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CORRECTION

The Daily News always seeks to be accurate in its news coverage, but when we make a mistake, we want to know. Readers noting mistakes in stories are encouraged to call editor Richard Lodge at 978-462-6666.

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Newbury's Principal Assessor Michelle Branciforte identified some errors in a story about a tax classification hearing published Nov. 22. The tax increase reported actually reflected fiscal year 2016's increase. In their presentation to selectmen on Nov. 15, the assessors did not reference Fiscal Year 2017 tax bill changes because at that time the Department of Revenue had not yet approved a tax rate for the town. Subsequently, Branciforte has reported the rise in the average tax bill for fiscal 2017 is 0.67 percent, according to the DOR. She also said new growth in the single-family home sector increased from last year due to new construction. This is the highest new growth the town has experienced in the past nine years. The CIP (Commercial/Industrial/Personal Property) new growth increased over last year due to an increase in personal property accounts as well as increased value of utilities. New growth in the commercial area has increased as well. Branciforte also said FY2017 is a recertification/ audit year, "which means revaluation changes were made."