

## **History of the Budget Commission**

On April 3, 2012 the Woonsocket City Council passed an ordinance to request enabling legislation allowing for the assessment and collection of a supplemental tax. After the House of Representatives recommitted the legislation to the House Finance Committee, the City Council enacted a resolution on May 27, 2012 requesting the appointment of a Budget Commission under the Fiscal Stability Act. On May 29, 2012 Mayor Leo Fontaine also requested, in conjunction with the City Council resolution, the appointment of a Budget Commission. That same day the Director of Revenue appointed a Budget Commission consisting of then City Council President John Ward, Mayor Leo Fontaine and three appointed members: Peder Schaefer, William Sequino, and Dina Dutremble.

Since the commission's original appointment both Bill Sequino and Peder Schaefer left the commission and two new members were appointed to take their place; Carolyn Dias and Bernard Lane. In November 2013 a new Mayor Lisa Baldelli-Hunt and City Council President Albert Brien were elected and replaced John Ward and Leo Fontaine on the commission. The current chairperson, Dina Dutremble, is the last remaining member from the commission's original appointment in May of 2012.

## **Staff and Attorney Resources:**

- David Eaton, Director of Affairs (5/30/12 – 11/8/2012)
- Stephen Coleman, Fiscal Advisor /Municipal Project Director, DOR, Division of Municipal Finance (11/17/2012 – present)
- Christy Healey, Deputy Director of Revenue
- Jennifer Findlay, CPA, Fiscal Advisor, DOR, Division of Municipal Finance
- Heather Martino, Municipal Resources Advisor, DOR, Division of Municipal Finance (2/11/13 – present)
- Nicholas DePasquale, Municipal Project Analyst, DOR, Division of Municipal Finance (8-7-13 – present)
- Susanne Greschner, DOR, Chief of Municipal Finance
- Marilyn McConaghy, DOR, Administrator of Legal Services
- Ed Alves, Legal Counsel to the Budget Commission and handling taxpayer litigation
- Sara Rapport, Tim Cavazza and Dan Kinder Labor Counsel – Sara handling retiree litigation