050.00	38,050.00	37,030.00	0.00	37,030.00
Attached	<input type="checkbox"/>	5/8/1999	Community Center	1/1/2001	P	161,523.00	161,523.00	155,683.00	0.00	155,683.00
Attached	<input type="checkbox"/>	5/5/2001	Town Hall Sewage	3/1/2000	P	1,698.00	1,698.00	1,168.00	0.00	1,168.00
Attached	<input type="checkbox"/>	5/5/2001	Town Hall Construction (Refund 4/15/0	2/1/2012	P	376,975.00	376,975.00	363,760.00	2,046.00	361,714.00
Attached	<input type="checkbox"/>	5/5/2001	Town Hall Sewage (Refunding 4/15/02)	2/1/2012	P	12,701.00	12,701.00	12,560.00	69.00	12,491.00
Attached	<input type="checkbox"/>	5/10/1997	Church Street Land (Refunding 4/15/02)	2/1/2012	P	33,553.00	33,553.00	33,140.00	160.00	32,980.00
Attached	<input type="checkbox"/>	5/8/2004	Church Street Landfill Mitigation	2/1/2005	P	22,219.00	22,219.00	21,500.00	53.00	21,447.00

Complex state-local data exchanges for all municipalities and districts - Example 2

State-Local Shared Services Initiatives

- Annual Regionalization Conference
- Competitive Community Innovation Challenge Grants
- State-Municipal IT Taskforce
- Community Software Consortium

Community Software Consortium (CSC)

- 65 towns organized to jointly purchase and manage technology solutions.
- Organized by member cities and towns in 1996 under interlocal agreement statute.
- <http://www.csc-ma.us> and <http://csc-cloud.us/cloud/>
- Status of a municipality but also application pending for 501c3.

CSC Cloud

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Your Cloud-Based Municipal Finance System
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Low Initial Costs & Low Support Costs

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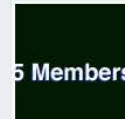
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Results of Schedule A Enhancements

This is a repost of an article from the January 2, 2014 City & Town. Results of Schedule A Enhancements David L. Davies – Information Technology Director

About a year ago, a survey on Schedule A submissions on DLS Gateway generated strong opinions on two issues: 1.) Re-formatting Part 3 to make it easier to [...]



FY 2015 Dues Set

At the annual meeting in October, the FY 2015 dues were set. More information here.



CSC offers Schedule A Tool Free to all Massachusetts



CSC announces appointment of New Executive Director

CSC Initiatives

- Build out a cloud-based license-free integrated municipal financial system based on existing cloud-based, community-owned assessment, tax administration, and collection systems.
- Provide remote IT Director services to small towns that can't afford IT staff focusing on data protection and adoption of policies and plans.

Interstate Partnerships?

- If the CSC succeeds in building cloud-based, solutions with open public licensing, why not share or collaborate across state boundaries.
- New England states are untypical in putting most local government functions in relatively small towns and cities. Most states rely on counties. Solutions that meet New England needs should be shared.