

# Peer High Schools Comparison, Student Parking in Context

## ***How were peers selected for this comparison?***

Peers for comparison were chosen based on geographical proximity to Belmont and Boston.

## ***What factors were considered in comparing different school areas?***

Parking permits and quantities of off-street parking, fees (including no-fee) to users, regulation and availability of nearby on-street parking, and number of senior students

## ***How do we compare to peers?***

Belmont is a small community with high quantities of student-permitted parking, and with greater quantities of on-street parking than no-fee peers.

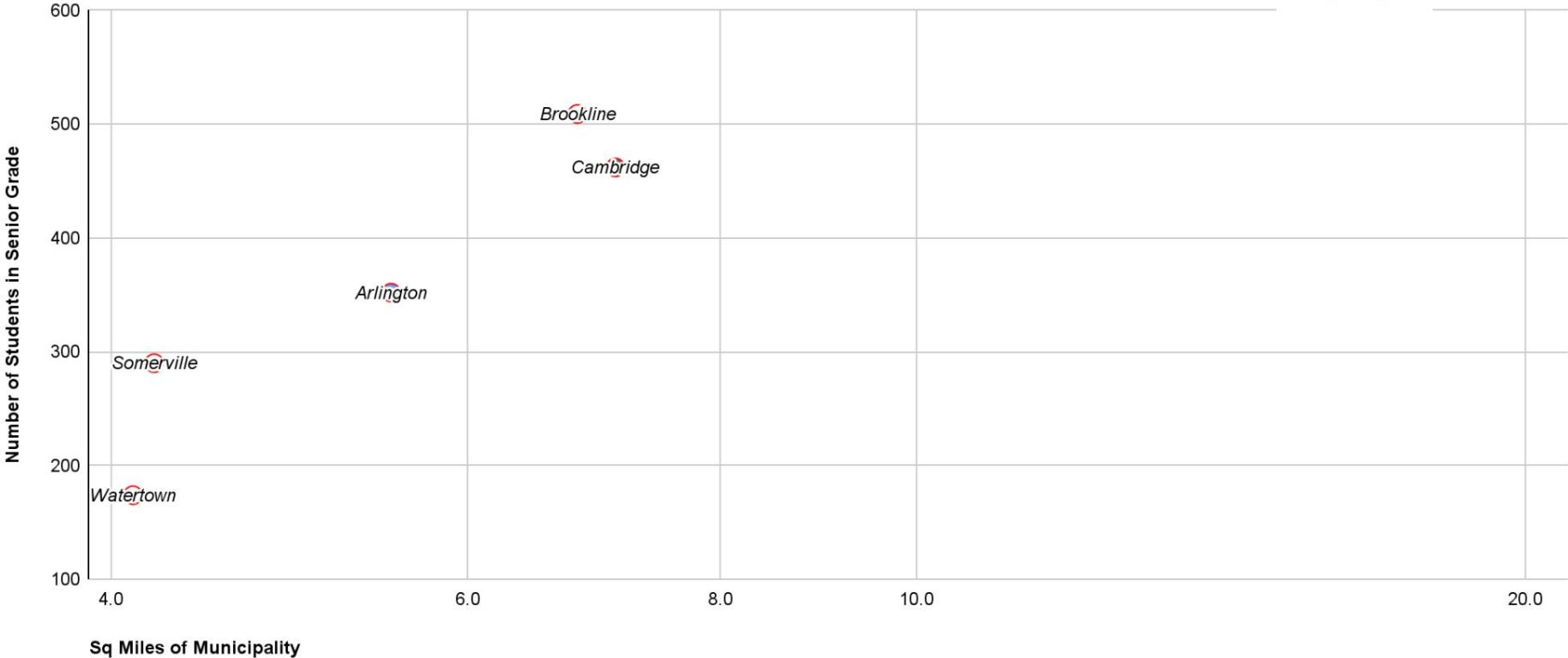
## ***What is the right amount of parking for students?***

There is no free parking. According to expert, Donald Shoup, parking on-street should be optimized for 85% capacity before investing in off-street options.

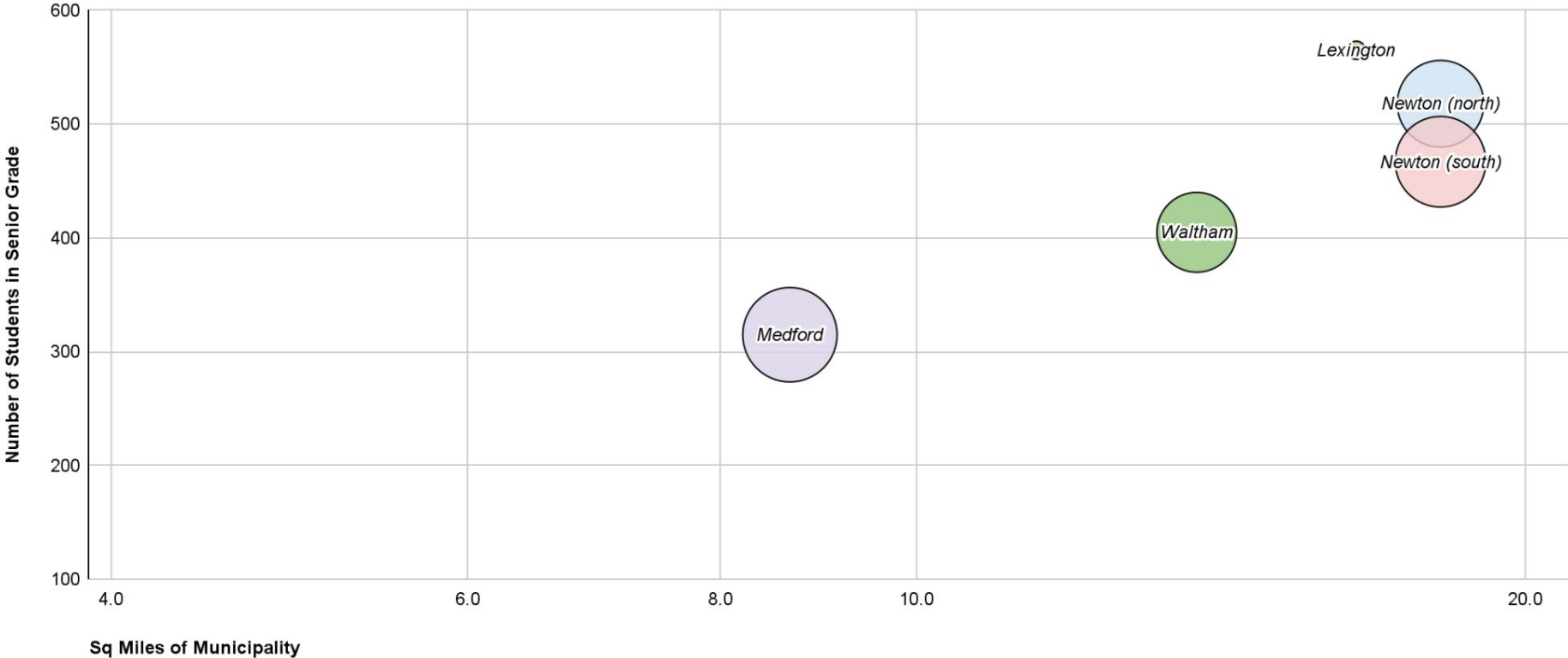
## ***What is the right price for parking permits?***

This not in the scope of the building committee, but is a consideration for any demand-based pricing of dedicated parking areas, similar to municipal commuter lots. 'Parking benefit districts' is one model to support the high costs related to transit infrastructure.

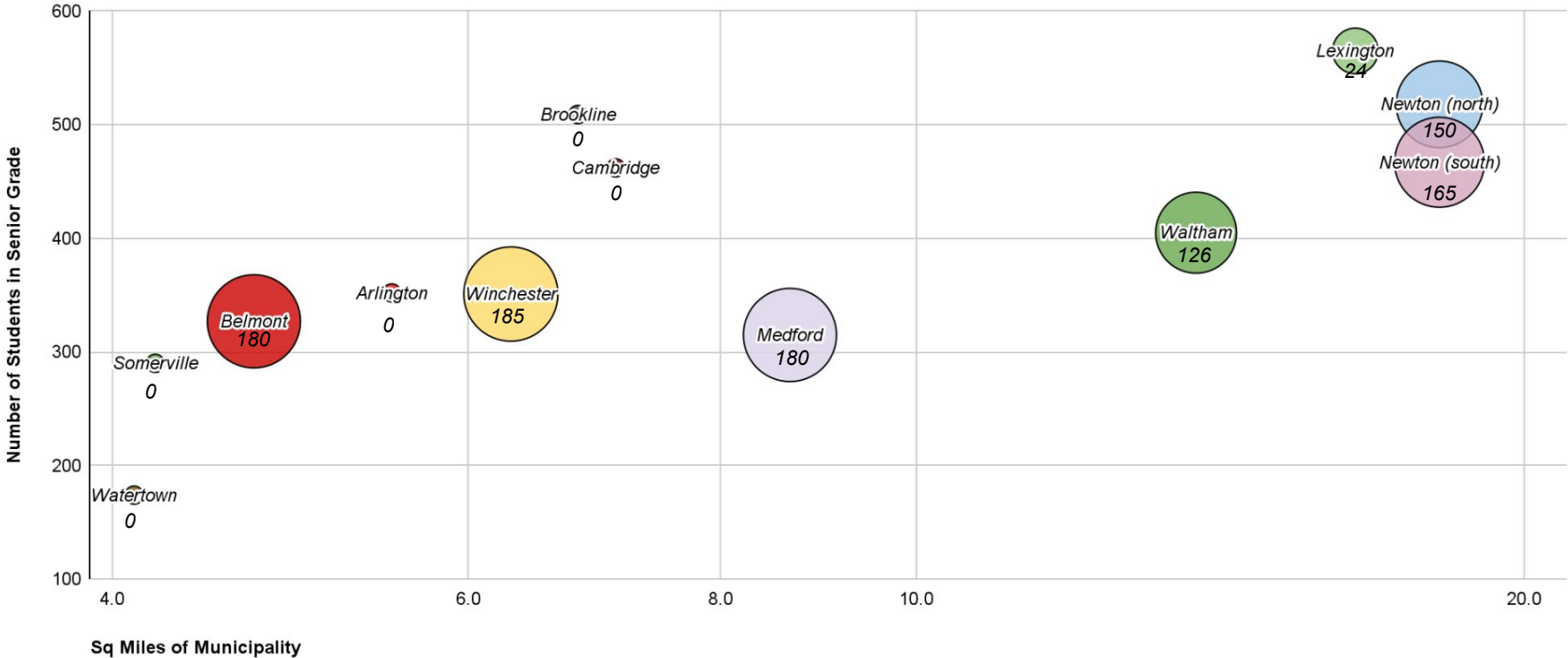
# Geographically Small Municipalities with No Student-Permitted parking



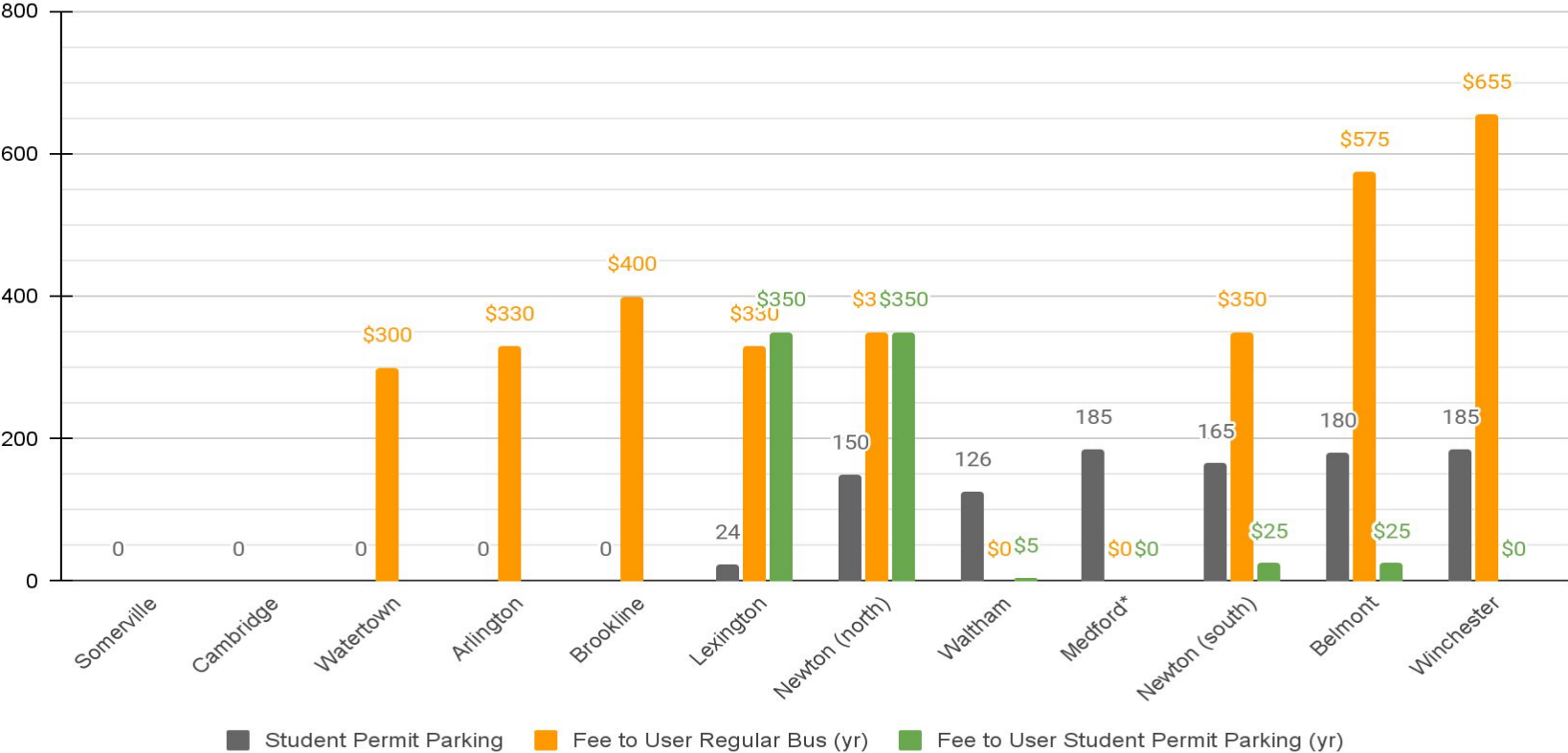
# Geographically Large Municipalities with Student-Permitted Parking



# Small to Medium with High Parking



# Spaces, Fees, and Bus Fees



## Street Parking Equity

<b>Municipality (HS)</b>	<b>1) Is there street parking nearby?</b>	<b>2) Are On-Street Time Limits Set to Support Optimal Use?</b>	<b>3) Are neighborhood residents and other users accommodated in on-street parking?</b>	<b>4) Are Fees Collected for On-Street Parking?</b>
Winchester	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Newton (north)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Newton (south)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Watertown	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Brookline	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Somerville	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cambridge	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Arlington	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lexington	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Belmont	Yes	No	No	No
Medford	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Waltham	No	No	Yes	Yes

Note: Medford is in a master planning process that includes considerations for parking and other approaches to its major arterial. Both Waltham and Medford have few neighborhood streets nearby and are abutted by major preservation areas.