

## BUILDING INSPECTIONS DIVISION PERMITTING

# PERMITS ISSUED	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
New single family homes	26	22	28	26	41
Multi-family attached units	9	7	5	6	21
Additions/alterations	674	618	595	537	644
Commercial	96	92	83	97	90
<b>TOTAL BUILDING PERMITS</b>	<b>799</b>	<b>739</b>	<b>711</b>	<b>666</b>	<b>796</b>
Electrical	790	761	716	643	642
Plumbing	524	468	462	435	424
Gas	358	344	315	326	320
Sign	45	34	44	50	30
Total all permits:	2,516	2,346	2,248	2,120	2,212
VALUE OF CONST. (millions)	94.7	66.5	64.4	40.6	90.0
PERMIT FEE REVENUE	\$1,056,554	\$781,693	\$506,070	\$486,410	\$955,212

remained high. Building Inspections staff are strongly committed to pursuing aggressive Zoning and Sign By-law enforcement. Our technical assistance to property owners, builders, real estate professionals, other Town departments, boards, committees and staff, increases each year. Beyond issuing building permits and carrying out site inspections, the Building Inspections Division staff spends an increasing amount of time reviewing sub-division proposals, 40B projects, special permits,

site plans, variance requests, making zoning determinations and addressing zoning complaints. The new 8<sup>th</sup> Edition of the MA State Building Code, as well as last year's Zoning Bylaw amendments, have made it increasingly challenging for the Division staff to deal with the quickly changing and growing level of highly technical and complicated regulation that we are empowered to enforce.

### ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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The Board of Appeals is authorized by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A and is responsible for conducting public hearings and meetings for matters relating to the zoning bylaws of the Town.

The Board conducted twelve public hearings and twelve public meetings, during which it considered fifty-seven applications. Five applications were withdrawn at the request of the applicants. Forty-seven special permits were granted. Two variances from the Sign Bylaw were granted. One amendment to a previously approved comprehensive permit was granted. One amendment to a previously approved variance was granted. One application is still pending. No decision made by the Board was appealed. No appeal from a decision of the Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement Officer was filed.

(Some of these applications included multiple activities; therefore, the activity totals below may exceed the number of applications.)

#### ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS ACTIVITIES

Planned residential development (PRD)	3
Wireless communications facility	3
Change or extend a nonconforming use	11
Reconstruct, extend, alter or change a non-conforming structure	22
Site plan approval (associated with a special permit)	4
Alter and use a building that predates zoning as an additional dwelling	4
Additional dwelling unit in a single-family dwelling	2
Hammerhead lot	2
Work in the groundwater conservancy district	1
Relief from parking requirements	1
Special home occupation-renewal	3
Special home occupation-new	4
Garaging or parking of commercial vehicles	3
Private recreation use	1
Sign variance	2
Bed and breakfast	1
Temporary accessory use to hold special events	1
Amendment to a 1980 Variance for conservation purposes	2
Amendment to a 1979 Comprehensive Permit	1
Amendment to a previously approved Planned Residential Development (PRD)	2