

Background

- Resident Survey in 2012 ranked Fixing Roads as the #1 Priority in Town
- Consultants rank Spencer Roads near the bottom compared to other Massachusetts towns
- Chapter 90 & State Road Project dollars are limited, remain flat
- Town Budget for Roads/Highway has been reduced
- Excise Tax Revenue is flat and funds the limited Highway Budget

The Problem

- Existing \$34 Million Road Repair Backlog continues to rise
- Roads such as Route 31 South (Charlton Rd) & Paxton Road are Town Roads, and not the State's responsibility
- Road Repair Costs will continue to rise if we do nothing
- Poor Road Conditions negatively impact Public Safety, Economic Development & Property Values

Town of Spencer Roads Project Debt Exclusion



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

• Why are we talking about a Large Road Project?

Our road system is in dire need of repairs. Asset Management Specialists have scored our road network as one of the lowest Massachusetts towns that score roads on a system called a Pavement Management Index.

• How do we currently fund road projects?

We receive approximately \$500,000 per year, or \$5,000 per mile of public roads in Town (100), from the State's Chapter 90 Program.

• Why is this funding not enough?

Chapter 90 Funds remain flat from year to year and have not kept up with the cost of construction labor and materials since adopted in 1973.

• How do other Towns pay for Large Road Projects?

Towns receive additional funds from residents through Proposition 2 1/2 overrides or project debt exclusions, increasing tax levy revenue.

• What is an Override or Debt Exclusion?

Allows citizens to override the 2.5% (Prop. 2 1/2) Tax Levy Increase restriction to Towns either permanently for services or temporarily for projects. Town Officials have chosen to request Debt Exclusion Approval to fund a **\$19 Million Roads Project**. Details are on the reverse side of this flier.

• What is the Voter Approval Process?

The May 5th Annual Town Meeting will seek approval to borrow the money for the project and the May 10th Annual Election will see approval for the Debt Exclusion, which would allow the Town to increase the Tax Levy to pay the Annual Debt Service for the project, proposed to be a 30-year borrowing.

• What will be the impact to me as a Taxpayer?

The Tax Levy Increase wouldn't occur until the Tax Bills for FY2018 are issued beginning in July of 2017. **Estimated** total tax bill impacts after the road construction phases (spread over first several years) are complete are as follows:

Home Value	Annual Tax Assessment	Annual Tax Increase
\$150,000	\$2,144	\$163
\$175,000	\$2,501	\$191
\$200,000	\$2,858	\$218
\$225,000	\$3,215	\$246
\$250,000	\$3,573	\$272



Town of Spencer Roads Project



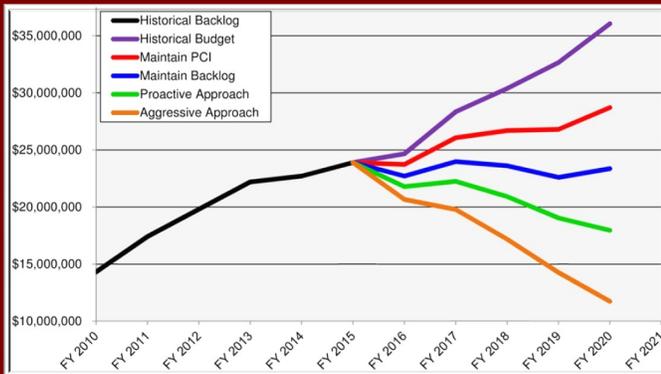
Suggested Roads Projects based on \$19 Million Option

Street	From	To	Length	Activity	Cost
BACON HILL ROAD	CHARLTON ROAD	EAST CHARLTON ROAD	5047	Reclaim	\$ 643,650
BORKUM ROAD	CLARK ROAD	CHARLTON TOWN LINE	8306	Double Chip	\$ 711,770
BROOKS POND CROSS ROAD	BROOKS POND ROAD	NORTHWEST ROAD	3080	Reclaim	\$ 403,004
CHARLTON ROAD	MAPLE STREET	CHARLTON TOWN LINE	17624	Reclaim	\$ 3,900,120
CHICKERING ROAD	CLARK ROAD	LEICESTER TOWN LINE	5999	Reclaim	\$ 831,589
CLARK ROAD	EAST CHARLTON ROAD	CHICKERING ROAD	4410	Reclaim	\$ 576,973
DONNELLY CROSS ROAD	DONNELLY STREET	LEICESTER TOWN LINE	5475	Double Chip	\$ 342,245
DONNELLY ROAD	MAIN STREET	PAXTON ROAD	5047	Resurface/Double Chip	\$ 322,423
EAST CHARLTON ROAD	100' N OF CLARK ROAD	CHARLTON TOWN LINE	7414	Double Chip	\$ 527,422
G HENRY WILSON ROAD	EAST CHARLTON ROAD	CHICKERING ROAD	6993	Reclaim	\$ 933,963
MARBLE ROAD	EAST CHARLTON ROAD	CLARK ROAD	4168	Reclaim	\$ 790,442
NORTHWEST ROAD	BROOKS POND ROAD	OAKHAM TOWN LINE	12288	Double Chip	\$ 737,249
PAXTON ROAD	MAIN STREET	THOMPSON POND ROAD	17662	Reclaim	\$ 4,492,042
SOUTH SPENCER ROAD	TOM CASEY ROAD	EAST BROOKFIELD TOWN LINE	5329	Double Chip	\$ 376,210
SUNDBERG ROAD	CHARLTON ROAD	GAUTHIER ROAD	3353	Double Chip	\$ 206,895
THOMPSON POND ROAD	SHERWOOD DR	PAXTON TOWNLINE	4556	Reclaim	\$ 651,778
WILLIAM CASEY ROAD	JOLICOEUR ROAD	CHARLTON TOWN LINE	5206	Double Chip	\$ 308,943
KITTREDGE ROAD	NORTHWEST ROAD	NORTH BROOKFIELD TOWN LINE	3578	Double Chip	\$ 202,334
PLEASANT STREET	100' N OF HIGH STREET	MEADOW ROAD	1247	Resurface	\$ 573,186
DONNELLY CROSS ROAD	Bridge No. S-23-15	over Shaw Brook			\$ 497,500
HASTING ROAD	Bridge No. S-23-10	over TURKEY HILL BROOK & 2 Intersections			\$ 496,350
BROWING POND ROAD	Bridge No. S-23-18	over SEVEN MILE RIVER			\$ 170,500
COONEY ROAD	Bridge No. S-23-13	over SEVEN MILE RIVER			\$ 59,500
GOLD NUGGET ROAD	Bridge No. S-23-06	over TURKEY HILL BROOK			\$ 57,500
SOUTH SPENCER ROAD	Bridge No. S-23-19	over CRANBERRY RIVER			\$ 62,500
WIRE VILLAGE RD	BRIDGE Bridge No. S-23-05	over TURKEY HILL BROOK			\$ 71,900
THOMPSON POND ROAD	Bridge No. S-23-16	over Thompson Pond			\$ 55,500

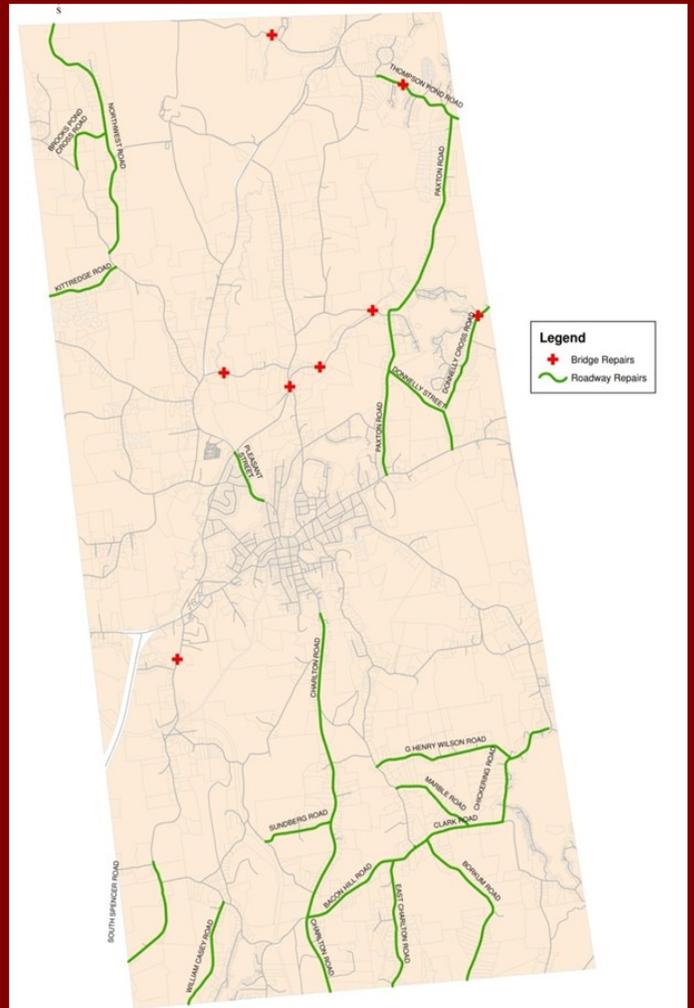
24.0 miles

\$ 19,003,488

Historical & Future Road Repair Backlog by Cost



\$19 Million Option - Road Segments & Bridges



\$19 Million Option - Road Repair Components

Activity	Quantity	Unit
Pavement- Reclaim	13.2	miles
Pavement- Resurface	1	miles
Pavement- Double Chip	9.8	miles
Bridges Repaired	8	
Sidewalks Repaired	0.5	miles
New Sidewalks Constructed	1.4	miles
Culvert Crossings Repaired	41	
Country Drainage Created/Improved	22.1	miles
Closed Drainage Created/Improved	1.9	miles
ROW Streetscape-Lighting	0	miles

For more information visit: www.spencerma.gov/Pages/SpencerMA_Bcomm/FinancialManagement/index