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Information Regarding Spencer's Comprehensive Roads Project

Fall 2015

Dear Residents of Spencer,

I am writing to advise you of the efforts of the Town's Financial Management Planning Committee (FMPC) to improve the conditions of the roads in Spencer. The FMPC, which is a subcommittee of the Board of Selectmen, the Finance Committee, and the Capital Improvements Planning Committee, is working on your behalf to analyze the most efficient and cost effective method of improving the conditions of the Town's roadway network.

In 2012, the FMPC surveyed residents on which large scale projects they would consider their priority for the use of additional taxes as the funding source and the overwhelming top priority of the respondents was **Road Improvements** (42.5%), while also considering David Prouty High School renovations (26.5%), Municipal building repairs (11%), Municipal equipment purchases (7.5%), a new Senior Center building (7%), and Bay Path Vocational School renovations (6%).

Knowing that improving our roadway network is of the highest priority, the FMPC is working with our Utilities & Facilities Department (U&F) and a Pavement Management Consultant (FST) to evaluate the extent of the improvements that would be required to bring the conditions of our roads to an acceptable level. In addition to analyzing the improvements needed (road resurfacing and repairs, drainage repairs, bridge work, etc.), the FMPC, along with U&F and FST, are evaluating a cost method and infrastructure improvement approach such that any dollars put into this project, will give us the most "bang for our buck". We want to ensure that the improvements that will be proposed, estimated to be \$20-\$30 million, are on those parts of the roadway network that are of the utmost importance based on vehicle trips per day, commuter access and public safety.

The FMPC will be working diligently on this effort over the next 6 months with plans of providing the voters with an option for funding the suggested improvements. During this time there will be an informational announcement at the Fall Special Town Meeting on November 19, 2015, public hearings in January, February and March, and document uploads on our website www.spencerma.gov.

We look forward to providing this information to you and in return obtaining your feedback on how best to move forward with improving our roads making them safe and convenient for our residents. Please reference our website for further information or updates and if you would like to be put on our email list please send an email to me at agaudette@spencerma.gov requesting to be put on the "Spencer Roads Program email list".

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