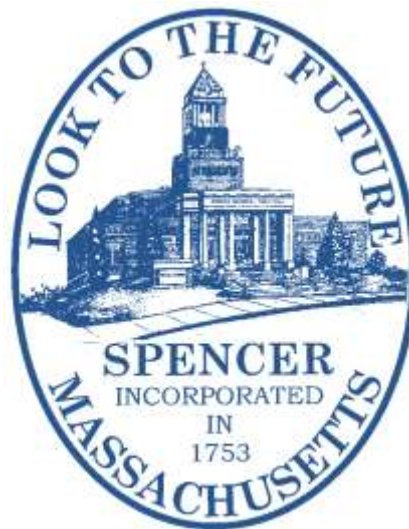


ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
**TOWN OFFICERS**  
OF THE  
**TOWN OF SPENCER**



**MASSACHUSETTS**

FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
DECEMBER 31, 2014

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## MERITORIOUS PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

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The Meritorious Public Service Award was established in 2002 by the Board of Selectmen to honor members of the community who have demonstrated an unwavering and exemplary commitment to public service for the betterment of the Town of Spencer and its inhabitants. At the May 1, 2014 Annual Town Meeting, the award was proudly presented to:

*Donna Morin-Flannery - 2013 Meritorious Service Award  
for her community efforts and many years of work with Toys for Tots*



*The Berthiaume Family - 2014 Meritorious Service Award  
for their community efforts for the Spencer Family Fun Day, Children's Halloween Party,  
& the Christmas Parade of Lights*





Sunset view of Sugden Lake from Sugden Dam (Photo by Steven Tyler)

### **A BRIEF SKETCH OF SPENCER**

Rich in history, Spencer is located in central Worcester County, twenty minutes west of Worcester via Route 9, and about forty-five minutes from Springfield via Routes 49, 20, and the Massachusetts Turnpike.

Largely residential, Spencer has been a supplier of workers for nearly every industry in the greater Worcester area. Ease of travel to all sections of the county makes Spencer a desirable area in which to live. Route 31 gives access in the north to Holden, Fitchburg, and Leominster; in the south to Charlton, Oxford, and Southbridge. Route 49, connects Route 9 with Route 20, gives easy access to Sturbridge, Brimfield, Southbridge, the Mass. Turnpike, and Interstate 84 to Connecticut. Route 9 leads westerly through the Brookfields and Ware to the Amherst campus of the University of Massachusetts, and easterly to Worcester, Shrewsbury, Northborough, and Westborough.

### **BACKGROUND**

Settled in 1717 by Nathaniel Wood, Spencer was incorporated as a town in 1753, having been established as a district from a part of Leicester. Its name was assigned by Lieutenant Governor Spencer Phipps who signed the order establishing the district.

In 1784 Spencer was a major stopping place on the Old Boston Post Road's stage route between Boston and Hartford, and on to New York. Passengers changed stages in Spencer, as one coach would come from Boston and connect with one coming north from Hartford. Each stagecoach would turn around and return whence it came. Travelers often stopped off for the night at Jenk's Tavern in Spencer, as did George Washington in 1789.

The Howe family of Spencer did much to make the town famous in the annals of ingenious Americans. William Howe of Spencer developed a wooden truss bridge named for him, and his brother, Tyler Howe, patented a spring bed. Their nephew, Elias Howe, Jr., may well have eclipsed them when he invented the lockstitch sewing machine.



*Town of Spencer*  
Office of the Board of Selectmen  
&  
Town Administrator

Board of Selectmen:  
*Anthony D. Pepe*  
*Robert O. "Bo" Fritze, Jr*  
*Gary E. Woodbury*  
*John F. Stevens*  
*Chris L. Woodbury.*

Town Administrator:  
*Adam D. Gaudette*  
[agaudette@spencerma.gov](mailto:agaudette@spencerma.gov)

Dear Citizens of Spencer:

On behalf of the Board of Selectmen, I offer my thanks to you for taking an ongoing interest in your Town. This Annual Town Report represents major activities of Town Government during the calendar year of 2014.

The Board of Selectmen is a five-member board of elected officials who serve as the Chief Policy Maker and Licensing Authority of the Town. Board members are elected for three-year staggered terms. Meetings are typically held three Mondays each month at 6:00 P.M in the McCourt Social Hall at Town Hall. Since the meeting location and time can vary based on holidays and other events, I encourage you to visit the Town website at [www.spencerma.gov](http://www.spencerma.gov) for the most current information.

As far as local politics go, it was an extremely active election year. We saw new representation sent to Beacon Hill as well as the retirement of a local political icon. Senator Stephen Brewer, after decades of public service, decided not to run again in 2014. His service to his constituents is unparalleled and his leadership on Beacon Hill on behalf of this district will be missed. He set the bar for constituent advocacy that will be hard to follow. Current Representative Peter Durant retained his seat at the Statehouse for the 6<sup>th</sup> Worcester district. The year saw state elections that brought significant changes to Spencer's state delegation. Anne Gobi won an election to succeed Stephen Brewer in the State Senate for Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire, and Middlesex district. In addition, former Selectmen Donald Berthiaume won an election to succeed Anne Gobi in the Worcester 5<sup>th</sup> district. The Board of Selectmen also welcomed Chris Woodbury to their ranks after the May Town Election. 2014 also saw the retirement of Treasurer-Collector Mary Barrell and Veteran's Agent Peter Rock. We are thankful to each of them for their outstanding service to our community and wish our newly elected Treasurer-Collector Susan Lacaire and Veterans Agent Tim Gagnon success in their new positions.

The Board dealt with significant financial challenges in 2014 as a result of the issues that developed in FY14 with the Spencer East Brookfield Regional School District (SEBRSD) budget deficit. Faced with difficult decisions in determining how to balance the FY15 budget, we worked together with Administrator Gaudette to thoroughly analyze each line item in the budget in order to make informed financial decisions. After multiple public meetings and hearings were held with each municipal department to review the full scope of services each department provided, the Board deemed it necessary to seek a Proposition 2 ½ Override to fund these crucial and important Town services. An informational public hearing was held in April, with the Administrator presenting detailed information on the Town's fiscal history and the impact of a failed Override on Town services. After a vote at the Annual Town Election and a Special Town Meeting, the citizens did not approve the Override request and budget reductions took place on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Services impacted included the Library with a 25% budget reduction; the closure of Town Hall for a second day; the closure of Luther Hill Park; the loss of Maple Street School as a new Senior Center; Highway staff and expense reductions; and a decrease in Fire Department training and Police Department overtime for events.

These were difficult decisions and as we move forward with FY16 financial planning, we will continue to analyze the budget and determine if additional revenue and State Aid will allow us to restore some or all of these lost services.

In our efforts to remain proactive, we worked with Utilities & Facilities Superintendent Steven Tyler to review ways to improve the cost of operating the Transfer Station. After multiple public meetings were held to discuss the details and expenses of the Transfer Station, the decision was made to reduce the hours of operation by one day per week and increase the sticker and bag fees for the first time since 2002, thereby allowing the Station to remain open for our residents. Even with this increase, Spencer residents pay less for trash removal than those residing in other communities in the area.

A Veterans Memorial Advisory Committee was established to work on a design to renovate and build a Veterans Memorial at Prouty Park as part of a grant award. The Town was also awarded a grant for a Middle East Veterans War Memorial to be placed in the Town Hall Rotunda. This will be a great addition to the existing ones that pay tribute to the brave men and women of Spencer who faithfully served our nation.

The Sugden Block Sale Committee worked with the Town Planner on a Request for Proposals for the Sugden Building that will allow for the type of use or redevelopment that is in the best interest of the Town.

Administrator Gaudette took the lead in an effort to improve the school funding formula of M.G.L. Chapter 70 mandate which is impacting the Town's ability to maintain services. In addition, he is working to amend the M.G.L. Chapter 74 mandate for out of district vocational tuition and transportation. He is working with other communities in Worcester County to find solutions that will provide both education and government services of realistic proportions. He will continue in this effort for an equitable solution to this funding issue.

The Board worked with the Administrator on a variety of other matters in 2014, including a new Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), which is funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The projects for the FY14 award included a downtown property assessment; housing rehabilitation; improved infrastructure of sidewalks, water, sewer, and drainage on Mechanic Street, and planning work for the design of improvements to Chestnut Street.

On behalf of the Board, I want to recognize the many volunteers in Town and the time they spend working to make Spencer a great place to live and to those who contributed financially for the benefit of the Town. I want to express my gratitude to Administrator Gaudette whose support has proved to be an invaluable asset to the Board and the Town. I also recognize the efforts and dedication of our Town employees who have worked hard to move the Town forward under difficult circumstances. We look forward to continued success in the next year.

Respectfully,

*Anthony D. Pepe*

Anthony D. Pepe  
Chairman

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## **FEDERAL, STATE & COUNTY OFFICIALS**

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### **UNITED STATES SENATORS**

Edward J. Markey of Malden

Elizabeth A. Warren of Cambridge

### **REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS**

Second District

James P. McGovern of Worcester

### **COUNCILLOR**

Seventh District

Jennie L. Caissie of Oxford

### **SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT**

Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire & Middlesex District

Anne M. Gobi of Spencer

### **REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT**

Fifth Worcester District – Spencer - Pcts. 2, 3 & 4

Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr. of Spencer

Sixth Worcester District – Spencer - Pct. 1

Peter J. Durant of Spencer

### **DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

Middle District

Joseph D. Early, Jr. of Worcester

### **CLERK OF COURTS**

Dennis P. McManus of Worcester

### **REGISTER OF DEEDS**

Anthony J. Vigliotti of Worcester

### **REGISTER OF PROBATE**

Stephanie K. Fattman of Webster

### **SHERIFF**

Lewis G. Evangelidis of Holden



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## ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS & COMMISSIONERS

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	Term Expires
<b>MODERATOR</b>	
Peter J. Adams	2016

<b>SELECTMEN</b>	
Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.	2014
John F. Stevens	2015
Anthony D. Pepe	2016
Gary E. Woodbury	2016
Robert (Bo) O. Fritze, Jr.	2017
Christopher L. Woodbury	2017

<b>TOWN CLERK</b>	
Laura J. Torti	2015

<b>TREASURER/COLLECTOR</b>	
Mary C. Barrell (retired 6/30/14)	2014
Susan L. Lacaire	2017

<b>ASSESSORS</b>	
Maureen C. Hanlon	2015
Jeremey L. Snow	2016
Maureen A. Hatch	2017

### SPENCER-EAST BROOKFIELD REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

<b>Spencer Representatives:</b>	
Joshua A. Cote	2014
Kurt A. Nordquist	2015
Christopher J. King	2015
Vincent P. Cloutier	2016
Kevin A. Hayes	2016
Angela Knapton	2017

<b>East Brookfield Representatives:</b>	
Mary K. Gershman	2014
Heather Messier (appointed 2/3/14)	2014
John J. Howard (resigned 1/6/14)	2015
Heather Messier (elected 5/13/14)	2015
Michael Ethier	2017

**SOUTHERN WORCESTER COUNTY REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL  
DISTRICT COMMITTEE**

Kenneth R. Wheeler	2016
Robert L. Zukowski	2017

**WATER COMMISSIONERS**

Robert O. Fritze, Jr.	2015
Norman C. Letendre, Jr.	2017
David R. O'Coin	2016

**PARK COMMISSIONERS**

Anthony F. Toscano	2015
Martin A. German, Jr.	2016
William R. Shemeth, III	2017

**LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

Therese Y. Beckwith	2014
Lynn Dobson	2015
Mary Anne Slack	2016
Maryanne Gleason	2017

**BOARD OF HEALTH**

Lynda G. Laine	2015
Rodney L. Foisy	2016
Daniel C. Shields	2017

**TREE WARDEN**

Raymond I. Holmes, Jr.	2017
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**HOUSING AUTHORITY**

Donna M Flannery	2016
Richard J. Leveillee	2017
Jarrett A. Morin	2017
Roger L. Gaudette	2018
Thomas A. Manning, State Appt. (exp. 10/10/14)	2014

**SEWER COMMISSIONERS**

Francis X. White	2015
Michael J. Mercadante	2016
Lawrence H. Dufault	2017

**CONSTABLES**

Arthur C. Tatro	2016
James F. Cervi	2016
Lee D. Jarvis	2016

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## APPOINTED TOWN OFFICES COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES

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**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**

Adam D. Gaudette

2016

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

Brenda Savoie

**ACCOUNTANT**

Alaine Boucher

2015

**PRINCIPAL ASSESSOR**

Mary C. Williams

**TOWN COUNSEL**

Stanley L. Weinberg

2015

**AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION (Established 2013)**

No official membership

**AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES COORDINATOR**

William A. Klansek – Physical Plant

**ANIMAL CONTROL****AND INSPECTION OFFICERS**

Peter F. Gaucher

Carol A. Gaucher

Joelyn Durgin (Alternate)

2015

**ASSISTANT COLLECTOR/TREASURER**

Susan L. Lacaire (resigned 6/30/14)

Rebecca Pedone

**ASSISTANT CONSTABLE**

Richard A. Lapierre

2015

**ASSISTANT TOWN CLERKS**

Karen Gaucher (position eliminated 7/1/14)

Diane Ledoux (position eliminated 7/1/14)

Rebecca Pedone (7/1/13-6/15/14)

Brynn Johnson (6/16/14 - present)

**BUILDING COMMISSIONER/Zoning Enforcement Officer**

William A. Klansek

2015

Robert W. Lanciani, Alt. Bldg.Insp.

2015

**BURNCOAT POND WATERSHED DISTRICT MANAGEMENT  
SPENCER REPRESENTATIVE**

John T. Gagnon

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING**

Finance Committee – Nancy E. Herholz	2015
Planning Board – Shirley Shiver	2015
Citizens at Large – Richard Hebson	2015
Select Board - Anthony D. Pepe	2015
Town Accountant – Alain Boucher, Ex-Officio	2015
Citizen at large -Aaron Keyes	2015

**CELEBRATIONS COMMITTEE**

Donald R Berthiaume, Jr.	2015
Wendy S. Berthiaume	2015
David Darrin	2015
Richard A. Lapierre	2015
Kristin Lapierre	2015

**CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

Planning Board Rep. (vacant)	
Alternate (vacant)	
Steven Tyler, Selectboard Rep.	2015

**CHARITABLE NEEDS**

Martin P. Civin (resigned 7/30/14)	2015
Barbara E. Grusell	2015
Ann M. Goodrow	2015
Paul Lamontagne	2015
Paulette LeBlanc	2016
Raymond J. Bosse (resigned 8/19/14)	2016
David L. Ingalls	2017

**CHIEF OF POLICE**

David B. Darrin	1/31/2016
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**COMMISSIONERS OF OLD CEMETERY**

Edward P. Foresteire	Permanent
Anne M. Snow	2015
Danielle Gebo	2015

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Eric Peterson	2015
Margaret Emerson	2015
Brian Roode (resigned 7/2/14)	2015
Mary E. McLaughlin	2016
Warren B. Snow	2017

Dana G. Reed	2017
James Bouley Jr.	2017
John Haverty	2017

**CONTRACT COMPLIANCE OFFICER**

Adam D. Gaudette	2016
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**COUNCIL ON AGING**

Marjorie C. Steiger (deceased 4/7/14)	2014
Marjorie Lapierre	2015
Ruth F. King	2015
Christine E. Alessandro	2015
Janet Goff	2016
Robert Cirba	2016
Nancy French	2016
Susan Arsenault	2017
Patricia M. Corson	2017
Joan Houston, Alternate	2015

**CULTURAL COUNCIL**

Mary Kay Ebersold	2014
Lois Shorten*	2014
Mitchell Gurk	2014
Joan Eccleston	2015
Linda Stanley	2015
Louise Small	2015
Phyllis Lamontagne	2015
Deborah Kirk*	2016
Deborah Bailey	2017
Nicole Boucher	2017
(*2 <sup>nd</sup> consecutive term)	

**DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENT AND INSPECTIONAL SERVICES**

Lee D. Jarvis (Acting)

**DIRECTOR OF OFFICE OF FINANCE**

Mary C. Barrell (retired 6/30/14)	2014
Alaine M. Boucher	2015

**DISABILITY COMMISSION**

Gary Woodbury, Chairman	2014
Jeanne M. Desmarais	2015
William R. Shemeth, III	2016
Anne M. Snow	2017

**DISASTER ANIMALS RESPONSE TEAM**

**VACANT****EEO OFFICER**

Adam D. Gaudette

2016

**SPENCER EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (SEMA)**

Robert Parsons (Fire Chief), Director

9/30/2017

Sandra J. Fritze, Deputy

2015

**FAIR HOUSING**

3 Vacancies

2 Alt. Vacancies

**FENCE VIEWER**

Robert H. Dewan

2015

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Christopher P. Bowen

2015

Mary E. Braney

2015

Nancy Herholz

2015

Thomas F. Parker

2015

Paul E. McLaughlin

2016

Christopher T. Kandel

2016

Julie M. Parenteau

2016

Nancy Tame

2016

William J. Wall, Jr.

2017

Robbin M.C. Joyce

2017

John P. Desmarais, Sr.

2017

**FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Richard Hebson (Capital Committee)

2015

John Stevens (Selectmen)

2015

Anthony D. Pepe (Selectmen)

2015

Paul McLaughlin (Finance Committee)

2015

Thomas Parker (Finance Committee)

2015

**FIRE CHIEF**

Robert P. Parsons, Fire Chief

9/30/2017

Robert P. Parsons, Forest Fire Warden

2015

William C. Locke, Deputy Forest Fire Warden

2015

**HARBORMASTER**

David B. Darrin, Police Chief

2015

**HAZARDOUS WASTE COORDINATOR**

Robert P. Parsons

2015

**HEALTH AGENT**

Lee D. Jarvis

**HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Russell B. Snow	2015
Steven J. Tyler	2015

**HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

Wilfred W. Breault	2015
Anna Marie Hughes	2016
J. Richard Sherman, Jr.	2016
Helen Barnes	2017
Jean M. Desmarais	2017
Francis T. Lochner	2017
Danielle Gebo	2017

**HUMAN RESOURCES AND BENEFITS COORDINATOR**

Sarah Gruhin

**INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCING AUTHORITY**

Alfred R. Letendre	2016
John J. Jackson	2017

**INSECT AND PEST CONTROL INSPECTOR**

Raymond I. Holmes, Jr.	2015
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**INSPECTOR OF GAS PIPING & APPLIANCES**

James R. Bergeron	2015
Robert F. Wall, Alt.	2015

**INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Stephanie Ford (retirees)	2014
Mary Williams (exp. 6/30/14)	2014
Mary Baker Wood (personnel bylaw)	2015
Kevin Simonovitch (highway)	2015
Todd LaPorte (police)	2015
Steven J. Tyler (contract)	2015
Lisa Daoust (clerical)	2015
Laura Torti (elected)	2015
Holly M. Collette (dispatchers)	2015

**LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Darwin Irish (FlexCon)	2014
David B. Darrin (Police)	2015
Sandra Fritze, SEMA	2015
Lee D. Jarvis (Board of Health)	2015
Robert P. Parsons (Fire)	2015
Mark R. Robidoux (Sewer)	2015
Gary D. Suter (Ambulance)	2015
Michelle R. Buck (Planning Board)	2015
Steven J. Tyler(U&F)	2015

Margaret Emerson (Conservation) School Superintendent Adam D. Gaudette, Ex. Officio	2015
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**MUNICIPAL HEARINGS OFFICER  
PARKING CLERK**

Kurt A. Nordquist	2015
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**MUNICIPAL LIAISON TO STATE ETHICS COMMISSION**

Adam D. Gaudette	2016
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**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION (Appointed)**

Lynne D. Porretti	2016
Mark Lammi	2016
Robert Churchey	2017
Vacancy	

**PERSONNEL BOARD**

Kathleen M. Golden	2016
Stephanie Ford	2014
Carol S. McPherson	2014
Linda Beardsley	2016

**PLANNING BOARD**

Shirley A. Shiver	2015
Mary E. Stolarczyk(resigned 10/22/2014)	2016
Maria H. C. Reed	2016
Robert J. Ceppi	2016
James Whalen	2017
Jonathan Viner	2017

**PUBLIC WEIGHER**

Karen Hubacz-Kiley	2015
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**PLUMBING INSPECTOR**

Robert Wall	2015
James Bergeron, Alt.	2015

**QUABOAG VALLEY BUS. ASST. COORD**

John F. Stevens	2015
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**REGISTRARS OF VOTERS**

Eleanor F. O'Connor	2017
Elizabeth T. McPherson	2015
Patricia Woods	2016
Laura J. Torti, Town Clerk	

**SAFETY OFFICER**

David B. Darrin, Police Chief	2015
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**SCM ELDERBUS REPRESENTATIVE**

Pamela Woodbury	2015
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**SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES**

John A. Biancheria	2015
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**SENIOR CENTER PROGRAM DIRECTOR/COORDINATOR**

Pamela Woodbury	
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**SEXUAL HARASSMENT COMPLAINT OFFICER**

Adam D. Gaudette	2015
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**SUGDEN BLOCK SALE COMMITTEE**

Mary Baker-Wood	
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Michelle Buck	
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Lynn Dobson	
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Carol McPherson	
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Anthony Pepe	
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Laura Torti	
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**SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

Dr. Edward M. Malvey (interim)	
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Dr. N. Tracy Crowe	
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**TAX TITLE CUSTODIAN**

Mary C. Barrell (retired 6/30/14)	2014
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Susan L. Lacaire	2015
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**TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ADVISORY GROUP**

William J. Lehtola	2015
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**TRANSPORTATION REPRESENTATIVE**

William J. Lehtola	2015
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**CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER**

Adam D. Gaudette	2016
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**UTILITIES & HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT**

Steven J. Tyler	2017
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**VETERANS SERVICES DIRECTOR/AGENT &  
VETERANS GRAVES REGISTRATION OFFICER**

Peter Rock (resigned 6/30/14)	2014
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Timothy Gagnon	2015
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**VETERANS MEMORIAL ISAAC PROUTY PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Gerald Perron	2015
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Daniel Henderson	2015
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Gary Herl	2015
Albert Shedyak	2015
Peter Adams	2015
Anthony Pepe, Jr.	2015

**WIRING INSPECTOR**

Norman D. Bassett	2015
Michael H. Sweet, Alt.	2015

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

Allan P. Collette	2015
Delores Kresco	2016
Albert W. Drexler	2017
C. Robert Emerson (alternate)	2015
Vacant alternate	

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## **REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK**

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2014 was an exciting year at the Town Clerk's Office. The Annual Census conducted in early January resulted in a record response rate adding nearly 1000 households to the official census rolls. In addition to Annual Town Meeting and Annual Town Election we held two Special Town Meetings in June and August as well as a State Primary in September and State Election in November which had a voter turnout only exceeded by the previous Presidential election in 2012. Our office saw the loss of two long-time employees while simultaneously welcoming Brynn Johnson as Assistant Town Clerk. Wrapping up 2014 was a Special Town Meeting in November that finalized the FY2015 budget.

The Office of the Town Clerk serves as a direct link between the residents of Spencer and our local government. Town Clerk duties include serving as the Chief Elections Official in accordance with Mass. General Law. As the Recording Office for the Town we record and certify all official actions of the Town including Town Meeting legislation and appropriations, Planning and Zoning Board decisions, and the votes and minutes of Elections and Town Meetings. The Clerk's Office is responsible for the maintenance, disposition and preservation of municipal archival records. The Town Clerk's Office provides certified copies of vital records and can assist with genealogical research. The Office also handles the licensing of all dogs to ensure the health and safety of the public.

The Town Clerk's Office is responsible for the Annual Census which not only provides important statistical and demographic information but also is used in maintaining active voter and street lists, and provides information to the State for the compilation of the Prospective Juror File. Voter registration can also be done at the Town Hall anytime during regular business hours with special hours of registration held prior to Elections and Town Meetings.

The office is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday with evening hours by appointment.

Laura J. Torti, Town Clerk

<b>2014 Town Clerk Revenue Report</b>				
Marriage Intentions	\$995.00		Copies	\$44.20
Births	\$2,513.00		Misc.	\$65.00
Deaths	\$1,722.00		Business List	\$12.00
Marriage Certificates	\$1,120.00		Certifications	\$40.00
Street Listings	\$100.00		Dog Tag Replacement	\$2.00
Bylaw booklets	\$30.00		Research	\$211.00
Auction/Raffle Permits	\$110.00		Pole Locations	\$60.00
WRTA Bus Passes	\$768.00		Postage	\$19.99
Notary	\$232.30		Dog License	\$19,949.00
Business Certificates	\$2,922.50		Online Dog License	\$2,192.00
Dog License Late Fee	\$8,160.00		Online Vital Records	\$574.00
Gas Storage	\$615.00		Credit Card Dog License	\$652 .00
Extracts	\$62.60		Credit Card Vital Records	\$849.00
<b>Total Revenue:</b>		<b>43,368.59</b>		

**Board of Registrars Report  
Voter Total Sheet as of 12/31/2014**

Ward	Precinct	C	D	J	L	O	Q	R	T	U	Z	Grand Totals
0	1		464	5	8			205		1151	1	1834
	2		397		4			222	1	1041		1665
	3	2	445	1	3	1	1	256	2	1201		1912
	4		456	4	8			228		1162		1858
Grand Totals		<b>2</b>	<b>1762</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>911</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4555</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7269</b>

**All Voters**

A Conservative	H We the People	P Prohibition	W Veteran Party America
B Natural Law Party	J Green Rainbow	Q American Independent	X Pirate
C New World Council	K Constitution Party	R Republican	Y World Citizens Party
D Democrat	L Libertarian	S Socialist	Z Working Families
E Reform	M Timsiz Not Down	T Inter 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party	
F Rainbow Coalition	N New Alliance	U Unenrolled	
G Green Party USA	O MA Independent Party	V America First Party	

<b>VITAL STATISTICS</b>			
<b>Year</b>	<b>Births</b>	<b>Marriages</b>	<b>Deaths</b>
2003	111	88	91
2004	118	74	88
2005	136	85	84
2006	113	81	110
2007	132	93	83
2008	102	73	97
2009	120	88	88
2010	114	77	77
2011	139	71	88
2012	114	77	120
2013	121	76	107
*2014	112	59	104

\*As of printing deadline

**Annual Town Meeting  
May 4, 2014**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Moderator, Peter J. Adams following the announcement of a quorum by Registrar Elizabeth McPherson.

The Moderator informed the attendees that the meeting would follow the procedures outlined in "Town Meeting Time, A Handbook of Parliamentary Law."

The Reading of the Return of the Warrant was waived. The meeting was posted in accordance with the law. A moment of silence was observed in honor of those residents who had passed away in the past year.

The Moderator led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem was sung by James Pervier.

The Moderator introduced himself, the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator, Town Counsel and Town Clerk. Mary Braney, Chair of the Finance Committee, introduced those members of the Committee present.

The Moderator then spoke briefly: *"Tonight we will make history in the conduct of our normal affairs as we exercise our right of self-determination to set the affairs of our government by consensus as a free and equal people in this, the 261<sup>st</sup> year of our existence as a body politic. Every day, we make history conducting our lives in the best interests of ourselves, our families and our society. In hindsight, future generations may or may not deem what we do here tonight as momentous or noteworthy; but momentous or not, the ordinary affairs of our lives will become history for our descendents.*

*One hundred and seventy-three years ago on this date, fifty-eight people did something very ordinary—they moved their families to new homes—and in doing so changed the history of this country. Packing 2500 pounds of supplies and belongings on a four by ten foot hardwood wagon drawn by three teams of oxen and capped by a canvas covered hickory frame, these common people set off on a 2000 mile walk from Independence, Missouri, jolting through the wilderness to California and Oregon. Before the end of the 1800's more than 200,000 farmers, artisans, fortune seekers and their families followed in their footsteps, repeating what were then ordinary acts, but which today are seen as historic feats of courage and perseverance.*

*And, parenthetically, for those of you who complain about luggage and packing for the four hour jet flight today to cover the same distance, consider that this journey took five months, averaging fifteen to twenty miles per day, and the basic staples alone which needed to be packed on those wagons included 600 pounds of flour, 120 pounds of biscuits, 400 pounds of bacon, 60 pounds of coffee, 4 pounds of tea, 100 pounds of sugar and 200 pounds of lard."*

The Moderator thanked Spencer Cable Access for filming the meeting and expressed appreciation for the long time services of Senator Brewer, now retiring; Treasurer Mary Barrell, also retiring; and Selectman Donald Berthiaume, now running for State Representative.

Gary Woodbury and Donald Berthiaume, Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, presented Donna Flannery with the Meritorious Service Award for 2013 for her many years of work with Toys for Tots.

Mr. Woodbury then presented the Berthiaume Family with the Meritorious Service Award for 2014 for their many years of service to the Town.

Mr. Berthiaume presented the family of Miles McDonough, the founder of FlexCon with the Leadership Hall Award.

The following articles were acted upon:

**Article 1: *The Moderator declared a majority vote that the Town*** amend its Fiscal Year 2014 Operating Budget by appropriating the sum of Two Hundred Seven Thousand, Seven Hundred Four Dollars and No Cents (\$207,704.00) to the following various accounts to cover additional expenses and further to transfer said sum from previously certified and available Free Cash to meet said appropriation:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Snow & Ice Salaries & Wages	11423-51000	\$14,000.00
Snow & Ice Expenses	11423-57000	\$186,000.00
Parks & Recreation Salaries & Wages	11640-51000	\$ 5,704.00
Parks & Recreation Expenses	11640-57000	\$ 1,000.00
General & Liability Insurance Expenses	11900-57000	\$ 1,000.00
		<b>Total \$207,704.00</b>

**Article 2: *The Moderator declared a majority vote that the Town*** approve a consent agenda consisting of the following actions, or take any action relating thereto. Such items may be voted as a block, or singly, or in any combination but however voted, will be treated for accounting and legislative purposes as if each item voted were voted as a separate article.

- A. Receive, in writing, the reports of the Town Officers and Committees.
- B. Authorize the Planning Board to establish a revolving fund in conformity with Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 of the Massachusetts General Laws for the following purposes and subject to the following conditions:
  - 1. to be the depository for monies received from ANR Fees and Subdivision Fees;
  - 2. to fund the administrative costs of the Planning Board;
  - 3. to have limit on the total amount to be expended from the fund in Fiscal Year 2015 at Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$5,000.00); and
  - 4. to have the Planning Board be the only authority empowered to expend monies from this fund.
- C. Authorize the establishment of a revolving fund for the Sugden Block in conformity with Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 of the Massachusetts General Laws, for the following purposes and subject to the following conditions:
  - 1. to be the depository for receipts of rentals and charges from the Sugden Block;
  - 2. to pay expenses associated with the operation of the Sugden Block;

3. to have a limit on the total amount to be expended from the fund in Fiscal Year 2015 at Seventy-Six Thousand, Eight Hundred Ninety Dollars and No Cents (\$76,890.00); and
  4. to have the Town Administrator be the only authority empowered to expend monies from this fund.
- D. Authorize the Office of Development and Inspectional Services (ODIS) to establish a revolving fund in conformity with Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 of the Massachusetts General Laws, for the following purposes and subject to the following conditions:
1. to be depository for 80% of the fees collected for electrical permits;
  2. to compensate the Wiring Inspector;
  3. to have a limit on the total amount to be expended from the fund in Fiscal Year 2015 at Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$25,000.00); and
  4. to have the Director of the Office, subject to the approval of the Town Administrator, be the only authority empowered to expend monies from this fund.
- E. Authorize the Parks and Recreation Commission to establish a revolving fund in conformity with Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 of the Massachusetts General Laws, for the following purposes and subject to the following conditions:
1. to be the depository for monies received for park rentals, sticker fees, and fees charged for program offerings;
  2. to be used to fund the costs of part-time personnel, utilities, supplies, and expenses related to program offerings;
  3. to have a limit on the total amount to be expended from the fund in Fiscal Year 2015 at Ninety Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$90,000.00); and
  4. to have the Parks and Recreation Commission be the only authority empowered to expend monies from this fund.
- F. Authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish a Celebrations Revolving Fund in conformity with Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 of the Massachusetts General Laws, for the following purposes and subject to the following conditions:
1. to be the depository for donations, gifts and fees collected for community celebrations, including, but not limited to, the Fourth of July (Independence Day), Halloween, and Christmas;
  2. to have a limit on the total amount to be expended from the fund in Fiscal Year 2015 at Thirty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$30,000.00); and
  3. to have the Town Administrator, subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be the only authority empowered to expend monies from this fund.
- G. Authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish a Council on Aging Revolving Fund in conformity with Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 of the Massachusetts General Laws, for the following purposes and subject to the following conditions:
1. to be the depository for donations, gifts and fees collected for Council on Aging programs;
  2. to have a limit on the total amount to be expended from the fund in Fiscal Year 2015 at Ten Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$10,000.00); and
  3. to have the Council on Aging be the only authority empowered to expend monies from this fund.



- H. Authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish a Stormwater Management Revolving Fund in conformity with Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 of the Massachusetts General Laws, for the following purposes and subject to the following conditions:
1. to be the depository for stormwater fees and fines collected to be used for Stormwater Management (MS4) related programs;
  2. to have a limit on the total amount to be expended from the fund in Fiscal Year 2015 at One Hundred Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$100,000.00); and
  3. to have the Town Administrator be the only authority empowered to expend monies from this fund.
- I. Appropriate the sum of money received or to be received from the Chapter 90 State Aid to Highways Program to be expended for construction and/or maintenance upon any state approved road, or for any other authorized purpose, for Fiscal Year 2015, with such funds to be reimbursed 100% from such Program.
- J. Authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept, and expend the following funds:  
Community Development Block Grant funds;  
Community Innovation Challenge Grant funds;  
District Local Technical Assistance Grant funds; and  
Other State and Federal grant-in-aid assistance, as appropriate and necessary.
- K. Appropriate the sum of 100% of all fines, penalties, and assessments received in Fiscal Year 2015 as payment under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 148A, as amended by Chapter 304 of the Acts of 2004, to an account entitled "Building and Fire Code Enforcement Fines."
- L. Appropriate the sum of 50% of all monies received in Fiscal Year 2015 as payment for the so-called "products," "conveyance," "roll-back" or other such tax or payment, other than real estate taxes and related payments-in-lieu-of-taxes, under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter(s) 61, 61A, and 61B to the Land Acquisition Stabilization Fund and the sum of 100% of all monies received from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as payments from the Forest Products Trust Fund to the Land Acquisition Stabilization Fund.
- M. Authorize the Town Treasurer/Collector to enter into a compensating balance agreement(s) for Fiscal Year 2015 pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53F, and further vote to authorize the Town Treasurer/Collector to borrow such sums of money as he/she may deem necessary, with the consent of the Finance Committee, in anticipation of revenue and/or reimbursements and to issue notes of the Town payable thereof in accordance with applicable law.
- N. Authorize the Board of Selectmen, in conformance with Section 11(m) of the Spencer Governmental Act and MGL c. 40, Section 4, to enter into and negotiate the terms thereof, all contracts for the exercise of its corporate powers.

**Article 3: The Moderator declared a majority vote that the Town**, as a block, to fix or maintain the salaries of the elected officials for Fiscal Year 2015 as follows:

Board of Selectmen	\$ 0.00	Yearly
Moderator	\$ 160.00	Yearly
Board of Assessors	\$ 950.00	Yearly
Town Treasurer/Collector	\$ 64,400.00	Yearly
Town Clerk	\$ 62,180.00	Yearly
Water Commissioners	\$ 725.00	Yearly
Sewer Commissioners	\$ 725.00	Yearly
Board of Health	\$ 725.00	Yearly

**Article 4: *The Moderator declared a majority vote that the Town***, as a block, to amend the Personnel Bylaws by substituting the following new compensation schedule, Section 2-Schedules B, C, and D:

(Informational Note: These rates all generally go up 1.3%)

**Schedule B**

	I	II	III	IV	V
Compensation Grade S-2	\$384.57	\$398.59	\$429.17	\$459.90	\$490.53
Compensation Grade S-3	\$429.17	\$459.90	\$490.53	\$521.19	\$553.35
Compensation Grade S-4	\$490.53	\$521.19	\$553.35	\$582.55	\$613.14
Compensation Grade S-5	\$553.35	\$582.55	\$613.14	\$643.91	\$674.42
Compensation Grade S-6	\$613.14	\$643.91	\$674.42	\$704.28	\$751.16
Compensation Grade S-7	\$674.42	\$704.28	\$751.16	\$797.10	\$843.16
Compensation Grade S-8	\$751.16	\$797.10	\$843.16	\$889.15	\$935.16
Compensation Grade S-9	\$843.16	\$889.15	\$935.16	\$976.84	\$1,035.08
Compensation Grade S-9A	\$889.14	\$936.38	\$980.50	\$1,035.08	\$1,094.00
Compensation Grade S-10	\$935.16	\$976.84	\$1,035.08	\$1,091.91	\$1,151.97
Compensation Grade S-10A	\$988.60	\$1,032.74	\$1,094.11	\$1,154.21	\$1,217.68
Compensation Grade S-11	\$1,035.08	\$1,091.91	\$1,151.97	\$1,215.34	\$1,282.95
Compensation Grade S-12	\$1,151.97	\$1,215.34	\$1,282.95	\$1,326.72	\$1,427.06
Compensation Grade S-13	\$1,282.95	\$1,326.72	\$1,427.06	\$1,505.53	\$1,589.09
Compensation Grade S-14	\$1,427.06	\$1,505.53	\$1,589.09	\$1,676.48	\$1,769.54

**Schedule C**

Administrative Intern / Co-op Student	\$9.17	hourly
Animal Control & Inspection Officer	\$12,495.36	yearly
Animal Control & Inspection Officer-Alternate	\$681.24	yearly
COA Director	\$17.95	hourly
Election Inspectors	\$10.35	hourly
Election Wardens / Clerks	\$11.43	hourly
Engineering Aide	\$11.38	hourly
Facilities Maintenance Worker	\$12.16	hourly
Finance Committee Clerk	\$394.00	yearly
Fluoride Coordinator	\$12.16	hourly
Gas Inspector	\$3,821.00	yearly
Laborer (Seasonal/Intermittent)	\$11.40	hourly
Library Childhood Literacy Coordinator	\$108.24	weekly
Library Page	\$9.17	hourly
Light Equipment Operator (LEO) - Seasonal	\$17.58	hourly
Parks & Rec Adven. Prog. Director	\$17.35	hourly
Parks & Rec Adven. Prog. Head Counselor	\$12.45	hourly
Parks & Rec Adven. Prog. Counselor	\$10.24	hourly
Parks & Rec Waterfront Director	\$15.80	hourly
Parks & Rec Water Safety Instructor	\$14.13	hourly
Parks & Rec Lifeguard	\$12.46	hourly
Parks & Rec Parking Attendant	\$8.86	hourly
Parks & Rec Chair	\$405.20	yearly
Parks & Rec Clerk	\$405.20	yearly
Planning Board	\$1,040.00	yearly
Planning Board - Alternate	\$489.00	yearly
Plumbing Inspector	\$5,153.00	yearly
Police Dispatcher	\$15.47	hourly
Registrars	\$1,244.00	yearly
Sealer of Weights & Measures	\$4,285.00	yearly
SEMA, Director of Operations	\$2,237.00	yearly
SFD Deputy Chief	\$8,690.00	yearly

SFD Captain	\$18.27	hourly
SFD Lieutenant	\$16.93	hourly
SFD Fire Science Instructor	\$19.90	hourly
SFD Firefighter (over 10 years)	\$15.47	hourly
SFD Firefighter (5-10 years)	\$14.07	hourly
SFD Firefighter (under 5 years)	\$12.72	hourly
SFD Firefighter (sub)	\$9.54	hourly
SFD Truck Engineer Back Line	\$437.72	yearly
SFD Truck Engineer Front Line	\$582.19	yearly
Tree Climber	\$18.97	hourly
Tree Groundman	\$16.34	hourly
Tree Warden	\$22.29	hourly
Veteran Agent	\$18.99	hourly
Zoning Board of Appeals	\$1,040.00	yearly
Zoning Board of Appeals - Alternate	\$489.00	yearly

#### **Schedule D**

	<b>I</b>	<b>II</b>	<b>III</b>	<b>IV</b>	<b>V</b>
Compensation Grade H-1	\$9.26	\$9.86	\$10.50	\$11.14	\$11.94
Compensation Grade H-2	\$10.50	\$11.14	\$11.94	\$12.95	\$13.70
Compensation Grade H-3	\$11.94	\$12.95	\$13.70	\$14.66	\$15.35
Compensation Grade H-4	\$13.70	\$14.66	\$15.35	\$16.40	\$17.12
Compensation Grade H-5	\$15.35	\$16.40	\$17.12	\$18.10	\$18.89
Compensation Grade H-6	\$17.12	\$18.10	\$18.89	\$19.84	\$21.15
Compensation Grade H-7	\$18.89	\$19.84	\$21.15	\$22.30	\$23.55
Compensation Grade H-8	\$21.15	\$22.20	\$23.31	\$24.48	\$25.70
Compensation Grade H-9	\$23.31	\$24.48	\$25.70	\$26.97	\$28.32
Compensation Grade H-10	\$25.70	\$26.97	\$28.32	\$29.74	\$31.21
Compensation Grade H-11	\$28.32	\$29.73	\$31.21	\$32.78	\$34.43
Compensation Grade H-12	\$31.21	\$32.78	\$34.43	\$36.13	\$37.95

**Article 5: *The Moderator declared a majority vote that the Town***, as a block, provided that any amount stated herein shall be for the use of the Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District for Fiscal Year 2015 in accordance with any conditions stated herein and further provided that any stated amount shall be reduced to any lesser amount which shall subsequently be certified by the school committee and certified to the Town, to:

1. raise and appropriate the sum of Five Million, Seven Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand, Seven Hundred Fifty-Four Dollars and No Cents (\$5,725,754.00) for the

Operating Assessment Account #11300-56000 which represents the amount required for Minimum Local Contribution;

2. raise and appropriate the sum of One Million, One Hundred Sixty Thousand, Nine Hundred Sixteen Dollars and No Cents (\$1,160,916.00) for the Operating Assessment Account #11300-56000 which represents the amount required for Transportation;
3. raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Fifty-Two Thousand, Three Hundred Ninety-Four Dollars and No Cents (\$252,394.00) for the purposes of paying the costs of Debt Service and Capital Assessments Account #11300-56010 for previously approved building and design projects;
4. raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Seventeen Thousand, Two Hundred Forty-One Dollars and No Cents (\$1,107,241.00) for the Operating Assessment Account #11300-56000 which represents the amount required for Additional Local Assessment,

**provided however that said appropriations are contingent upon an election approval for a so called Proposition 2 ½ Override referendum question at the Town Election of May 13, 2014.**

*The following people spoke on this article: Interim Superintendant of Schools Dr. Edward Malvey, SEBRSD Business Manager Julie Parenteau, School Committee Member Kurt Nordquist, Caroline Dacey, William Shemeth, III, Jennifer Wozniak, School Committee Chairman Kevin Hayes and Selectman John Stevens.*

**Article 6: The Moderator declared a majority vote that the Town** to accept M.G.L. c. 64L, §2(a) to impose a local meals excise. (*Petition Article*)

*The following people spoke on this article: Finance Committee Chair Mary Braney, Selectman John Stevens, Selectman Donald Berthiaume, Finance Committee Member John Desmarais, Planning Board Chair James Whalen, Citizen William Shemeth, III, Selectman Gary Woodbury, Principal Assessor Mary Williams, and James Pervier.*

**Article 7: The Moderator declared a majority vote that the Town** raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Million, Three Hundred Seventy Thousand, Four Hundred Five Dollars and No Cents (\$8,370,405.00) to pay for the operations of the General Government expenses for Fiscal Year 2015, and to meet said appropriation from a transfer of Ninety-Seven Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$97,000.00) from the Overlay Surplus Account, a transfer of Ten Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$10,000.00) from the Wetlands Protection Fund, from taxation, from available funds in the Treasury, and anticipated receipts as may be needed or decided necessary.

*The following people spoke on this article: Finance Committee Chair Mary Braney, Selectman Donald Berthiaume, Malcolm Speicher, and Town Administrator Adam Gaudette.*

**Article 8: The Moderator declared a majority vote that the Town** to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Eighty-Four Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$484,000.00) to fund a portion of the operations of General Government expenses [Council on Aging (\$90,000), Richard Sugden Library (\$92,000), Fire Department (\$36,000), Police Department (\$16,000), Highway Department (\$51,000), Parks & Recreation (\$61,000), Board of Health (\$4,000), Town Administrator (\$10,000), Town Accountant (\$10,000), Assessors (\$24,000), Treasurer/Collector (\$17,000), Town Clerk

(\$26,000), Inspectional Services (\$37,000), and Miscellaneous Boards and Committees (\$10,000)] for Fiscal Year 2015, provided however that said appropriation is contingent upon an election approval for a so called Proposition 2 ½ Override referendum question at the Town Election of May 13, 2014.

*The following people spoke on this article: William Shemeth, Finance Committee Member John Desmarais, Donald Clough.*

**Article 9: *The Moderator declared a majority vote that the Town:***

1. appropriate the sum of One Million, Three Hundred Thirty-Six, Ninety-Three Dollars and No Cents (\$1,336,093.00) for the use of the Water Department for Fiscal Year 2015, and to fund said appropriation with a transfer from the receipts and revenue of the Water Enterprise Fund collected by the Water Department for said Fiscal Year;
2. authorize Indirect Costs for Fiscal Year 2015 at One Hundred Twenty-Nine Thousand, Nine Hundred Twenty-Two Dollars and No Cents (\$129,922.00); and
3. have the Board of Water Commissioners set the Fiscal Year 2015 rates and fees to meet said appropriation and level of Indirect Costs;

**Article 10: *The Moderator declared a majority vote that the Town:***

1. appropriate the sum of One Million, Eighty-Six Thousand, Four Hundred Ninety-Seven Dollars and No Cents (\$1,086,497.00) for the use of the Sewer Department for Fiscal Year 2015, and to fund said appropriation with a transfer of Five Thousand, Nine Hundred Fifty-Six Dollars and No Cents (\$5,956.00) from previously certified and available Retained Earnings of the Sewer Enterprise Fund, and the balance of said sum from the receipts and revenue of the Sewer Enterprise Fund collected by the Sewer Department for said Fiscal Year;
2. authorize Indirect Costs for Fiscal Year 2015 at One Hundred Forty-Seven Thousand, Two Hundred Sixty-Five Dollars and No Cents (\$147,265.00); and
3. have the Board of Sewer Commissioners set the Fiscal Year 2015 rates and fees to meet said appropriation and level of Indirect Costs.

**Article 11: *The Moderator declared a majority vote that the Town*** raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Hundred Eighty-Eight Thousand, Four Hundred Fourteen Dollars and No Cents (\$888,414.00) for Fiscal Year 2015 for the following purposes:

Bay Path Vocational Regional Technical High School Operating Assessment	
Account #11300-52000	\$708,867.00

Bay Path Vocational Regional Technical High School Transportation Assessment	
Account #11300-52000	\$52,480.00

Bay Path Vocation Regional Technical High School "Buy In" Debt Assessment	
Account #11300-52500	\$34,130.00

Bay Path Vocation Regional Technical High School Capital Debt Assessment  
Account #11300-52500 \$92,937.00

**Article 12:** *The Moderator declared a majority vote that the Town* raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-Five Thousand, Nine Hundred Sixty Dollars and No Cents (\$45,960.00) for Fiscal Year 2015 for the following purposes:

Smith Regional Agricultural High School Non-resident Vocational Assessment  
Account #11300-52000 \$21,660.00

Smith Regional Agricultural High School Non-resident Vocational Transportation  
Account #11300-52100 \$24,300.00

*The following people spoke on this article in conjunction with Articles 13 and 14: Susan Terkanian, James Pervier, Finance Committee Chair Mary Braney and William Shemeth.*

**Article 13:** *The Moderator declared a majority vote that the Town* raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty-Three Thousand, Eighty-Five Dollars and No Cents (\$53,085.00) for Fiscal Year 2015 for the following purposes:

Tantasqua Regional High School Non-resident Vocational Tuition Assessment  
Account #11300-52000 \$30,585.00  
Tantasqua Regional High School Non-resident Vocational Transportation  
Account #11300-52100 \$22,500.00

**Article 14:** *The Moderator declared a majority vote that the Town* raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Nine Thousand, Ninety-Four Dollars and No Cents (\$39,094.00) for Fiscal Year 2015 for the following purposes:

Norfolk County Regional Agricultural High School Non-resident Vocational Tuition Assessment  
Account #11300-52000 \$21,094.00

Norfolk County Regional Agricultural High School Non-resident Vocational Transportation  
Account #11300-52100 \$18,000.00

**Article 15:** *The Moderator declared a majority vote that the Town* appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$125,000.00) for the purpose of designing and replacing the Town Hall Boiler and associated machinery, pipe work, and fixtures as well as removing the existing underground oil storage tank and to meet said appropriation by transferring the sum of One Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$125,000.00) from certified and available Free Cash; or take any action relative thereto.

*Selectman Robert O. "Bo" Fritze, Jr. spoke on this article.*

**Article 16:** *The Moderator declared a majority vote that the Town* transfer the sum of Nine Hundred Thirty-Two Dollars and No Cents (\$932.00) from the Library Roof Repair Capital Account (#60000-59157) to the Town Hall Stair Treads Resurfacing Capital Account (#60000-59231); or take any action relative thereto.

*Selectman Robert O. "Bo" Fritze, Jr. spoke on this article.*

**Article 17:** *The Moderator declared a majority vote that the Town* appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$200,000.00) for a Water Department capital project, as

approved by the Capital Improvements Planning Committee (CIPC), as generally illustrated below and to meet said appropriation by transferring said sum from previously certified and available Retained Earnings of the Water Enterprise Fund;

1. \$200,000 for Capital Efficiency Plan

**Article 18:** *The Moderator declared a majority vote that the Town* appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$130,000.00) for a Sewer Department capital project, as approved by the Capital Improvements Planning Committee (CIPC), as generally illustrated below and to meet said appropriation by transferring said sum from previously certified and available Retained Earnings of the Sewer Enterprise Fund:

- A. \$130,000 for funding repairs and upgrades to the Sewer System, including the waste water treatment plant, collection system, and pump stations.

**Article 19:** *The Moderator declared a majority vote that the Town* appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$12,000.00) for the Assessors Department project of performing a relisting and valuation of all existing Personal Property Accounts and to meet said appropriation by transferring said sum from Overlay Surplus.

**Article 20:** *The Moderator declared a majority vote that the Town* approve the Six Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$632,000.00) borrowing authorized by the Spencer East Brookfield Regional School District, for the purpose of purchasing computers and upgraded technology related equipment provided however that this debt approval and appropriation is contingent upon approval of a so called Proposition 2 ½ Debt Exclusion referendum question at the Town Election of May 13, 2014 under General Laws Chapter 59, §21C(k).

*The following people spoke on this article: School Committee Member Kurt Nordquist, Selectman John Stevens, School Superintendant Dr. Edward Malvey, Finance Committee Member Nancy Tame, Christine Cheney, Planning Board Chair James Whalen, School Committee Chair Kevin Hayes, Kyle Sullivan, SEBRSD Technical Support Provider Steve Torey, William Shemeth, Corey Lacaire, Sheila Grant and Jonathon Stehr.*

**Article 21:** *The Moderator declared a unanimous vote that the Town* authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell, upon such terms and conditions as it deems reasonable, appropriate, and in the best interests of the Town, a parcel of approximately 2,283± square feet, being a portion of the property generally known as the Highway Garage located at 7 Meadow Road (identified as being a portion of Map U11 Parcel 8 on the records of the Board of Assessors), and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate, execute, and deliver such deeds and other documents it deems necessary to carry out the purposes of this article.

**Article 22:** *The Moderator declared a majority vote that the Town* in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 59,§38H to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a Tax Agreement with OLD WARDOUR SOLAR, LLC, for a period of twenty (20) years, and to approve said agreement under which OLD WARDOUR SOLAR, LLC will pay the Town a sum of money relative to a set annual value of the proposed construction and operation of a solar photovoltaic power plant with an expected nameplate capacity of approximately 2.5 megawatts, located on a parcel of land totaling 28.6+/- acres located at 22 Treadwell Drive, Spencer.

**Article 23:** *The Moderator declared a majority vote that the Town* in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 59,§38H to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a Tax Agreement with Solterra, LLC, for a period of twenty (20) years, and to approve said agreement under which Solterra, LLC



will pay the Town a sum of money relative to a set annual value of the proposed construction and operation of a solar photovoltaic power plant with an expected nameplate capacity of approximately 17.5 megawatts, located on a parcel of land totaling 100 acres+/- located at Alta Crest Road (St. Joseph's Abbey), Spencer.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Shemeth and seconded by Mr. Nordquist.

Majority voted at 9:55 p.m. to dissolve the Meeting.

248 registered voters attended.

**ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION**  
**May 13, 2014**

In accordance with the warrant, the polls opened at 12:00 Noon and closed at 8:00 PM.

The following were appointed election officers for Precinct #1:

Warden:	Dianne Scanlon
Clerk:	Peter McGinn
Inspectors:	Richard Braney, Ronald Fortin, Nicole Cloutier, Patricia Ensom
Deputy Inspectors:	Theresa Ethier, Louise Ethier

Twenty-one absentee ballots were cast in this precinct. 490 ballot cards were handed out by the inspectors, of these 12 were spoiled, making a total of 499 ballots cast. The ballot box registered 499 at the closing of the polls.

The following were appointed election officers for Precinct #2:

Warden:	Barbara Braney
Clerk:	Pauline Casavant
Inspectors:	Linda Wozniak, Joyce Sweet, William Lehtola, Lucinda Puchalski
Deputy Inspectors:	Sylvia Berthiaume, Robert Gadbois

Ten absentee ballots were cast in this precinct. 409 ballot cards were handed out by the inspectors, of these 12 were spoiled, making a total of 407 ballots cast. The ballot box registered 407 at the closing of the polls.

The following were appointed election officers for Precinct #3:

Warden:	Mark Lammi
Clerk:	A. Marie McDevitt
Inspectors:	Ann Austin, Mercie Vinton, Nancy Richardson, Barbara White
Deputy Inspectors:	Irene Gadbois, Betsy Arakelian

Thirty absentee ballots were cast in this precinct. 612 ballot cards were handed out by the inspectors, of these 20 were spoiled, making a total of 622 ballots cast. The ballot box registered 622 at the closing of the polls.

The following were appointed election officers for Precinct #4:

Warden:	Virginia Fanning
Clerk:	Judith Fortin
Inspectors:	Eileen Prizio, Linda Gould, Nancy Gouin, John Wilson
Deputy Inspectors:	Theresa Berthiaume, Lucille Ela

Thirteen absentee ballots were cast in this precinct. 559 ballot cards were handed out by the inspectors, of these 7 were spoiled, making a total of 565 ballots cast. The ballot box registered 564 at the closing of the polls. One ballot was hand counted from the auxiliary department.

Rebecca Pedone served as Tabulator.

The counting and tabulation were completed at 11:00 PM.

<b>Town of Spencer</b>	<b>Annual Town Election</b>				<b>5/13/14</b>
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
<b>Board of Selectman</b>					
Blanks	250	234	347	326	1157
Robert (Bo) O. Fritz, Jr.	292	220	347	282	1141
Jonathan M. Stehr	143	75	140	134	492
James D. Whalen	105	100	163	153	521
Christopher L. Woodbury	207	184	246	233	870
Write-ins:					0
Misc:					0
Audrey Conner			1		1
Dave Jepson		1			1
Jack Gagnon	1				1
Daniel Shields				1	1
Jennifer Gaucher				1	1
Total	998	814	1244	1130	4186

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
<b>Treasurer/Collector</b>					
Blanks	23	26	47	44	140
Susan Lacaire	321	265	362	311	1259
Lynne. D. Porretti	34	49	67	53	203
Gregory A. Rosum	19	11	32	26	88
Jeremy Snow	34	9	16	18	77
Jeffrey F. Stearns	68	47	98	113	326
Write-ins:					0
Misc:					0
Total	499	407	622	565	2093

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
<b>Assessor</b>					
Blanks	113	111	154	150	528
Maureen A. Hatch	386	296	468	414	1564
Write-ins:					0
Misc:					0
Pedro Rodriquez				1	1
Total	499	407	622	565	2093

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
<b>Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School Committee - Spencer Rep - 3 Year</b>					
Blanks	130	140	178	171	619
Angela Knapton	357	264	435	385	1441
Misc:			1	1	2
Carrie Ferria			1		1
Lisa Aube			1		1
Christopher Woodbury			1		1
Kimberly Hider			1		1
Peter Rock		1	2		3
Heather Messier	7	1	2	3	13

Pat Woodbury		1			1
Mary Braney	1				1
Rick Hill	1				1
Robert Ciba	1				1
Marie McDevitt	1				1
Robert Krusos	1			1	2
Andrew Kularski				2	2
Kimberlee Comeau				1	1
Scott Griffin				1	1
Total	499	407	622	565	2093

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
<b>Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School Committee - East Brookfield Rep - 3</b>					
<b>Year</b>					
Blanks	48	54	76	70	248
Michael Ethier	327	232	375	335	1269
Peter M. Rock	120	119	163	156	558
Write-ins:					0
Misc:			1	1	2
Peter Rock			1		1
Heather Messier	2	1	4	2	9
Lisa Messier			1		1
Carrie Ferria			1		1
Heather Ryan		1			1
Charlene Kelly	1				1
Cheryl Carpentier	1				1
Kimberly Comeau				1	1
Total	499	407	622	565	2093

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
<b>Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School Committee - East Brookfield Rep - 1</b>					
<b>Year</b>					
Blanks	452	355	558	500	1865
Write-ins:					0
Misc:	1	1			2
Peter Rock	1	14	8	2	25
Mark Calla			1		1
Richard K Hebson			3		3
Heather Rossi			1		1
Anthony Aube			1		1
Tom Lowkes	1		2	3	6
Ted Boulay	1	1	3		5
Jean Josti			1		1
John Cimmino			2		2
Derek Allen			1		1
Carrie Ferria			1		1
Michael Ethier	1		1		2
Heather Ryan	1	1	1		3
Heather Messier	26	1	38	49	114
Helen Messier		24			24
Michelle Rock		1			1
Lee Jarvis		1			1
Tom Clancey		1			1

John Howard		1			1
Warren Wilson		1			1
Todd Vitkos		1			1
Karen Conti		1			1
Bruce Herholz		1			1
Gary Herl		1			1
Ronald Greenberg		1			1
Charlene Kelly	2				2
David Caputo	1				1
Vaugh Carmicheal	1				1
Robert Fernia	2				2
Charles Fahey	2				2
Theodore Schubert III	1				1
Edmond Laflamme	1				1
Ralph Kay	1				1
Rick Hill	1				1
Jonathan Gamelin	1				1
Holly Messier	1				1
Cheryl Carpentier	1				1
Alvin Brown III				1	1
Bill Shemeth				1	1
J Rio				1	1
Richard Lamoureux				1	1
Tyler Stearns				1	1
Tom Fahey				1	1
Kimberly Comeau				1	1
M Ethier				1	1
Ralph Hicks				1	1
Chistopher Woodbury				1	1
Marg Sway				1	1
Total	499	407	622	565	2093

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
<b>Southern Worcester County Regional Vocational School District Committee</b>					
Blanks	138	117	174	159	588
Robert Zukowski	361	289	447	406	1503
Write-ins:					0
Misc:					0
Jason Ferria			1		1
Ronald Greenberg		1			1
Total	499	407	622	565	2093

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
<b>Water Commissioner</b>					
Blanks	113	108	136	133	490
Norman C. Letendre, Jr.	386	298	486	432	1602
Write-ins:					0
Misc:		1			1
Total	499	407	622	565	2093

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
<b>Park Commissioner</b>					
Blanks	130	117	163	143	553

William R Shemeth, III	362	289	458	418	1527
Write-ins:					0
Misc:		1		1	2
Lynne Porretti			1		1
Robert Churchey	2			1	3
Rick Hill	1				1
Virginia Scarlet	1				1
Larry Dufault	1				1
Adam Gaudette	1				1
Jennifer Gaucher				1	1
Robert Fritz Jr				1	1
Russell Snow	1				1
Total	499	407	622	565	2093

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
<b>Library Trustee</b>					
Blanks	121	122	147	145	535
MaryAnne Gelason	378	284	475	420	1557
Write-ins:					0
Misc:					0
Ronald Greenberg		1			1
Total	499	407	622	565	2093

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
<b>Board of Health</b>					
Blanks	127	112	153	155	547
Daniel C. Shields	372	295	469	410	1546
Write-ins:					0
Misc:					0
Total	499	407	622	565	2093

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
<b>Tree Warden</b>					
Blanks	120	109	137	151	517
Raymond I. Holmes Jr.	377	297	485	413	1572
Write-ins:					0
Misc:					0
Wendy Berthiaume	1				1
Warren Spech	1				1
Donald Berthiaume				1	1
Bruce Herholz		1			1
Total	499	407	622	565	2093

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
<b>Housing Authority - 5 Year Term</b>					
Blanks	122	119	151	149	541
Richard J. Leveillee	377	288	471	416	1552
Write-ins:					0
Misc:					0
Total	499	407	622	565	2093

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
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<b>Sewer Commissioner</b>					
Blanks	125	127	163	153	568
Lawrence H. Dufault	373	280	459	412	1524
Write-ins:					
Misc:					0
Brent Berthiaume	1				1
Total	499	407	622	565	2093

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
<b>Constable - 2 Year Term</b>					
Blanks	73	54	102	92	321
Lee D. Jarvis	236	185	289	267	977
James J. Lapierre, Sr.	190	168	231	206	795
Write-ins:					0
Misc:					0
Total	499	407	622	565	2093

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
<b>Question 1 - Override -Funding Town Services</b>					
Blanks	7	3	14	12	36
Yes	254	194	277	281	1006
No	238	210	331	272	1051
Total	499	407	622	565	2093

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
<b>Question 2 - Override - SEB Regional School Dist.</b>					
Blanks	8	3	17	13	41
Yes	184	152	226	231	793
No	307	252	379	321	1259
Total	499	407	622	565	2093

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
<b>Question 3 - Override - SEBRSD Debt Exclusion</b>					
Blanks	9	5	20	13	47
Yes	194	158	239	239	830
No	296	244	363	313	1216
Total	499	407	622	565	2093

**Special Town Meeting  
June 26, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 7:18 p.m. by Moderator Peter J. Adams following the Registrar's announcement that a quorum was present.

Reading of the Return of the Warrant was waived. Meeting was posted in accordance with the law.

The Moderator spoke briefly to the attendees:

*In a sense, tonight we are asked to pay the piper to provide for the educational needs of our children. It is appropriate that we decide whether to pay the piper on June 26<sup>th</sup>.*

*In the 13<sup>th</sup> century, the town of Hamelin, Germany was overrun with rats. A piper, dressed in red clothing and claiming to be a rat-catcher offered to rid the town of rats—for a fee. The mayor agreed to pay him if he was successful. The piper played his pipe and lured the rats into the Weser River but the mayor refused to pay the piper for his work. The piper angrily left Hamelin promising to return to take his revenge. On June 26<sup>th</sup> 1284, while the adults were at church, the piper appeared in Hamelin, played his pipe and lured 130 children from the town, never to return.*

*While historically it is believed to be true that 130 children did leave Hamelin on June 26<sup>th</sup>, never to be seen again, the actual events remain muddled in antiquity and folklore. But what has survived for over 700 years is the adage that we pay the piper or suffer the consequences.*

The Moderator introduced to attendees, himself, members of the Board of Selectmen, Town Counsel and Town Clerk. He also introduced the Board of Registrars and Assistant Town Clerk. Chairwoman Mary Braney introduced the Finance Committee members present.

The Moderator thanked Spencer Cable Access for broadcasting the meeting and reviewed the ground rules and parliamentary procedure for Town Meetings.

The following articles were acted upon:

**Article 1: Majority voted**, as a block, provided that any amount stated herein shall be for the use of the Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District for Fiscal Year 2015 in accordance with any conditions stated herein and further provided that any stated amount shall be reduced to any lesser amount which shall subsequently be certified by the school committee and certified to the Town, to:

1. raise and appropriate the sum of Five Million, Seven Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand, Seven Hundred Fifty-Four Dollars and No Cents (\$5,725,754.00) for the Operating Assessment Account #11300-56000 which represents the amount required for Minimum Local Contribution;
2. raise and appropriate the sum of One Million, One Hundred Sixty Thousand, Nine Hundred Sixteen Dollars and No Cents (\$1,160,916.00) for the Operating Assessment Account #11300-56000 which represents the amount required for Transportation;



3. raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Fifty-Two Thousand, Three Hundred Ninety-Four Dollars and No Cents (\$252,394.00) for the purposes of paying the costs of Debt Service and Capital Assessments Account #11300-56010 for previously approved building and design projects;
4. raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Hundred Sixty-Two Thousand, Two Hundred Sixty-Eight Dollars and No Cents (\$862,268.00) for the Operating Assessment Account #11300-56000 which represents the amount required for Additional Local Assessment,

**provided however that said appropriations are contingent upon an election approval for a so called Proposition 2 ½ Override referendum question.**

*The following people spoke on this article: Dr. Ted Malvey, Gary Woodbury, Anthony Pepe, Jr., Kevin Hayes, William Shemeth III, Dr. Ralph Hicks, Donald Clough, Susan Terkanian, David Glass.*

**Article 2: Majority voted** to appropriate the sum of One Hundred Seventeen Thousand, Four Hundred Six Dollars and No Cents (\$117,406.00) for the purpose of funding a computer upgrade project for the Spencer East Brookfield Regional School District and to meet said appropriation by transferring said sum from previously certified and available Free Cash.

*The following people spoke on this article: Anthony Pepe Jr., William Shemeth III, Kevin Hayes, David Glass.*

A motion was made and seconded to dissolve the Meeting.

Majority voted at 8:10 p.m. to dissolve this Meeting.

A total of 198 registered voters attended.

**Special Town Meeting  
August 21, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Moderator Peter J. Adams following the Registrar's announcement that a quorum was present.

Reading of the Return of the Warrant was waived. Meeting was posted in accordance with the law.

The Moderator spoke briefly to the attendees:

*Tonight we consider one question, the Regional School District Budget. It has a dual importance for you and your families. First, it represents about 40% of all Town spending; and, secondly, it honors a commitment this town made to its citizens and progeny with its approval of the Constitution of the Commonwealth in 1780. This constitution, the oldest functioning written constitution in continuous effect in the world, declares that "Wisdom, and knowledge, as well as virtue, diffused generally among the body of the people, being necessary for the preservation of their rights and liberties; and as these depend on spreading the opportunities and advantages of education in the various parts of the country, and among the different orders of the people, it shall be the duty of legislatures and magistrates, in all future periods of this Commonwealth, to cherish the interests of literature and the sciences, ...especially...[in] public schools and grammar schools in the towns..." Sixty years after his father had crafted these words, John Quincy Adams wrote, "Let us impress it on our own minds; let us impress it to the extent of our ability on others, that education is the business of human life."*

The Moderator introduced to attendees; himself, members of the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator and Town Clerk. Chairwoman Mary Braney introduced the Finance Committee members present.

The Moderator thanked Spencer Cable Access for broadcasting the meeting and reviewed the ground rules and parliamentary procedure for Town Meetings.

The following article was acted upon:

**The Moderator declared a unanimous vote that the Town**, as a block, provided that any amount stated herein shall be for the use of the Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District for Fiscal Year 2015 in accordance with any conditions stated herein and further provided that any stated amount shall be reduced to any lesser amount which shall subsequently be certified by the school committee and certified to the Town, to:

1. raise and appropriate the sum of Five Million, Seven Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand, Seven Hundred Fifty-Four Dollars and No Cents (\$5,725,754.00) for the Operating Assessment Account #11300-56000 which represents the amount required for Minimum Local Contribution;
2. raise and appropriate the sum of One Million, Thirty-Seven Thousand, Nine Hundred Five Dollars and No Cents (\$1,037,905.00) for the Operating Assessment Account #11300-56000 which represents the amount required for Transportation;
3. raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Fifty-Two Thousand, Three Hundred Ninety-Four Dollars and No Cents (\$252,394.00) for the purposes of paying the costs of Debt Service and Capital Assessments Account #11300-56010 for previously approved building and design projects;

4. raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred One Thousand, Seven Hundred Ninety Dollars and No Cents (\$601,790.00) for the Operating Assessment Account #11300-56000 which represents the amount required for Additional Local Assessment,

*The following people spoke on this article: Anthony Pepe & Kevin Hayes.*

A motion was made and seconded to dissolve the Meeting.

Majority voted at 7:14 p.m. to dissolve this Meeting.

A total of 84 registered voters attended.

**Special Town Meeting  
November 13, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Moderator Peter J. Adams following the Registrar's announcement that a quorum was present.

Reading of the Return of the Warrant was waived. Meeting was posted in accordance with the law. The Moderator led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Moderator introduced to attendees; himself, members of the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator and Town Clerk. The Moderator thanked Spencer Cable Access for broadcasting the meeting and reviewed the ground rules and parliamentary procedure for Town Meetings. He then extended congratulations to newly elected Senator Ann Gobi and Representatives Donald Berthiaume, Jr. and Peter Durant.

After informing those present that his usual historical commentary (attached herein) would be foregone due to the need to expedite the meeting in the face of the very cold temperature due to lack of heat at Town Hall, Mr. Adams recognized Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Anthony D. Pepe, Jr. who announced the creation of the William Flannery Cup to be awarded to the winner of the best decorated float award at the annual Christmas Parade of Lights.

Tara & Brittany Flannery were present to accept the honor in the name of their husband and father. Wendy Berthiaume, Chair of the Celebrations Committee along with Donald Berthiaume and Peter Durant, presented the Flannery's with a plaque.

The following articles were acted upon:

**Article 1:**

**AUTHORIZATION TO PAY A PRIOR FISCAL YEAR'S EXPENSE**

*The Moderator declared a unanimous vote* to appropriate the sum of One Hundred Ninety-Three Dollars, and Six Cents (\$193.06) to pay prior year expenses (Injured on Duty Insurance) for the Police Department and to meet said appropriation by transferring said sum from certified and available Free Cash.

**Article 2:**

**AUTHORIZATION TO PAY A PRIOR FISCAL YEAR'S EXPENSE**

*The Moderator declared a unanimous vote* to appropriate the sum of One Thousand, Eight Hundred Thirty-Eight Dollars, and No Cents (\$1,838.00) to pay a prior year expense (Laboratory Water Quality Testing) for the Water Department and to meet said appropriation by transferring said sum from certified and available Retained Earnings.

### **Article 3:**

#### **AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ARTICLE**

*The Moderator declared a vote of 49 in favor and 1 against to amend Article 12 from the May 1, 2014 Annual Town Meeting in order to raise and appropriate an additional sum of Twenty-Four Thousand, Two Hundred Sixty Dollars and No Cents (\$24,260.00) for additional Smith Regional Agricultural High School Tuition (\$22,460 to Account #11300-52000) and Transportation Assessment (\$1,800 to Account #11300-52100) for Fiscal Year 2015.*

### **Article 4:**

#### **AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ARTICLE**

*The Moderator declared a unanimous vote to amend Article 13 from the May 1, 2014 Annual Town Meeting in order to reduce the appropriation by the sum of Eight Thousand, Six Hundred Thirty-One Dollars and No Cents (\$8,631.00) for reduced Tantasqua Regional High School Non-resident Tuition (\$2,331 from Account #11300-52000) and Transportation Assessment (\$6,300 from Account #11300-52100) for Fiscal Year 2015.*

### **Article 5:**

#### **AUTHORIZATION TO RESCIND THE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ARTICLE FOR THE FY2015 GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATING BUDGET**

*The Moderator declared a unanimous vote to rescind Article 7 from the May 1, 2014 Annual Town Meeting for the purposes of voting to approve the following Article #6 that will adjust the Fiscal Year 2015 General Government Operating Budget; said rescission is contingent upon the approval of Article #6.*

### **Article 6:**

#### **AUTHORIZATION TO APPROPRIATE THE REVISED FY2015 GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATING BUDGET**

*The Moderator declared a unanimous vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Million, Five Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand, Four Hundred Five Dollars and No Cents (\$8,549,405.00) to pay for the operations of the General Government expenses for Fiscal Year 2015, and to meet said appropriation from a transfer of Sixty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$60,000.00) from the Overlay Surplus Account, a transfer of Ten Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$10,000.00) from the Wetlands Protection Fund, and a transfer of Eighty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$80,000.00) from certified and available Free Cash, from taxation, from available funds in the Treasury, and anticipated receipts as may be needed or decided necessary.*

### **Article 7:**

#### **AUTHORIZATION TO APPROPRIATE GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATING BUDGET EXPENSES CONTINGENT ON PROPOSITION 2 ½ OVERRIDE**

*The Moderator declared a unanimous vote to pass over Article 7.*

### **Article 8:**

#### **AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER MONIES TO FUND CAPITAL EXPENDITURES**

*The Moderator declared a unanimous vote to appropriate the sum of Ninety-Six Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$96,500.00) for capital equipment purchases and capital improvements, as generally illustrated below, and to meet said appropriation by transferring Eighty-Seven Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$87,000.00) from previously certified and available Free Cash and Nine Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$9,500.00) from the Sugden Block Unreserved Balance (Account# 29000-35900).*

<b><u>Dept.</u></b>	<b><u>Item</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
Sugden Block	Ceiling and Electrical Repairs	\$ 9,500.00
Fire Department	Additional Annex Improvements	\$ 9,500.00
Town Hall	Electric Vehicle & Charging Station	\$ 27,500.00
Town Hall	Town Hall Boiler Replacement Project	\$ 50,000.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 96,500.00</b>

### **Article 9:**

#### **AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER MONIES TO FUND CAPITAL EXPENDITURES**

*The Moderator declared a unanimous vote to appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$100,000.00) for a Water Department Capital Efficiency Plan capital project, as approved by the Capital Improvements Planning Committee (CIPC), and to meet said appropriation by transferring said sum from previously certified and available Retained Earnings of the Water Enterprise Fund.*

### **Article 10:**

#### **AUTHORIZATION TO ADOPT A LICENSE FEE EXEMPTION**

*The Moderator declared a vote of 48 in favor and 2 against to adopt Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 140, Section 139, Paragraph (c), which authorizes the Town to provide an exemption for persons aged 70 years or older when applying for a dog license or renewal.*

### **Article 11:**

#### **AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT DONATION FOR LAND PURCHASE**

*The Moderator declared a unanimous vote to accept a donation from Common Ground Land Trust in the amount of Eight Thousand, Two Hundred Fifty Dollars and No Cents (\$8,250.00) for the purposes of*

providing a match to the funding by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the purchase of an Agricultural Preservation Restriction on property known as “the Small Farm”, located at 3 Wire Village Road and North Spencer Road, currently owned by Spencer Farms, LLC and shown as Assessors Map/Lot R38-20.

## **Article 12:**

### **AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE RIGHT OF WAY EASEMENTS**

*The Moderator declared a unanimous vote* to authorize the Board of Selectmen, for consideration of less than \$1,000 per parcel and upon such terms and conditions as it deems reasonable, appropriate, and in the best interest of the Town, to purchase, accept as a gift, or take by eminent domain all interests for the proposed Main Street Reconstruction project to be funded under the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) program, and generally taking place from its intersection with High Street to the intersection of Grove Street and further to transfer Ten Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$10,000.00) from the Land Acquisition Stabilization Fund for said purposes, and to further authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate, execute, deliver, and accept such deeds and other documents it deems necessary to carry out the purposes of this article.

A motion was made and seconded to dissolve the Meeting.

Majority voted at 7:25 p.m. to dissolve this Meeting.

A total of 81 registered voters attended.

#### **History Notes from the Moderator:**

On this date in 1961, a group of Brooklyn teenaged doo-woppers, released *The Lion Sleeps Tonight*. Some of you may recall the haunting melody, “In the jungle, the mighty jungle, the lion sleeps tonight” or the hypnotic refrain of “Ee-e-e-oh-mun-oh weh” and “wimoweh.” Or, you may recall it from the Disney classic, *The Lion King*, when the warthog and the meerkat walked off into the sunset singing the song. It was a huge hit and has been re-recorded by nearly 40 artists ranging from The New Christy Minstrels to The Muppets.

What is not well known is that the song originates from a 1939 South African recording by a full time record company maintenance worker and part time singer, Solomon Linda; or, that he signed over his rights to the African production of his song to his employer for the equivalent of 87 cents.

Then in the 1950’s that song, *Mbube*, the Lion, which had no English words, was popularized by Pete Seeger and The Weavers as *Wimoweh*, a mishearing of the Zulu refrain on the original recording.

In 1961, *Mbube* was reworked on Tin Pan Alley to preserve the Zulu chant and enhancing Solomon Linda’s haunting melody with the words, “In the jungle, the mighty jungle, the lion sleeps tonight.” The Tokens hit song emerged.

Overall, the song has produced over \$15,000,000 dollars in revenue from its American recordings, with virtually no royalties paid to Solomon Linda or his descendents. Solomon Linda died in 1962 with \$22 in his bank account, never having heard *The Lion Sleeps Tonight*.

In 2004, the Solomon Linda family settled their 1.5 million dollar copyright infringement law suit against Disney and now receive royalties for the song. Sadly, Solomon Linda's daughter did not live to see the largesse of her father's creation. She died of AIDS in 2001, too poor to afford the retroviral drugs necessary to keep her alive.



**STATE PRIMARY**  
**September 9, 2014**

In accordance with the warrant, the polls opened at 7:00 a.m. and closed at 8:00 p.m.

The following were appointed election officers for Precinct #1:

Warden:	Peter McGinn
Clerk:	Judith Fortin
Inspectors:	Eileen Prizio, Linda Gould, William Lehtola, Lucinda Puchalski
Deputy Inspectors:	Theresa Ethier, Louise Ethier

Twenty absentee ballots were cast in this precinct. 325 ballot cards were handed out by the inspectors, of these 6 were spoiled, making a total of 339 ballots cast. The ballot box registered 339 at the closing of the polls.

The following were appointed election officers for Precinct #2:

Warden:	Barbara Braney
Clerk:	Pauline Casavant
Inspectors:	Linda Wozniak, Patricia Ensom, Karen Gaucher, Barbara White
Deputy Inspectors:	Sylvia Berthiaume, Lucille Ela

Fifteen absentee ballots were cast in this precinct. 289 ballot cards were handed out by the inspectors, of these 5 were spoiled, making a total of 299 ballots cast. The ballot box registered 296 at the closing of the polls. Three ballots were hand counted from the auxiliary compartment.

The following were appointed election officers for Precinct #3:

Warden:	Mark Lammi
Clerk:	A. Marie McDevitt
Inspectors:	Ann Austin, Mercie Vinton, Nancy Richardson, Joyce Sweet
Deputy Inspectors:	Robert Gadbois, Anne Snow

Twenty-four absentee ballots were cast in this precinct. 371 ballot cards were handed out by the inspectors, of these 3 were spoiled, making a total of 392 ballots cast. The ballot box registered 392 at the closing of the polls. Two specially qualified ballots were hand counted in the Clerk's Office as required by statute.

The following were appointed election officers for Precinct #4:

Warden:	Virginia Fanning
Clerk:	Lucia Provo
Inspectors:	Richard Braney, Ron Fortin, Linda Fyrbert, John Wilson
Deputy Inspectors:	Irene Gadbois, Kathleen Beford

Fourteen absentee ballots were cast in this precinct. 366 ballot cards were handed out by the inspectors, of these 4 were spoiled, making a total of 376 ballots cast. The ballot box registered 376 at the closing of the polls.

Rebecca Pedone served as Tabulator for this election.

The counting and tabulation were completed at 11:30 p.m.

# FINAL RESULTS

## **Town of Spencer** **State Primary 9/9/2014**

Senator in Congress - Democratic Party					
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Blanks	36	39	33	52	160
Edward J. Markey	147	107	152	147	553
Write-Ins:					0
Michael Ford				1	1
William Shemeth		1			1
Tom Brady		1			1
Total	183	148	185	200	716

Governor - Democratic Party					
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Blanks	8	6	4	5	23
Donald M. Berwick	32	27	27	25	111
Martha Coakley	82	45	78	96	301
Steven Grossman	60	70	76	74	280
Write-Ins:					0
Charlie Baker	1				1
Total	183	148	185	200	716

Lieutenant Governor - Democratic Party					
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Blanks	20	20	20	31	91
Leland Cheung	24	21	29	26	100
Stephen J. Kerrigan	114	86	114	124	438
Michael E. Lake	24	21	22	19	86
Write Ins:					0
Karyn Polito	1				1
					0
					0
Total	183	148	185	200	716

Attorney General - Democratic Party					
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Blanks	8	8	9	9	34
Maura Healey	102	77	101	119	399
Warren E. Tolman	73	63	75	72	283
Write Ins:					0
Total	183	148	185	200	716

Secretary of State - Democratic Party					
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total

Blanks	25	30	23	39	117
William Francis Galvin	158	118	162	161	599
Write-Ins:					0
Total	183	148	185	200	716

#### Treasurer - Democratic Party

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Blanks	14	14	18	23	69
Thomas P. Conroy	40	42	48	36	166
Barry R. Finegold	71	41	54	71	237
Deborah B. Goldberg	58	51	65	70	244
Write-Ins:					0
Total	183	148	185	200	716

#### Auditor - Democratic Party

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Blanks	36	40	34	55	165
Suzanne M. Bump	147	108	151	145	551
Write-Ins:					0
Total	183	148	185	200	716

#### Representative in Congress - Democratic Party

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Blanks	22	31	23	44	120
James P. McGovern	161	117	162	156	596
Write-Ins:					0
Total	183	148	185	200	716

#### Councillor-Democratic Party

##### Seventh District

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Blanks	180	146	184	198	708
Write-Ins:					0
Pedro Rodriquez				1	1
Ronald Tamak				1	1
Michael Struppa			1		1
Ralph Hicks	1				1
Bill Keyes	1				1
Durant	1				1
Sue Ellen Scrogia		1			1
Kurt Nordquist		1			1
Total	183	148	185	200	716

#### Senator In General Court-Democratic Party

##### Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire & Middlesex District

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Blanks	14	14	18	16	62
Anne M. Gobi	167	133	167	182	649

Write-Ins:					0
Robert Bine				1	1
Valapals				1	1
Donnie Berthiaume	1	1			2
Jen Gaucher	1				1
Total	183	148	185	200	716

Representative in General Court-Democratic Party  
Sixth Worcester District (Pct 1 only)

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Blanks	28				28
Karen A. Spiewak	155				155
Write-Ins:					0
Total	183	0	0	0	183

Representative in General Court-Democratic Party  
Fifth Worcester District (Pcts 2, 3, & 4 only)

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Blanks		19	23	24	66
Matthew Castriotta		90	120	138	348
George Yiantsidis		39	41	38	118
Write-Ins:					0
Jen Gaucher			1		1
Total	0	148	185	200	533

District Attorney-Democratic Party

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Blanks	20	22	19	39	100
Joseph D. Early, Jr.	163	126	166	160	615
Write-Ins:					0
Edward Velaquce				1	1
Total	183	148	185	200	716

Register of Probate-Democratic Party

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Blanks	31	37	27	52	147
Stephen G. Abraham	152	111	158	148	569
Write-Ins:					0
Total	183	148	185	200	716

Senator in Congress-Republican Party

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Blanks	42	49	64	58	213
Brian J. Herr	114	101	144	118	477
Write-Ins:					0
Ann Gobi			1		1
Total	156	150	209	176	691

Governor-Republican Party					
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Blanks	6	12	12	8	38
Charles D. Baker	107	87	122	122	438
Mark R. Fisher	43	51	75	46	215
Write-Ins:					0
Total	156	150	209	176	691

Lieutenant Governor-Republican Party					
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Blanks	24	32	36	30	122
Karyn E. Polito	132	117	173	146	568
Write-Ins:					
Mark Fisher		1			1
Total	156	150	209	176	691

Attorney General-Republican Party					
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Blanks	37	46	56	48	187
John B. Miller	119	104	153	127	503
Write-Ins:					0
Warren Tolman				1	1
Total	156	150	209	176	691

Secretary of State-Republican Party					
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Blanks	41	48	61	45	195
David D'Arcangelo	115	102	148	131	496
Write-Ins:					0
Total	156	150	209	176	691

Treasurer-Republican Party					
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Blanks	41	51	58	44	194
Michael James Heffernan	115	98	151	132	496
Write-Ins:					
Grey Rosum		1			1
Total	156	150	209	176	691

Auditor-Republican Party					
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Blanks	44	51	63	51	209
Patricia S. Saint Aubin	112	99	146	125	482
Write-Ins:					0
					0
Total	156	150	209	176	691

Representative in Congress-Republican Party-2nd District					
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Blanks	152	149	205	175	681
Write-Ins:					0
Ann Gobi			1		1
Brian S. Beer			1		1
Michael Wade			2		2
Scott Comptois	1				1
Peter Durant	1				1
Frank White	1				1
Gobi	1				1
Peter Lafontaine		1			1
Jason Petraitis				1	1
Total	156	150	209	176	691

Councillor-Republican Party					
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Blanks	49	49	53	46	197
Jennie L. Caissie	107	101	156	130	494
Write-Ins:					0
Total	156	150	209	176	691

Senator in General Court-Republican Party Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire & Middlesex District					
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Blanks	9	13	23	18	63
James P. Ehrhard	71	59	72	48	250
Michael J. Valanzola	76	77	114	110	377
Write-Ins:					
Ann Gobi		1			1
Total	156	150	209	176	691

Representative in General Court-Republican Party Fifth Worcester District (Pcts 2, 3, & 4 only)					
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Blanks		1	6	5	12
Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.		101	130	114	345
Stephen J. Comtois, II		13	22	19	54
Jennifer J. Gaucher		35	51	37	123
Write-Ins					0
Kurt Nordquist				1	1
Total	0	150	209	176	535

Representative in General Court-Republican Party Sixth Worcester District (Pct 1 only)					
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Blanks	20				20
Peter J. Durant	136				136

Write-Ins					0
Total	156	0	0	0	156

District Attorney-Republican Party					
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Blanks	156	149	209	174	688
Write-Ins:					0
Kurt Nordquist				1	1
Peter Lafontaine		1			1
Kevin Tangey				1	1
Total	156	150	209	176	691

Register of Probate-Republican Party					
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Blanks	42	46	56	46	190
Stephanie K. Fattman	114	104	153	129	500
Write-Ins:					0
Kurt Nordquist				1	1
Total	156	150	209	176	691

**STATE ELECTION**  
**November 4, 2014**

In accordance with the warrant, the polls opened at 7:00 a.m. and closed at 8:00 p.m.

The following were appointed election officers for Precinct #1:

Warden:	Peter McGinn
Clerk:	Pauline Casavant
Inspectors:	Richard Braney, Ronald Fortin, Irene Gadbois, Lucinda Puchalski
Deputy Inspectors:	Theresa Ethier, Barbara White, Louise Ethier

Sixty six absentee ballots were cast in this precinct. 933 ballot cards were handed out by the inspectors, of these 18 were spoiled and 1 ballot was provisional, making a total of 980 ballots cast. The ballot box registered 980 at the closing of the polls.

The following were appointed election officers for Precinct #2:

Warden:	Barbara Braney
Clerk:	Diane Scanlon
Inspectors:	Linda Wozniak, Patricia Ensom, Karen Gaucher, Robert Gadbois
Deputy Inspectors:	Sylvia Berthiaume, Betsy Arakelian

Forty-two absentee ballots were cast in this precinct. 837 ballot cards were handed out by the inspectors, of these 20 were spoiled, making a total of 859 ballots cast. The ballot box registered 857 at the closing of the polls. Two ballots were hand counted from the auxiliary compartment.

The following were appointed election officers for Precinct #3:

Warden:	Mark Lammi
Clerk:	A. Marie McDevitt
Inspectors:	Ann Austin, Mercie Vinton, Patricia Corson, Joyce O'Coin
Deputy Inspectors:	Donald Clough, Winifred Bouley, Amy Kirouac, Anne Snow

Sixty absentee ballots were cast in this precinct. 1073 ballot cards were handed out by the inspectors, of these 23 were spoiled and 1 ballot was provisional, making a total of 1109 ballots cast. The ballot box registered 1109 at the closing of the polls. One specially qualified ballot was hand counted in the Clerk's Office as required by statute.

The following were appointed election officers for Precinct #4:

Warden:	Virginia Fanning
Clerk:	Judity Fortin
Inspectors:	Eileen Prizio, Linda Gould, William Lehtola, Nancy Richardson
Deputy Inspectors:	Theresa Berthiaume, John Wilson, Kathleen Beford, Peggy Gallant

Sixty-eight absentee ballots were cast in this precinct. 1002 ballot cards were handed out by the inspectors, of these 17 were spoiled, making a total of 1053 ballots cast. The ballot box registered 1053 at the closing of the polls.

Brynn Johnson and Rebecca Pedone served as Tabulators for this election.



The counting and tabulation were completed at 11:30 PM.

## FINAL RESULTS

### Town of Spencer

### State Election 11/4/14

#### Senator in Congress

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Blanks	37	47	45	48	177
Edward J. Markey	468	405	502	474	1849
Brian J. Herr	474	405	562	531	1972
Write Ins:					0
Brian R. Muello			0		0
William J. Murray			1		1
Evan Falchuck	1				1
Chuck Norris		1			1
Tom Brady		1			1
William Smith		1			1
Total	980	860	1110	1053	4003

#### Governor

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Blanks	12	14	16	14	56
Baker & Polito	593	524	684	627	2428
Coakley & Kerrigan	313	268	337	350	1268
Falchuck & Jennings	44	33	52	42	171
Lively & Saunders	7	12	15	13	47
McCormick & Post	11	9	6	7	33
Write Ins:					0
					0
					0
					0
Total	980	860	1110	1053	4003

#### Attorney General

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Blanks	49	52	48	65	214
Maura Healey	450	392	492	474	1808
John B. Miller	481	413	570	513	1977
Write Ins:					0
George Perry				1	1
Chuck Norris		1			1
Tom Brady		1			1
Brandon Comeau		1			1
Total	980	860	1110	1053	4003

#### Secretary of State

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
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Blanks	46	54	45	59	204
William Francis Galvin	552	450	616	575	2193
David D'Arcangelo	350	320	404	379	1453
Daniel L. Factor	32	35	43	40	150
Write Ins:					0
William J Murray			1		1
William Galvin			1		1
Chuck Norris		1			1
					0
					0
Total	980	860	1110	1053	4003

Treasurer					
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Blanks	54	69	54	80	257
Deborah B. Goldberg	399	336	436	421	1592
Michael James Heffernan	487	420	574	524	2005
Ian T. Jackson	40	32	46	28	146
Write-Ins:					0
Chuck Norris		1			1
Ben Anderson		1			1
Greg Rosum		1			1
Total	980	860	1110	1053	4003

Auditor					
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Blanks	84	84	64	92	324
Suzanne M. Bump	437	374	496	469	1776
Patricia St. Aubin	424	367	513	462	1766
MK Merelice	35	34	37	30	136
Write-Ins:					0
Chuck Norris		1			1
					0
Total	980	860	1110	1053	4003

Representative in Congress					
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Blanks	308	270	308	336	1222
James P. McGovern	662	576	792	708	2738
Write-Ins:					0
William J Murray			1		1
Jason Adams			1		1
Kurt Nordquist			1		1
William Fortin			1		1
David Delaura			1		1
Max Kennedy			1		1
George Como			1		1

Eric LaFleche			1		1
Daniel White			1		1
Jordan Levy		1	1	1	3
M. Lamuster	1				1
Kevin Pierce	1				1
Peter Durant	1				1
Donald Berthiaume	3				3
C Kaiser	1				1
Corey LaCaire	1				1
Sam Trotto	1				1
Creg Trotto	1				1
George Perry				1	1
John Kelley				1	1
David Ortiz				1	1
Al Stolarczyk				1	1
Richard Martunus				1	1
Steve Dayutis				1	1
Alex McCullum				1	1
Kevin Tangney				1	1
Chuck Norris		1			1
Tom Brady		1			1
Ron Reagan		1			1
Kristin Brassard		1			1
Howie Carr		1			1
William Shemeth		1			1
Anne Gobi		1			1
Mark Gustafson		1			1
Josh Prater		1			1
John Cena		1			1
Bill Jolley		1			1
Matt Latourneau		1			1
Stephen Gemme		1			1
Total	980	860	1110	1053	4003

Councillor Seventh District					
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Blanks	310	247	329	336	1222
Jennie L. Caissie	670	608	780	713	2771
Write-Ins:					0
David Delaura			1		1
Ron Jamack				1	1
Michael Ale				1	1
Rick Miller				1	1
George Lyons				1	1
Tom Brady		2			2
John Howard		1			1
Peter Durant		1			1

John Healey		1			1
Total	980	860	1110	1053	4003

Senator In General Court					
Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire & Middlesex District					
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Blanks	17	12	18	20	67
Anne M. Gobi	580	536	654	672	2442
Michael J. Valanzola	383	312	438	361	1494
Write-Ins:					0
					0
					0
					0
Total	980	860	1110	1053	4003

Representative in General Court					
Sixth Worcester District (Pct 1 only)					
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Blanks	28				28
Peter Durant	706				706
Karen Spiewak	246				246
Write-Ins:					0
					0
					0
Total	980	0	0	0	980

Representative in General Court					
Fifth Worcester District (Pcts 2, 3, & 4 only)					
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Blanks		24	21	38	83
Donald Berthiaume, Jr.		561	707	685	1953
Matthew Castriotta		273	381	329	983
Write-Ins:					0
Sheri Spear			1		1
Steve Daytis				1	1
Jen Gaucher		2			2
Total	0	860	1110	1053	3023

District Attorney					
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Blanks	273	245	275	285	1078
Joseph D. Early, Jr.	703	609	831	757	2900
Write-Ins:				1	1
William J Fortin			1		1
George Clinton			1		1
David Delaura			1		1
Daniel White			1		1

Kevin Pierce	1				1
C Kaiser	1				1
Sam Trotto	1				1
Creg Trotto	1				1
Louis Aloise			5		5
Lauren Comeau			1		1
Brian Buckley			1		1
Richard Martunas			1		1
Keven Tangney			1		1
Kirt Nordquist			1		1
Chuck Norris		1			1
Kristin Brassard		1			1
Mark Gustafson		1			1
Josh Prater		1			1
Daniel Bryan		1			1
Bill Jolley		1			1
Total	980	860	1110	1053	4003

Register of Probate					
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Blanks	58	47	54	68	227
Stephen G. Abraham	391	346	439	437	1613
Stephanie K. Fattman	531	467	616	548	2162
Write-Ins:					0
Katelyn Wood			1		1
Total	980	860	1110	1053	4003

Question 1 (Eliminating Gas Tax Indexing)					
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Question					
Blanks	36	25	32	28	121
Yes	582	549	692	699	2522
No	362	286	386	326	1360
Total	980	860	1110	1053	4003

Question 2 (Expanding Beverage Container Deposit Law)					
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Question					
Blanks	16	7	7	10	40
Yes	137	123	153	148	561
No	827	730	950	895	3402
Total	980	860	1110	1053	4003

Question 3 (Expanding Prohibitions on Gaming)					
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Question					
Blanks	21	18	14	21	74

Yes	258	231	313	267	1069
No	701	611	783	765	2860
Total	980	860	1110	1053	4003

#### Question 4 (Earned Sick Time for Employees)

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Question					
Blanks	33	14	25	30	102
Yes	439	429	504	465	1837
No	508	417	581	558	2064
Total	980	860	1110	1053	4003

#### Question 5 (Prop 2 1/2 Override for Town of Spencer)

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Question					
Blanks	28	15	20	27	90
Yes	432	346	464	456	1698
No	520	499	626	570	2215
Total	980	860	1110	1053	4003

# TOWN ACCOUNTANT

## TOWN OF SPENCER MASSACHUSETTS COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUNDS TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUP June 30, 2014

	Governmental Fund Type				Proprietary Fund Type	Fiduciary Fund Type	Account Group	Totals
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise	Trust and Agency	Long Term Debt	Memorandum Only	
<b>Assets</b>								
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,473,839.86	\$ 1,091,106.10	\$ 781,014.72	\$ 3,015,724.43	\$ 1,294,582.12			\$ 7,656,287.23
Cash in Custody of Others	\$ 3,500.00							\$ 3,500.00
Receivables:								
Property Taxes	\$ 209,314.89							\$ 209,314.89
Deferred Property	\$ -							\$ -
Excise Taxes	\$ 136,751.88							\$ 136,751.88
Tax Liens	\$ 128,133.70							\$ 128,133.70
Tax Foreclosures	\$ 81,734.25							\$ 81,734.25
User Charges				\$ 53,132.61				\$ 53,132.61
Other	\$ 174,862.64	\$ 84,281.64						\$ 259,144.28
Special Assessment		\$ 511.86						\$ 511.86
Special Assessment Not Yet Due	\$ 2,963.91	\$ 264,577.86						\$ 267,541.77
Less: Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts	\$ (132,968.97)							\$ (132,968.97)
Due From Other Funds								\$ -
Due From Other Governments		\$ 344,221.96						\$ 344,221.96
Fixed Assets, net of accumulated depreciation				\$ 9,768,466.13		\$ 1,840,100.00		\$ 11,608,566.13
Amount to be Provided for the Payment of Notes/Debits								\$ -
Amount to be Provided for Payment of Compensated Absences								\$ -
<b>Total Assets</b>	\$ 2,076,132.16	\$ 1,784,699.42	\$ 781,014.72	\$ 12,837,323.17	\$ 1,294,582.12	\$ 1,840,100.00		\$ 20,613,851.59
<b>Liabilities and Fund Equity</b>								
<b>Liabilities:</b>								
Warrants Payable	\$ -							\$ -
Employee Withholdings	\$ 15,932.32							\$ 15,932.32
Taxes Collected in Advance								\$ -
Due to Other Funds/Deposits	\$ -	\$ 6,730.00		\$ 11,000.00				\$ 17,730.00
Due to Other Governments		\$ 344,221.96						\$ 344,221.96
Deferred Revenue:								\$ -
Property Taxes	\$ 76,345.92							\$ 76,345.92
Other	\$ 508,089.25	\$ 349,371.36		\$ 53,132.61				\$ 910,593.22
Notes Payable								\$ -
Accrued Compensated Absences				\$ 9,768,466.13		\$ 1,840,100.00		\$ 11,608,566.13
Bond Indebtedness								\$ -
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	\$ 600,367.49	\$ 700,323.32	\$ -	\$ 9,832,998.74	\$ 40,375.00	\$ 1,840,100.00		\$ 12,973,389.55
<b>Fund Equity:</b>								
Combined Capital								\$ -
Retained Earnings:								\$ -
Reserved Retained Earnings								\$ -
Unreserved Retained Earnings					\$ 40,375.00			\$ 40,375.00
<b>Fund Balance:</b>								
Reserved for Encumbrances								\$ -
Reserved for Nonexpendable Trust Principle								\$ -
Reserved for Over/Under Estimates								\$ -
Reserved for Debt								\$ -
Reserved for Capital	\$ 193,750.63			\$ 79,691.35				\$ 193,750.63
Unreserved:								\$ 79,691.35
Designated for Subsequent Years Expenditures	\$ 120,494.00			\$ 2,231,964.23				\$ 2,352,358.23
Undesignated	\$ 1,161,520.04	\$ 1,084,376.10	\$ 781,014.72	\$ 693,168.85	\$ 1,254,207.12			\$ 4,974,286.83
<b>Total Fund Equity</b>	\$ 1,475,764.67	\$ 1,084,376.10	\$ 781,014.72	\$ 3,004,724.43	\$ 1,590,719.37	\$ -		\$ 7,936,598.29
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Equity</b>	\$ 2,076,132.16	\$ 1,784,699.42	\$ 781,014.72	\$ 12,837,323.17	\$ 1,294,582.12	\$ 1,840,100.00		\$ 20,613,851.59

**TOWN OF SPENCER, MASSACHUSETTS  
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
JUNE 30, 2014**

	Primary Government		
	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>CURRENT:</b>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 4,245,881	\$ 3,168,876	\$ 7,414,757
Investments	749,320	-	749,320
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:			
Property Taxes	210,713	-	210,713
Tax Liens	126,134	-	126,134
Excise Taxes	106,702	-	106,702
User Charges	-	52,132	52,132
Departmental	95,009	-	95,009
Special Assessments	29,251	-	29,251
Due from Other Governments	885,851	53,834	939,685
Total current assets	6,448,661	3,274,842	9,723,703
<b>NONCURRENT:</b>			
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:			
Special Assessments	238,802	-	238,802
Capital Assets, net of accumulated Depreciation:			
Nondepreciable	962,268	320,863	1,283,131
Depreciable	7,840,642	12,069,827	19,910,469
Total noncurrent assets	9,041,712	12,390,690	21,432,402
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>15,490,573</b>	<b>15,665,532</b>	<b>31,156,105</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>CURRENT:</b>			
Warrants Payable	262,611	139,042	401,653
Accrued Payroll	125,718	14,110	139,828
Payroll Withholdings	7,711	-	7,711
Tax Refund Payable	5,500	-	5,500
Accrued Interest	11,507	86,353	97,860
Deposits	-	11,000	11,000
Compensated Absences	40,347	-	40,347
Bonds and Leases Payable	427,316	634,407	1,061,723
Total current liabilities	880,710	884,912	1,765,622
<b>NONCURRENT:</b>			
Compensated Absences	161,386	25,669	187,055
OPEB Obligation Payable	1,732,068	252,084	1,984,152
Bonds and Leases Payable	1,474,460	9,134,059	10,608,519
Total noncurrent liabilities	3,367,914	9,411,812	12,779,726
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>4,248,624</b>	<b>10,296,724</b>	<b>14,545,348</b>
<b>NET POSITION:</b>			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	7,201,234	4,340,747	11,541,981
Restricted for:			
Capital Projects	-	79,691	79,691
Federal & State Grants	1,005,205	-	1,005,205
Permanent Funds:			
Expendable	33,944	-	33,944
Nonexpendable	31,575	-	31,575
Other Purposes	1,000,762	-	1,000,762
Unrestricted	1,969,229	948,370	2,917,599
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<b>\$ 11,241,949</b>	<b>\$ 5,368,808</b>	<b>\$ 16,610,757</b>

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**TOWN OF SPENCER, MASSACHUSETTS  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES -  
BUDGETARY BASIS - (NON-GAAP) -  
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Amounts	Variance with
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Budgetary Basis	Carried Forward to Next Year	Final Budget Positive (Negative)
<b>Revenues:</b>					
Property Taxes	\$ 12,178,043	\$ 12,178,043	\$ 12,219,704	\$ -	\$ 41,661
Intergovernmental	2,228,764	2,228,764	2,349,582	-	120,818
Excise and Other Taxes	1,110,985	1,110,985	1,294,337	-	183,352
Licenses, Permits, Fees	357,514	357,514	510,235	-	152,721
Charges for Services	284,018	284,018	325,899	-	41,881
Interest on Taxes	99,250	99,250	106,693	-	7,443
Investment Income	12,500	12,500	8,172	-	(4,328)
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>16,271,074</b>	<b>16,271,074</b>	<b>16,814,622</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>543,548</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>					
Current:					
General Government	987,761	997,761	896,327	10,000	91,434
Public Safety	2,704,420	2,704,420	2,664,939	2,000	37,481
Public Works	1,711,722	1,911,722	1,778,643	11,494	121,585
Education	8,530,326	8,530,326	8,505,788	-	24,538
Health and Human Services	310,314	310,314	285,326	-	24,988
Culture and Recreation	417,680	424,384	400,281	-	24,103
Employee Benefits and Insurance	1,773,520	1,774,520	1,669,701	-	104,819
State Assessments	109,728	109,728	111,618	-	(1,890)
Debt Service:					
Principal	436,000	436,000	436,000	-	-
Interest	69,230	69,230	69,230	-	-
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>17,050,701</b>	<b>17,268,405</b>	<b>16,817,853</b>	<b>23,494</b>	<b>427,058</b>
<b>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</b>	<b>(779,627)</b>	<b>(997,331)</b>	<b>(3,231)</b>	<b>(23,494)</b>	<b>970,606</b>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>					
Operating Transfers In (Out)	256,314	11,908	41,525	-	29,617
Other - unspent bond funds from regional school	-	-	193,751	-	193,751
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<b>256,314</b>	<b>11,908</b>	<b>235,276</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>223,368</b>
<b>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over Expenditures and Other Financing Uses</b>	<b>(523,313)</b>	<b>(985,423)</b>	<b>232,045</b>	<b>(23,494)</b>	<b>1,193,974</b>
<b>Budgetary Fund Balance - Beginning of Year</b>	<b>1,275,089</b>	<b>1,275,089</b>	<b>1,275,089</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Budgetary Fund Balance - End of Year</b>	<b>\$ 751,776</b>	<b>\$ 289,666</b>	<b>\$ 1,507,134</b>	<b>\$ (23,494)</b>	<b>\$ 1,193,974</b>

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**TOWN OF SPENCER, MASSACHUSETTS  
PROPRIETARY FUNDS  
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014**

	Business-Type Activities Enterprise Funds		
	Sewer Fund	Water Fund	Total
<b>Cash Flows From Operating Activities:</b>			
Receipts from Customers and Users	\$ 1,317,897	\$ 1,621,735	\$ 2,939,432
Payments to Vendors	(426,417)	(403,782)	(830,199)
Payments to Employees	(268,241)	(325,741)	(593,982)
<b>Net Cash Provided by (Used for) Operating Activities</b>	<b>623,039</b>	<b>892,212</b>	<b>1,515,251</b>
<b>Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities:</b>			
Transfers from (to) Other Funds	(143,072)	(128,242)	(271,314)
<b>Net Cash Provided by (Used for) Noncapital Financing Activities</b>	<b>(143,072)</b>	<b>(128,242)</b>	<b>(271,314)</b>
<b>Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities:</b>			
Acquisition and Construction of Capital Assets	(79,550)	(182,805)	(262,355)
Principal Payments on Bonds	(250,000)	(402,184)	(652,184)
Interest Expense	(60,239)	(193,190)	(253,429)
<b>Net Cash Provided by (Used for) Capital and Related Financing Activities</b>	<b>(389,789)</b>	<b>(778,179)</b>	<b>(1,167,968)</b>
<b>Cash Flows from Investing Activities:</b>			
Investment Income	7,116	2,730	9,846
<b>Net Cash Provided by (Used for) Investing Activities</b>	<b>7,116</b>	<b>2,730</b>	<b>9,846</b>
<b>Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>	<b>97,294</b>	<b>(11,479)</b>	<b>85,815</b>
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year</b>	<b>2,125,612</b>	<b>957,449</b>	<b>3,083,061</b>
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year</b>	<b>\$ 2,222,906</b>	<b>\$ 945,970</b>	<b>\$ 3,168,876</b>

**Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided by (Used For) Operating Activities:**

Operating Income (Loss)	\$ 439,293	\$ 394,552	\$ 833,845
<b>Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided by (used for) operating activities:</b>			
Depreciation	104,186	424,845	529,031
Change in Assets and Liabilities:			
Increase (Decrease) in Warrants Payable	22,000	(1,283)	20,717
Increase (Decrease) in Accrued Payroll	1,977	2,811	4,788
Increase (Decrease) in Compensated Absences	121	1,670	1,791
Increase (Decrease) in OPEB Obligation Payable	18,334	2,092	20,426
Decrease (Increase) in User Charges Receivable	37,128	67,525	104,653
<b>Total Adjustments</b>	<b>183,746</b>	<b>497,660</b>	<b>681,406</b>
<b>Net Cash Provided by (Used for) Operating Activities</b>	<b>\$ 623,039</b>	<b>\$ 892,212</b>	<b>\$ 1,515,251</b>

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**TOWN OF SPENCER, MASSACHUSETTS  
PROPRIETARY FUNDS  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014**

	Business-Type Activities Enterprise Funds		
	Sewer Fund	Water Fund	Total
<b>Operating Revenues:</b>			
Charges for Services	\$ 1,280,569	\$ 1,554,210	\$ 2,834,779
<b>Total Operating Revenues</b>	<b>1,280,569</b>	<b>1,554,210</b>	<b>2,834,779</b>
<b>Operating Expenses:</b>			
Salaries & Wages	270,339	330,222	600,561
Operating Expenses	466,751	404,591	871,342
Depreciation	104,186	424,845	529,031
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>841,276</b>	<b>1,159,658</b>	<b>2,000,934</b>
<b>Operating Income (Loss)</b>	<b>439,293</b>	<b>394,552</b>	<b>833,845</b>
<b>Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses):</b>			
Interest Income	7,116	2,730	9,846
Interest Expense	(60,230)	(193,396)	(253,626)
<b>Total Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)</b>	<b>(53,114)</b>	<b>(190,666)</b>	<b>(243,780)</b>
<b>Income (Loss) Before Operating Transfers</b>	<b>386,179</b>	<b>203,886</b>	<b>590,065</b>
<b>Operating Transfers:</b>			
Transfers (Out)	(143,072)	(128,242)	(271,314)
<b>Total Operating Transfers</b>	<b>(143,072)</b>	<b>(128,242)</b>	<b>(271,314)</b>
<b>Change in Net Position</b>	<b>243,107</b>	<b>75,644</b>	<b>318,751</b>
<b>Net Position at Beginning of Year</b>	<b>1,392,381</b>	<b>3,657,676</b>	<b>5,050,057</b>
<b>Net Position at End of Year</b>	<b>\$ 1,635,488</b>	<b>\$ 3,733,320</b>	<b>\$ 5,368,808</b>

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**TOWN OF SPENCER, MASSACHUSETTS**  
**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**  
**NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014**

	Fund Balances July 1, 2013	Revenues	Expenditures	Other Financing Sources (Uses)	Fund Balances June 30, 2014
<b>Special Revenue:</b>					
<b>Federal and State Grants:</b>					
Arts Lottery	\$ 4,849	\$ 5,288	\$ 4,078	\$ -	\$ 6,059
Community Development Block Grant	-	349,400	349,400	-	-
Community Innovation Challenge Grant	73,885	145,346	166,212	-	52,819
Council on Aging Grants	6,912	15,710	21,285	-	1,337
Highway Grants	-	242,713	242,713	-	-
Library Grants	17,613	12,334	11,742	-	18,205
Other Grants and Programs	7,398	1,000	840	-	7,558
Public Safety Grants	6,808	57,225	54,156	-	9,877
<b>Other:</b>					
Animal Sterilization Fund	3,878	1,340	-	-	5,218
Betterment Fund	121,231	8,874	-	-	130,105
Building and Fire Code Fines	2,603	199	-	-	2,802
Cable PEG Access Grant	10,606	109,301	100,005	-	19,902
Clock Restoration Fund	5,270	-	-	-	5,270
Conservation Commission Funds	59,318	13,774	6,178	(20,000)	46,914
Drug Enforcement Fund	5,159	374	4,000	-	1,533
Flexcon Contribution Fund	42,500	-	-	-	42,500
Gifts and Donations	43,702	18,161	20,626	-	41,237
Handicapped Parking Fines	7,540	235	54	-	7,721
Off Duty Revolving	27,784	219,778	177,546	(20,000)	50,016
Planning Board Revolving	30,156	1,125	920	-	30,361
Planning Board Subdivision Funds	241,262	15,187	17,687	-	238,772
Excavations and Driveway Permits	30,600	13,500	12,000	-	32,100
Recreation Revolving	(172)	9,196	8,965	-	59
Reserve for Debt	15,462	18,070	-	(9,617)	23,915
Septic Loan Management Program	105,616	34,841	32,199	-	108,258
Small Farm Preservation	3,000	-	-	-	3,000
Small Cities Program Income	69,270	5,559	-	-	74,829
Sugden Building Revolving	150,778	58,797	49,341	-	160,234
Wiring Inspector Revolving	1,144	21,352	21,352	-	1,144
Buy Back Sick Leave Fund	24,198	184	15,586	-	8,796
Police Equipment Fund	3,395	4,175	-	-	7,570
Spencer World War II Memorial Fund	486	10	-	-	496
Unemployment Fund	25,902	538	-	-	26,440
Waterways Improvement Fund	30,063	4,013	-	-	34,076
<b>Total Special Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 1,178,016</b>	<b>\$ 1,387,609</b>	<b>\$ 1,316,885</b>	<b>\$ (49,617)</b>	<b>\$ 1,198,123</b>

**TOWN OF SPENCER, MASSACHUSETTS**  
**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**  
**NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014**

	Fund Balances July 1, 2013	Revenues	Expenditures	Other Financing Sources (Uses)	Fund Balances June 30, 2014
<b>Capital Projects:</b>					
David Prouty School Annex	\$ 5,245	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	5,245
FY 2004 Capital Improvement Programs	20,456	-	-	-	20,456
FY 2006 Capital Improvement Programs	2,235	-	-	-	2,235
FY 2007 Capital Improvement Programs	53,666	-	-	-	53,666
FY 2008 Capital Improvement Programs	117,443	-	-	(932)	110,823
FY 2009 Capital Improvement Programs	133,230	-	5,688	-	133,230
FY 2010 Capital Improvement Programs	65,477	-	49,087	-	16,390
FY 2011 Capital Improvement Programs	4,687	-	25,741	27,000	5,946
FY 2012 Capital Improvement Programs	20,727	-	5,938	-	14,789
FY 2013 Capital Improvement Programs	385,245	-	244,271	(71,568)	79,406
FY 2014 Capital Improvement Programs	-	-	55,422	393,906	338,484
School ADA Renovations	345	-	-	-	345
<b>Total Capital Projects:</b>	<b>818,756</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>386,147</b>	<b>348,406</b>	<b>781,015</b>
<b>Perpetual Permanent Funds:</b>					
Cemetery Funds	25,575	-	-	-	25,575
Park Funds	6,000	-	-	-	6,000
<b>Total Perpetual Permanent Funds</b>	<b>31,575</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>31,575</b>
<b>Permanent Funds:</b>					
Cemetery Funds	13,553	813	-	-	14,366
Park Funds	19,058	520	-	-	19,578
<b>Total Permanent Funds</b>	<b>32,611</b>	<b>1,333</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>33,944</b>
<b>Total Non-Major Governmental Funds</b>	<b>\$ 2,060,958</b>	<b>\$ 1,388,942</b>	<b>\$ 1,703,032</b>	<b>\$ 298,789</b>	<b>\$ 2,045,657</b>

## TOWN OF SPENCER BUDGET REPORT

JUNE 30, 2014

ACCOUNT	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANSFRS/ADISMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCE!	AVAILABLE BUDGET	% USED
<b>STATE ASSESSMENTS</b>								
010 -000-000-56370 -	ASSESSMENT RET MU TEACHER	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,554.00	\$ 16,554.00	\$ -	\$ -	100.00
010 -000-000-56400 -	ASSESSMENT-AIR POLLUTION	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,922.00	\$ 2,922.00	\$ -	\$ -	100.00
010 -000-000-56630 -	ASSESSMENT REG TRANSIT AU	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 71,792.00	\$ 71,792.00	\$ -	\$ -	100.00
010 -000-000-56990 -	RMV MOIN-RENEWAL SURCHARGE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,460.00	\$ 18,460.00	\$ -	\$ -	100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 109,728.00	\$ 109,728.00	\$ -	\$ -	
<b>REVENUES</b>								
010 -000-001-41100 -	PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES	\$ -	\$ (318,267.00)	\$ (318,267.00)	\$ (330,173.74)	\$ -	\$ 11,906.74	103.70
010 -000-001-41200 -	REAL ESTATE TAXES	\$ -	\$ (11,692,568.00)	\$ (11,692,568.00)	\$ (11,777,990.34)	\$ -	\$ 80,422.34	100.70
010 -000-001-41220 -	ROLLBACK TAX REVENUE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (11,094.51)	\$ -	\$ 11,094.51	100.00
010 -000-001-41420 -	TAX LIENS REDEEMED	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (130,445.71)	\$ -	\$ 130,445.71	100.00
010 -000-001-41500 -	MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	\$ -	\$ (1,107,182.00)	\$ (1,107,182.00)	\$ (1,265,956.40)	\$ -	\$ 158,774.40	114.30
010 -000-001-41600 -	BOAT EXCISE	\$ -	\$ (3,803.00)	\$ (3,803.00)	\$ (6,762.00)	\$ -	\$ 2,959.00	177.80
010 -000-001-41710 -	PENALTY/INT PROPERTY TAX	\$ -	\$ (25,944.00)	\$ (25,944.00)	\$ (35,719.26)	\$ -	\$ 9,775.26	137.70
010 -000-001-41720 -	PENALTY/INT MV EXCISE	\$ -	\$ (56,500.00)	\$ (56,500.00)	\$ (55,798.39)	\$ -	\$ (701.61)	98.80
010 -000-001-41730 -	PENALTY/INT TAX LIEN	\$ -	\$ (16,779.00)	\$ (16,779.00)	\$ (15,138.64)	\$ -	\$ (1,640.36)	90.20
010 -000-001-41740 -	FEES - MARK FEES	\$ -	\$ (17,553.00)	\$ (17,553.00)	\$ (16,000.00)	\$ -	\$ (1,553.00)	91.20
010 -000-001-41750 -	INTEREST & FEES-BETTERMINT	\$ -	\$ (27.00)	\$ (27.00)	\$ (36.75)	\$ -	\$ 9.75	136.10
010 -000-001-42455 -	FEES-TRANS.STA.STICKERS	\$ -	\$ (68,500.00)	\$ (68,500.00)	\$ (96,142.00)	\$ -	\$ 27,642.00	140.40
010 -000-001-42465 -	FEES-TRANS.STA.BAG SALES	\$ -	\$ (169,500.00)	\$ (169,500.00)	\$ (187,490.00)	\$ -	\$ 17,990.00	110.60
010 -000-001-42470 -	FEES-TRANSF STAT-FLEXCON	\$ -	\$ (14,673.00)	\$ (14,673.00)	\$ (14,095.84)	\$ -	\$ (577.16)	96.10
010 -000-001-42480 -	FEES-TRANSF STAT-OTHER	\$ -	\$ (14,845.00)	\$ (14,845.00)	\$ (14,142.00)	\$ -	\$ (703.00)	95.30
010 -000-001-42485 -	FEES-TRANS.STA.RECYCLED MATER	\$ -	\$ (16,500.00)	\$ (16,500.00)	\$ (14,028.96)	\$ -	\$ (2,471.04)	85.00
010 -000-001-42700 -	FEES-SPD LOCK-UP	\$ -	\$ (9,500.00)	\$ (9,500.00)	\$ (6,825.00)	\$ -	\$ (2,675.00)	71.80
010 -000-001-43210 -	FEES-MUNICIPAL LIENS	\$ -	\$ (11,500.00)	\$ (11,500.00)	\$ (11,550.00)	\$ -	\$ 50.00	100.40
010 -000-001-43230 -	FEES-PERMIT-ODIS	\$ -	\$ (82,000.00)	\$ (82,000.00)	\$ (39,622.02)	\$ -	\$ 57,622.02	170.30
010 -000-001-43250 -	FEES-TOWN CLERK	\$ -	\$ (20,747.00)	\$ (20,747.00)	\$ (19,708.87)	\$ -	\$ (1,038.13)	95.00
010 -000-001-43260 -	FEES-POLICE DEPT	\$ -	\$ (2,523.00)	\$ (2,523.00)	\$ (2,329.00)	\$ -	\$ (194.00)	92.30
010 -000-001-43270 -	FEES-SFD 21E	\$ -	\$ (3,857.00)	\$ (3,857.00)	\$ (4,109.39)	\$ -	\$ 252.39	106.50
010 -000-001-43290 -	FEES-HIGHWAY-GAS	\$ -	\$ (31,000.00)	\$ (31,000.00)	\$ (21,019.55)	\$ -	\$ (9,980.45)	67.80
010 -000-001-43291 -	FEES-HIGHWAY DEPT.	\$ -	\$ (8,218.00)	\$ (8,218.00)	\$ (18,615.00)	\$ -	\$ 10,397.00	226.50
010 -000-001-43296 -	FEES-RENTAL SELECTMEN	\$ -	\$ (2,400.00)	\$ (2,400.00)	\$ (2,400.00)	\$ -	\$ (2,400.00)	0.00
010 -000-001-44100 -	LIC/PER-ALCOHOLIC	\$ -	\$ (17,243.00)	\$ (17,243.00)	\$ (16,050.00)	\$ -	\$ (1,193.00)	93.10
010 -000-001-44200 -	LIC/PER-CABLE	\$ -	\$ (1,815.00)	\$ (1,815.00)	\$ (1,815.00)	\$ -	\$ -	100.00
010 -000-001-44210 -	LIC/PER-SELECTMEN	\$ -	\$ (5,100.00)	\$ (5,100.00)	\$ (5,481.08)	\$ -	\$ 381.08	107.50
010 -000-001-44215 -	LIC/PER-DOGS	\$ -	\$ (23,545.00)	\$ (23,545.00)	\$ (23,297.15)	\$ -	\$ (247.85)	98.90
010 -000-001-44400 -	LIC/PER-BOARD OF HEALTH	\$ -	\$ (56,500.00)	\$ (56,500.00)	\$ (63,359.51)	\$ -	\$ 6,859.51	112.10
010 -000-001-44470 -	LIC/PER-FIRE DEPT	\$ -	\$ (16,807.00)	\$ (16,807.00)	\$ (14,085.00)	\$ -	\$ (2,722.00)	83.80
010 -000-001-44500 -	LIC/PER-POLICE DEPT	\$ -	\$ (5,723.00)	\$ (5,723.00)	\$ (9,275.00)	\$ -	\$ 3,552.00	162.10
010 -000-001-46900 -	FINES-DMV	\$ -	\$ (22,500.00)	\$ (22,500.00)	\$ (70,342.50)	\$ -	\$ 47,842.50	312.60
010 -000-001-46950 -	FINES-COURT	\$ -	\$ (6,250.00)	\$ (6,250.00)	\$ (5,831.50)	\$ -	\$ (418.50)	93.30
010 -000-001-47750 -	FINES-PARKING	\$ -	\$ (5,250.00)	\$ (5,250.00)	\$ (4,579.07)	\$ -	\$ (670.93)	87.20
010 -000-001-47755 -	FINES-SPD GEN	\$ -	\$ (3,533.00)	\$ (3,533.00)	\$ (2,986.00)	\$ -	\$ (597.00)	83.10
010 -000-001-47760 -	FINES-SPD ANIM CONTROL	\$ -	\$ (3,200.00)	\$ (3,200.00)	\$ (1,686.00)	\$ -	\$ (1,514.00)	52.70
010 -000-001-47765 -	FINES-B.O.H.	\$ -	\$ (750.00)	\$ (750.00)	\$ (300.00)	\$ -	\$ (650.00)	13.30
010 -000-001-48000 -	EARNINGS-TITLE V	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00



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ACCOUNT	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANSFRS/ADJUSMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	% USED
<b>REVENUES</b>								
010 -000-001-48160 -	EARNINGS-SHERMAN GROV	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00
010 -000-001-48185 -	EARNINGS-VALLEY VIEW	-	-	-	(743.46)	-	743.46	100.00
010 -000-001-48195 -	EARNINGS ROYS DRIVE	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00
010 -000-001-48200 -	EARNINGS-INVESTMENTS	-	(12,500.00)	(12,500.00)	(7,585.76)	-	(4,914.24)	60.70
010 -000-001-48400 -	OTHER MISC.REVENUES	-	-	-	(50,074.33)	-	50,074.33	100.00
010 -000-001-49990 -	SALE OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT	-	-	-	(800.00)	-	800.00	100.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>		-	(13,875,102.00)	(13,875,102.00)	(14,467,834.73)	-	592,732.73	
<b>STATE REVENUES</b>								
010 -000-002-46160 -	ABATEMENTS/ELDERLY	-	(48,713.00)	(48,713.00)	(68,159.00)	-	19,446.00	135.90
010 -000-002-46600 -	SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION AID	-	(17,006.00)	(17,006.00)	(34,100.00)	-	17,094.00	200.50
010 -000-002-46660 -	STATE OWNED LAND	-	(88,489.00)	(88,489.00)	(88,489.00)	-	-	100.00
010 -000-002-46670 -	VETERAN'S BENEFITS	-	(116,224.00)	(116,224.00)	(107,132.00)	-	(9,092.00)	92.20
010 -000-002-46710 -	LOTTERY,BEANO&CHARITY	-	(1,958,332.00)	(1,958,332.00)	(1,975,018.00)	-	16,686.00	100.90
010 -000-002-46999 -	MISC. REVENUE STATE	-	-	-	(65,190.13)	-	65,190.13	100.00
<b>TOTAL STATE REVENUE</b>		-	(2,228,764.00)	(2,228,764.00)	(2,338,088.13)	-	109,324.13	
<b>GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES</b>								
010 -100-122-57000 -	OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	-	3,240.00	3,240.00	2,476.17	-	763.83	76.40
010 -100-123-51000 -	PERSONAL SERVICES	-	152,597.00	152,597.00	150,326.12	-	2,270.88	98.50
010 -100-123-57000 -	OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	-	9,300.00	9,300.00	4,487.11	-	4,812.89	48.20
010 -100-131-51000 -	PERSONAL SERVICES	-	274.00	274.00	194.50	-	79.50	71.00
010 -100-131-57000 -	OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	-	1,900.00	1,900.00	1,050.30	-	849.70	55.30
010 -100-135-51000 -	PERSONAL SERVICES	-	61,867.00	61,867.00	58,009.63	-	3,857.37	93.80
010 -100-135-57000 -	OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	-	25,300.00	25,300.00	25,259.45	-	40.55	99.80
010 -100-141-51000 -	PERSONAL SERVICES	-	116,216.00	116,216.00	116,207.60	-	8.40	100.00
010 -100-141-57000 -	OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	-	15,750.00	15,750.00	14,028.41	-	1,721.59	89.10
010 -100-145-51000 -	PERSONAL SERVICES	-	141,582.00	141,582.00	132,724.80	-	8,857.20	93.70
010 -100-145-57000 -	OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	-	36,645.00	36,645.00	31,992.17	-	4,652.83	87.30
010 -100-151-57000 -	OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	-	38,000.00	38,000.00	27,016.63	-	10,983.37	71.10
010 -100-155-57000 -	OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	-	120,615.00	120,615.00	106,920.97	-	13,694.03	88.60
010 -100-158-57000 -	OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	-	30,000.00	30,000.00	16,744.84	-	13,255.16	55.80
010 -100-161-51000 -	PERSONAL SERVICES	-	122,442.00	122,442.00	119,127.58	-	3,314.42	97.30
010 -100-161-57000 -	OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	-	16,425.00	16,425.00	14,516.71	-	1,908.29	88.40
010 -100-162-51000 -	PERSONAL SERVICES	-	10,206.00	10,206.00	7,335.31	-	2,870.69	71.90
010 -100-162-57000 -	OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	-	15,050.00	15,050.00	14,697.99	-	352.01	97.70
010 -100-192-57000 -	OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	-	70,350.00	70,350.00	53,211.13	-	17,138.87	75.60
<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>		-	987,759.00	987,759.00	896,327.42	-	91,431.58	

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## GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES

010 - 200-210-51000 - PERSONAL SERVICES	\$	-	\$	1,752,718.00	\$	1,752,718.00	\$	1,748,192.13	\$	-	\$	4,525.87	99.70
010 - 200-210-57000 - OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	\$	-	\$	153,869.00	\$	153,869.00	\$	153,017.56	\$	-	\$	851.44	99.40
010 - 200-210-58000 - OTHER CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$	-	\$	37,500.00	\$	37,500.00	\$	35,680.98	\$	-	\$	1,819.02	95.10
010 - 200-220-51000 - PERSONAL SERVICES	\$	-	\$	210,961.00	\$	210,961.00	\$	199,415.31	\$	-	\$	11,545.69	94.50
010 - 200-220-57000 - OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	\$	-	\$	325,385.00	\$	325,385.00	\$	322,574.96	\$	-	\$	2,810.04	99.10
010 - 200-293-57000 - OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	\$	-	\$	3,000.00	\$	3,000.00	\$	973.70	\$	-	\$	2,026.30	32.50

## TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY

010 - 250-250-51000 - PERSONAL SERVICES	\$	-	\$	2,483,433.00	\$	2,483,433.00	\$	2,459,854.64	\$	-	\$	23,578.36	
010 - 250-250-57000 - OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	\$	-	\$	184,051.00	\$	184,051.00	\$	181,489.33	\$	-	\$	2,561.67	98.60
	\$	-	\$	36,936.00	\$	36,936.00	\$	23,595.17	\$	-	\$	13,340.83	63.90

## TOTAL LAND USE &amp; PLANNING

010 - 300-300-52000 - PURCHASE OF SERVICES	\$	-	\$	746,636.00	\$	746,636.00	\$	745,834.00	\$	-	\$	802.00	99.90
010 - 300-300-52100 - PURCHASE OF SERVICE BUS	\$	-	\$	57,600.00	\$	57,600.00	\$	55,120.00	\$	-	\$	2,480.00	95.70
010 - 300-300-52500 - VOCATIONAL EDU BUY IN	\$	-	\$	76,642.00	\$	76,642.00	\$	55,386.00	\$	-	\$	21,256.00	72.30
010 - 300-300-56000 - INTERGOVERNMENTAL	\$	-	\$	7,313,229.00	\$	7,313,229.00	\$	7,313,229.00	\$	-	\$	-	100.00
010 - 300-300-56010 - DEBT CAPITAL PROJ 07	\$	-	\$	336,219.00	\$	336,219.00	\$	336,219.00	\$	-	\$	-	100.00

## TOTAL PUBLIC EDUCATION

010 - 400-400-51000 - PERSONAL SERVICES	\$	-	\$	8,530,326.00	\$	8,530,326.00	\$	8,505,788.00	\$	-	\$	24,538.00	
010 - 400-400-57000 - OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	\$	-	\$	73,375.00	\$	73,375.00	\$	71,259.73	\$	-	\$	2,115.27	97.10
010 - 400-422-51000 - PERSONAL SERVICES	\$	-	\$	28,615.00	\$	28,615.00	\$	18,717.92	\$	-	\$	9,897.08	65.40
010 - 400-422-57000 - OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	\$	-	\$	483,228.00	\$	483,228.00	\$	474,725.19	\$	-	\$	8,502.81	98.20
010 - 400-423-51000 - PERSONAL SERVICES	\$	-	\$	309,307.00	\$	309,307.00	\$	307,774.01	\$	-	\$	1,532.99	99.50
010 - 400-423-57000 - OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	\$	-	\$	64,000.00	\$	64,000.00	\$	63,614.20	\$	-	\$	385.80	99.40
010 - 400-000-51000 - PERSONAL SERVICES	\$	-	\$	311,000.00	\$	311,000.00	\$	305,866.79	\$	-	\$	5,133.21	98.30
010 - 400-000-57000 - OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	\$	-	\$	7,304.00	\$	7,304.00	\$	2,112.00	\$	-	\$	5,192.00	
010 - 400-424-57000 - OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	\$	-	\$	9,170.00	\$	9,170.00	\$	8,884.98	\$	-	\$	285.02	
010 - 400-496-57000 - OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	\$	-	\$	81,000.00	\$	81,000.00	\$	78,417.06	\$	-	\$	2,582.94	
010 - 400-433-51000 - PERSONAL SERVICES	\$	-	\$	125,000.00	\$	125,000.00	\$	109,464.32	\$	-	\$	15,535.68	87.60
010 - 400-433-57000 - OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	\$	-	\$	36,275.00	\$	36,275.00	\$	36,070.48	\$	-	\$	204.52	99.40
	\$	-	\$	383,448.00	\$	383,448.00	\$	301,736.45	\$	-	\$	81,711.55	78.70

## TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS

010 - 500-510-51000 - PERSONAL SERVICES	\$	-	\$	1,911,722.00	\$	1,911,722.00	\$	1,778,643.13	\$	-	\$	133,078.87	
010 - 500-510-57000 - OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	\$	-	\$	64,490.00	\$	64,490.00	\$	63,844.61	\$	-	\$	645.39	99.00
010 - 500-541-51000 - PERSONAL SERVICES	\$	-	\$	8,080.00	\$	8,080.00	\$	7,557.91	\$	-	\$	522.09	93.50
010 - 500-541-57000 - OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	\$	-	\$	39,600.00	\$	39,600.00	\$	22,119.00	\$	-	\$	-	100.00
010 - 500-541-57200 - ELDER COMMUNITY SERVICES	\$	-	\$	5,000.00	\$	5,000.00	\$	16,430.27	\$	-	\$	23,179.73	41.50
010 - 500-543-51000 - PERSONAL SERVICES	\$	-	\$	14,625.00	\$	14,625.00	\$	4,686.00	\$	-	\$	314.00	93.70
010 - 500-543-57000 - OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	\$	-	\$	156,400.00	\$	156,400.00	\$	14,625.00	\$	-	\$	-	100.00
	\$	-	\$	310,314.00	\$	310,314.00	\$	285,336.01	\$	-	\$	326.78	99.80

## TOTAL PUBLIC HEALTH &amp; HUMAN SERVICES

	\$	-	\$	310,314.00	\$	310,314.00	\$	285,336.01	\$	-	\$	24,987.99	
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<b>GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES</b>													
010 - 600-610-51000 -	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$	-	\$	230,974.00	\$	230,974.00	\$	229,976.49	\$	-	\$	997.51
010 - 600-610-54000 -	SUPPLIES	\$	-	\$	60,000.00	\$	60,000.00	\$	51,007.10	\$	-	\$	8,992.90
010 - 600-610-57000 -	OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	\$	-	\$	101,306.00	\$	101,306.00	\$	93,689.44	\$	-	\$	7,616.56
010 - 600-640-51000 -	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$	-	\$	25,104.00	\$	25,104.00	\$	19,700.00	\$	-	\$	5,404.00
010 - 600-640-57000 -	OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	\$	-	\$	5,000.00	\$	5,000.00	\$	4,991.84	\$	-	\$	8.16
010 - 600-691-57000 -	OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	\$	-	\$	500.00	\$	500.00	\$	500.00	\$	-	\$	100.00
010 - 600-699-57000 -	OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	\$	-	\$	1,500.00	\$	1,500.00	\$	416.22	\$	-	\$	1,083.78
<b>TOTAL CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</b>													
010 - 700-710-59000 -	DEBT SERVICE	\$	-	\$	424,384.00	\$	424,384.00	\$	400,281.09	\$	-	\$	24,102.91
010 - 700-710-59100 -	LONG TERM DEBT INTEREST	\$	-	\$	436,000.00	\$	436,000.00	\$	436,000.00	\$	-	\$	100.00
<b>TOTAL DEBT SERVICE</b>													
010 - 800-800-57000 -	OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	\$	-	\$	505,230.00	\$	505,230.00	\$	505,230.00	\$	-	\$	-
<b>TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>													
010 - 900-900-57000 -	OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	\$	-	\$	1,577,892.00	\$	1,577,892.00	\$	1,473,273.17	\$	-	\$	104,618.83
<b>TOTAL GENERAL INSURANCES</b>													
010 - 900-900-57000 -	OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	\$	-	\$	1,577,892.00	\$	1,577,892.00	\$	1,473,273.17	\$	-	\$	104,618.83
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>													
010 - 900-900-57000 -	OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	\$	-	\$	196,628.00	\$	196,628.00	\$	196,427.67	\$	-	\$	200.33
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>													
010 - 900-900-57000 -	OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	\$	-	\$	196,628.00	\$	196,628.00	\$	196,427.67	\$	-	\$	200.33
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>													
010 - 900-900-57000 -	OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	\$	-	\$	1,154,537.00	\$	1,154,537.00	\$	1,040.77	\$	-	\$	1,144,496.23

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## TOWN TREASURER

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### Interest Bearing Checking Accounts:

Eastern Bank-Vendor Account	85,027.68
Santander Bank-Escrow We Care	5,565.96
Santander Bank-Sullivan	30,808.45
Century Bank-Deer Run Phase I	9,009.34
Century Bank Deer Run phase II	193,783.26
Unibank Lock Box	12.62
Unibank-Payroll	52,746.96
Century lockbox	3,937.85
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$380,892.12</b>

### Liquid Investments:

Eastern Bank- Money Market	6,899.01
Santander Bank-Depository Account treas	137,978.07
Santander Bank-Depository Account coll	173,310.38
Southbridge Savings Bank money market	288,030.88
Century money market	11,506.99
Bartholomew-TitleV	<b>79,963.91</b>
Bartholomew-general cash	61,084.21
Unibank-Money Market	1,340,465.49
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,099,238.94</b>

### Trust Funds:

	Principal	Interest	Fund Total
Bartholomew-Benjamin Drury	500.00	2,840.18	3,340.18
Bartholomew-George S Wilson Cemetery	259.07	1,145.81	1,404.88
Batholomew-Howe Memorial	500.00	8,793.86	9,293.86
Bartholomew-isaac lothrop Prouty	5,063.75	14,074.26	19,138.01
Bartholomew-Old Cemetery General Care	5,923.00	398.20	6,321.20
Bartholomew-Old Cemetery perpetual Care	11,975.00	2,304.56	14,279.56
Bartholomew-old Cemetery perpetual W Curtis	1,000.00	2,824.13	3,824.13
Bartholomew-Quinn Scholarship	3,500.00	10,700.48	14,200.48
Bartholomew-Richard Sugden public park	1,000.00	5,307.38	6,307.38
Bartholomew-Silas Grout Decoration	1,200.00	4,172.80	5,372.80
Bartholomew-Buy Back Sick leave Fund			8,750.26
Bartholomew-Friends of old Cemetery			589.59
Bartholomew-Police Equipment Fund			3,264.63
Bartholomew-Unemployment			25,259.54
Bartholomew-War Veterans Account			493.78
Bartholomew-Waterways improvement			30,535.96
Bartholomew-old Cemetery G Henry Wilson			4,020.83
Bartholomew-retirement liability			<b>1,043.10</b>

Bartholomew-Community Development	<b>76,421.32</b>
Bartholomew-Cultural Council	<b>3,094.34</b>
Bartholomew-Sugden Block Revolving	<b>160,530.83</b>
Bartholomew-Betterment Fund	<b>129,497.80</b>
Bartholomew-Capital Stabilization	445.37
Bartholomew-land Acquisition Stabilization	100,370.60
Southbridge Savings Bank Stabilization	1,066,177.60
Century Bank-Sewer Enterprise Fund	2,113,814.46
Century Bank-Water Enterprise Fund	847,997.87
<b>Southbridge Savings Bank Building Stabilization</b>	<b>397.87</b>
Sanander Bank-Treasurers' Benefit Account	2,464.19
 Total	 <b>\$4,658,652.42</b>
<b>Total All Cash and Investments</b>	<b>\$7,138,783.48</b>

Susan L. Lacaire  
Treasurer

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## TOWN COLLECTOR

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Personal Property and Real Estate	\$	12,281,331.21
Betterments	\$	36,069.78
Motor Vehicle & Boat Excise	\$	1,289,031.56
Water	\$	1,532,547.25
Sewer	\$	942,749.94
Interest & Fees & Demands	\$	93,743.58
Certificate of Municipal Liens	\$	14,750.00
Trash Bags	\$	189,677.50
Rent-Sudgen Block	\$	38,541.25
Tax Title and Fees	\$	37,113.57
Transfer Station Stickers	\$	9,875.00
vitals	\$	1,505.00
dog	\$	2,910.00
Hwy Gas	\$	20,632.00
Septic	\$	340,590.00
Off Duty	\$	282,096.12

<b>Total Turned Over to Treasurer</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>17,113,163.76</b>
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**Susan L. Lacaire, Collector**

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## BOARD OF ASSESSORS

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Fiscal 2015 values, as determined by the Board, below showing our base decreased from \$922,831,111 to \$922,015,095. The tax rate for Fiscal Year 2015 is \$ 13.67 per thousand of valuation.

<b>Type</b>	<b>Valuation</b>
Residential	\$ 800,349,773
Commercial	\$ 61,017,027
Industrial	\$ 36,146,509
Personal property	\$ 24,955,663
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 922,468,972</b>

A flyer with the Tax Rate breakdown is available on our website at [www.spencerma.gov](http://www.spencerma.gov) . Please visit the website for other useful information. The Assessors maps and property record cards are also available under the GIS tab on Assessors page.

Mary C. Williams  
Principal Assessor

Maureen C. Hanlon  
Maureen A. Hatch  
Jeremey L. Snow  
Board of Assessors

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## BOARD OF SELECTMEN - LICENSING

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The following categories of licenses were issued by the Office of the Board of Selectmen during 2014:

❖ Alcohol	19
❖ Automatic Amusement	4
❖ Common Victualler	43
❖ Entertainment	10
❖ Gravel Licenses	8
❖ Junk Dealer	7
❖ Lodging House	2
❖ Inn holder	3
❖ Class I (Motor Vehicles)	3
❖ Class II (Motor Vehicles)	11
❖ Class III (Motor Vehicles)	1

The Board approved one new Alcohol License application and two transfer applications in 2014.

Total license fees collected in 2014: **\$24,650.00**

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## SPENCER CABLE ACCESS

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Spencer Cable Access (SCA) is an independently operated 501(c)(3) corporation that implements public access television programming for the Town of Spencer. SCA continues to fulfill its mission to give the community a voice and a resource for sharing ideas, creativity, and a way to get connected with our town.

In 2014 SCA expanded digital distribution by uploading more meetings and SCA-produced content to our YouTube channel, [YouTube.com/SpencerCableAccess](https://www.youtube.com/SpencerCableAccess). And – several programs have been streamed live using the USTREAM online streaming service. In 2015 SCA will explore streaming options with YouTube and we will work to increase our bandwidth to allow for a better streaming experience.

On September 20, SCA held the annual “Feeding Our Neighbors” Open House and Food Drive. The event helped to raise \$5,000 in cash and an estimated \$5,000 worth of food donations. Performances included DPHS show choir group, Shockwave, young musician Bradley Bartlett-Roche who is now auditioning for shows on Broadway in New York City, and recording artist Sam James.

In October, Selectman Gary Woodbury took over the locally produced live call-in show “Talk of the Town”. The show is live on the first Monday of every month, and viewer calls are encouraged.

As always, Spencer Cable Access welcomes new volunteers who want to learn about television production or who would like to produce a show of their own. Those interested are encouraged to visit [SCATV.org/join](http://SCATV.org/join) or call the station at (508) 885-7967.

Aaron Keyes  
Station Manager

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## CELEBRATIONS COMMITTEE

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The Celebrations Committee would like to thank all who worked to make our events a huge success in 2014. Were it not for their tireless volunteerism and generous donations over the past year, the scheduled events would not have taken place.

The Family Fun Day fireworks were made possible by a large donation from CSX Railroad. CSX stepped up in the eleventh hour and augmented the donations received from our local businesses. Thanks once again to the Zukas family for providing the area to set off our display.

The Halloween Party had standing room only again this year. Thank you to everyone, young and old, who donned costumes and celebrated this fun-filled event.

The Christmas Parade had roughly forty entries this past December and although we had to reschedule due to rain, attendance was nothing short of incredible!

We can't begin to thank all who donated, volunteered, and attended the events this past year and since our inception in 2008. We continue to thrive as a committee and as a Town. With your support we can grow these events each year to ensure both children and adults alike will always have celebrations to attend.

Wendy Berthiaume, Chair  
Robert Parsons, Clerk  
Donald Berthiaume, Member  
David Darrin, Member  
Kristen Lapierre, Member



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## CHARITABLE NEEDS COMMISSION

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We, the Commission, have financially helped 161 cases in the year 2014. We have also donated to four local churches to help meet the needs of the residents of Spencer.

Commission Members:

Barbara E. Grusell	ChairPerson
Ann M. Goodrow	Recording Secretary
David L. Ingalls	Executive Secretary
Paulette B. LeBlanc	Member
Paul G. LaMontagne	Member

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## COUNCIL ON AGING

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*The mission of the Spencer Council on Aging is to seek to enrich the lives of the community's senior population by providing educational programs, recreational activities, referral and social service assistance and to advocate for the seniors while educating the community of the needs of its elders.*

The Council on Aging continues to increase its programming, services and activities. Our office and senior center hours are currently 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM Monday through Thursday. Our goal is to keep seniors in the community with an emphasis on wellness. We offer a wellness clinic and two blood pressure screenings monthly. We also provide yoga, exercise, line dancing, and tai chi classes.

We provide referrals for many different senior needs as well as assistance with extra help for Medicare, applications for MassHealth, Prescription Advantage, Food Stamps, Housing, etc. for seniors. There are now over 2700 seniors in town. We had an average of, 8000 participants in our programs last year with 4800 newsletters distributed annually. The CoA serves as the only public social service agency and assists numerous non-elders in accessing public benefits and may also serve as a link to and support for elders, their families and others in case of local emergencies.

Please feel free to drop by the center at 155 Mechanic St. or call 508-885-7546 for help or information.

Pamela Woodbury,  
Director

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## CULTURAL COUNCIL

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The Spencer Cultural Council received a grant of \$6,060 from the Massachusetts Cultural Council for the year 2015. The money from the grant was awarded to several artists, performers and programs who submitted grant applications to the Council in October of 2014. The purpose of the Cultural Council is to promote the arts, sciences and humanities in order to provide a rich cultural experience for the citizens of Spencer.

If you are interested in applying for a grant as an artist or musician or to bring a Massachusetts performer to your organization check the website, [http://www.mass-culture.org/lcc\\_public.aspx](http://www.mass-culture.org/lcc_public.aspx) for more information. The Cultural Council is looking for new members.

Deborah Kirk, Chair  
Joan Eccleston  
Phyllis Lamontagne  
Louise Small  
Linda Spencer  
Linda Stanley  
Deborah Bailey  
Anthony Hurteau

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**OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENT & INSPECTIONAL SERVICES  
TOWN PLANNER/PLANNING BOARD  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
BOARD of HEALTH & BUILDING INSPECTOR**

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**TOWN PLANNER**

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2014 projects included the following:

- Reviewed and prepared decisions for all Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals applications
- Sugden Block Sale Committee (prepared draft RFP and held public informational meetings)
- Participated in Property Assessment and Reuse Planning Project
- Researched potential Zoning Bylaw amendments related to driveways and tattoo parlors
- Participated in CMRPC Priority Development Area Town Center study

Michelle Buck,  
Town Planner

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## PLANNING BOARD

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The Planning Board held meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month during 2014, with occasional special meetings.

The Board received 6 new Site Plan Review and Special Permit applications in 2014.

### 2014 Site Plan & Special Permit Applications

Project	Description	Status
Meadow Solar Farm	3MW solar farm on 24.5 acre parcel	Under review. Public hearing continued to 1/2015
Abbey Solar Farm	15.7MW± ground-mounted solar farm project located on 10 parcels of land (5 assessors' parcels) totaling approximately 1,488 acres. The project will consist of approximately 59 acres of solar panels, 59 acres of tree clearing, and 75 acres of land disturbance.	Approved 9/2014
Laurel Point Rear Lot Subdivision/Common Driveway	Special Permit for Rear Lot subdivision (2 lots) with common driveway	Approved 8/2014
Murkland Rear Lot	Special Permit for Rear Lot subdivision with common driveway (emergency access for Candlewood Phase 2)	Application withdrawn by applicant 8/2014
Spencer Veterinary Hospital	6,990s.f. animal hospital with parking	Approved 6/2014
Southbridge Savings Bank	Addition of drive thru ATM lane with canopy (existing building)	Approved 5/2014

### Status of Prior Year Site Plan & Special Permit Approvals

Project (& year approved)	Description	Status
New England Automotive Gateway (2013)	Auto processing facility (rail and vehicle bay expansion)	Under construction
R Jones Road (2013)	Common Driveway Special Permit	No activity
Treadwell/Old Wardour Holdings, LLC (2013)	6.0 MW ground-mounted solar array facility (solar farm)	Inactive; project not started
Charlie's Diner (2013)	3,250 square foot addition to existing restaurant	Under construction
Diversified Automotive (2012)	Construction of a 12,600 s.f. auto transport truck maintenance facility with 2 refueling bays.	Under construction; extension of deadline to complete construction granted 12/2014.

<b>Project (&amp; year approved)</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Status</b>
Borrego Solar/115 Wilson (2012)	3.7 MW ground-mounted solar array facility (solar farm)	Completed 1/2014
Spencer Solar (2010)	2MW solar farm	Inactive; project not started

The slowdown in the housing market continued during 2014, though there was an increase in ANR building lots created. There were 20 new ANR building lots created in 2014 (compared to 12 in 2013 and only 2 in 2012). There were a total of 19 ANR plan applications (several were lot line revisions of existing lots). No new residential subdivision applications were submitted, though a permit extension was granted for Laurelwood Estates, Phase 2. The Board also received a request for extension of construction deadlines for Sunset-Holmes (public hearing continued to 1/2015). There was no road construction activity in 2014 related to projects approved in prior years. The status of residential projects is summarized in the table below.

### **Residential Project Status 2014**

(approval dates in parentheses)

#### **Partially Complete - In Default**

- Deer Run, Phase 1 (2002)
- Deer Run, Phase 2 (2005)
- Richland Avenue (2004)
- Sullivan Estates (2004)

#### **Partially completed – Inactive**

- Laureldale Woods, Phase 1 (2000)
- Sunset-Holmes (2005)

#### **Construction Not Started**

- Bixby Trail Estates (2008)
- Candlewood Estates, Phase 2 (2007)
- Laureldale Woods, Phase 2 (2006)

#### **Approval Expired**

- Rolling Ridge Estates (2006)
- Pine Cliff Condos (2009)

Mary Stolarzyk resigned from the Board, and new member Maria Reed joined the Board in December. The Planning Board extends their thanks to the other Boards and Commissions and Town staff and officials who have provided assistance and support in planning issues this past year.

James Whalen, Chair  
Robert Ceppi, Vice-Chair  
Maria Reed  
Shirley Shiver  
Jonathan Viner

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## ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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The Zoning Board of Appeals met once each month to hear petitions on variances, special permits, and appeals. The Board had 9 petitions in 2014, compared with 8 in 2013 and 11 in 2012. Results are shown below:

### **Variances**

Granted	2
Denied	0
Withdrawn	0
Continued to 2015	0

### **Special Permits**

Granted	6
Denied	0
Withdrawn	0
Continued to 2015	1

Commercial projects approved included two large-scale solar farms, a pet grooming facility, parking of commercial vehicles, and an animal hospital. Other 2014 applications included an accessory apartment/garage, single-family lot frontage variance, and construction of an accessory garage on an undersized lot (hearing scheduled for 1/2015).

The Board wishes to thank other Town Boards and Commissions and all Town staff and officials who have provided assistance to the Board during the year.

Albert Drexler, Chair  
Allan Collette  
Delores Kresco  
Robert Emerson, Alternate

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## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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The Spencer Conservation Commission normally meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of each month to review and decide on Notices of Intent, Requests for Determinations of Applicability, and other issues related to the conservation of wetlands in the Town. Protected resource areas include ponds, rivers, streams, bordering vegetated wetlands and flood plains.

Staff inspected all the gravel removal operations in Town, as ODIS prepared advisory reports on all aspects of the regulatory process for the Board of Selectmen prior to their annual license renewals in December.

The Commission thanks all the town boards, volunteers and staff who have provided support in the Conservation Commission's efforts this past year.

Notice of Intent: 24  
Requests for Determinations: 16  
Orders of Conditions issued: 15  
Negative Determinations issued: 14  
Certificates of Compliance issued: 13  
Partial Certificate of Compliance: 1  
Extensions issued: 4  
Notice of Violations: 22  
Enforcement Order issued: 6  
**Total inspections: 205**

Mary McLaughlin, Chair  
Margaret Emerson, Member  
Warren Snow, Member  
Dana Reed, Member  
Brian Roode, Member  
Margaret Washburn, Wetland/Soil Specialist



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## BOARD OF HEALTH

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The Board of Health respectfully submits the following review of services and activities provided for the 2014 calendar year.

Despite a difficult town-wide financial environment, reduction of staffing levels and reduction to a three day work week for support staff, the Director/Health Agent and staff maintained a committed work level and completed yearly training requirements. The staff completed a variety of inspections, issued permits and assessments which totaled 963. Public Health regulations are continuously promulgated or revised which required public hearings. The accepted public health regulations have been instituted at the Town level. Grants were received from Region 2 Health and Homeland Security Council to enhance the Town's resources for emergency preparedness. Two flu clinics were held in the fall for residents and 130 were distributed. All BOH members and ODIS staff completed the mandated State Ethics training.

Our goal has and continues to provide a complete array of public health and environmental services for our Town. The Board of Health would like to thank the staff for their diligence and work performance in maintaining this level of service.

Sincerely,

Lynda Laine – Chairperson  
Dan Shields – Vice Chairman  
Rodney Foisey – Member  
Lee Jarvis-Agent

❖ Foodservice inspections	72
❖ Retail Food Inspections	28
❖ Housing Inspections	99
❖ Rooming House inspections	5
❖ Housing Court	10
❖ Lead Determinations	2
❖ Percolation Testing	70
❖ Bathing Beach Inspections	5
❖ Bathing Beach quality report reviews	18
❖ Septic Inspections	71
❖ Septic Plan reviews	39
❖ Title 5 report reviews	24
❖ Beaver Complaints	15
❖ Nuisance Complaints	94
❖ Tanning Booth Inspections	2
❖ Tobacco Compliance Inspections	22
❖ Gym/Health Club	2
❖ Pet Store Inspections	2
❖ Rabies Investigations	4
❖ Camp Inspections	9
❖ Wood Boiler Inspection	2
❖ Seminars	7

❖ Flu Clinic	2
❖ Well Permits w/review	17
❖ As-Built reviews	20
❖ Special Event inspections (farmers market, school sport food booths etc...)	19
❖ Spencer Fair Food Booths-51 (5 inspections ea.)	255
❖ Offsite Meetings (Region 2)	22
❖ Tech Review meetings-4BOH meetings	8
❖ Staff Meetings	9
❖ Constable services for Town	9

**TOTAL 963**

**Grants from Region 2 Health Homeland Security Council:**

- ❖ 2 IPAD Verizon Service (one ea. for BOH & Spencer Fire Chief) (\$2,000.00)
- ❖ New Nikon Camera- w/accessories-\$850.00

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## BUILDING DEPARTMENT

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### Permit Activity:

Single Family Dwellings	6
Multi-Family Buildings	0
Commercial	0
Additions	6
Renovations/Alterations	37
Sheet Metal	22
Insulation/Weatherization	23
Garages/Barns	9
Decks/Porches	14
Sheds	2
Roofing/Siding	87
Above Ground Pools	6
In Ground Pools	1
Signs	11
Solid Fuel Appliances	70
Windows/Doors	35
Demolitions	7
Temporary Trailers	0
Foundations	2
Certificate of Inspections	62
Solar Panels	35
Miscellaneous	21
Occupancy Permits	17
Total permits issued	464

Fees Collected	\$75,502.15
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### **Gas Inspector**

Permits issued	112
Inspections	121
Fees Collected	\$8,816.50

### **Wiring Inspector**

Permits issued	238
Inspections	467
Fire Calls	6
Fees Collected	\$34,365.75

**Plumbing Inspector**

Permits issued	115
Inspections	124
Fees Collected	\$10,901.50

**Scaler of Weights and Measures**

Tested and Sealed	181 Devices
Fees collected	\$3,625.00

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## **DISABILITY COMMISSION**

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The goal of the Spencer Disability Commission is to improve public access for individuals with mobility disabilities and to expand community awareness surrounding disability issues. The Commission is currently looking for volunteers. If interested, please contact Disability Commission Chairman, Gary Woodbury, or the Town Administrator's Office at 508-885-7500 ext 155.

Gary Woodbury, Chair

Jeanne Desmarais  
William Shemeth, III  
Anne Snow

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## FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES

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We continue to provide first class service to our customers, the citizens and visitors to the Town of Spencer and to those neighboring communities looking for assistance in their time of need. First and foremost I must thank the Firefighters and Emergency Management personnel for dedicating their very busy lives to assist their fellow man in times of disaster. I would be mistaken if I forgot to thank the families of those same people to allow them to participate in these demanding professions and allowing the firefighters and Emergency Management personnel to keep people safe. Without these volunteers and call firefighters we could not do the job that we do.

No major disasters or fires hit the Town this year and for that we can thank the people of Spencer and Mother Nature for sparing us. We continue to train and equip our personnel so that when needed they will be highly trained and skilled to do any job placed in front of them. We continue to respond to a variety of incidents and are considered the can do and catch all department. Today, Fire Departments handle all hazards.

Grants are something we apply for each year. We have been working diligently each year on applying for every grant that become available. These grants are extremely competitive and are becoming scarce as funding for grants is drying up. We have been successful this past year with the following grants: Citizen Corps which allowed our SEMA personnel to recertify in Serve Safe Training for \$1,100.00, Emergency Management Performance Grant for \$8,745.00 which we were able to purchase one portable radio and a door access system for the Annex, and a grant for our Students Awareness of Fire Safety Program for \$4,086.00. We were unsuccessful in grant applications for our radio system and for a vehicle exhaust system.

The Massachusetts Fire District 7 recruit program is still being coordinated through our facility as we have the largest training room in the District but this will be the last year for the District to provide this training. The Massachusetts Firefighting Academy will be providing training in November of 2015 at our station free of charge to the District. Will we be sending recruits through this program through our station or at the Fire Academy in Stow or Springfield.

Our firefighters train to the Firefighter I/II standard, the same standard as the full time firefighters achieve through the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy. We continue to offer in house and outside training opportunities to our firefighters but additional funding is still needed to provide more training in house. Due to recent budget cut backs training was cut in half for in house training. Our training is conducted by National Pro Board Certified Instructors.

This past year we have seen some old faces leave us with retirement. Some moving nearby and others very far away and we will miss them and wish them the best. We have also welcomed a few new faces and thank them for coming aboard and sharing their valuable time with us. We continue to take applications for both the Fire Department and Emergency Management Department.

### **Current Roster:**

**Fire Chief:** Robert Parsons

**Deputy Chief:** William Locke

**SEMA Director of Operations:** Sandra Fritze

**Chaplain:** Rev. Ralph DiChiaria  
**Clerk:** Stephanie Wachewski  
**Custodian:** Donald Churchey  
**Photographer:** Tammie Gebo-Gadbois

**Ladder 1:** Captain Robert Churchey, Lt. Jason Ferreira, Firefighter Brian Barber, Firefighter Albert Forand, Firefighter Adam German, Firefighter Kimberly Merkel, Firefighter Travis Reilly, Firefighter Zachary Spencer, Firefighter Thomas Parsons, Firefighter Allyson Jette.

**Engine 2:** Captain Michael Gadbois, Lt. Brian Mathon, Firefighter David Hoyt, Firefighter Kevin Kennedy, Firefighter Mary Ann McLaughlin, Firefighter Leonard Pizzarella, Firefighter James Lapierre, Firefighter Patrick Gorham.

**Engine 3:** Captain Joshua Gaucher, Lt. Jonathan Thibault, Firefighter Robert Bradshaw, Firefighter David Daoust, Captain Patrick Donohue, Firefighter John Dymek, Firefighter Jeremy Levitan, Firefighter Adam Woodis, Firefighter Joseph Brodmerkle.

**Engine 4:** Captain Corey Lacaire, Lt. Joseph Nanigian, Firefighter Joshua Blodgett, Firefighter Lee Churchey, Firefighter Ralph Kirouac, Firefighter Glenn Maffei, Firefighter Corey Phoenix, Firefighter Sean Swett, Firefighter Stefanie Zukowski.

**Spencer Emergency Management:** Tracey Bradshaw, Catherin Ann Driscoll, Christine Gagne, John Gagne, Michael Hilow, Rosanne Ingalls, Michael Natale, Sheri Kaiser, Suzanne Lavallee, Megan Mathon, Sheila Phoenix, Kathi Pratt, Al Roussin, Craig Trotto, Samantha Trotto, Stephen Trotto, Jeffrey Zukowski

#### **Apparatus:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Condition</b>
Ladder 1	2010 Smeal	Excellent
Engine 1	1972 Mack	Fair
Engine 2	1998 E-One/Freightliner	Out of Service
Engine 3	1986 Maxim	Good
Engine 4	1995 E-One/International	Good
Tanker 1	2005 4-Guys/International	Good
Rescue 1	1990 E-One/GMC	Good
Forestry 1	2005 Ford F-350	Good
Forestry 2	1984 K30	Fair
Car 1	2012 Ford Expedition	Excellent
Car 2	2005 Ford Explorer	Good
CD1 SEMA	2004 Ford E-450	Good

Engine 1 was leased to the Town by Saint Joseph's Abbey in Spencer. They have been an integral partner for us in providing this vehicle as a spare engine when we have a vehicle breakdown for extended periods of time. By allowing us to lease it we can now repair it and provide needed updating. Engine 2 went out of service in September this year after serving the Town for 16 years. A new engine was purchased through a lease/purchase program from Smeal Fire Apparatus and should be delivered in early 2015. We need to replace our vehicles on a continuous basis/schedule so that we do not have to purchase back to back vehicles. The cost of these vehicles has sky rocketed in the last 10 years. Engine 3 will be the next

vehicle needing replacement as it is the last open cab vehicle we have. A grant for its replacement has been applied for.

In closing, I would like to thank all town officials for their support and assistance throughout the year, especially Town Administrator Adam Gaudette. Without this support we would not be able to continue to provide outstanding assistance to the community.

Robert Parsons,  
Fire Chief

**Total alarms for service: 383**

**FIRES**

Building Fires	24
Cooking Fires	25
Chimney Fires	6
Passenger Vehicles Fires	7
Grass/Brush Fires	12
Other Fires	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>83</b>

**RESCUE, EMS ASSIST**

Medical assist EMS crew	4
Vehicle accident with injuries	1
Extrications	4
Water/Ice Incident	1
Other Rescues	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>

**HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS**

Gas/Flammable liquids spills	20
Accident cleanup	28
Chemical spill or leak	1
Power lines down	6
Arcing/shorted electrical equipment	4
Electrical/wiring problem	4
Carbon monoxide incidents	11
Other hazardous conditions	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>75</b>

**SERVICE CALLS**

Water Problems	13
Public Service Assistance	1
Unauthorized burning	23
Other service calls	22
<b>Total</b>	<b>59</b>

**GOOD INTENT CALLS**

Smoke scare/odor	9
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Other good intent calls	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>

#### **FALSE ALARM AND FALSE CALLS**

System malfunction	4
Sprinkler activation	7
Smoke detector activation	63
Alarm sounded/malfunction	14
CO detector activations	17
Other false alarms	11

#### **SEVERE WEATHER STAND BY**

Severe weather or natural disaster	3
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#### **PERMITS/INSPECTIONS** 673

#### **INCIDENTS BY SHIFT**

11PM to 7AM	51
7AM to 3PM	141
3PM to 11PM	169

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## HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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The Spencer Historical Commission has completed another productive year serving the Spencer community. We would like to thank all who have helped us along the way; your support of our efforts is greatly appreciated. We are dedicated to preserving Spencer's rich history. The Commission's goal is to protect and preserve the historic, cultural, and environmental features that are important components of Spencer's heritage. We collect and preserve both information and physical items of Spencer history, and accept donations of historic nature for our collection of artifacts. Family histories and photos of Spencer's past are especially treasured.

On July 13, 2014 a celebration of the American Revolution was held at the old cemetery. Many veterans of the Revolution who were involved in the 1774 event in Worcester were talked about.

During 2014 Anna Maria Hughes resigned as chairman and Jean M. Desmarais was voted in as the new chair. The Commission also welcomed new member Danielle Gebo.

Please check the meeting calendar on the website at [www.spencerma.gov](http://www.spencerma.gov) for our meeting dates. Meetings will no longer be held during December, January, or February.

Jeanne Desmarais, Chair  
Helen Barnes, Vice Chair  
J. Richard Sherman, Jr.  
Wilfred Breault  
Ted Lochner  
Francis T. Lochner  
Danielle Gebo

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## HOUSING AUTHORITY

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The Spencer Housing Authority manages Projects 667-1 and 667-2 known as “Howe Village”. Our eighty-four 667-1 units were built in 1970 and 667-2 was added in 1975 providing an additional sixty units for a total of one hundred and forty four one-bedroom units for the elderly and handicapped. Included in the 667-2 Project were four units especially designed for handicapped tenants. Also included is space for noontime meals and “meals on wheels” delivery provided by Tri-Valley Elder Services.

On December 1, 2014, a contract with Tri-Valley Elder Services for a Supportive Housing Program was signed. The program will provide Howe village residents with 24 hour homemaker/personal care staffing, thereby allowing them to live independently while having access to the support they need.

The Housing Authority opened Project 667-3 on 4/1/1989 known as “Depot Village” which is located at 40 Wall Street. The Project consists of twenty-four one bedroom elderly and handicapped units; two separate congregate housing units, one six bedroom unit and one four bedroom unit. The congregate units are managed by Tri-Valley Elder Services and have private bedrooms with shared facilities for kitchen and living room use. Also included is commercial space, which is currently vacant.

Project 689-1 was opened in January 1988 at 77 Maple Street. There are (2) two separate buildings with (4) four bedrooms in each unit. The buildings are currently leased and operated by the Glavin Center to provide housing & services for handicapped individuals. Project 705-1 was opened on 4/1/1989 on Lloyd Dyer Drive. There are (4) four duplexes for (8) eight families, including one handicapped unit.

The Housing Authority administers two rental assistance programs: the (MRVP) Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program) formerly known as the 707 Program for low-income families currently has 5 units leased in the Spencer area. The other Program known as the (AHVP) Alternative Housing Voucher Program for non-elderly disabled applicants currently has 48 one-bedroom units leased in the state of Massachusetts.

Several projects were completed during 2014, including roofing, paving, and flooring; replacement of GFCI, electrical panels, low flow toilets, rotted sills, and health & safety repairs to all sites. Ongoing projects are slated for 2015.

The Housing Authority will continue to strive to provide safe and affordable housing to meet the elderly/handicapped and family needs of our area. We also serve as an informational & resource contact for services in the area.

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## **PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION**

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This past year was a difficult one for the Spencer Parks and Recreation Commission. As a result of the impact of the school funding crisis, the Spencer Parks and Recreation Commission saw all funding for its beach and swimming lesson programs eliminated. For the first time in over 50 years, the beach at Luther Hill Park was not available for use by the public as we did not have any funds to hire lifeguards. We were also unable to offer swimming lessons as well. We view lifeguard coverage and the offering of swimming lessons as items which promote public safety. We will continue efforts to restore part or all of this programming for upcoming summer seasons. We have received some donations to help with this effort. We extend our special thanks to The Bemis Trust Fund, Spencer Abbey and all the private individuals who have supported this effort. We have donation accounts to help with this effort and to help fund the needs at our other parks as well. Donations can be made to the Luther Hill Park Donation Account, the Parks and Recreation Revolving Fund or the Youth Commission Donation Account. Checks can be sent to Town Hall. Please also support upcoming fundraising efforts including those by the Spencer Fire Association in support of the parks.

We continue our efforts to maintain and support our needs at the various parks and to make progress in completing items listed in the Open Space Plan. We extend our thanks to Steve Tyler, Utilities and Facilities Director, for his assistance in updating the Park and Recreation webpage on the town website as well as his work in updating a map of town recreational resources. We also thank the Highway Department for their continued efforts to maintain our parks even while under the challenges of reduced manpower and increased workload. We extend our thanks to the Spencer Conservation Commission, the Snowbird Club, and the Friends of the Rail Trail for their help in our achieving a substantial grant to help begin to restore and upgrade the Rail Trail. With these funds work will begin this year on this project. We are working on being able to apply for future grants. We also continue to maintain Powdermill Park and O'Gara Park which are consistently used by members of the public. We continue to prepare capital requests for all of our parks and facilities and look for ways to fund them. We also reach out to the public for volunteer help with maintaining our parks. Our parks have benefitted from Eagle Scout projects and community service projects from high school students in the past. We welcome any assistance in terms of either donation of funds, time, or materials to help us maintain and restore our recreational parks, facilities, and programming.

Please visit the webpage below for a guide to Spencer Parks & Recreational Facilities  
[http://www.spencerma.gov/Pages/SpencerMA\\_Bcomm/ParksRec/recfacilities](http://www.spencerma.gov/Pages/SpencerMA_Bcomm/ParksRec/recfacilities).

William R. Shemeth, III, Chair  
Robert Churchey  
Maritn A. German, Jr.  
Mark Lammi  
Lynne D. Porretti  
Anthony F. Toscano

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## **PARKING CLERK**

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Forty-two hearings for various parking violations were held in 2014 and two hundred and fourteen license suspensions were issued for unpaid parking fines.

Kurt Nordquist,

Parking Clerk

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## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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The Spencer Police Department continues to conduct policing on a proactive basis. In today's society, Police Officers can no longer just react to crime. They must instead respond to the wide variety of issues and problems impacting the fear of crime and quality of life in our community.

The Spencer Police Department continues to participate in the Central Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council, which allows access to specialized assets including a SWAT Team along with Civil Disturbance, Motorcycle, Collision Reconstruction, and Cyber-Crime Units. The Spencer Police Department currently has one Officer assigned to the Collision Reconstruction Team.

The Spencer Police Department conducts a variety of community outreach programs, including the deployment of our speed radar dolly, the installation and inspection of child safety seats, the performance of residential and commercial security surveys, participation in the Sheriff's TRIAD Senior Program and the facilitation of the Officer Phil Child Safety Program at Lake Street and Wire Village Schools.

The Spencer Police Department maintains affiliation with the following organizations: Worcester County Breaking and Entering Task Force, Worcester County Fraudulent Check Association, Street Violence Prevention Group, Tri-Valley Elder Task Force and the Massachusetts Financial Crimes Task Force.

Continued and comprehensive training of all Spencer Police Department personnel is of paramount importance in the areas of law enforcement and public safety. On an annual basis, Officers attend Firearms Qualification and Proficiency training. In addition Officers participated in an internet based in-service training program provided by the Massachusetts Police Institute in accordance with standards promulgated by the Massachusetts Police Training Committee. In addition, Officers and Dispatchers participated in an internet based in-service training program provided by the Massachusetts Police Institute in accordance with standards promulgated by the Massachusetts Police Training Committee and State 911 Department.

What was new in 2014? The Police radio system was upgraded in February using grant and capital funds. A high-band repeater system has been installed and has greatly enhanced our communication capabilities.

There was one personnel change in 2014, Joelyn Durgin was hired as an Alternate Animal Control & Inspection Officer.

Whenever possible the Spencer Police Department applies for Federal and State grants. Grants are important, as they allow a community to address issues that may be beyond their financial resources. This year the Spencer Police Department was awarded a variety of grants, including: \$10,000 from the State 911 Department for training, \$36,280 from the State 911 Department for infrastructure improvements and overtime, \$12,500 from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security for traffic enforcement, \$2,000 from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security for Child Safety Seats, \$2,300 from the Bureau of Justice Assistance for bullet proof vests and a Drug Collection Unit from CVS Pharmacy.

In closing, I wish to thank the members of the Spencer Police Department for their dedication and support. I also wish to thank the Town Administrator, Board of Selectmen, along with all other Town Officials, Boards and Departments for their assistance in providing the citizens of Spencer with exceptional public service.

David B. Darrin,  
Chief of Police

## **ACTIVITY REPORT**

### **ARRESTS:**

Murder	0
Rape	0
Armed Robbery	0
Unarmed Robbery	0
Assault & Battery	21
Assault w/Dangerous Weapon	11
Burglary	15
Larceny	38
Motor Vehicle Theft	7
Vandalism	10
Arson	0
Domestic A&B	55
Warrants	86
209A/HPO Violation	20
Misdemeanor – Miscellaneous	24
Felony – Miscellaneous	5
Motor Vehicle – Miscellaneous	60
Minor in Possession of Alcohol	11
Possession of Drugs	13
Distribution of Drugs	1
Disorderly Conduct	56
Protective Custody	55
OUI – Alcohol/Drugs	22
TOTAL	510

### **OFFENSES**

Murder	0
Rape	0
Robbery	0
Assault	36
Burglary	34
Larceny	197
Motor Vehicle Theft	8
Vandalism	58

### **SELECT CALLS**

Accidents	423
911 Calls	2170
Medical Calls	1836

Fire Assists	200
Alarm Response	540
Detain Prisoners for Others	58
Disturbances – General	413
Disturbances – Domestic	108

#### **CALLS BY SHIFT:**

11p-7a	4693
7a-3p	10516
3p-11a	8516
<b>Total</b>	<b>23725</b>

#### **ANIMAL CONTROL:**

Calls	897
Impounds	27
Adoptions	42
Bylaw Violations	37

#### **CITATIONS**

Civil Infractions	77
Criminal	58
Warning	192
Arrest	30
Parking	403
Bylaw – Police	52
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>812</b>



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## RICHARD SUGDEN LIBRARY

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The Richard Sugden Library enriches the life of the community by providing opportunities to learn, connect, enjoy and discover. The Trustees and Staff work together to respond to our community's evolving needs and the changing nature of library services to remain relevant and vital to the public. The library is a significant resource and advocate for youth as they develop from birth to thoughtful inheritors of our community. The library has a special mission to promote and support literacy and to foster a love of reading in people of all ages.

The 2014 annual report is a tale of two libraries. In January, the library was open Monday through Thursday from 10:00 to 7:00 and Saturday from 10:00 to 2:00. A staff of twelve provided a range of services including circulation, reference, technology instruction, book and movie selection, cataloging, programs and technical and clerical support. We provided an average of forty programs a month free to the public including early literacy programs, teen movie nights, adult computer classes, after-school STEM programs, arts and crafts classes, Youth Theater, the Sugden Writers Group, and musical performances.

On July 1<sup>st</sup>, the library budget was cut by \$92,000.00 due to a Town override vote that failed by 45 votes. Hours were cut back to thirty-two a week, Monday and Thursday, 10:00 to 7:00, and Tuesday and Wednesday, 10:00 to 5:00, with no weekend hours. Seven staff positions were eliminated. Volunteers came in to assist with shelving and processing, but programming was gone and the remaining five staff members, some part-time, assumed additional professional duties in order to keep the library open. The library no longer met minimum standards for library service as established by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners and for the first time in history, the library was forced to apply for a waiver with the hope of remaining certified. A Farewell Open House was held on Saturday, June 28, to honor the departing staff members: Marie Lamoureux (continuous service since 1976), Nancy Nowak (19 years), Ann Ramsey (17 years), Doris Jarvis (16 years), Jody Freitas (2 years) and Zachary Jorritsma (2 years).

The Library Planning Committee completed the *Long Range Plan, 2014-2019* which was submitted in September to the MBLC. This provides a blueprint for library planning based on community input, surveys, and discussion. Sadly, the most popular role cited for the library was as a community activity center; this service was all but eliminated when the deep cuts in staffing had to be made.

The library houses a collection of over 82,000 items including books, DVDs, audiobooks, and unique local history materials. The collection also includes a growing list of online resources such as databases for research, language learning, and entertainment as well as popular e-books, audiobooks, and movies through the Overdrive system. Staff assisted an increasing number of patrons learning to download books, audiobooks, and movies onto Kindles, Nooks, i-Pads and mobile devices. The library is a full circulating member of C/W MARS, using the Evergreen open source circulation system, which allows patrons to access more than 300 libraries in Massachusetts and beyond through our popular "patron holds" system. This allows any cardholder at home to order materials for delivery at our library, to renew books, and create reading lists. The library website at [www.spencerpubliclibrary.org](http://www.spencerpubliclibrary.org) is heavily used for access to our catalog, free databases, announcements, and community information. Our site averages over 6,000 hits a month.

An essential service provided by the library is Internet access, through our library computers or our twenty-four hour open WiFi system. Area residents depend on this access for job searching, assistance

programs, email, and education. Most libraries are thriving because they are the only source of free Internet access and expertise for hundreds of area residents.

### Children's Library

From January to July the Children's room offered programs that served children from six months to sixth grade. During the school months there were morning Early Childhood Programs for babies, toddlers and preschoolers. These small groups met weekly and were led by an early childhood professional.

On two afternoons per week there were themed programs for school aged students. These programs brought to life science, math, history, and the arts with a book or two on the topic as well as fun activities. A favorite last year was the spring play put on by the children who participated in the theater program. The themes changed monthly, were free, and did not require registration. As of July 1st the budget cuts led to a loss of the early childhood professional, Miss Jody as well as many staff members. The shortage in staff meant dropping all of the Early Childhood programs as well as the afterschool programs.

Once a month the children in the Spencer Head Start program and their teachers come for story hour. There are also informational tours for the Cub Scouts and the Girl Scouts. In April the Children's librarians visit the Kindergarten to read some stories and invite the children and their families to attend Kindergarten Open House at the library. This family night includes refreshments, a special performance and the opportunity to sign up for library cards.

In the summer the library makes available multiple copies of the school system's required summer reading conveniently on display by grade. The popular summer reading program was also a victim of the budget cuts. The summer reading theme was "Fizz, Boom, Read", a science-focused program. Although we usually pack in six weeks of programs, this year we could only offer the programs that we had obtained through grants: a rocket program by the Museum of Science, a live bird program on Birds of Prey, and the final event, an interactive drumming program. These special events were made possible with help from the Spencer Savings Bank, the Spencer Cultural Council, the Friends of the Library and local businesses. In the spirit of this year's theme, Spencer Savings Bank agreed to donate to Central New England Equine Rescue if the children met the 1,000 book reading goal - which despite fewer participants - they did. The children's room is a friendly, social place to learn new skills and practice familiar ones. We provide a nurturing space for early reading and fine motor skills with our puppet theater, dollhouse, blocks, puzzles, and manipulatives. The children's room staff enjoys connecting kids and families with good books (and magazines, movies and CD's).

The library enjoys the services of many talented volunteers, Senior Program workers, student interns, and Project ABLE participants. Over 1500 hours were donated last year by volunteers who processed books, helped with programs, maintained the popular coupon files, cataloged local history materials, and maintained our grounds. The Friends of the Richard Sugden Library sponsored their annual Book Sale in May and supported the library with funding for programs, museum passes, and furnishings.

Our elected Trustees were Lynn Dobson, Chair, Mary Anne Slack and Maryanne Gleason, elected in May to replace Therese Beckwith, who retired after many years of service on the Board. The Library Trustees and Staff are grateful for the continued support of the Town Departments, library users and supporters, local businesses, the Friends of the Library, the Spencer Cultural Council, and hard-working volunteers who keep our library at the heart of the community. We are especially grateful to all who supported us and volunteered to help in one of the most devastating years in our history.

### Library by the Numbers 2014:

Total circulation: 50,802

Number of registered Spencer patrons: 5,247

Interlibrary loans received: 6,048  
Interlibrary loans sent: 7,304

Total holdings in collection: 83,260  
Number of library visits: 48,868

Mary Baker-Wood,  
Library Director

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## SEWER DEPARTMENT

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The Spencer Wastewater Treatment Plant is permitted for 1,080,000 gallons per day, but also has an annual average maximum influent flow of 860,000 gallons per day. Exceeding the maximum influent flow can trigger treatment plant expansion and/or collection system inflow & infiltration repairs. Our yearly average influent flow was 760,000 gallons per day.

Revenues for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014 were:

Sewer Fees	\$930,986.76
Connection Fees	\$ 11,330.00
Other Department Revenue	\$375,380.05
Enterprise Fund Earnings	<u>\$ 7,115.79</u>
Total Revenue Collected	<b>\$1,324,812.60</b>

Total FY2014 expenses were \$1,108,423.54. Capital expenses of \$51,937.72 were spent for two new RAS pumps installed and one-half the cost of pipeline video inspection equipment to be shared with the Highway Department. Design services for the Sewer Systems Upgrades totaled \$26,305.67. Debt service costs were \$310,238.73 and retained earnings certified by MassDOR was \$284,172.00.

Nuwater Inc. was the low bidder for our Sewer Systems Upgrades rebid with a total bid of \$1,431,400. The upgrades consist of new aeration blowers, controls and generator; a new final clarifier drive assembly and controls, grit tank stop gate replacement, electrical demo work and replacement of the Meadow Road Pump Station including a new generator. We anticipate substantial completion in May 2015.

The Board of Sewer Commissioners and staff wish to thank the residents for their continued support and understanding; and town departments, boards and committees for their assistance and cooperation during the past year.

Mark R. Robidoux,  
Superintendent

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## **SPENCER-EAST BROOKFIELD REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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I hereby submit the annual report of the Superintendent of Schools, the forty-seventh in the series.

### Financial

The final capital and operating FY15 Budget was set at \$23,681,395, a 1.0% increase over the FY14 Budget. The communities' contribution is Spencer at 81.82% and East Brookfield at 18.18%.

### Highlights

- Dr. Edward Malvey continued as Interim Superintendent of Schools.
- A Superintendent Search Committee was formed, and with the assistance of MASC, performed an extensive search for a new Superintendent of Schools
- At the October 14, 2014 School Committee meeting, the committee voted unanimously to appoint Dr. N. Tracy Crowe to the position of Superintendent of Schools. Dr. Crowe comes to us from Pittsfield MA where she served as Deputy Superintendent of Schools.  
Dr. Crowe started with us in her position on November 17, 2014. We wish her much success in her role, and thank Dr. Malvey for his service to the school district while acting as Interim Superintendent.
- The district continues with School Choice and has approximately 54 students enrolled from other districts. As of October 1<sup>st</sup> there were 1369 Spencer students enrolled in the school district and 272 East Brookfield students.
- Grants continue to be written by district members bringing in extra funding for the schools.
- The After School Program began its tenth year and remains successful, as well as self-supporting.
- This is the eighth year of the early morning component to the program at Lake Street School. The early morning program is available to all K-6 students within the district. The entire program is self-supporting and operates at no cost to the tax payer.
- We continue to develop new special education programs that save the district money while educating these students locally in the least restrictive environment.

### School Committee

The May 2014 election saw the election of three new members to the Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School Committee. Ms. Angela Knapton was elected to a three year Spencer seat. Mr. Michael Ethier was elected to a three year East Brookfield seat and Mrs. Heather Messier was elected to a one year East Brookfield seat. Mrs. Mary Gershman and Mr. Joshua Cote did not seek re-election to the committee. We thank Mrs. Gershman and Mr. Cote for their dedication and efforts while serving on the School Committee.

Kevin Hayes, Chair  
Christopher King, Vice Chair  
Michael Ethier  
John Howard  
Vincent Cloutier  
Angela Knapton  
Heather Messier  
Kurt Nordquist

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**BAY PATH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**AUBURN/CHARLTON/DUDLEY**  
**NORTH BROOKFIELD/OXFORD/PAXTON**  
**RUTLAND/SOUTHBRIDGE/SPENCER/WEBSTER**

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Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School graduated a class of 225 students in June of 2014, and accepted a class of 311 freshmen in September of 2014. Our current enrollment has reached 1,127 students. Of the 25 Spencer seniors who graduated, 3 are now gainfully employed in an occupation related to their training and 17 are attending College. Currently, 141 students from Spencer are enrolled with twenty-seven receiving extra services from our Special Education Department.

Whenever possible, we have continued our practice of utilizing our occupational programs to provide requested services to municipalities, non-profit organizations and residents from any of our ten district towns. During the 2013-2014 school year, our 21 vocational programs completed 1,153 work orders, 32 of which were for residents of the Town of Spencer.

Our Hilltop Restaurant and Minuteman Shoppe are opened to the public Tuesday through Friday from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm and our cosmetology program is open by appointment only, made by calling the school. Residents of the Bay Path district are encouraged to take advantage of the services as they not only benefit the students but provide useful services at reasonable costs to residents.

Our Evening School Program had a combined enrollment of 1880, in programs ranging from Business & Finance, Career/ Licensing; Computers; Cooking; Entertainment; Health & Fitness; Hobbies & Crafts; Home & Job; Language & Art; and Sports & Leisure. The program also offered a wide variety of over 400 online courses, including career certificate programs and courses to satisfy professional development requirements for teachers.

This year, the only "Out of District" students that have been accepted are students who began their high school education at Bay Path while residing in one of the Districts ten member towns and then subsequently moved out of the District before completing their high school education. It is important to note that the town where the students now reside must pay an out of district tuition for each student, ranging in cost between \$14,416 and \$16,168. Those towns also pay the transportation costs for those students.

The Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District continues to provide excellent cooperation for our recruiting program and we are thankful for their efforts. I believe that they share our feeling that all students must be given the right, the information, and the opportunity to make an informed school choice.

We, at Bay Path, will continue to serve Spencer with the finest vocational education programs available for high school students and adults, and will, when at all possible, use our skills and facilities to further town projects as they add to our students' education.

Respectfully submitted,



John A. Lafleche  
Superintendent-Director

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## **TREE WARDEN**

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I hereby submit my annual report for 2014.

I removed 15 hazardous / dead trees at various locations throughout the town.

I up-branched / pruned trees on Lincoln Street, Charron Street, Northwest Road, and Charlton Road.

National Grid provided a tree crew for one day.

Thanks to the Highway Department for their assistance.

Ray Holmes  
Tree Warden

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## VETERANS' SERVICES

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The Veterans' Services Office is located in the Spencer Town Hall and is open Mondays and Tuesdays from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm and Wednesdays from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. The Veterans' Services Officer works with the Massachusetts Department of Veterans' Services, and the United States Department of Veterans' Services (VA) to provide assistance to Veterans' and their families in time of need.

Benefits accessible through this office include rental assistance, living allowances, shelter costs, utility expenses, medical expenses and some funeral expenses. These benefits are available to veterans and their dependants who meet the established income and asset criteria. A veteran must be honorably discharged and have served a minimum of 90 days of active duty. Widows of veterans are equally eligible for these benefits.

As of 2015, the combat phases of both the Iraq and Afghanistan wars have concluded and the military is drawing down the number of active duty personnel. The men and women who have served during the last decade are returning home and will need assistance as they transition back to civilian life. Additionally, veterans from WWII, Korea and Vietnam are aging and continue to need assistance and support.

The Sons and Daughters from the Town of Spencer have *always* answered the call to duty in the defense of our country, and in large numbers. The names of these residents who have proudly served in all branches of military service are displayed in the Town Hall Rotunda. The residents of Spencer have always acknowledged the sacrifice made by veterans and remain loyal and generous in providing support to veterans in their time of need.

As the Veterans' Services Officer for the Town Of Spencer, I am honored and proud to be here to meet with and assist all of the town's veterans as needs develop or to answer questions relating to benefits they have earned. You can reach me at 508-885-7500 X115, or email [TGagnon@spencerma.gov](mailto:TGagnon@spencerma.gov).

Timothy Gagnon,  
Veterans' Services Officer



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**UTILITIES & FACILITIES  
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT  
WATER DEPARTMENT  
TRANSFER STATION**

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Do you like what is happening with your Utilities & Facilities Office including Water Department, Highway Department, Town Buildings/Properties and Transfer Station? We want to know. Get involved. Please address your concerns or words of praise to:

Utilities & Facilities Office  
Steven J. Tyler, P.E., Superintendent  
3 Old Meadow Road  
Spencer, MA 01562  
[styler@spencerma.gov](mailto:styler@spencerma.gov)

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**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

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**Highway Department** (website: [http://www.spencerma.gov/Pages/SpencerMA\\_Highway/index](http://www.spencerma.gov/Pages/SpencerMA_Highway/index))

Spencer has over 125 miles of roadways. At current staffing this equates to over 30 lane miles per highway staff person to maintain and care for our roads. In addition to maintaining public roads the Highway Department is responsible for all Town owned buildings, public areas, parks and recreational facilities and many other properties the maintenance of which includes grounds/landscape maintenance, plowing, roadside mowing and brush cutting, tree and limb cleanup, patching, routine maintenance and repairs, street sweeping, catch basin and drainage system maintenance, repairs and cleaning. In addition to these your highway staff is heavily involved in constructing and upgrading closed and open country drainage systems, replacing failed culverts, aging and damaged bridge repairs, storm response and addressing numerous other infrastructure needs. As a result of budget reductions we had to reduce permanent staffing levels again in 2014. Spencer is now down to 9 full time dedicated highway men that service and maintain all of the above described infrastructure and much more. Much needed new equipment purchases and needed capital expenditures were also postponed in 2014 due to budget constraints.

The good news is Spencer Highway employees are dedicated, experienced, highly trained employees committed to getting the job done. Even with budget constraints we were able to have our existing loader receive refurbishment and put it back into service. We also acquired a much needed equipment trailer for our grounds maintenance program crews. The staff working for the Spencer Highway Department is doing their best to keep up with the numerous duties and responsibilities for the residents of Spencer. And we appreciate your understanding and patience with the inevitable delays such as longer times to complete lengthened plow routes which result from the reduced staffing levels.

However, because of the aged and deteriorated conditions of the Town's infrastructure current reduced budgets are not sustainable and in the long run will cost each and every taxpayer much more for delays in necessary maintenance, repairs and reconstruction. In order to better keep up with necessary repairs to our aging infrastructure it is imperative that future budgets include an increase in the Town's operating

budget to restore the lost Highway Department position, expand existing operations budgets to at least cover the cost of inflation and include capital expenditures for new equipment, refurbishments and regular annual maintenance of existing infrastructure and equipment.

### **Spencer Construction Updates Email List**

If you wish to be on our construction project status and updates email update list please send an email requesting to be placed on the Spencer Construction updates list to [styler@spencerma.gov](mailto:styler@spencerma.gov). Please include “*Spencer Construction Updates*” in your email subject line. This office provides the most up to date notices using our construction updates email list. A majority of our larger road and infrastructure (i.e., water and sewer) construction project updates will be made electronically using this email list. We also try to provide advanced notification of other utility projects (i.e., National Grid Gas) whenever possible.

### **Downtown Revitalization – Main Street Reconstruction Project**

The project has been accepted and scheduled for construction funding in Federal Fiscal Year 2016. The public design hearing was well received in December 2014, and is approximately 60% completed. Links to the plans, hearing/meetings minutes, documents and reports are available on the Town web site at [http://www.spencerma.gov/Pages/SpencerMA\\_Highway/mainstreetproject](http://www.spencerma.gov/Pages/SpencerMA_Highway/mainstreetproject) or look for the “Main Street Project” link under “Current Projects” on the [www.spencerma.gov](http://www.spencerma.gov) home page or on the Highway Department web page by clicking on the “Main Street Project Page” link.

The Main Street project will include roadway resurfacing; traffic and signal coordination improvements; bicycle accommodations; pedestrian sidewalk reconstruction inclusive of all necessary handicap accessibility upgrades, ramps and crosswalks; streetscape enhancements; and utility systems infrastructure (water and sewer) upgrades. The total estimated construction cost for this revitalization project is \$3.6 million dollars, to be paid by State/Federal Transportation funds.

The regional significance of the project has also been recognized by the Central Massachusetts Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Committee. We have received acceptance from the regional public TIP process and are continuing to work with our designer and the project stakeholders on the downtown revitalization improvements for Main Street. Once construction starts it will take approximately 2 construction seasons to complete.

### **Water Street Roadway and Sidewalk Improvements**

The Town of Spencer completed the last remaining phase of this comprehensive above and below ground infrastructure rehabilitation and reconstruction project on Water Street in 2014 including the final roadway and sidewalk reconstruction. In the past 3+ years Water Street residents and users dealt with a lot of construction activity including new water, sewer, gas, drainage systems/mains and this season’s sidewalk and roadway reconstruction. Now that the Water Street project is complete it should remain in very good condition for many years to come.

### **Adams Street and Clark Street Roadway and Sidewalk Improvements**

As with the Water Street project, the final steps of the Adams and Clark Streets project were completed in 2014 and should remain in very good condition for many years to come. These 2 roadway segments provide a crucial vehicular and pedestrian link the Knox Trail School.

### **Grant Street Drainage Roadway and Sidewalk Improvements**

In 2014 Grant Street saw the completion of drainage and water infrastructure upgrades in addition to full depth roadway reclamation, resurfacing and sidewalk reconstruction.

### **Other Roadway, Bridge and Sidewalk Projects**

Thanks to an unexpected late grant from the MassDOT Ch. 90 program we resurfaced beneath the South Spencer Road and Lyford Road Railroad Bridges to improve drivability where these roadways had become severely deteriorated. In addition, the balance of the relatively small grant funds were also used to address several bad pavement areas along S. Spencer Road. The locations had severe rutting and alligator cracking which indicated that the roadway sub-base material had lost its ability to perform structurally. This sub-base was completely removed and replaced with new base materials prior to patching.

Cherry Street Sidewalk Improvements – Additional improvements planned for 2014 were again postponed due to budget constraints. We hope to be able to proceed with those in 2015.

Greenville Street Drainage Improvements – In 2013 we obtained necessary easements and completed the design and permitting to install a new cross culvert at an area with icing concerns on Greenville Street. Subject to available funding we hope to complete this project during the Summer of 2015. Reshaping of the Greenville Street roadside drainage swales was completed in 2013 and has made a big improvement to alleviating other past icing problems.

Crack Sealing Roadway Maintenance – Our planned 2014 crack sealing program had to be delayed. In 2015 we plan to complete the work planned for 2014 and combine it with our 2015 crack sealing work currently planned for S. Spencer Road, Howe Road and Cranberry Meadow Road.

### **Drainage Improvement or Culvert Replacement Projects Completed in 2014**

In 2014 the following roadway drainage improvements and failed culvert replacement projects were completed by the Town of Spencer Highway Department staff at a tremendous overall savings to the taxpayer.

- ❖ Thompson Pond Road Drainage Improvements (Near #62)
- ❖ Replace 2 failed culverts on the southernmost segment of East Charlton Rd.
- ❖ Replace 2 failed culverts on I. Capen Rd.

### **Planned Culvert Replacements and Other Small Projects**

Several locations were identified as needing culvert replacements as soon as possible but had to be put on hold due to budgeting and manpower constraints. We have, however, managed to complete the necessary permitting to replace the following culverts in kind. These projects are ready for construction potentially in 2015 and will all be replaced as soon as possible subject to need, urgency, available funding and manpower. Please watch for construction notices so that you can be aware of delays or detours in advance. Listed below are the many other places where similar work is needed, however, budget constraints and staff reductions over the past few years greatly limit our ability to perform and complete important projects like these.

- ❖ Replace existing culvert on S. Spencer Rd. (Near Spencer-East Brookfield Town Line.)
- ❖ Replace existing culvert on Clark Rd. (near Borkum Rd)
- ❖ Replace and extend drainage outfall pipe on Lincoln St.
- ❖ Greenville Street Drainage Improvements (Near #218 and #219)
- ❖ Replace existing culvert on Clark Rd. (near Chickering Rd)

- ❖ Replace existing culvert on R Jones Rd. (near 63 R Jones Rd)
- ❖ Replace existing culvert on Tom Casey Rd.
- ❖ N. Spencer Road (Route 31) Drainage Improvement (Near #126)
- ❖ Chickering Road Drainage Repairs to alleviate icing issues (Near #61)
- ❖ Complete Fire Dept. Training Site at Spencer Fairground Parking Lot

### **Mechanic Street Improvements Included Under CDBG Grant Application**

As part of our Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program the Town received funding assistance for the design of roadway and sidewalk improvements along Mechanic Street, from Main Street to Chestnut Street. Survey, base plan preparation and design for the Mechanic Street work was completed in 2014. The next step of our current CDBG grant includes funding to construct the Mechanic Street improvements presented at the 2013 design hearing. We plan to advertise for construction early in 2015 so that construction can be completed during the 2015 construction season.

The CDBG program also includes available funds for private property improvements that must be applied for by the respective property owner. Contact Chris Dunphy at the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (413) 781-6045 for further information.

### **Pavement Management Plan (PMP)**

There are numerous streets, roads and sidewalks throughout Spencer in a state of serious disrepair. These include local roads, private ways and even major collectors and arterials such as Paxton Road and Charlton Road (Route 31). The existing available roadway budget is incapable of addressing these conditions. We had been working with the Spencer Finance Committee to identify funding needs for a Pavement Management Plan that will restore the overall condition of our public roads to a more manageable state. Unfortunately those plans have stalled due to budget issues. In the near future we hope to reopen public finance and roadway budget planning meetings to address these roadway concerns and financial funding issues. Hopefully this will lead to a funding article to be presented for citizen vote and approval at a future Town meeting. Your support and participation at these meetings and for the forthcoming Pavement Management Plan (PMP) is needed and much appreciated. Spencer's current Pavement Management Plan is online via the ([spencerma.gov](http://spencerma.gov)) website under the Highway Department webpage. An updated PMP report will be posted in the summer of 2015. This comprehensive study of our public roadway infrastructure by Fay, Spofford, & Thorndike (FST) includes a history of expenditures, a list of roadways and their present condition, as well as several approaches to improve their condition. This report is used to develop our planned highway improvements to ensure effective and efficient use of your tax dollar.

### **Other Highway Department Projects Planned for 2015**

Planned roadway and sidewalk improvement projects sidelined in 2014 due to insufficient funds are still on the planning table for 2015 including resurface all or portions of McDonald Street, Charron Street and Langevin Street and for sidewalk reconstruction and improvements at selected locations subject to funding availability.

### **Snow & Ice Reminders**

The winter season in Spencer results in the significant accumulation of snow and ice on the ground. A reminder to homeowners that the Town of Spencer General By-Laws, (Article 6, section 3), Obstruction of Streets and Sidewalks states, *"No person shall place or cause to place in any of the public streets, sidewalks, or squares, any dirt, rubbish, wood, timber, snow or other material of any kind tending to*

*obstruct the streets or sidewalks without written permission from the Highway Superintendent.”* Please keep in mind that our average snow plow route takes approximately 5 hours to complete in one direction only (up to 10 hours per route both directions/sides). Also, initial snow clearing operations focus on principal arterials and anti-slip treatments. A little bit of kindness, understanding and safe driving goes a long way. Help your neighbors and leave plenty of time to get to your destination. Please Drive Safely, Fasten Safety Belts, Stay Alert and Cautious at All Times.

### **Routine Roadside Maintenance**

Roadside brush cutting is a critical element for roadway maintenance and public safety. The Spencer Highway Department maintains the roadway right of way for the good of public safety and users of the road including, but not limited to, roadside cutting and maintenance operations. The edges of roads must be kept clear of vegetation and plant growth for many reasons including driver line-of-site visibility, and to prevent pavement degradation. This routine maintenance helps prevent the growth that can lead to power outages and other concerns from heavy wind and snow storms. All too often roadway abutters encroach upon the right of way by installing shrubbery, trees, walls, gardens, flower beds, etc. The Town cannot be held responsible for any damage that might occur within encroachments onto Town owned land. Residents should keep in mind that any vegetative growth, poles, fences, structures, walls, etc. within the Town owned roadway layout and/or within 5-10 feet of the existing edge of roadway may be cut or removed at any time by our highway maintenance operations with no notification, restoration or mitigation of any kind required.

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## WATER DEPARTMENT

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The Spencer Water Department continues to improve its operations and infrastructure to comply with ever growing regulations and permitting requirements. The water treatment and supply industry is one of the most regulated public service industries. Led by an outstanding Chief Water Operator and supported by three equally exceptional and dedicated licensed water treatment plant operators the Spencer Water Department is a model of operations and QA/QC capabilities for a facility of its size. Potable drinking water from the Spencer Water Department to the customer tap costs only \$0.01 per gallon (yes, just one penny per gallon) and is therefore still one of the absolute best deals in Town.

The Spencer Water Department is seen as a leader and a quintessential model for other public water supply systems of comparable size. An article in the December 2013 issue of the New England Water Works Association (NEWWA) entitled *“Town of Spencer, Massachusetts Two-Zone Pressure System Project”* is on the Spencer Water Department web page with permissions from the NEWWA.

With the recent completion of major system upgrades we are now refocusing on efforts on the existing infrastructure with other planned system maintenance and upgrades such as replacing or upgrading aged or deficient water mains. The water utility infrastructure is literally a living system in its own way and must be maintained and cared for accordingly. The Spencer Water Department will continue to manage itself in the best interests of the Town and its water customers.

### Water System-wide Leak Detection

In an effort to keep our costs of unaccounted for water down (primarily attributed to unknown system leaks) we have instituted an annual system-wide leak detection program. Undetected leaks in our water system are very expensive. As of June 2008, the American Water Works Association (AWWA) quotes the national average cost for pumping 1,000,000 gallons of water per year is \$1,767. Following is a list of results from our most recently conducted system-wide leak detections:

2009 Leak Detection performed by Prowler Water Conservation Systems:  
Estimated leakage – 27.86 (MGY) million gallons per year  
AWWA estimated annual savings - \$49,228

2010 Leak Detection performed by Prowler Water Conservation Systems:  
Estimated leakage – 11.40 (MGY) million gallons per year  
AWWA estimated annual savings – \$20,485

2011-12 Leak Detection performed by Prowler Water Conservation Systems:  
Results - No leaks Found.

2014 Leak Detection performed by Prowler Water Conservation Systems:  
Estimated leakage – 7.36 (MGY) million gallons per year  
AWWA estimated annual savings – \$15,014

Standard practice for our Water Department is to repair all leaks found during the leak detection program. We have had significantly less leakage over subsequent years resulting in significant annual savings (primarily in unrealized costs). Our next systemwide leak detection survey is scheduled to occur in 2016.

### MassDEP Mandates

In 2014 the Water Department acted upon several mandates from the MassDEP which required additional operating and capital improvements. We began to address these matters in 2014 and will continue the efforts as needed going into 2015. The improvements include additional efforts to reduce unaccounted for water as well as costs to clean and restore the backwash lagoons on Meadow Road, increasing progress on our Capital Efficiency Plan (CEP) including replacing aged and problematic pipes and improving low water pressures on Paxton Road. We are currently evaluating options to meet these requirements. Depending upon the selected option for Paxton Road it could require substantial capital investment in that area. Due to normal consumer price index materials and services inflation increases to our normal operating budget and the above mentioned added expenses and capital costs we will be doing a rate study in 2015 to determine if Water Department rate increases will be necessary.

### Water Department Capital Efficiency Plan (CEP)

The Water Department, with assistance from our outside contractors, has developed a Capital Efficiency Plan (CEP) that we use to plan for necessary infrastructure improvements in the years ahead. This report identifies, much like our Pavement Management Report does for our public roads, the status of our water distribution system and suggests a methodical prioritization plan for investing in future replacements based on sound evaluation criteria in order to maximize efficient use of rate payer's dollars.

### Grant Street and Chestnut Street Water Main Upgrades

The existing Grant Street water main was upgraded/replaced in 2014. In addition, we began upgrading the water mains in the Chestnut Street. The water main upgrades included new water main trunklines and running new service connections from the new in-street main to each abutting property curb stop.

### Plans for 2015 Water Main Upgrades

We plan to complete the Chestnut Street water main upgrades in 2015 and hope to replace the water main on Longview Drive in 2015 as well.

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## TRANSFER STATION

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The Spencer Transfer Station is the best value in Town for your waste disposal and recycling needs. And thanks to funding provided in part by a grant from the MassDEP our single-stream recycling compactors are up and running allowing you to put all our accepted recyclables into one compactor. Trash and recyclable separation and management just got a whole lot easier. It is important for everyone to understand and practice recycling and solid waste reduction to the greatest extent possible.

***Recycle Spencer!*** It is important for the environment and for each and every one of us now and for the future.



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## DAVID PROUTY HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2014

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Hailey Marie Askew	Derik Brian Goulet	Derek Matthew Olson
Braden Emery Auger	Casey Evelyn Gregson	Nathaniel Charles Orne
Francis Paul Baldino	Kasey Lee Hamilton	Erin Gail Osterhoudt
Jason Tyler Barrett*	Brian Scott Hawes	Thomas Jacob Parsons
Stephen Michael Beahn	Sean Patrick Hennigan	Christopher James Perreault
Derek Francis Bell	Amanda Ann Horne	Chandel Josephine Pilling
Matthew Robert Brennan	Jessica Nicole Howard	Adam Joseph Plante
Melanie Ann Brown	Zachary Joseph Howard	Sarah Paige Ploof
Abbey Elizabeth Bryant	Sydney Nicole Ingel*	Anthony William Polinski
Cyndi Marie Caplette*	Troy Andrew Ingel	Kara Lynn Pranaitis
Jacob Leovied Cardinal	Kane Vladimir Jeanty	Lauren Rachel Preston
Wyatt Joseph Caron	Taylor Rose Joubert*	Samantha Ann Provencher*
Emily Rose Charbonneau	Gabriel Sam KanKam	Fitzgerald Lewis Pucci
Christina Marie Charry	Karah Lynn Karpowich	Shelina Angel Rodriguez-Wilson
Justin Andrew Clayfield*	Jillian Lee Keans	Brandon Michael Roy
Lynn Marie Cleveland	Mikayla Elizabeth King	Nathaniel Steven Rybicki
Rachel Marie Clogston*	Samantha Lyn Kuchinski*	Owen Robert Sablack
Taylor Mai Cloutier	Morgan Hattie Kunesch	Alexis Morgan Sandman
Brendan Michael Coughlin*	Christine Ann LaCroix*	James Douglas Sandman
Camden James Dacey	Michael Craig Lammi	Isabelle Marie Saunders
Stephanie Lynn Damon	Erica Sue Laney	Matthew Richard Shemeth
Hunter Monroe Deane	Jack William Lascom	Jessica Lynn Snyder
Anthony James DiBonaventura	Emily Michelle Letendre	Christopher Allen St. Cyr*
Robert Edward Dukes	Andrew Taylor Lochner	Dean Paul St. Laurent
Anna Thi Duong	Dimitri Austin Lowell	Andrew Brady Stoddard
Zachary Francis Fahey	Alexis Colby Lusignan	Cassandra Lynn Thibaud
Tyler James Fitman*	Blayd Allen Malburne	Christopher Michael Toomey
Antonio Patrick Foley	Matthew G. Marderosian	Brett Michael Triggs
Kayla Danielle Fontaine*	Eduardo Daniel Martinez Hernandez	Alison Marie Tucker
Daniel Robert Fraser	Maria de Jesus Martiniez Hernandez	Angela Lynn Vigneault
Matthew Ryan Fraser	Jacob Robert McCue	Ashley Maurissa White*
Taylor Lynn Fritze	Kelley Amanda McKeon	Amanda Riley Woodward
Andrew John Georgian	Cody Austin Miner	Amanda Marie Wozniak*
Marissa Lynn Goodreau	Benjamin Albert Mondor	Jennifer Anne Wozniak*

**\*Gold Tassels** – Graduating with Honors

**Class Advisors:** Mrs. Kelly McCarthy & Mr. Sean O'Connor

**President:** Rachael Marie Clogston

**Vice President:** Tyler James Fitman

**Secretary:** Anna Thi Duong

**Treasurer:** Jennifer Anne Wozniak

**Historians:** Isabelle Marie Saunders & Amanda Marie Wozniak

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## COMMUNITY INFORMATION

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Annual Elections	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in May
Annual Town Meetings	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday in May
Selectmen's Meetings	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday of month at 6:00 <sup>PM</sup>
Assessor's Meetings	As posted on website
Charitable Needs Commission	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday Sept. - June at 6:30 <sup>PM</sup>
Conservation Commission	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Wed. of month at 7:00 <sup>PM</sup>
Council on Aging	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of month at 6:00 <sup>PM</sup>
Finance Committee	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of month at 7:00 <sup>PM</sup>
Board of Health	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday of month at 6:30 <sup>PM</sup>
Historical Commission	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of month at 7:00 <sup>PM</sup>
Housing Authority	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday of month at 7:00 <sup>PM</sup>
Library Trustees	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday of month at 7:00 <sup>PM</sup>
Parks & Recreation Committee	As posted on website
Planning Board	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of month at 7:00 <sup>PM</sup>
Regional School Committee	See School District website
Sewer Commission	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of month at 5:00 <sup>PM</sup>
Veteran's Agent	By appointment
Water Commission	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday of month at 5:00 <sup>PM</sup>
ZBA	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays of month at 7:15 <sup>PM</sup>

**Town Meetings posted on Website Calendar at [www.spencerma.gov](http://www.spencerma.gov)**

**Transfer Stations Hours:** Wednesday & Saturday 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Town Offices are closed for the following holidays:** New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day, Presidents Day, Patriot's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

### **RICHARD SUGDEN LIBRARY HOURS:**

Monday & Thursday:	10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Tuesday & Wednesday	10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Friday and Sunday:	Closed

### **DUE DATES:**

The following bills are paid at the Town Collector's Office:

Real Estate & Personal Taxes	Due Quarterly
Excise Taxes	Due 30 days after issuance
Water/Sewer Bills	Due Quarterly

The following bills are paid at the Town Clerk's Office:

Dog Licenses	Due April 1 <sup>st</sup> Late Fee after June 30 <sup>th</sup>
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The following bills are paid at the Town Assessor's Office:

List of Tangible Personal Property	January 1 <sup>st</sup>
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## **EMERGENCY INFORMATION**

POLICE – AMBULANCE – FIRE EMERGENCY - DIAL 911

## **NON-EMERGENCY INFORMATION**

POLICE 885-6333

AMBULANCE 885-4476

FIRE 885-3555

## **TOWN DIRECTORY:**

<b>Department/Office:</b>	<b>Services:</b>	<b>Telephone Number:</b>
<b>Administration</b>	Administrator	508 885-7500 x155
	Board of Selectmen	508 885-7500 x155
<b>Town Clerk</b>	Birth Certificates	508 885-7500 x150
	Death Certificates	508 885-7500 x150
	Dog Licenses	508 885-7500 x150
	Elections	508 885-7500 x150
	Marriage Licenses	508 885-7500 x150
	Voting & Registration	508 885-7500 x150
<b>Town Accountant</b>	Accounting	508 885-7500 x160
<b>Town Assessors</b>	Assessment	508 885-7500 x165
	House Numbering	508 885-7500 x165
<b>Town Treasurer/Collector</b>	Tax & Utility Collections	508 885-7500 x170
	Treasurer	508 885-7500 x170
<b>Inspectional &amp; Development Services</b>	Building Inspector	508 885-7500 x180
	Building Permits	508 885-7500 x180
	Conservation	508 885-7500 x180
	Health Matters	508 885-7500 x180
	Inspections: Plumbing, Sanitary, Wiring, Zoning	508 885-7500 x180
	Planning Board	508 885-7500 x180
	Zoning Board	508 885-7500 x180
<b>Veteran's Agent</b>		508 885-7500 x115
<b>Cultural Office</b>		508 885-7500 x187
<b>Historical Commission</b>		508 885-7500 x186
<b>Parks &amp; Recreation</b>		508 885-7500 x185
<b>Fire Department</b>	Burning Permits	508 885-3555
	Fire Chief	508 885-3555
	Oil Burner Permits	508 885-3555
	Civil Defense	508 885-3555
<b>Library (Richard Sugden Library)</b>		508 885-7513
<b>Police</b>	Dog Complaints	508 885-6333
	Police Chief	508 885-6333

<b>Transfer Station</b>		508 885-7539
<b>Utilities &amp; Facilities:</b>	Drainage	508 885-7525
	Highway	508 885-7525
	Street Maintenance, Snow Removal	508 885-7525
	Sewer	508 885-7525
	Water	508 885-7525
<b>Council on Aging</b>	Drop-in Center	508 885-7546
	Senior Citizens Matters	508 885-7546
<b>District Court</b>		508 885-6305
<b>Spencer Public Health Nurse</b>		508 885-7500 x180
<b>Fuel Assistance</b>	Worcester Community Action Council	508 754-1176 x110
<b>Housing Authority</b>		508 885-3904
<b>Post Office</b>		800 275-8777
<b>School Department</b>	Superintendent of Schools	508 885-8500
<b>Van Dispatcher</b>	Elder Bus	508 867-9941
<b>Welfare Office</b>	Southbridge	508 765-2400

**TTY Phone Numbers in the Town of Spencer:**

Town Hall: 508 885-7503  
Police Department: 508 885-2399  
Fire Department: 508 885-2732  
Utilities & Facilities: 508 885-7527

**Schools:**

District Office: 508 885-8502  
David Prouty High: 508 885-8511  
Knox Trail Jr. High: 508 885-8557  
Lake St. School: 508 885-8517  
Wire Village: 508 885-8524

**2014 POPULATION: 10,395**