

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



**MASSACHUSETTS**

FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
DECEMBER 31, 2016

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## SPENCER'S LEADERSHIP HALL

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At the May 5, 2016 Annual Town Meeting, the Board of Selectmen proudly inducted Peter J. Adams into the "Leadership Hall" of the Town of Spencer.

*Peter J. Adams*  
*2016 Leadership Hall Honoree*  
*In honor of his faithful leadership serving the Town of Spencer from 1977 to 2015*



Town Counsel 1977-1982  
By-Law Revision Committee 1978-1980  
School Committee 1981  
Finance Committee 1997-1998  
Town Manager Study Committee 1997  
Board of Selectmen 2001-2007  
250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee 2003  
Capital Improvement Planning Committee 2004-2007  
Soldier's Citizen Monument Committee 2006-2007  
Town Moderator 2009-2016  
Veterans Memorial Isaac Prouty Park Advisory Committee 2014-2015

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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 5, 2016 Annual Town Meeting, the award was proudly presented to Nancy Andrews for her dedication and commitment to our youth and her faithful service to the citizens of Spencer.

*Nancy Andrews*  
*2016 Meritorious Service Award Honoree*  
*In honor of her faithful service to the Town of Spencer and its citizens*





View of Spencer's Depot Trail (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 which 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:

*Ralph E. Hicks*

*Anthony D. Pepe*

*John F. Stevens*

*Chris L. Woodbury*

*Gary E. 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 being involved and informed citizens and wish to commend the many dedicated people who are active in our community and strive to improve the quality of life for all residents of Spencer.

This Annual Town Report represents major activities of Town Government during the 2016 calendar year.

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 and all are open to the public. I encourage you to visit the Town website at [www.spencerma.gov](http://www.spencerma.gov) for the most current information as the meeting location and date may vary based on holidays or other events.

The year 2016 was significant and eventful as the Town pursued new opportunities for economic development, sought ways to strengthen and streamline municipal services and adjusted goals and priorities to ensure Spencer continues to be a great place to call home. Our Economic Development Committee rolled up its sleeves and got to work evaluating town assets, community resources and areas needing improvement. This newly constituted body set new priorities and identified the most productive courses of action. It was a foundation-building and stage-setting year for them, and their efforts were boosted by the addition of a new town planner in the fall.

After the proposal of the Comprehensive Roads Improvement Project in 2015, multiple public hearings were held in 2016 to present various funding scenarios that would bring our roads up to acceptable levels. Administrator Gaudette and U & F Superintendent Tyler, along with members of the Financial Management Planning Committee (FMPC), presented detailed information during these hearings, which led up to the passage of a \$19 million Debt Exclusion Question at the Annual Town Election in May. The Board believed upgrading our roads was a wise investment now and for the future of Spencer and the majority of voters agreed overwhelmingly.

Thanks to the persistent efforts of town staff and our legislative delegation (Senator Anne Gobi and Representatives Peter Durant and Donnie Berthiaume), the Commonwealth came through with an additional grant of \$4 million dollars to improve Route 31 South (Charlton Road), thereby augmenting our efforts to upgrade this essential infrastructure. We were also given the endorsement of the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission for this project.

In recognition of the shared goal of providing the best possible education for our children, the staff and administration from the Town of Spencer and the Spencer East Brookfield Regional School District strengthened communications and explored ways to work together and move forward on an agenda to benefit the whole community. We recognized the roles we all play in improving programs and achievements and securing educational facilities to help our schools meet the needs of our families.



Your Select Board approved the formation of the Local Community Addiction Task Force in response to the alarming opioid crisis sweeping our state and nation. Initiated and headed by Police Chief David Darrin, this body will be attacking the challenges of addiction with public information, junior and senior high school presentations and an ongoing mentoring program to support and assist abuse victims and their families. The first major public information session was held in the fall at David Prouty High School with the Worcester County District Attorney, legislators, experts and town staff.

This year also saw the passage of the Massachusetts Medical Marijuana Initiative, known as Question 4 on the November State Election Ballot. The Board was approached by Holistic Health Group (HHG), a non-profit corporation, to determine whether or not Spencer is open to having a Registered Marijuana Dispensary (RMD). Public hearings were held to allow opportunity to obtain public feedback, address concerns, and answer questions. In December, the Board voted to provide HHG with a letter of non-opposition for an RMD, pending the negotiation of terms for a Community Host Agreement which will take place in 2017.

The Board worked with the Administrator on a variety of other matters in 2016, including the approval of a Complete Streets Program for sidewalk betterment and ADA transition plans as part of a grant application submitted by the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission. The Town also received funding from the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) provided by the Department of Housing and Urban Development over multiple years, resulting in a downtown property assessment, housing rehabilitation, new and improved infrastructure of sidewalks, water, sewer, and drainage on Mechanic Street, and planning work for the design of improvements to Chestnut Street. A new grant application has been submitted to continue these efforts in 2017 for the Chestnut Street Improvement Project and the design of the Cherry-Wall-Lloyd Dyer Area Improvement Project.

Many other events and activities took place throughout the year including a special dedication held on Veterans Day in the Town Hall Rotunda to honor our veterans featuring the new memorial addition of a Gulf War/War on Terrorism Honor Roll plaque as a tribute to our service men and women from the Gulf War and post 9/11 wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. A 9/11 Memorial was also added at Prouty Park and a dedication and solemn remembrance and was held on September 11<sup>th</sup> in honor of Brian Sweeney, a former Spencer resident and U.S. Navy Veteran, and to all who lost their lives on that tragic day. We remain eternally grateful to all military personnel from every period in American History.

Finally, though of minor duration (just one day) I want to take note of the hard work and long hours of effort by local residents and community groups that culminated in Spencer's first ever town-wide yard sale last September. It was emblematic of the grassroots dedication born of pride and commitment that it takes to nurture and build community spirit.

On behalf of a grateful Board, I wish to express my sincere thanks to Town Administrator Adam Gaudette for his leadership and dedication throughout the year, to all Town department heads and their staff for their commitment to outstanding service, and to our many generous and knowledgeable volunteers for their gifts of time and talents. You all make Spencer a great place to live, work, and raise a family.

Respectfully,

*John F. Stevens*

John F. Stevens  
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
<b>MODERATOR</b>	
William R. Shemeth III	2019

<b>SELECTMEN</b>	
John F. Stevens	2018
Anthony D. Pepe	2019
Gary E. Woodbury	2019
Ralph E. Hicks	2017
Christopher L. Woodbury	2017

<b>TOWN CLERK</b>	
Laura J. Torti	2018

<b>TREASURER/COLLECTOR</b>	
Susan L. Lacaire	2017

<b>ASSESSORS</b>	
Jeremey L. Snow	2019
Maureen A. Hatch (Resigned 5/23/16)	2017
David R. Derosier	2018
Cynthia Cosgrove	2017

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

#### **Spencer Representatives:**

Jason P. Monette	2019
Martha Berthiaume	2019
Angela Knapton (Resigned 8/29/16)	2017
James R. St. Peter, Jr.	2018
Wendy Pelchat	2018
Robert Ortiz	2017

#### **East Brookfield Representatives:**

Michael Ethier	2017
Heather Messier	2018

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

Kenneth R. Wheeler (died July 23, 2016)	2019
Robert L. Zukowski	2017
Jesselyn Gaucher	2017

### **WATER COMMISSIONERS**

Eben J. Butler	2018
Norman C. Letendre, Jr.	2017
David R. O'Coin	2019

**PARK COMMISSIONERS**

Martin A. German, Jr.	2019
William R. Shemeth, III	2017
Anthony F. Toscano	2018

**LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

Lynn Dobson	2018
Mary Anne Slack	2019
Maryanne Gleason	2017

**BOARD OF HEALTH**

Rodney L. Foisy	2019
Daniel C. Shields	2017
Robert James Bradshaw, Jr.	2018

**TREE WARDEN**

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

Donna M Flannery	2021
Richard J. Leveillee	2019
Jarrett A. Morin	2017
Roger L. Gaudette	2018

**SEWER COMMISSIONERS**

Francis X. White	2018
Michael J. Mercadante	2019
Lawrence H. Dufault	2017

**CONSTABLES**

Arthur C. Tatro	2019
James F. Cervi	2019
Lee D. Jarvis	2019

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**APPOINTED TOWN OFFICES  
COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES**

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**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**

Adam D. Gaudette 2019

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

Brenda Savoie

**ACCOUNTANT**

Alaine Boucher 2017

**ASSISTANT ACCOUNTANT**

Lynne Porretti

**PRINCIPAL ASSESSOR**

Linda L. LeBlanc

**TOWN COUNSEL**

Stanley L. Weinberg 2015

**AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION** (*5 Members/alternates*)

Kristin Lapierre (Alternate) 2017

Douglas Paul (Alternate) 2017

Anthony Moschini 2019

Ed Bemis 2017

Bonnie Booth (Altern.) 2017

Warren Monette 2018

Richard Lapierre Jr. 2019

Evan Bercume 2018

**AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES COORDINATOR**

William A. Klansek – Physical Plant

**ANIMAL CONTROL AND INSPECTION OFFICERS**

Joelyn Durgin

Lynne Porretti (Alternate) 2017

Douglas Blood (Alternate) 2017

**ASSISTANT COLLECTOR/TREASURER**

Rebecca Forand 2017

**ASSISTANT CONSTABLE** (*3yr term*)

Richard A. Lapierre 2018

**ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK**

Brynn Johnson

**BUILDING COMMISSIONER/Zoning Enforcement Officer (1yr term)**

William A. Klansek	2017
Robert W. Lanciani, Alt. Bldg.Insp.	2016
William Cassanelli, Alt. Bldg. Insp.	2017

**BUILDING AND PROPERTY REUSE COMMITTEE**

*(2 Selectmen, 1 finance Committee Rep. One Planning Board Rep., Utilities & Facilities Supt., Fire Chief, Five Citizens at Large—no expiration date)*

Corey Lacaire  
 Steven Tyler  
 Carl Kwiatkowski  
 Robert Parsons  
 Christopher Bowen  
 Jason Ferreira  
 Robert Ferreira  
 Jonathan Thibault  
 Gary Woodbury  
 Anthony Pepe  
 Jonathan Viner

**BURNCOAT POND WATERSHED DISTRICT MANAGEMENT****SPENCER REPRESENTATIVE (1yr term)**

John T. Gagnon

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING (1yr term regular, citizens at large 3yr term)**

Finance Committee – Nancy E. Herholz	2017
Citizens at Large – Richard Hebson	2019
Select Board - Anthony D. Pepe	2017
Town Accountant – Alain Boucher, Ex-Officio	2017
Citizen at large -Aaron Keyes (moved from town)	2016
Planning Board-Jonathan Viner	2017

**CELEBRATIONS COMMITTEE (1yr term)**

Donald R Berthiaume, Jr.	2017
David Darrin	2017
Dale Davies	2017
Donna Cutler	2017
Richard Lapierre, Jr.	2017

**CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (1yr term)**

Shirley Shriver (Planning Board Rep.)	2016
Ralph E. Hicks (Alternate)	2017
Steven Tyler (Select Board Rep.)	2017

**CHARITABLE NEEDS (3yr term 5 members)**

Barbara E. Grusell	2018
Paul Lamontagne	2018
Paulette LeBlanc	2019
David L. Ingalls	2017
Karen Burke	2018

**CHIEF OF POLICE**

David B. Darrin

1/31/2017

**COMMISSIONERS OF OLD CEMETERY** *(3yr term 3 members)*

Edward P. Foresteire

Permanent

Anne M. Snow

2018

Danielle Gebo

2018

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION** *(3yr term 7 members)*

Margaret Emerson

2018

Mary E. McLaughlin

2019

Warren B. Snow

2017

Dana G. Reed (resigned 12/19/16)

2017

James Bouley Jr.

2017

John Haverty

2017

Brian Graeff

2018

**CONTRACT COMPLIANCE OFFICER**

Adam D. Gaudette

2017

**COUNCIL ON AGING** *(3yr term 7-11 members)*

Christine E. Alessandro

2018

James W. Letendre

2018

Janet Goff

2019

Christine Mancini

2019

Susan Arsenault

2017

Patricia M. Corson (Resigned 2/5/2016)

2017

Joan Houston, Alternate

2019

Diane Johnson (Resigned effective 6/30/16)

2016

Sheila Phoenix

2017

Martha Brunelle

2017

Mary Williams

2019

Rachel Sugalski (Alternate)

2019

Lucinda Puchalski (Alternate)

2019

**CULTURAL COUNCIL** *(3yr term 9 members) (\*2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive term)*

Joan Eccleston

2018

Linda Stanley\* (resigned September 1, 2016)

2018

Louise Small\* (resigned September 1, 2016)

2018

Deborah Bailey

2017

Nicole Boucher

2017

Cheryl Tutlis

2018

Elizabeth Small

2018

Rachel Faugno

2018

Diane Johnson

2018

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

Lee D. Jarvis (Acting)

**DIRECTOR OF OFFICE OF FINANCE**

Alaine M. Boucher

2017



**DISABILITY COMMISSION** *(3yr term 5 members)*

Jeanne M. Desmarais	2018
William R. Shemeth, III (Resigned May 16, 2016)	2016
Anne M. Snow	2017
Gary E. Woodbury (Resigned May 17, 2016)	2018

**DISASTER ANIMALS RESPONSE TEAM**  
VACANT**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE***(9 Residents, 2 Selectmen, 1 Planning Board Member, 6 Representatives from the Business Community - 5 year Terms)*

Joseph M. Smith	2021
C. Michael Toomey	2020
Shirley Shiver	2021
Brian Graeff (Resigned 12/19/16)	2016

**EEO OFFICER**

Adam D. Gaudette	2017
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**SPENCER EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (SEMA)**

Robert Parsons (Fire Chief), Director	9/30/2017
Sandra J. Fritze, Deputy	2017

**FAIR HOUSING** *(1yr term, 3 members, 2 alternates)*

3 Vacancies  
2 Alternate Vacancies

**FENCE VIEWER** *(1yr term)*

Robert H. Dewan	2017
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**FINANCE COMMITTEE** *(3yr term, 11 members)*

Christopher P. Bowen	2018
Mary E. Braney	2018
Nancy Herholz	2018
Thomas F. Parker	2018
Paul E. McLaughlin	2019
Christopher T. Kandel	2019
Nancy Tame	2016
William J. Wall, Jr.	2017
Robbin M.C. Joyce	2017
Paul G. Bouvier	2019

**FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE** *(1yr term 5 members)*

Richard Hebson	(Capital Committee)	2017
John Stevens	(Selectmen)	2017
Anthony D. Pepe	(Selectmen)	2017
Paul McLaughlin	(Finance Committee)	2017
Thomas Parker	(Finance Committee)	2017

**FIRE CHIEF**

Robert P. Parsons, Fire Chief	9/30/2017
Robert P. Parsons, Forest Fire Warden	2017
William C. Locke, Deputy Forest Fire Warden	2017

**HARBORMASTER** *(1yr term)*

Douglas Blood	2017
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**HAZARDOUS WASTE COORDINATOR** *(1yr term)*

Robert P. Parsons	2017
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**HEALTH AGENT**

Lee D. Jarvis	
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**HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE** *(1yr term)*

Russell B. Snow	2017
Steven J. Tyler	2017

**HISTORICAL COMMISSION** *(3yr term, 7 members)*

Anna Marie Hughes (Honorary member, moved from town)	
J. Richard Sherman, Jr.	2016
Jean M. Desmarais	2017
Francis T. Lochner	2017
Kimberly A. Kates	2017
Sarah E. Chrobak (Resigned 11/29/16)	2019
Anne M. Snow	2019
Mary Baker-Wood	2019

**HUMAN RESOURCES AND BENEFITS COORDINATOR**

Sarah Gruhin	
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**INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCING AUTHORITY** *(5yr term 5 members)*

Alfred R. Letendre	2016
John J. Jackson	2017

**INSECT AND PEST CONTROL INSPECTOR** *(1yr term)*

Raymond I. Holmes, Jr.	2016
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**INSPECTOR OF GAS PIPING & APPLIANCES** *(1yr term)*

James R. Bergeron	2017
Robert F. Wall, Alternate	2017

**INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE** *(1yr term, reps from each collective bargaining unit)*

Mary Barrell (Retiree)	2017
Mary Baker Wood (personnel bylaw)	2017
Kevin Simonovitch (highway)	2016
Steven J. Tyler (contract)	2017
Lisa Daoust (clerical)	2017
Laura Torti (elected)	2017
Holly M. Collette (dispatchers)	2017
Michael Befford	2017

**LANDFILL SOLAR DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

*(2 Selectmen, 1 Finance Committee Representative, 1 Planning Board Representative, Utilities & Facilities Superintendent, Town Planner, 3 Citizens at Large, no term expiration)*

Steven Tyler

Keith Crockett, Jr.

Robbin Joyce

Brian Graeff

Gary Woodbury

John Stevens

Robert Ceppi

Kurt Nordquist

**LOCAL COMMUNITY ADDICTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE** *(7Members, Chief of*

*Police/Designee, Fire Chief/Designee, EMS Medical Director/Designee, Board of Health Agent/Designee, Superintendent of Schools/Designee, 1 Member of the Board of Selectmen, 1 Citizen at Large, no term expiration)*

Therese Grogan (Citizen at Large)

Dr. N. Tracey Crowe (Superintendent of Schools)

Robert Parsons (Fire Chief)

Gary Woodbury (Board of Selectmen)

David Darrin (Chief of Police)

Lee Jarvis (Board of Health)

**LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE** *(1yr term 10 members)*

David B. Darrin (Police) 2017

Sandra Fritze, SEMA 2017

Lee D. Jarvis (Board of Health) 2017

Robert P. Parsons (Fire) 2017

James Laplante (Sewer) 2017

Edward Flanagan (Ambulance) 2017

Lawrence Smith (Planning Board) 2017

Paul Dell'Aquila (Planning Board) 2017

Steven J. Tyler (U&F) 2017

Margaret Emerson (Conservation) 2017

Dr. N. Tracy Crowe (Supt. of Schools) 2017

Adam D. Gaudette (Ex. Officio) 2016

Darwin Irish (FlexCon) 2017

**MUNICIPAL HEARINGS OFFICER****PARKING CLERK** *(1yr term)*

Kurt. Nordquist 2017

**MUNICIPAL LIAISON TO STATE ETHICS COMMISSION**

Adam D. Gaudette 2017

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION-Appointed** *(3yr term 4 members)*

Lynne D. Porretti 2019

Mark Lammi 2019

Robert Churchey 2017

Corinne Kennedy 2018

**PLANNING BOARD** *(3yr term, 5 members 1 alternate)*

Shirley A. Shiver	2018
Maria H. C. Reed	2016
Robert J. Ceppi	2019
Jonathan Viner	2017

**PUBLIC WEIGHER** *(1yr term)*

Karen Hubacz-Kiley	2017
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**PLUMBING INSPECTOR** *(1yr term)*

Robert Wall	2017
James Bergeron, Alt.	2017

**QUABOAG VALLEY BUSINESS ASSISTANT COORDINATOR** *(1yr term)*

John F. Stevens	2017
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**REGISTRARS OF VOTERS** *(3yr term, 3 Registrars 1 Clerk)*

Eleanor F. O'Connor	3/31/2017
Elizabeth T. McPherson	3/31/2018
Patricia Woods	3/31/2019
Laura J. Torti, Town Clerk	

**SAFETY OFFICER** *(1yr term)*

David B. Darrin, Police Chief	2017
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**SCM ELDERBUS REPRESENTATIVE** *(1yr term)*

Pamela Woodbury	2017
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**SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES** *(1yr term)*

John A. Biancheria	2017
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**SENIOR CENTER PROGRAM DIRECTOR/COORDINATOR**

Pamela Woodbury	
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**SEXUAL HARASSMENT COMPLAINT OFFICER** *(1yr term)*

Adam D. Gaudette	2017
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**SUGDEN BLOCK SALE COMMITTEE** *(dissolved January 25, 2016)*

Mary Baker-Wood	
Michelle Buck	
Lynn Dobson	
Carol McPherson	
Anthony Pepe	
Laura Torti	

**SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

Dr. N. Tracy Crowe	
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**TAX TITLE CUSTODIAN** *(1yr term)*

Susan L. Lacaire	2017
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<b>TOWN PLANNER</b>	
Paul Dell'Aquila	2019
<b>TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ADVISORY GROUP</b> <i>(1yr term)</i>	
William J. Lehtola	2017
<b>TRANSPORTATION REPRESENTATIVE</b> <i>(1yr term)</i>	
William J. Lehtola	2017
<b>CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER</b> <i>(1yr term)</i>	
Adam D. Gaudette	2017
<b>UTILITIES &amp; HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT</b>	
Steven J. Tyler	2017
<b>VETERANS SERVICES DIRECTOR/AGENT &amp; VETERANS GRAVES REGISTRATION OFFICER</b> <i>(1yr term)</i>	
Timothy Gagnon	2017
<b>VETERANS MEMORIAL ISAAC PROUTY PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE</b>	
<i>(1 Selectman, 1 Parks &amp; Rec Commissioner, 1 American Legion Member, U&amp;F Supt., 3 Exchange Club Members)</i>	
Gary Herl	2017
Robert Churchey	2016
Steven Tyler	2017
Arnold Arsenault	2017
Patrick George	2017
Scott Conner	2017
<b>WIRING INSPECTOR</b> <i>(1yr term)</i>	
Norman D. Bassett	2016
Michael H. Sweet, Alt.	2017
<b>ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS</b> <i>(3yr term, 3 members, 2 alternates)</i>	
Allan P. Collette	2018
Delores Kresco (resigned June 30, 2016)	2016
C. Robert Emerson (resigned May 23, 2016)	2017
Mary Stolarczyk	2017
Alan Stolarczyk	2017
Vacant Alternate	

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## REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

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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 and as the Recording Officer for the Town recording and certifying 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 as well as providing marriage intentions and certificates. 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 to maintain active voter and street lists, and provides information to the State for the compilation of the Prospective Juror File Status Report which lists all potential jury candidates and is available at the Town Hall. Voter registration can be done at the Town Hall anytime during regular business hours with special hours of registration held prior to Elections and Town Meetings.

2016 was a busy year at the Town Clerk's Office. There were four elections, the Presidential Primary held on March 1, Annual Town Election held on May 10<sup>th</sup>, the State Primary held on September 8<sup>th</sup>, and the Presidential Election held on November 8<sup>th</sup>. 2016 also saw the implementation of Early Voting for the first time in Massachusetts with over 2000 voters cast Early Ballots for the Presidential Election. Our Office was awarded a Silver Medal for going above and beyond the law's requirements to ensure voters had convenient voting opportunities.

2016 also saw the appointment of the Town Clerk and Assistant Town Clerk as Commissioners to Qualify by the Secretary of the Commonwealth. This provides a much needed service to area notaries, etc. who need to be sworn in to office and brings additional revenue to the Town.

The Town Clerk's Office is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday with evening hours by appointment.

<b>2016 Revenue Report</b>			
Marriage Intentions	\$805.00	Copies	\$20.34
Births	\$2163.00	Misc.	\$0.00
Deaths	\$3199.00	Business List	\$0.00
Marriage Certificates	\$1015.00	Certifications	\$0.00
Street Listings	\$82.00	Physician Signature	\$20.00
Bylaw Booklets	\$0.00	Research	107.17
Auction/Raffle Permits	\$160.00	Pole Locations	\$300.00
WRTA Bus Passes	\$144.00	Postage	\$0.00
Notary	\$640.25		
Business Certificates	\$2680.00	Online Dog License	\$4173.00
Dog License Late Fees	\$22,862.00	Online Vital Records	\$992.00
Gas Storage	\$670.00	Credit Card Dog License	\$1105.00
Extracts	\$0.00	Credit Card Vital Records	\$293.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$41,430.00</b>		



**Board of Registrars Report  
Voter Total Sheet as of 12/31/2016**

Ward	Precinct	CC	D	G	H	J	L	O	Q	R	S	T	U	V	Z	Grand Totals
0	1	11	432			3	8			230		2	1248		1	1935
	2	22	413	1	1	2	3		1	262	1	2	1209			1917
	3	10	434			5	1	1	1	268	1	1	1305	1		2028
	4	8	425			5	5			277			1271		1	1992
Grand Totals		<b>51</b>	<b>1704</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1037</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5033</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7872</b>

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 Timesizing Not Down	T Inter 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party	AA Pizza Party
F Rainbow Coalition	N New Alliance	U Unenrolled	BB American Term Limits
G Green Party USA	O MA Independent Party	V America First Party	CC United Independent Party
			DD Twelve Visions Party

**VITAL STATISTICS**

	Births	Marriages	Deaths
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	108
2014	114	59	106
2015	117	60	117
2016*	123	46	132

\*As of printing deadline.

Presidential Primary  
March 1, 2016

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

The following election officers were appointed for Precinct #1:

Warden:	Dianne Scanlon
Clerk:	Diane Ledoux
Inspectors:	Richard Braney, Ronald Fortin, Irene Gadbois, John Wilson
Deputy Inspectors:	Winifred Bouley, Betsy Arakelian

29 absentee ballots were cast in this precinct. 717 ballots were handed out by the Inspectors, of these, four were spoiled, making a total of 742 ballots cast. The ballot box registered 740 ballots cast at the closing of polls. Two ballots were hand counted from the auxillary compartment. One UOCAVA/specially qualified ballot was counted in the Town Clerk's Office as required by statute.

The following election officers were appointed for Precinct #2:

Warden:	Peter McGinn
Clerk:	Judith Fortin
Inspectors:	Karen Gaucher, Barbara Braney, Nancy Richardson, Nicole Cloutier
Deputy Inspectors:	Pauline Casavant, Brynn Johnson, Brenda Savoie, Jill Gallagher

17 absentee ballots were cast in this precinct. 653 ballots were handed out by the Inspectors, of these four were spoiled, making a total of 666 ballots cast. The ballot box registered 654 ballots cast at the close of polls. Ten ballots were hand counted from the auxillary compartment. Two ballots went into the ballot box but were not registered by the ballot machine. State Election Office was notified. One UOCAVA/specially qualified ballot was counted in the Town Clerk's Office as required by statute.

The following election officers were appointed for Precinct #3:

Warden:	Mark Lammi
Clerk:	A. Marie McDevitt
Inspectors:	Ann Austin, Mercie Vinton, Eileen Prizio, Barbara White
Deputy Inspectors:	Kathleen Beford, Anne Snow

30 absentee ballots were cast in this precinct. 842 ballots were handed out by the Inspectors, of these, four were spoiled making a total of 868 ballots cast. The ballot box registered 868 ballots cast at the close of polls. One UOCAVA/specially qualified ballot was counted in the Town Clerk's Office as required by statute.

The following election officers were appointed for Precinct #4:

Warden:	Virginia Fanning
Clerk:	William Lehtola
Inspectors:	Robert Gadbois, Linda Wozniak, Geri Mandel, Carol St. John
Deputy Inspectors:	Joyce O'Coin, Joyce Sweet

37 absentee ballots were cast in this precinct. 735 ballots were handed out by the Inspectors, of these, 10 were spoiled making a total of 762 ballots cast. The ballot box registered 760 ballots cast at the close of polls. One ballot was hand counted from the auxillary compartment.

Town of Spencer		Presidential Primary		Final Results		3/1/16
		Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Presidential Preference - Democrat						
Blanks		1	1	5	0	7
Bernie Sanders		222	182	230	219	853
Martin O'Malley		2	0	1	3	6
Hilary Clinton		141	148	151	167	607
Roque "Rocky" De La Fuente		3	0	1	0	4
No Preference		5	2	6	3	16
Write Ins:						0
Elizabeth Warren		1				1
Donald Trump		2	3	2		7
Joe Biden					1	1
Ted Cruz			1			1
Total		377	337	396	393	1503
		Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
State Committee Man - Democratic						
Blanks		85	86	114	91	376
William R. Shemeth, III		292	249	282	301	1124
Write-Ins:		0				0
Kurt Nordquist					1	1
James Healy			1			1
Charlie Baker			1			1
Total		377	337	396	393	1503
		Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
State Committee Woman - Democratic						
Blanks		88	87	102	103	380
Laura L. Jette		289	250	294	289	1122
Write-Ins:		0	0			0
Blank					1	1
Total		377	337	396	393	1503
		Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Group- Democratic						
Blanks		229	211	254	252	946
Group		148	126	142	141	557
Total		377	337	396	393	1503
Town Committee - Democratic						
Blanks		10,656	9658	11338	11333	42985
Tracey Lee Chasmine		165	138	165	163	631
William R. Shemeth, III		187	147	172	168	674
John R. Sherman, Jr		163	137	161	154	615
Carol T. Shemeth		163	141	157	159	620
William R. Shemeth, Jr.		172	140	160	161	633
Harriet A. Gobi		226	189	225	216	856
Ralph E. Hicks		221	200	221	210	852

Christine F. Hicks	183	164	185	173	705
Claudia A. McNeil	179	144	173	163	659
Brian J. Gobi	220	194	237	222	873
Jeanne L. Sullivan	163	140	163	165	631
James R. Driscoll, Jr.	177	145	173	177	672
Anne M. Gobi	285	256	303	288	1132
Write-Ins:					0
Eleanor O'Connor	1				1
Frank White				1	1
Martin German				1	1
Pedro Rodriguez				1	1
Jos P Letourneux		1			1
Roger Banks		1			1
Zora Pawlowski			1		1
Donald Trump			1		1
Warren Ramsey			1		1
John Harvey			1		1
Stan Remiszewski			1		1
Total	13161	11795	13838	13755	52549
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Presidential Preference - Republican					
Blanks	0	0	0	2	2
Jim Gilmore	0	0	0	2	2
Donald J. Trump	210	192	248	214	864
Ted Cruz	40	41	62	44	187
George Pataki	0	0	1	0	1
Ben Carson	14	12	9	11	46
Mike Huckabee	1	0	0	1	2
Rand Paul	1	2	1	3	7
Carly Fiorina	0	1	2	0	3
Rick Santorum	1	0	1	0	2
Chris Christie	0	1	4	2	7
Marco Rubio	43	31	59	40	173
Jeb Bush	4	5	10	4	23
John R. Kasick	50	39	61	43	193
No Preference	1	1	2	0	4
Write-Ins:					0
Ryan L. Fillipon	1			0	1
Bernie Sanders		1	3		4
George Bush			1		1
Total	366	326	464	366	1522
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
State Committee Man - Republican					
Blanks	42	40	55	42	179
William J. Gillmeister	160	156	197	139	652
Reed V. Hillman	163	128	212	184	687
Write-Ins:					0
W. Garnean	1				1
Vince K McMahon				1	1

James McEachern		1			1
Roy Girard		1			1
Total	366	326	464	366	1522
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
State Committee Woman - Republican					
Blanks	45	45	62	52	204
Ronna K. Prunier	207	176	247	179	809
Lindsay A. Valanzola	113	104	155	134	506
Write Ins:					0
L. Garnean	1				1
Linda McMahon				1	1
Michelle Ruggiere Rosum		1			1
Total	366	326	464	366	1522
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Town Committee - Republican					
Blanks	12806	11371	16234	12806	53217
Write Ins:					0
Francis X. White	1				1
Keith L. Crockette Jr.	1				1
David Caputo	1				1
Earl Bengetson	1				1
Roger Barnes				1	1
Jason Monette			1	1	2
Mike Scofield				1	1
John Lena				1	1
Joshua Prater		2			2
Ann Gobi		1			1
Ralph Hicks		1			1
Patrick Carol		1			1
Toomey			1		1
Brian Jorritsma			2		2
Dale Wilder			1		1
Donna Lacaire Berthiaume			1		1
Total	12810	11376	16240	12810	53236
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Presidential Preference - Green-Rainbow					
Blanks	0	0	1	0	1
Sedinam Curry	0	0	0	0	0
Jill Stein	0	0	2	1	3
William P. Kreml	0	0	0	0	0
Kent Mesplay	0	0	0	0	0
Darryl Cherney	0	0	0	0	0
No Preference	0	0	0	0	0
Write-Ins:	0	0	0	0	0
Bernie Sanders			2		2
Total	0	0	5	1	6

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
State Committee Man - Green-Rainbow					
Blanks	0	0	5	1	6
Write-Ins:	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	5	1	6
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
State Committee Woman - Green-Rainbow					
Blanks	0	0	5	1	6
Write-Ins:	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	5	1	6
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Town Committee - Green-Rainbow					
Blanks	0	0	49	10	59
Write-Ins:	0	0	0	0	0
Donald Trump			1		1
Total	0	0	50	10	60
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Presidential Preference - United Independent Party					
Blanks	0	1	0	0	1
No Preference	0	0	1	0	1
Write-Ins:					0
Bernie Sanders			1	1	2
Donald Trump		1	1		2
John Kasich			1		1
Total	0	2	4	1	7
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
State Committee Man - United Independent Party					
Blanks	0	2	4	1	7
Write-Ins:	0	0		0	0
					0
					0
Total	0	2	4	1	7
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
State Committee Woman - United Independent Party					
Blanks	0	2	4	1	7
Write-Ins:	0	0		0	0
					0
					0
Total	0	2	4	1	7



	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Town Committee - United Independent Party					
Blanks	0	10	40	10	60
Write-Ins:	0	0		0	0
					0
					0
Total	0	10	40	10	60

Total registered voters: 7,419  
 Total ballots cast: 3,038  
 Total voter turnout: 41.00%

**Town of Spencer  
Annual Town Meeting  
May 5, 2016  
Memorial Town Hall**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m. by Moderator, Peter J. Adams following the announcement of a quorum by Registrar Elizabeth McPherson.

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 Sandra Fritze.

Moderator Peter Adams shared the following comments:

*We are now engaged in the great quadrennial contest to determine our next President. Day after day we endure the barrage of candidates' untenable but expected promises of future prosperity and grandeur. Sadly though, much of the current political climate generated by candidates for our highest office conflates good government with passion and intolerance; a dangerous combination and existential threat to our democratic society. In the midst of the deluge of advertisements, rallies and meaningless sound bites, we can lose sight of a truth that this country was founded on—that acquiescence, to any extent, by the governed to the implementation of intolerance by the governors inevitably erodes not just the rights and privileges of the oppressed but also the freedoms of all citizens. We can forget that good government never condones intolerance.*

*We do not have to look far in our history to find extreme instances where societies mindlessly acquiesced to intolerance.*

*On this date, 71 years ago, May 5, 1945, an ugly chapter of intolerance ended when the last massive concentration camp of the Third Reich, Mauthausen-Gusen, was liberated by the Allies.*

*Over the course of eight years, thousands upon thousands of political objectors, intelligentsia, socialists, communists, Romani, and Auschwitz-Birkenau transplants, the incorrigibles of the Reich-were subjected to slave labor and an intentional practice of extermination through labor.*

*Begun in 1938, Mauthausen was one of the first massive concentration camps of the German Reich. It was constructed partially with funds stolen from its prisoners and gradually expanded to over one hundred sub-camps of forced labor. Those imprisoned were subjected to starvation, coerced execution of each other, and execution of the weakened laborers through lethal injection, gas chambers and hypothermia. Records were deliberately destroyed or forged by the overseers. Historians estimate that between 120,000 and 320,000 prisoners died there.*

*We learn important lessons from the Mauthausens of history-that intolerance is a cancer in the body politic which can lead to extreme and unimaginable consequences; that good government deters such injustice; and that good government begins at home. If we listen intently, debate thoughtfully and govern fairly, we will prosper as a free people. Every act of governance, from this town meeting to the voting booths on Election Day must be a check against the oppression of intolerance. If we act impetuously, abandon compassion and govern with prejudice, then acts of governance are but more bricks in a wall of intolerance which blocks the light of freedom rather than being the solid pavers in the path of liberty*

*Govern wisely and we build a tolerant path for our children and grandchildren to follow; one that does not lead to another Mauthausen concentration camp.*

Moderator Adams then introduced the Selectmen present; Chairman Gary Woodbury, John Stevens, and Christopher Woodbury; the Town Administrator, Adam Gaudette; Town Counsel, Stanley Weinberg; Town Clerk, Laura Torti; and Chair of the Finance Committee, Mary Braney. Ms. Braney then introduced those members of the Finance Committee who were present. A call of persons interested in serving on the Finance Committee was put forth by the Moderator.

Chairman Gary Woodbury presented the Meritorious Service Award to Nancy Andrews for her many years of service to the Town.

Chairman Woodbury and Selectman John Stevens then inducted Moderator Peter Adams to membership in Leadership Hall—an award given from time to time to those who have demonstrated exceptional dedication to the betterment of the community.

**The following articles were voted upon:**

**Article 1:** *The moderator declared a majority vote to amend its Fiscal Year 2016 Operating Budget by appropriating the sum of Two Hundred Eighteen Thousand, Three Hundred Eighty Dollars and No Cents (\$218,380.00) 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><b>Department</b></u>	<u><b>Account</b></u>	<u><b>Amount</b></u>
Tax Title (Legal) Expenses	11158-57000	\$ 20,000.00
Town Clerk Salaries & Wages	11161-51000	\$ 1,000.00
Police Department Salaries & Wages	11210-51000	\$ 20,000.00
Police Department Expenses	11210-57000	\$ 15,000.00
Fire Department Salaries & Wages	11220-51000	\$ 12,380.00
Fire Department Expenses	11220-57000	\$ 9,000.00
ODIS Salaries & Wages	11250-57000	\$ 1,000.00
Highway Department Expenses	11422-57000	\$ 10,000.00
Snow & Ice Expenses	11423-57000	\$100,000.00
Veterans Services Expenses	11543-57000	\$ 30,000.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$218,380.00</b>

*John Stevens spoke on this article.*

**Article 2:** *The moderator declared a unanimous vote to appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$1,000.00) for the Sick Leave Buy Back Fund (Account #083-83000-39800) and to meet said appropriation by transferring from previously certified and available Free Cash.*

**Article 3:** *The moderator declared a majority vote to 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 limit the total amount to be expended from the fund in Fiscal Year 2017 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 limit the total amount to be expended from the fund in Fiscal Year 2017 at One Hundred Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$100,000.00); 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 the depository for 80% of the fees collected for electrical permits;
  2. to compensate the Wiring Inspector;
  3. to limit the total amount to be expended from the fund in Fiscal Year 2017 at Forty-Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$45,000.00); 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 limit the total amount to be expended from the fund in Fiscal Year 2017 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 limit the total amount to be expended from the fund in Fiscal Year 2017 at Fifty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$50,000.00); 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 limit the total amount to be expended from the fund in Fiscal Year 2017 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 limit the total amount to be expended from the fund in Fiscal Year 2017 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 2017, 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 2017 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 2017 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 2017 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 4:** *The moderator declared a unanimous vote to*, as a block, fix or maintain the salaries of the elected officials for Fiscal Year 2017 as follows:

Board of Selectmen	\$ 0.00	Yearly
Moderator	\$ 200.00	Yearly
Board of Assessors	\$ 950.00	Yearly
Town Treasurer/Collector	\$ 67,000.00	Yearly
Town Clerk	\$ 64,690.00	Yearly
Water Commissioners	\$ 725.00	Yearly
Sewer Commissioners	\$ 725.00	Yearly
Board of Health	\$ 725.00	Yearly

**Article 5:** *The moderator declared a unanimous vote to*, as a block, 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 2.0%)

### **Schedule B**

	I	II	III	IV	V
Compensation Grade S-2	\$400.11	\$414.70	\$446.51	\$478.48	\$510.35
Compensation Grade S-3	\$446.51	\$478.48	\$510.35	\$542.25	\$575.70
Compensation Grade S-4	\$510.35	\$542.25	\$575.70	\$606.08	\$637.91
Compensation Grade S-5	\$575.70	\$606.08	\$637.91	\$669.93	\$701.67
Compensation Grade S-6	\$637.91	\$669.93	\$701.67	\$732.73	\$781.51
Compensation Grade S-7	\$701.67	\$732.73	\$781.51	\$829.31	\$877.22
Compensation Grade S-8	\$781.51	\$829.31	\$877.22	\$925.07	\$972.94
Compensation Grade S-9	\$877.22	\$925.07	\$972.94	\$1,016.30	\$1,076.90
Compensation Grade S-9A	\$925.06	\$974.21	\$1,020.11	\$1,076.90	\$1,138.19
Compensation Grade S-10	\$972.94	\$1,016.30	\$1,076.90	\$1,136.03	\$1,198.51
Compensation Grade S-10A	\$1,028.54	\$1,074.46	\$1,138.31	\$1,200.84	\$1,266.88
Compensation Grade S-11	\$1,076.90	\$1,136.03	\$1,198.51	\$1,264.44	\$1,334.78
Compensation Grade S-12	\$1,198.51	\$1,264.44	\$1,334.78	\$1,380.32	\$1,484.71
Compensation Grade S-13	\$1,334.78	\$1,380.32	\$1,484.71	\$1,566.35	\$1,653.28
Compensation Grade S-14	\$1,484.71	\$1,566.35	\$1,653.28	\$1,744.21	\$1,841.03



**Schedule C**

Administrative Intern / Co-op Student	\$10.00	hourly
Animal Control & Inspection Officer	\$26,000.00	yearly
Animal Control & Inspection Alternate	\$5,000.00	yearly
COA Director	\$18.75	hourly
Election Inspectors	\$10.75	hourly
Election Wardens / Clerks	\$11.85	hourly
Engineering Aide	\$11.80	hourly
Facilities Maintenance Worker	\$12.75	hourly
Finance Committee Clerk	\$410.00	yearly
Fluoride Coordinator	\$12.65	hourly
Gas Inspector	\$5,361.00	yearly
Laborer (Seasonal/Intermittent)	\$11.80	hourly
Library Childhood Literacy Coordinator	\$112.60	weekly
Library Page	\$10.00	hourly
Light Equipment Operator (LEO) - Seasonal	\$18.30	hourly
Parks & Rec Adven. Prog. Director	\$18.05	hourly
Parks & Rec Adven. Prog. Head Counselor	\$12.95	hourly
Parks & Rec Adven. Prog. Counselor	\$10.65	hourly
Parks & Rec Waterfront Director	\$16.40	hourly
Parks & Rec Water Safety Instructor	\$14.70	hourly
Parks & Rec Lifeguard	\$12.95	hourly
Parks & Rec Parking Attendant	\$10.00	hourly
Parks & Rec Chair	\$421.50	yearly
Parks & Rec Clerk	\$421.50	yearly
Planning Board	\$1,080.00	yearly
Planning Board - Alternate	\$508.00	yearly
Plumbing Inspector	\$5,361.00	yearly
Police Dispatcher	\$16.15	hourly
Registrars	\$1,293.00	yearly
Sealer of Weights & Measures	\$4,458.00	yearly
SEMA, Director of Operations	\$2,327.00	yearly
SFD Deputy Chief	\$9,041.00	yearly
SFD Captain	\$19.00	hourly
SFD Lieutenant	\$17.65	hourly
SFD Fire Science Instructor	\$20.70	hourly
SFD Firefighter	\$16.10	hourly
SFD Truck Engineer Back Line	\$455.40	yearly
SFD Truck Engineer Front Line	\$605.65	yearly
Tree Climber	\$19.70	hourly
Tree Groundman	\$17.00	hourly
Tree Warden	\$23.20	hourly
Veteran Agent	\$19.80	hourly
Zoning Board of Appeals	\$1,082.00	Yearly

## **Schedule D**

	<b>I</b>	<b>II</b>	<b>III</b>	<b>IV</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>Article 6:</b>
Compensation Grade H-1	\$9.64	\$10.26	\$10.92	\$11.59	\$12.42	<i>The</i>
Compensation Grade H-2	\$10.92	\$11.59	\$12.42	\$13.47	\$14.25	<i>moder</i>
Compensation Grade H-3	\$12.42	\$13.47	\$14.25	\$15.25	\$15.97	<i>ator</i>
Compensation Grade H-4	\$14.25	\$15.25	\$15.97	\$17.06	\$17.82	<i>declar</i>
Compensation Grade H-5	\$15.97	\$17.06	\$17.82	\$18.83	\$19.65	<i>ed a</i>
Compensation Grade H-6	\$17.82	\$18.83	\$19.65	\$20.64	\$22.00	<i>unani</i>
Compensation Grade H-7	\$19.65	\$20.64	\$22.00	\$23.20	\$24.50	<i>mous</i>
Compensation Grade H-8	\$22.00	\$23.09	\$24.25	\$25.47	\$26.74	<i>vote</i>
Compensation Grade H-9	\$24.25	\$25.47	\$26.74	\$28.06	\$29.46	<i>to, as</i>
Compensation Grade H-10	\$26.74	\$28.06	\$29.46	\$30.94	\$32.47	<i>a</i>
Compensation Grade H-11	\$29.46	\$30.94	\$32.47	\$34.11	\$35.82	<i>block,</i>
Compensation Grade H-12	\$32.47	\$34.11	\$35.82	\$37.59	\$39.48	<i>provi</i>

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that any amount stated herein shall be for the use of the Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District for Fiscal Year 2017 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 Six Million, One Hundred Forty-One Thousand, Two Hundred Thirty-Six Dollars and No Cents (\$6,141,236.00) 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, Two Hundred Three Thousand, Twenty-Four Dollars and No Cents (\$1,203,024.00) for the Operating Assessment Account #11300-56000 which represents the amount required for Transportation;
3. raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Thirty-Eight Thousand, One Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars and No Cents (\$238,175.00) 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 Four Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand, Three Hundred Fifty-Four Dollars and No Cents (\$495,354.00) for the Operating Assessment Account #11300-56000 which represents the amount required for Additional Local Assessment,

*School Committee Chair Kevin Hayes, and Superintendent of Schools N. Tracy Crowe spoke on this article.*

**Article 7:** *The moderator declared a unanimous vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million, Two Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand, Four Hundred Forty-Eight Dollars and No Cents (\$1,233,448.00) for Fiscal Year 2017 for the following purposes:*

Bay Path Vocational Regional Technical High School Operating Assessment Account #11300-52000	\$991,365.00
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Bay Path Vocational Regional Technical High School Transportation Assessment  
Account #11300-52000 \$64,790.00

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 \$140,445.00

Bay Path Vocation Regional Technical High School Capital Debt Assessment  
Account #11300-52500 \$2,718.00

**Article 8:** *The moderator declared a majority vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-Six Thousand, Seven Hundred Sixty-Four Dollars and No Cents (\$46,764.00) for Fiscal Year 2017 for the following purposes:*

Smith Regional Agricultural High School Non-resident Vocational Assessment  
Account #11300-52000 \$20,664.00

Smith Regional Agricultural High School Non-resident Vocational Transportation  
Account #11300-52100 \$26,100.00

*Town Administrator Adam Gaudette and William Shemeth spoke on this article.*

**Article 9:** *The moderator declared a unanimous vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Three Thousand, One Hundred Forty-Seven Dollars and No Cents (\$33,147.00) for Fiscal Year 2017 for the following purposes:*

Tantasqua Regional High School Non-resident Vocational Tuition Assessment  
Account #11300-52000 \$17,852.00

Tantasqua Regional High School Non-resident Vocational Transportation  
Account #11300-52100 \$15,295.00

**Article 10:** *The moderator declared a unanimous vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand, One Hundred Forty-Nine Dollars and No Cents (\$40,149.00) for Fiscal Year 2017 for the following purposes:*

Norfolk County Regional Agricultural High School Non-resident Vocational Tuition Assessment  
Account #11300-52000 \$22,149.00

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

**Article 11:** *The moderator declared a unanimous vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Million, Seven Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand, Five Hundred Thirteen Dollars and No Cents (\$8,732,513.00) to pay for the operations of the General Government expenses for Fiscal Year 2017, and to meet said appropriation from 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.*

**Article 12:** *The moderator declared a unanimous vote to:*

1. appropriate the sum of One Million, Three Hundred Eighty-Eight Thousand, Eight Hundred Ninety-Nine Dollars and No Cents (\$1,388,899.00) for the use of the Water Department for Fiscal Year 2017, 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 2017 at One Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand, Seven Hundred Twenty-Three Dollars and No Cents (\$133,723.00); and
3. have the Board of Water Commissioners set the Fiscal Year 2017 rates and fees to meet said appropriation and level of Indirect Costs;

**Article 13:** *The moderator declared a unanimous vote to:*

1. appropriate the sum of One Million, Fifty-Three Thousand, Twenty-Seven Dollars and No Cents (\$1,053,027.00) for the use of the Sewer Department for Fiscal Year 2017, and to fund said appropriation with 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 2017 at One Hundred Forty-Six Thousand, Four Hundred Three Dollars and No Cents (\$146,403.00); and
3. have the Board of Sewer Commissioners set the Fiscal Year 2017 rates and fees to meet said appropriation and level of Indirect Costs;

**Article 14:** *The moderator declared a unanimous vote to appropriate the sum of One Hundred One Thousand, Five Hundred Eighty-Seven Dollars and No Cents (\$101,587.00) for Water Department capital projects, 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 to the following accounts;*

1. \$30,000 Cold Storage Building at Meadow Well (Account #15000-58880)
2. \$71,587 Capital Efficiency Plan (Account #15000-58860)

**Article 15:** *The moderator declared a unanimous vote to appropriate the sum of Fifty-Five Thousand, Ninety-Four Dollars and Eighty-Six Cents (\$55,094.86) for the Sewer Department Clarifiers Upgrade Capital Project as approved by the Capital Improvements Planning Committee (CIPC), by transferring said sum to the existing Clarifiers Account (#20000-58875), and to meet said appropriation by transferring the sum of Forty-Four Thousand, Ninety-Four Dollars and Eighty-Six Cents (\$44,094.86) from the Sewer System Upgrade Capital Account (#20000-58600) and Eleven Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$11,000.00) from previously certified and available Retained Earnings of the Sewer Enterprise Fund.*

**Article 16:** *The moderator declared a unanimous vote to appropriate the sum of Eighty-Eight Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$88,000.00) for the Sewer Department's Portion of the Main Street TIP Project as approved by the Capital Improvements Planning Committee (CIPC), by transferring said sum to the existing Sewer Main Street Account (#20000-58000), and to meet said appropriation by transferring the sum of Twenty-Eight Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$28,000.00) from the Sewer System Capital Improvement*

Account (#20000-58870) and Sixty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$60,000.00) from previously certified and available Retained Earnings of the Sewer Enterprise Fund.

**Article 17:** *The moderator declared a unanimous vote to appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Forty-Two Thousand, Seven Hundred Thirty-Five Dollars and Ninety Cents (\$442,735.90) for a capital program of equipment purchases and improvements, as generally illustrated below, and to meet said appropriation by transferring the following sums from the following accounts; Four Hundred Thirty-Nine Thousand, Nine Hundred Thirty-Five Dollars and No Cents (\$439,935.00) from previously certified and available Free Cash and Two Thousand, Eight Hundred Dollars and Ninety Cents (\$2,800.90) from the Electric Vehicle/Charging Station capital account (#60000-59239);*

<u>Dept.</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Assessors	Triannual Evaluation	\$30,000.00
Fire Department	Radio Communications Upgrade (III)	\$25,000.00
Fire Department	Replacement Cruiser	\$48,000.00
Fire Department	Fire Station Exhaust System	\$75,000.00
Highway Department	6-Wheel Dump Truck/Salt/Plow	\$170,000.00
Police Department	Police Station HVAC Repairs	\$21,336.00
Police Department	Replacement Cruiser	\$40,000.00
Parks & Recreation	Powder Mill Park Safety Surface	\$2,500.00
Parks & Recreation	O’Gara Grandstand Screen Repairs	\$4,499.90
Town Clerk	Voting Machine Replacements (partial)	\$26,400.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$442,735.90</b>

**Article 18:** *The moderator declared a unanimous vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, for consideration of no more than a total sum of Two Hundred Six Thousand, Five Hundred Twenty-Nine Dollars and No Cents (\$206,529.00) 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, generally taking place from its intersection with High Street to the intersection of Grove street and further to appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Six Thousand, Five Hundred Twenty-Nine Dollars and No Cents (\$206,529.00) for said taking(s) and to meet said appropriation by transferring the sum of Twenty-Six Thousand, Five Hundred Twenty-Nine Dollars and No Cents (\$26,529.00) from previously certified and available Free Cash; One Hundred Thousand, One Hundred Eighty-Four Dollars and Twenty-Seven Cents (\$100,184.27) from the Land Acquisition Stabilization Fund (Account # 83000-39920); and the sum of Seventy-Nine Thousand, Eight Hundred Fifteen Dollars and Seventy-Three Cents (\$79,815.73) from the following capital accounts:*

60000-59058	Massasoit Parking Lot Paving	\$20,455.08
60000-59122	Transfer Station Driveway Paving	\$15,001.38
60000-59149	Maple Street (non-Federal share)	\$32,121.35
60000-59162	Maple Street (non-anticipatory costs)	\$3,029.09
60000-59189	Library Computers	\$240.80
60000-59211	Highway Security Fence	\$3,000.00
60000-59242	Highway Used Excavator	\$50.00
60000-59249	Removal of UST’s (2)	\$5,635.93
60000-59251	Fire Dept. 5-ton Skid Unit	\$241.10
60000-59252	Library Copier Replacement	\$41.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>\$79,815.73</b>

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.

*Ralph Hicks spoke on this article.*

**Article 19:** *The moderator declared a majority vote of 139 in favor and 2 opposed to appropriate the following sums of money to be expended by the Town Administrator, subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen, and authorize the following debt related thereto:*

- A.** Appropriate the sum of Nineteen Million Dollars and No Cents (\$19,000,000.00) for the expenses related to the Comprehensive Roads Project, so-called, including, but not limited to: surveying and engineering services, project management services, drainage, roadway, sidewalk, curbing and bridge reconstruction.
- B.** To meet said appropriation by authorizing the Town Treasurer/Collector to borrow a sum of money for the above project; to issue bonds or notes of the town therefor under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 7(1), (1A), (4), (5), (6), (7) and (34), or any other enabling authority, subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen, and to pay all necessary legal and bond preparation costs associated with the issuance of said bonds or notes as authorized under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 20; provided, however, that no funds shall be borrowed or expended hereunder unless the Town shall have voted to exclude the amounts necessary to repay any such borrowing from the property tax levy limitations of M.G.L. c. 59, s. 21C (also known as Proposition 2 1/2) and the General Court has voted to approve the special legislation outlined in Article 20 hereunder; and
- C.** To authorize the Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator to seek and accept any and all State or Federal grant-in-aid assistance or reimbursement, and/or State or Federal subsidized public works project loan, as appropriate and necessary, to lower local project costs and expenses.

*Adam Gaudette, Donald Clough, Robert Cirba and William Shemeth spoke on this article.*

**Article 20:** *The moderator declared a unanimous vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for special legislation relative to authorizing the Town of Spencer to issue certain bonds for terms of 30 years, as set forth below, provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition in relation thereto of the following:*

**“AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF SPENCER TO ISSUE CERTAIN BONDS FOR TERMS OF 30 YEARS**

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding clauses (1), (1A), (4), (5), (6), (7) and (34) of section 7 of chapter 44 of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, bonds issued by the Town of Spencer pursuant to said clauses (1), (1A), (4), (5), (6), (7) and (34) of said section 7 of said chapter 44 may be issued for a term of 30 years from the date of issuance, or for such shorter term as the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Spencer shall otherwise determine.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.”

**Article 21:** *The moderator declared a unanimous vote to accept the gift of privately owned real estate being a parcel of land located at West Main Street, Spencer, and generally described as Parcel 1-1, Map R29*

in the records of the Board of Assessors, including the land, buildings, structures and fixtures thereon, on such terms, conditions, and consideration as the said Board of Selectmen deem to be reasonable, appropriate and in the best interests of the Town, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate, execute, and deliver such deeds and other documents as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this article.

**Article 22:** *The moderator declared a unanimous vote to amend the General Bylaws Article 6 (Streets and Highways), by amending Section 3. (Obstruction of Streets and Sidewalks), by striking the existing paragraph and replacing with the following:*

“No person shall place or cause to be placed in any of the public streets, sidewalks, or squares, any dirt, rubbish, wood, timber, water, snow, ice or other material of any kind tending to obstruct the streets or sidewalks without written permission from the Highway Superintendent. Any person in violation of this section may, be subject to enforcement under Article 11, Section 5. Non-Criminal Disposition (MGL Ch. 40, Section 21D).”

**Article 23:** *The moderator declared a majority vote to pass over this article to amend the Zoning Bylaws, by inserting new Section 6.6 Fences and Hedges; or take any action relating thereto. (Sponsored by the Planning Board)*

*Kurt Nordquist, Ralph Hicks, Michael Malone, Rodney Foisy, Steven Tyler, William Shemeth, and Michael Toomey all spoke on this article.*

**Article 24:** *The moderator declared a majority vote of 105 in favor and 5 opposed to amend the General Bylaws Article 6 (Streets and Highways), by amending Section 4. (Driveway Cuts and Drainage) by striking the existing Section in its entirety and replacing with a new Section 4.*

**Article 25:** *The moderator declared a majority vote of 105 in favor and 5 opposed to amend the Zoning Bylaws Section 6.2 (Driveways), by striking the existing Section in its entirety and inserting a new Section 6.2.*

**Article 26:** *The moderator declared a majority vote of 105 in favor and 1 opposed to amend the Zoning Bylaws Section 4.3.20 (Tattoo Parlors or body piercing studios E-24), by striking Sub-Section A. in its entirety and inserting a new Sub-Section A. with language as follows:*

“A. Tattoo Parlors and body piercing studios must also obtain a Board of Health Review and certification that the facility complies with all Board of Health regulations. Failure to receive, or revocation of, Board of Health approval shall be deemed grounds for the revocation of an approved Special Permit.”

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded.

Majority voted at 8:54 p.m. to dissolve the Meeting.

One hundred fifty-six registered voters attended.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura J. Torti  
Town Clerk

**Annual Town Election  
May 10, 2016**

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: Dianne Scanlon  
Clerk: Diane Ledoux  
Inspectors: Patricia Ensom, Linda Wozniak, Richard Braney, Casey Lacaire  
Deputy Inspectors: Rose Hale, Anne Snow

Twenty-one absentee ballots were cast in this precinct. Five hundred eighty-eight ballots were handed out by the inspectors, of these, twelve were spoiled, making a total of five hundred ninety-seven ballots cast. The ballot box registered five hundred ninety- seven ballots cast at the closing of the polls.

The following were appointed election officers for Precinct #2:

Warden: Peter McGinn  
Clerk: Robert Gadbois  
Inspectors: Karen Gaucher, Barbara White, Barbara Braney Nancy Richardson,  
Deputy Inspectors: Louise Ethier, Betsy Arakelian

Thirteen absentee ballots were cast in this precinct. Four hundred eighty-six ballots were handed out by the inspectors, of these, eight were spoiled, making a total of four hundred ninety-one ballots cast. The ballot box registered four hundred ninety ballots cast at the closing of the polls one ballot was hand counted from the auxillary bin.

The following were appointed election officers for Precinct #3:

Warden: Mark Lammi  
Clerk: A. Marie McDevitt  
Inspectors: Ann Austin, Mercie Vinton, Kathleen Beford, Lucinda Puchalski,  
Deputy Inspectors: Sylvia Berthiaume, Theresa Ethier

Twenty-six absentee ballots were cast in this precinct. Seven hundred twenty-nine ballots were handed out by the inspectors. Of these, six were spoiled, making a total of seven hundred forty-eight ballots cast. The ballot box registered seven hundred forty-six at the closing of polls. Two ballots were hand-counted from the auxiliary compartment. Two specially qualified ballots were hand counted in the Town Clerk's office as required by statute.

The following were appointed election officers for Precinct #4:

Warden: William Lehtola  
Clerk: Judith A. Fortin & Carol St. John  
Inspectors: Eileen Prizio, Irene Gadbois, Joyce Sweet, Donald Clough  
Deputy Inspectors: Geri Mandel, Carole Caissie

30 absentee ballots were cast in this precinct. Six hundred forty-one ballots were handed out by the inspectors. Of these, 10 were spoiled, making a total of six hundred sixty one ballots cast.



The ballot box registered six hundred sixty at the closing of polls. One ballot was hand counted from the auxiliary compartment.

The counting and tabulation was completed at 12:00 a.m.

Laura J. Torti  
Town Clerk

<b>Town of Spencer</b>	<b>Annual Town Election</b>				<b>5/10/16</b>
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
<b>Moderator</b>					
Blanks	545	424	708	617	2294
Write-ins:					0
William Shemeth III	10	10	9	10	39
John T Gagnon	3				3
Jay Monette	1				1
Vincent Cloutier	3		6	1	10
Clyde Anderson	1				1
Stein Bertiaume	1				1
Brian Gobi	1				1
Gary Woodbury	1				1
Donald Berthiaume	3	7	6		16
Drew Damien	1	13		1	15
Francis White	2			1	3
Peter Adams	3	3	1		7
Theresa Kowal	1				1
Steven Tyler	3	1			4
Russ Snow	1				1
Zack Ramaska	1				1
Greg Hepson	1				1
Jonathan Stehr	1				1
Nancy Fredette	1				1
Ralph Shaparo	1				1
Jason Bolack	1				1
Dana Reed	1				1
Jason Paul Monette	1				1
Dale Wilder	2				2
Sandy Fritz	1				1
Christine Cournoyer	1				1
Philip Stoddard	1				1
Kevin Hayes	1	1			2
Ralph Hicks	1	2	2	3	8
Kurt Norquist	2	2			4
Mark Lammi			1		1
Jack Coakley			1		1
Kevin Kennedy			2		2
Robert Churchey			1		1
Ron Fritze			1		1
Gregory Hebson			3		3

Gary Herl		4	1		5
Al Shedyack			1		1
Graig Burt			1		1
Dave Zanduskas		4	1		5
Scott Griffin			1		1
Alan Letendre			1		1
Kim Hider			1		1
Nancy French			1		1
Jim Sadusky			1		1
Kelsy Sheddon		2			2
Paul Aucoin		2			2
John Snow		1			1
Kelli Ruggare		1			1
Richard Shenth		1			1
Ralph Dichara		1			1
Ron Fortin		1			1
William Wall		1			1
Gary Suter		2			2
Charlie Oconner		1			1
Hank Scorpio		1			1
Bob Cirba		1		1	2
Maurice Wilson		1			1
David Pion		1			1
Rich Brainy		1			1
John Horan		1			1
David Bain		1			1
Pedro Rodriquez				1	1
Carolyn Havalotti				1	1
Casey Cormier				1	1
David Zossits				1	1
John Agnew				1	1
Frank White				1	1
James Philbrook				1	1
Matt Soter				2	2
Gerald Robertson				1	1
Jeremy Griffin				1	1
Robert Ferrara				1	1
Mary Braney				2	2
Roger Barnes				1	1
Kevin Hayes				1	1
Denis Leo				1	1
James Schneider				2	2
Dainel Schields				1	1
Emily Chisbereman				1	1
Lawrence Dufault				1	1
Mark Andrews				1	1
Rich Olson				1	1
Gary Woodbury				1	1
Corey Lacaire				1	1
Brian Gobi				1	1
Total	597	491	750	661	2499

<b>Town of Spencer</b>	<b>Annual Town Election</b>				<b>5/10/16</b>
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
<b>Board of Selectmen 3 year term</b>					
Blanks	339	305	452	443	1539
Anthony D. Pepe	425	324	517	431	1697
Gary E. Woodbury	422	351	531	437	1741
Write-ins:					
Vaughn Carmichael	1				1
James Whalen	1				1
Warren Specht	2				2
Eric Monette	1				1
Jake Stone	1				1
Jack Gately	1				1
Ralph Hicks	1			2	3
Kurt Nordquist			1		1
James Phibrook			1		1
Lisa Struppa			1		1
Dave Bercume		1			1
Denise Lacroix		1			1
Scott Griffin				1	1
Alfred Newman				1	1
Jason Monette				1	1
Charlie O'Toole				1	1
Nancy Fredette				1	1
Frank White				1	1
Robert Morin				1	1
Rich Olson				1	1
Total	1194	982	1503	1321	5000
<b>Town of Spencer</b>	<b>Annual Town Election</b>				<b>5/10/16</b>
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
<b>Board of Selectmen 1 year term</b>					
Blanks	123	96	181	159	559
Ralph E. Hicks	470	391	565	494	1920
Write-ins:					0
Maureen Hatch	1				1
Leo Doucette	1				1
James Whalen	1				1
Kurt Nordquist	1				1
Anthony Aube			1		1
Anthony Pepe			1		1
Michael Struppa			1		1
Nancy French			1		1
Vernon Goddard		1			1
Donald Berthiaume Jr.		1			1
Kevin Hayes		1			1
Andre Roy		1			1

James Schneider				1	1
Al Schedyak				1	1
Jason Monette				1	1
James Philbrook				1	1
Sean Durant				1	1
Scott Griffin				1	1
Kirk Doucette				1	1
Robert Morin				1	1
Total	597	491	750	661	2499
<b>Town of Spencer</b>	<b>Annual Town Election</b>				<b>5/10/16</b>
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
<b>Assessor</b>					
Blanks	132	123	186	182	623
Jeremey Snow	465	367	563	475	1870
Write-ins:	0				0
James Philbrook			1		1
John Zanauskas		1			1
K Hayes				1	1
Paul Bean				1	1
Paul Magierowski				1	1
Rich Olson				1	1
Total	597	491	750	661	2499
<b>Town of Spencer</b>	<b>Annual Town Election</b>				<b>5/10/16</b>
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
<b>Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School Committee - Spencer Rep - 3 Year</b>					
Blanks	51	49	90	66	256
Kevin A. Hayes	128	106	152	125	511
Martha Berthiaume	456	333	544	453	1786
Jason Paul Monette	426	338	519	498	1781
Kurt A. Nordquist	85	102	114	87	388
Dale M. Wilder	46	54	80	91	271
Write Ins:					0
Harry Hatch	1				1
Aime Bouley	1				1
Anthony Aube			1		1
Robert Morin				1	1
Chelsea Trombly				1	1
Total	1194	982	1500	1322	4998
<b>Town of Spencer</b>	<b>Annual Town Election</b>				<b>5/10/16</b>
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
<b>Southern Worc. County Regional School Dist.</b>					
Blanks	139	126	182	183	630
Kenneth R. Wheeler	457	365	567	476	1865

Write-ins:					0
Dale Wilder	1				1
Lisa Struppa			1		1
Jason Monette				1	1
Rich Olson				1	1
Total	597	491	750	661	2499
<b>Town of Spencer</b>	<b>Annual Town Election</b>				<b>5/10/16</b>
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
<b>Water Commissioner 3 year term</b>					
Blanks	154	134	196	196	680
David R. O'Coin	440	354	551	464	1809
Write-ins:					0
Larry Dufault	1				1
Roger Bouley	1				1
Dale Wilder	1				1
James Philbrook			1		1
Roger Witt			1		1
Bruce Guyan			1		1
Jason Jarmolouwicz		1			1
Roger Witt		2			2
Kurt Nordquist				1	1
Total	597	491	750	661	2499
<b>Town of Spencer</b>	<b>Annual Town Election</b>				<b>5/10/16</b>
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
<b>Water Commissioner 2 year term</b>					
Blanks	130	96	159	152	537
Eben J. Butler	180	147	234	181	742
Adam German	197	151	190	145	683
Roger S. Witt	89	97	166	181	533
Write-ins:					0
Roger Bouley	1				1
Lisa McNeil			1		1
Robert Morin				1	1
Steve Dayutis				1	1
Total	597	491	750	661	2499
<b>Town of Spencer</b>	<b>Annual Town Election</b>				<b>5/10/16</b>
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
<b>Park Commissioner</b>					
Blanks	139	125	188	170	622
Martin A. German, Jr.	457	364	560	490	1871
Write-ins:					0
Russ Snow	1				1
Michael Struppa			1		1

Gregory Hebson			1		1
John Agnew		2			2
B Shemeth				1	1
Total	597	491	750	661	2499
<b>Town of Spencer</b>	<b>Annual Town Election</b>				<b>5/10/16</b>
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
<b>Library Trustee</b>					
Blanks	129	119	178	170	596
Mary Anne Slack	468	372	571	491	1902
Write-ins:					0
Lisa Struppa			1		1
Total	597	491	750	661	2499
<b>Town of Spencer</b>	<b>Annual Town Election</b>				<b>5/10/16</b>
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
<b>Board of Health</b>					
Blanks	138	117	192	182	629
Rodney L. Foisy	458	371	557	475	1861
Write-ins:					0
Kurt Nordquist	1				1
James Philbrook			1	1	2
John Agnew		1			1
Vernon Goddard		1			1
Kurt Nordquist		1			1
Mary Huges				1	1
Rich Olson				1	1
John Huges				1	1
Total	597	491	750	661	2499
<b>Town of Spencer</b>	<b>Annual Town Election</b>				<b>5/10/16</b>
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
<b>Housing Authority</b>					
Blanks	123	118	171	154	566
Donna M. Flannery	473	373	577	505	1928
Write-ins:					0
Leo Doucette	1				1
Lisa Struppa			1		1
Donald Trump			1		1
Robert Morin				1	1
Amy Perro				1	1
Total	597	491	750	661	2499

<b>Town of Spencer</b>	<b>Annual Town Election</b>				<b>5/10/16</b>
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
<b>Sewer Commissioner</b>					
Blanks	160	144	214	201	719
Michael J. Mercadante	435	347	535	459	1776
Write-ins:					0
William Shemeth	1				1
Roger Bouley	1				1
James Philbrook			1		1
Kurt Nordquist				1	1
Total	597	491	750	661	2499
<b>Town of Spencer</b>	<b>Annual Town Election</b>				<b>5/10/16</b>
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
<b>Constable</b>					
Blanks	604	513	757	733	2607
James F. Cervi, Jr.	365	297	460	390	1512
Lee D. Jarvis	402	326	494	429	1651
Arthur C. Butch Tatro	418	335	534	428	1715
Write Ins:					0
Warren Specht	2				2
Michael Struppa			1		1
Lisa Struppa			1		1
James Philbrook			1		1
Sarah Jane Belinskrs		1			1
Ralph Dichara		1			1
Robert Morin				1	1
Rich Olson				1	1
Tom Sucook				1	1
Total	1791	1473	2248	1983	7495
<b>Town of Spencer</b>	<b>Annual Town Election</b>				<b>5/10/2016</b>
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
<b>Question 1</b>					
Blanks	54	21	51	42	168
Yes	362	304	378	395	1439
No	181	166	321	224	892
Total	597	491	750	661	2499

**Total Ballots Cast: 2,499**  
**Total Registered Voters: 7,483**  
**Total Voter Turnout: 33.4**

State Primary  
September 8, 2016

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

The following election officers were appointed for Precinct #1:

Warden: Dianne Scanlon  
Clerk: Judith Fortin  
Inspectors: Karen Gaucher, Casey Lacaire, Nancy Richardson, Joyce Sweet  
Geri Mandel  
Deputy Inspectors: Betsy Arakelian, Carole Caissie, Donald Clough

16 absentee ballots were cast in this precinct. 96 ballots were handed out by the Inspectors, of these, four were spoiled, making a total of 108 ballots cast. The ballot box registered 108 ballots cast at the closing of polls.

The following election officers were appointed for Precinct #2:

Warden: Peter McGinn  
Clerk: William Lehtola  
Inspectors: Irene Gadbois, Linda Wozniak, Eileen Prizio, Kathleen Beford  
Deputy Inspectors: Sylvia Berthiaume, Theresa Ethier

8 absentee ballots were cast in this precinct. 88 ballots were handed out by the Inspectors, of these two were spoiled, making a total of 94 ballots cast. The ballot box registered 93 ballots cast at the close of polls, one ballot was hand counted from the auxiliary compartment.

The following election officers were appointed for Precinct #3:

Warden: Mark Lammi  
Clerk: A. Marie McDevitt  
Inspectors: Ann Austin, Mercie Vinton, Winifred Bouleuy,  
Lucinda Puchalski  
Deputy Inspectors: Rebecca Pedone, Anne Snow

23 absentee ballots were cast in this precinct. 94 ballots were handed out by the Inspectors, of these, one was spoiled making a total of 116 ballots cast. The ballot box registered 116 ballots cast at the close of polls. Two UOCAVA/specially qualified ballots were counted in the Town Clerk's Office after the close of polls as required by statute.

The following election officers were appointed for Precinct #4:

Warden: Virginia Fanning  
Clerk: Carol St. John  
Inspectors: Ronald Fortin, Robert Gadbois, Lucia Provo, Patricia Enasom  
Deputy Inspectors: Louise Ethier, Rose Hale

10 absentee ballots were cast in this precinct. 96 ballots were handed out by the Inspectors, of these, 4 were spoiled making a total of 102 ballots cast. The ballot box registered 102 ballots cast at the close of polls.



# FINAL RESULTS

## **Town of Spencer State Primary 9/8/2016**

### Representative in Congress 2nd District Democratic Party

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Blanks	2	7	7	5	21
James P. McGovern	68	50	61	62	241
Write-Ins:				0	0
Rick Belton		1			1
Ginger Rollins			1		1
Total	70	58	69	67	264

## **Town of Spencer State Primary 9/8/2016**

### Councillor 7th District Democratic Party

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Blanks	8	13	12	9	42
Matthew CJ Vance	62	45	57	58	222
Write-Ins:				0	0
Total	70	58	69	67	264

## **Town of Spencer State Primary 9/8/2016**

### Senator in General Court Democratic Party

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Blanks	2	1	1	1	5
Anne M. Gobi	68	56	68	66	258
Write-Ins:				0	0
William Roberts		1			1
Total	70	58	69	67	264

## **Town of Spencer State Primary 9/8/2016**

### Representative in General Court 5th & 6th Districts Dem.

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Blanks	69	57	67	65	258
Write Ins:					0
Donald Trump				1	1
Dan Morrison				1	1
Heidi I. Brank-Malone		1			1
Harriet Gobi	1				1
Berthiaume			2		2
Total	70	58	69	67	264

## **Town of Spencer State Primary 9/8/2016**

### Sheriff Worcester County Democratic Party

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Blanks	69	58	66	63	256
Write-Ins:					0
Dan Morrison				1	1

Donald Trump				1	1
Raymond Carville				1	1
Paul Braney				1	1
Steven Brewer	1				1
Evangelidis			3		3
Total	70	58	69	67	264

**Town of Spencer State Primary 9/8/2016**

**Representative in Congress 2nd District Republican Party**

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Blanks	35	34	45	34	148
Write-Ins:					0
William Shemeth				1	1
Robert McMarks		1			1
Jason Petritis		1			1
Ted Nugent	1				1
Kate Campanele	1				1
Gregorey Hebson	1				1
John R. Cabana			1		1
Sammi Kennedey			1		1
Richard Witz			1		1
Laura Torti			1		1
Total	38	36	49	35	158

**Town of Spencer State Primary 9/8/2016**

**Councillor 7th District Republican Party**

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Blanks	3	7	8	6	24
Jennie L. Caissie	35	29	41	29	134
Write-Ins:					0
Total	38	36	49	35	158

**Town of Spencer State Primary 9/8/2016**

**Senator in Gerneral Court Republican Party**

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Blanks	5	10	11	4	30
James P. Ehrhard	33	26	38	30	127
Write-Ins:					0
Donald Berthiaume				1	1
Total	38	36	49	35	158

**Town of Spencer State Primary 9/8/2016**

**Representative in General Court 5th District Republican**

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Blanks		2	2	1	5
Donald R. Berthiaume Jr.		34	47	33	114
Write-Ins:					0
Kurt Nordquist				1	1
Total	0	36	49	35	120

**Town of Spencer State Primary 9/8/2016****Representative in General Court 6th District Republican**

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Blanks	3				3
Peter J. Durant	35				35
Write-Ins:					0
Total	38	0	0	0	38

**Town of Spencer State Primary 9/8/2016****Sheriff Worcester County-Republican Party**

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Blanks	1	2	3	2	8
Lewis G. Evangelidis	37	34	46	32	149
Write-Ins:					0
Kevin Hayes				1	1
Total	38	36	49	35	158

**Town of Spencer State Primary 9/8/2016****Representative in Congress 2nd Dist.Green-Rainbow**

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Blanks	0	0	0	0	0
Write-Ins:	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0

**Town of Spencer State Primary 9/8/2016****Councillor 7th Dist. Green-Rainbow Party**

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Blanks	0	0	0	0	0
Write-Ins:	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0

**Town of Spencer State Primary 9/8/2016****Senator in General Court Green-Rainbow Party**

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Blanks	0	0	0	0	0
Write-Ins:	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0

**Town of Spencer State Primary 9/8/2016****Representative in General Court 5th & 6th Dist.Green-Rainbow**

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Blanks	0	0	0	0	0
Write-Ins:	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0

**Town of Spencer State Primary 9/8/2016****Sheriff Worcester County Green-Rainbow Party**

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Blanks	0	0	0	0	0
Write-Ins:	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0

**Town of Spencer State Primary 9/8/2016**

Representative in Congress 2nd Dist. United Independent Party

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Blanks	0	0	0	0	0
Write-Ins:	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0

**Town of Spencer State Primary 9/8/2016**

Councillor 7th Dist. United Independent Party

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Blanks	0	0	0	0	0
Write-Ins:	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0

**Town of Spencer State Primary 9/8/2016**

Senator in General Court United Independent Party

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Blanks	0	0	0	0	0
Write-Ins:	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0

**Town of Spencer State Primary 9/8/2016**

Representative in General Court 5th & 6th Dist. United Indep. Party

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Blanks	0	0	0	0	0
Write-Ins:	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0

**Town of Spencer State Primary 9/8/2016**

Sheriff Worcester County United Independent Party

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Blanks	0	0	0	0	0
Write-Ins:	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0

**Total Registered Voters 7,565**

**Total Ballots Cast 422**

**Total Voter Turnout 6%**

## **November 8, 2016 Election**

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: Dianne Scanlon  
Clerk: Diane Ledoux  
Inspectors: Karen Gaucher, John Wilson, Diane Johnson, Barbara White,  
Casey Lacaire  
Deputy Inspectors: Rose Hale, Betsy Arakelian

602 Early Ballots and Absentee Ballots were cast in this precinct. 874 ballots were handed out by the inspectors, of these, 9 were spoiled, making a total of 1467 ballots cast. The ballot box registered one thousand four hundred forty nine ballots cast at the closing of the polls and eighteen ballots were hand counted from the auxiliary bin. One UOCAVA ballot was counted in the Town Clerk's Office as per State statute.

The following were appointed election officers for Precinct #2:

Warden: Peter McGinn  
Clerk: Judith Fortin  
Inspectors: Lucia Provo, Linda Wozniak, Patricia Ensom, Winifred Bouley,  
Geri Mandel  
Deputy Inspectors: Carole Caissie, Brenda Savoie, Casey Lacaire

518 Early Ballots and Absentee Ballots were cast in this precinct. 814 ballots were handed out by the inspectors, of these, 14 were spoiled, making a total of 1318 ballots cast. The ballot box registered 1312 ballots cast at the closing of the polls and six ballots were hand counted from the auxiliary bin. Four UOCAVA ballots were counted in the Town Clerk's Office as per State statute.

The following were appointed election officers for Precinct #3:

Warden: William Lehtola  
Clerk: A. Marie McDevitt  
Inspectors: Ann Austin, Mercie Vinton, Kathleen Beford, Eileen Prizio,  
Irene Gadbois  
Deputy Inspectors: Sylvia Berthiaume, Anne Snow

618 Early Ballots and Absentee Ballots were cast in this precinct. 950 ballots were handed out by the inspectors. Of these, 18 were spoiled, making a total of 1550 ballots cast. The ballot box registered 1529 at the closing of polls and 21 ballots were counted from the auxiliary bin. Five UOCAVA ballots were counted in the Town Clerk's Office as per State statute.

The following were appointed election officers for Precinct #4:

Warden: Virginia Fanning  
Clerk: Carol St. John  
Inspectors: Ronald Fortin, Robert Gadbois, Lucinda Puchalski, Richard Braney  
Nancy Richardson  
Deputy Inspectors: Louise Ethier, Theresa Ethier

665 Early Ballots and Absentee Ballots were cast in this precinct. 869 ballots were handed out by the inspectors. Of these, 10 were spoiled, making a total of 1524 ballots cast. The ballot box registered 1515 at the closing of polls and 9 ballots were hand counted from the auxiliary bin. One provisional ballot and 5 UOCAVA ballots were counted in the Town Clerk's Office as per state statute.

The counting and tabulation was completed at 12:30 a.m.

Laura J. Torti  
Town Clerk

Town of Spencer		Nov. 8, 2016 Presidential Election			
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
<b>President and Vice President</b>					
Blanks	25	22	19	16	82
Clinton and Kaine	593	517	542	613	2265
Johnson and Weld	74	72	71	79	296
Stein and Baraka	11	16	29	27	83
Trump and Pence	748	670	859	768	3045
<b>Write-ins:</b>					0
Feegbeh and O'Brien					0
Kotlikott and Leamer					0
Moorehead and Lilly					0
Shoenke and Creighton-Mitchell					0
McMullin and Johnson		3	3	4	10
All Others	17	22	32	23	94
Total	1468	1322	1555	1530	5875
Town of Spencer		Nov. 8, 2016 Presidential Election			
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
<b>Representative In Congress</b>					
Blanks	416	358	421	435	1630
James P. McGovern	1038	956	1112	1090	4196
Write-ins:					0
Shane King			1		1
Jim Polito			1		1
Brian Hackett			1		1
Wayne Gruden			1		1
Pete Yanis			1		1
Ed Small			1		1
Norm Grisler			2		2
George Clinton			1		1
Seth Murray			1		1
Tony Bove			1		1
Craig Bertt			1		1
Bo Fritze			1		1
Michael Hackett			1		1
Dave Corville			1		1
Tom Brady	1		2		3
Lewis Evangeltis	1		1		2
Jeremy Levy			1		1
Donald Trump	1		1		2
Donna Ryel			1		1
John Cabana			1		1
Jordan Levy		2			2
Pat Carrol		1			1
Scott Bauer		1			1
Terry Dunn		1			1
Bob Grogan		1			1
Don Berthiaume		1			1
Ryan Faitman				1	1
Steve Griffin				1	1
Steve Houel				1	1
Steve Dayntis				1	1

Jennifer Ferguson				1	1
Charles Cheput		1			1
Allan Hoyt	2				2
Nancy Jackson	1				1
Chris Comeau	1				1
Jason Monette	1				1
Peter Durant	1				1
Emma Moroney	1				1
Michael Dukakis	1				1
Randi Larose	1				1
Chris Chambers	1				1
Ted Nugent	1				1
Total	1468	1322	1555	1530	5875
<b>Town of Spencer</b>		<b>Nov. 8, 2016 Presidential Election</b>			
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
<b>Councillor</b>					
Blanks	146	127	163	163	599
Jennie L. Caissie	862	790	903	886	3441
Matthew CJ Vance	459	405	488	481	1833
Write-ins:					0
Edward Cabana			1		1
Frank Dux	1				1
Total	1468	1322	1555	1530	5875
<b>Town of Spencer</b>		<b>Nov. 8, 2016 Presidential Election</b>			
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
<b>Senator in General Court</b>					
Blanks	91	86	89	86	352
Anne M. Gobi	884	796	894	963	3537
James P. Ehrhard	493	440	572	481	1986
Write-ins:					0
Total	1468	1322	1555	1530	5875
<b>Town of Spencer</b>		<b>Nov. 8, 2016 Presidential Election</b>			
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
<b>Representative in General Court</b>					
Blanks	315	263	323	337	1238
Peter J. Durant	1145				1145
Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.		1056	1226	1193	3475
Write Ins:					0
Edward Cabana			1		1
Jeff Jones			1		1
Patrick Farmer			2		2
Craig Burt			1		1
Ed Thibeault			1		1
William Shemeth	1	1			2
Karl Ronson		1			1
Jennifer Gaucher		1			1
Clyde Anderson	1				1
Peter J. Durant	1				1
Tom Brady	1				1
Simon Peter	1				1



Ralph Sargent	1				1
James McGovern	1				1
Robert Ferreira	1				1
Total	1468	1322	1555	1530	5875
<b>Town of Spencer</b>	<b>Nov. 8, 2016 Presidential Election</b>				
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
<b>Sheriff</b>					
Blanks	353	278	353	346	1330
Lewis G. Evangelidis	1112	1042	1198	1184	4536
Write-ins:					0
Ben Smith			1		1
Craig Burt			1		1
Mark Shepherd			2		2
S. Callie		1			1
Mark Lammi		1			1
Caleb Dallaire	1				1
Tom Brady	1				1
Robert Ferreira	1				1
Total	1468	1322	1555	1530	5875
<b>Town of Spencer</b>	<b>Nov. 8, 2016 Presidential Election</b>				
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
<b>Question 1: Gaming Commission</b>					
Blanks	74	70	61	61	266
Yes	694	659	758	724	2835
No	700	593	736	745	2774
Total	1468	1322	1555	1530	5875
<b>Town of Spencer</b>	<b>Nov. 8, 2016 Presidential Election</b>				
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
<b>Question 2: Charter Schools</b>					
Blanks	34	26	32	33	125
Yes	497	457	527	564	2045
No	937	839	996	933	3705
Total	1468	1322	1555	1530	5875
<b>Town of Spencer</b>	<b>Nov. 8, 2016 Presidential Election</b>				
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
<b>Question 3: Farm Confinement Prohibitions</b>					
Blanks	33	30	23	38	124
Yes	1055	925	1093	1087	4160
No	380	367	439	405	1591
Total	1468	1322	1555	1530	5875
<b>Town of Spencer</b>	<b>Nov. 8, 2016 Presidential Election</b>				
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
<b>Question 4: Marijuana</b>					
Blanks	24	19	21	29	93
Yes	762	697	817	813	3089
No	682	606	717	688	2693
Total	1468	1322	1555	1530	5875

**Total Ballots Cast:** 5,875  
**Total Registered Voters:** 7856  
**Total Voter Turnout:** 74.78%

**Special Town Meeting  
November 17, 2016  
Memorial Town Hall**

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Moderator William R. Shemeth, III after determining a quorum was present.

Reading of the Return of the Warrant was waived and the moderator noted that the meeting was posted in accordance with the law. The Moderator led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence in honor of those residents who had passed away including Kenneth R. Wheeler and John P. Desmaris, Sr., both of whom had served the town for many years. The Moderator also thanked Mary Baker-Wood for her long service to the town as Library Director and Nancy Tame for her service on the Finance Committee. The Moderator noted that there are two vacancies on the Finance Committee and asked for volunteers to serve.

The Moderator noted two historical incidents on this day in 1777, the Continental Congress submitted our first national constitution, the Articles of Confederation, to the states for ratification and approval. The nation was guided by this document until the implementation of the current US Constitution in 1789. Also on this day in 1842 in Marlboro Chapel in Boston, a meeting was held to help free a fugitive slave from the efforts of slave bounty hunters to return him to slavery under the provisions of the Fugitive Slave Law. This effort helped to protect the freedoms we exercise tonight.

The Moderator introduced to attendees; himself, members of the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator Adam Gaudette, Town Counsel Stanley Weinberg, Town Clerk Laura Torti and Finance Committee Chair Mary Braney. Ms. Braney then introduced those members of the Finance Committee who were present. The Moderator thanked Spencer Cable Access for broadcasting the meeting and reviewed the ground rules and parliamentary procedure for Town Meetings. The Moderator thanked the Town Clerk and the Board of Registrars for their work on a successful early voting program for the November presidential election.

The following articles were acted upon:

**Article 1:**

**AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND A PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ARTICLE**

*The moderator declared a unanimous vote to amend Article 9 from the May 5, 2016 Annual Town Meeting in order to raise and appropriate an additional sum of Three Thousand, Eight Hundred Seventy-Seven Dollars and No Cents (\$3,877.00) for additional Tantasqua Regional High School Tuition (\$1,172.00 to Account #11300-52000) and Additional Tantasqua Regional High School Transportation Assessment (\$2,705.00 to Account #11300-52100) for Fiscal Year 2017; or take any action relating thereto. (Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator)*

*Finance Committee chair Mary Braney announced that the Finance Committee had recommended in favor.*

## **Article 2:**

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

*The moderator declared a majority vote to amend Article 10 from the May 5, 2016 Annual Town Meeting in order to raise and appropriate an additional sum of One Thousand, Eight Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$1,800.00) for additional Norfolk County High School Transportation Assessment (Account #11300-52100) for Fiscal Year 2017; or take any action relating thereto. (Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator)*

*Finance Committee chair Mary Braney announced that the Finance Committee had recommended in favor.*

## **Article 3:**

### **AUTHORIZATION TO RESCIND THE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ARTICLE FOR THE FY2017 GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATING BUDGET**

*The moderator declared a majority vote to rescind Article 11 from the May 5, 2016 Annual Town Meeting for the purposes of voting to approve the following Article #4 that will adjust the Fiscal Year 2017 General Government Operating Budget; said rescission is contingent upon the approval of Article #4; or take any action relating thereto. (Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator)*

*Finance Committee chair Mary Braney announced that the Finance Committee had recommended in favor.*

## **Article 4:**

### **AUTHORIZATION TO APPROPRIATE THE REVISED FY2017 GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATING BUDGET**

*The moderator declared a majority vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Million, Eight Hundred Eighty-Nine Thousand, Eight Hundred Thirty-Two Dollars and No Cents (\$8,889,832.00) to pay for the operations of the General Government expenses for Fiscal Year 2017, and to meet said appropriation from a transfer of Ten Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$10,000.00) from the Wetlands Account, and from taxation, from available funds in the Treasury, and anticipated receipts as may be needed or decided necessary; or take any action relating thereto. (Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator)*

Town Administrator Adam D. Gaudette spoke on this article.

*Finance Committee chair Mary Braney announced that the Finance Committee had recommended in favor.*

## **Article 5:**

### **AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER MONIES TO A RESERVE FUND**

*The moderator declared a majority vote to appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$10,000.00) for the Sick Leave Buy Back Fund (Account #083-83000-39800) and to meet said appropriation by transferring from previously certified and available Free Cash; or take any action relating thereto. (Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator)*

*Finance Committee chair Mary Braney announced that the Finance Committee had recommended in favor.*

## **Article 6:**

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

*The moderator declared a majority vote to appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$5,000.00) for Sewer Department consultant services, and to meet said appropriation by transferring said sum from previously certified and available Retained Earnings of the Sewer Enterprise Fund; or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Board of Sewer Commissioners)*

Sewer Commissioner Lawrence H. Dufault and Sewer Superintendent James LaPlante spoke on this article.

*Finance Committee chair Mary Braney announced that the Finance Committee had recommended in favor.*

## **Article 7:**

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

*The moderator declared a majority vote to appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$305,000.00 for Water Department capital projects and purchases, as approved by the Capital Improvements Planning Committee (CIPC), as generally illustrated below and to meet said appropriation by transferring the sum of One Hundred Sixteen Thousand, Two Hundred Sixteen Dollars and Sixty-One Cents (\$116,216.61) from the Water Department Capital Efficiency Plan Program Account (15000-58860), One Hundred Thirty-Four Thousand, Three Hundred Ten Dollars and Nineteen Cents (\$134,310.19) from the Water Department Capital Improvement Account (15000-58870), and transferring Fifty-Four Thousand, Four Hundred Seventy-Three Dollars and Twenty Cents (\$54,473.20) from previously certified and available Retained Earnings of the Water Enterprise Fund;*

1. \$65,000 for a New One-ton Truck with Dump Body
2. \$240,000 for Main Street TIP Water Infrastructure Upgrades

*Or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Board of Water Commissioners and the Capital Improvements Planning Committee)*

*Finance Committee chair Mary Braney announced that the Finance Committee had recommended in favor. The moderator noted that per Town Bylaw the Capital Improvements Planning Committee had met and recommended in favor of this article.*

## **Article 8:**

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

*The moderator declared a majority vote to appropriate the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand, Six Hundred Fifty Dollars and No Cents (\$75,650.00) for capital equipment purchases and capital improvements, as generally illustrated below, and to meet said appropriation by transferring the sum of Fifty Thousand, Six Hundred Fifty Dollars and No Cents (\$50,650.00) from previously certified and available Free Cash and by transferring the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$25,000.00) from the Sugden Block Reserve Account (29000-39500); or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Capital Improvements Planning Committee, Board of Selectmen, and the Town Administrator)*

*Finance Committee chair Mary Braney announced that the Finance Committee had recommended in favor. The moderator noted that per Town Bylaw the Capital Improvements Planning Committee had met and recommended in favor of this article.*

<u>Dept.</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Sugden Block	Step & Façade Repairs	\$ 25,000.00
Police Dept.	HVAC Repairs (60000-59272)	\$ 650.00
Town Hall	Landfill Solar Feasibility (60000-59261)	\$ 10,000.00
Highway Dept.	Main Street TIP Associated Repairs	\$ 15,000.00
Town Hall	Development Feasibility Study (Lake St)	<u>\$ 25,000.00</u>
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$75,650.00</b>

#### **Article 9:**

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

*The moderator declared a majority vote to appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$320,000.00) to fund Main Street TIP non-participatory capital improvements (street lighting), and to meet said appropriation by transferring One Hundred Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$100,000.00) from the Community Development Fund (25000-35900) and transferring Two Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$220,000.00) from previously certified and available Free Cash; or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Capital Improvements Planning Committee, Board of Selectmen, and the Town Administrator)*

*Finance Committee chair Mary Braney announced that the Finance Committee had recommended in favor. The moderator noted that per Town Bylaw the Capital Improvements Planning Committee had met and recommended in favor of this article.*

#### **Article 10:**

#### **AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND THE PERSONNEL BYLAWS**

*The moderator declared a majority vote to amend the Personnel Bylaws, becoming effective January 1, 2017, by amending Schedule C (Miscellaneous Compensation Schedule for Seasonal and Part-time Positions) by inserting the position “Harbormaster” and inserting the coinciding compensation of “\$1,000 yearly”; or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by the Town Administrator)*

*Harry Hatch of 63 Lake Ave. Stiles, Police Chief David Darrin, and Jonathan W. Ely of 10 Wildwood Lane all spoke on this article.*

*Finance Committee chair Mary Braney announced that the Finance Committee had recommended in favor.*

#### **Article 11:**

#### **AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND THE PERSONNEL BYLAWS**

*The moderator declared a majority vote to amend the Personnel Bylaws, becoming effective January 1, 2017, by amending Schedule C (Miscellaneous Compensation Schedule for Seasonal and Part-time Positions) by inserting the position “Animal Control & Inspection Officer – On-call Alternate ” and*

inserting the coinciding compensation of “\$50.00 per day”; or take any action relative thereto. (*Sponsored by the Town Administrator*)

*Finance Committee chair Mary Braney announced that the Finance Committee had recommended in favor.*

#### **Article 12:**

#### **AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND THE ZONING BYLAWS**

*The moderator declared a majority vote of 47 in favor and 3 against to amend the Zoning Bylaws, by amending Article 2 Definitions (2.2- Utility, Major) and Article 4.2 (Use Table – Solar Uses), and by adding new Article 4.8.9 (Solar); or take any action relating thereto. (Sponsored by the Planning Board)*

Michael F. Dow of 97 North Spencer Road and Nancy Nowak of 37 Woodside Road spoke on this article.

*Finance Committee chair Mary Braney announced that the Finance Committee deferred to the recommendation of the Planning Board. The moderator announced that the Planning Board had held a public hearing on this article and their report which had been received had recommended in favor of this article.*

#### **Article 13:**

#### **AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND THE ZONING BYLAWS**

*The moderator declared a unanimous vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws, by inserting new Section 7.1 (Zoning Determination) and renumbering the following sections accordingly; or take any action relating thereto. (Sponsored by the Planning Board)*

*Finance Committee chair Mary Braney announced that the Finance Committee deferred to the recommendation of the Planning Board. The moderator announced that the Planning Board had held a public hearing on this article and their report which had been received had recommended in favor of this article.*

#### **Article 14:**

#### **AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND THE ZONING BYLAWS**

*The moderator declared a unanimous vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws, by amending Sections 3.4 (Overlay District), 4.1 (Use Designations), 4.2 (Use Table, Principal Uses), 4.3 (Performance Standards), 4.4 Accessory Uses), 4.5 (Temporary Uses), 5.2 (Interpretation notes for area), 5.3 (Specific provisions for area requirements), 6.1 (Off Street Parking & Loading Requirements), 6.5 (Signage), 7.2 (Special Permits), and 7.4 (Site Plan Review); or take any action relating thereto. (Sponsored by the Planning Board)*

*Finance Committee chair Mary Braney announced that the Finance Committee deferred to the recommendation of the Planning Board. The moderator announced that the Planning Board had held a public hearing on this article and their report which had been received had recommended in favor of this article.*

#### **Article 15:**

## **AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A PERMANENT DRAINAGE EASEMENT**

*The moderator declared a unanimous vote to accept a permanent drainage easement from Judith Marment on her property located at 238 Charlton Road, Spencer, Assessors Map R08, Lot 42, on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deem reasonable, appropriate, and in the best interests of the Town, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by Town Administrator)*

*Finance Committee chair Mary Braney announced that the Finance Committee had recommended in favor.*

### **Article 16:**

## **AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A PERMANENT DRAINAGE EASEMENT**

*The moderator declared a unanimous vote to accept a permanent drainage easement from David Lacroix on his property located at 138 Charlton Road, Spencer, Assessors Map R23, Lot 37, on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deem reasonable, appropriate, and in the best interests of the Town, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by Town Administrator)*

*Finance Committee chair Mary Braney announced that the Finance Committee had recommended in favor.*

### **Article 17:**

## **AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A PERMANENT DRAINAGE EASEMENT**

*The moderator declared a unanimous vote to accept a permanent drainage easement from Scott Woods, James Woods, and Nancy Woods on their property located at 106 Charlton Road, Spencer, Assessors Map R23, Lot 20, on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deem reasonable, appropriate, and in the best interests of the Town, or take any action relative thereto. (Sponsored by Town Administrator)*

*Finance Committee chair Mary Braney announced that the Finance Committee had recommended in favor.*

A motion was made and seconded to dissolve the Meeting.

Majority voted at 7:45 p.m. to dissolve this Meeting.

A total of 59 registered voters attended.

Laura J. Torti  
Town Clerk

# TOWN ACCOUNTANT

**TOWN OF SPENCER MASSACHUSETTS**  
**COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUNDS TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUP**  
**June 30, 2016**

	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 Investments	\$ 1,361,624.25	\$ 1,241,536.31	\$ 1,159,947.39	\$ 1,443,137.69	\$ 1,250,928.08	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,457,173.72	
Cash In Custody of Others	3,500.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,500.00	
Receivables:												
Property Taxes	202,058.86	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	202,058.86	
Excise Taxes	208,027.97	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	208,027.97	
Tax Liens	238,834.13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	238,834.13	
Tax Foreclosures	95,725.10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	95,725.10	
User Charges	-	-	-	47,747.79	-	-	-	-	-	-	47,747.79	
Other	196,493.19	136,102.11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	334,595.30	
Special Assessment Not Yet Due	1,778.29	205,659.33	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	207,437.62	
Less: Allowance for Abatements	(100,914.40)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(100,914.40)	
Due From Other Governments	-	588,546.49	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	588,546.49	
Amount to be Provided for the Payment of Notes/Debts	-	-	-	8,440,884.80	-	-	-	-	1,004,300.00	-	9,445,184.80	
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 2,209,127.39</b>	<b>\$ 2,151,844.24</b>	<b>\$ 1,159,947.39</b>	<b>\$ 9,931,770.28</b>	<b>\$ 1,250,928.08</b>	<b>\$ 1,004,300.00</b>	<b>\$ 17,707,917.38</b>					
<b>Liabilities and Fund Equity</b>												
<b>Liabilities:</b>												
Employee Withholdings	\$ 14,071.14	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	14,071.14	
Due to Others/Deposits	407.61	6,730.00	-	11,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	18,137.61	
Deferred Revenue:												
Property Taxes	101,144.46	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	101,144.46	
Other	733,360.75	910,307.93	-	47,747.79	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,691,416.47	
Bond Indebtedness	-	-	-	8,440,884.80	-	-	-	-	1,004,300.00	-	9,445,184.80	
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 848,983.96</b>	<b>\$ 917,037.93</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 8,499,632.59</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,004,300.00</b>	<b>\$ 11,269,954.48</b>					
<b>Fund Equity:</b>												
Fund Balance:												
Reserved for Debt	\$ 155,000.63	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	155,000.63	
Reserved for Encumbrances	90,070.60	-	-	34,831.27	-	-	-	-	-	-	124,901.87	
Reserved for Nonexpendable Trust Principle	-	-	-	-	40,375.00	-	-	-	-	-	40,375.00	
Reserved for Capital	-	-	-	1,246,081.98	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,246,081.98	
Unreserved:												
Undesignated	1,115,072.20	1,234,808.31	1,159,947.39	151,224.44	1,210,553.08	-	-	-	-	-	4,871,603.42	
<b>Total Fund Equity</b>	<b>\$ 1,360,143.43</b>	<b>\$ 1,234,808.31</b>	<b>\$ 1,159,947.39</b>	<b>\$ 1,432,137.69</b>	<b>\$ 1,250,928.08</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 6,437,962.90</b>					
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Equity</b>	<b>\$ 2,209,127.39</b>	<b>\$ 2,151,844.24</b>	<b>\$ 1,159,947.39</b>	<b>\$ 9,931,770.28</b>	<b>\$ 1,250,928.08</b>	<b>\$ 1,004,300.00</b>	<b>\$ 17,707,917.38</b>					



**TOWN OF SPENCER, MASSACHUSETTS**  
**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**  
**JUNE 30, 2016**

	Primary Government		
	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>CURRENT:</b>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 4,725,153	\$ 1,577,733	\$ 6,302,886
Investments	679,494	-	679,494
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:			
Property Taxes	202,454	-	202,454
Tax Liens	238,834	-	238,834
Excise Taxes	186,282	-	186,282
User Charges	-	46,747	46,747
Departmental	141,018	-	141,018
Special Assessments	27,794	-	27,794
Due from Other Governments	808,648	-	808,648
Total current assets	7,009,677	1,624,480	8,634,157
<b>NONCURRENT:</b>			
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:			
Special Assessments	179,643	-	179,643
Capital Assets, net of accumulated Depreciation:			
Nondepreciable	1,116,976	190,242	1,307,218
Depreciable	9,774,263	12,898,936	22,673,199
Total noncurrent assets	11,070,882	13,089,178	24,160,060
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>18,080,559</b>	<b>14,713,658</b>	<b>32,794,217</b>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>			
Deferred Outflows Related to Pensions	790,020	84,524	874,544
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>CURRENT:</b>			
Warrants Payable	231,029	114,174	345,203
Accrued Payroll	182,136	20,421	202,557
Payroll Withholdings	1,433	-	1,433
Tax Refund Payable	13,000	-	13,000
Accrued Interest	6,857	76,649	83,506
Deposits	-	11,000	11,000
Compensated Absences	36,912	-	36,912
Bonds and Leases Payable	515,298	646,889	1,162,187
Total current liabilities	986,665	869,133	1,855,798
<b>NONCURRENT:</b>			
Compensated Absences	147,648	21,880	169,528
OPEB Obligation Payable	2,129,374	293,150	2,422,524
Net Pension Liability	9,148,717	978,812	10,127,529
Bonds and Leases Payable	896,740	7,793,996	8,690,736
Total noncurrent liabilities	12,322,479	9,087,838	21,410,317
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>13,309,144</b>	<b>9,956,971</b>	<b>23,266,115</b>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>			
Deferred Inflows Related to Pensions	476,533	50,983	527,516
<b>NET POSITION</b>			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	9,723,501	4,648,293	14,371,794
Restricted for:			
Capital Projects	-	397,400	397,400
Federal & State Grants	954,095	-	954,095
Permanent Funds:			
Expendable	38,550	-	38,550
Nonexpendable	31,575	-	31,575
Other Purposes	1,169,367	-	1,169,367
Unrestricted	(6,832,186)	(255,465)	(7,087,651)
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<b>\$ 5,084,902</b>	<b>\$ 4,790,228</b>	<b>\$ 9,875,130</b>

The Notes to the Financial Statements are an integral part of this Statement.

**TOWN OF SPENCER, MASSACHUSETTS  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES -  
BUDGETARY BASIS - (NON-GAAP) -  
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Amounts	Variance with
	Original	Final	Budgetary	Carried	Final Budget
	Budget	Budget	Basis	Forward	Positive
				to Next Year	(Negative)
<b>Revenues:</b>					
Property Taxes	\$ 12,935,773.00	\$ 12,935,773.00	\$ 12,991,009.61	\$ -	\$ 55,236.61
State Receipts	2,372,122.00	2,372,122.00	2,412,059.89	-	39,937.89
Excise and Other Taxes	1,413,557.00	1,413,557.00	1,500,938.62	-	87,381.62
Licenses, Permits, Fees	656,985.00	656,985.00	923,983.44	-	266,998.44
Interest on Taxes	80,485.00	80,485.00	94,663.13	-	14,178.13
Interest on Investments	7,327.00	7,327.00	8,583.45	-	1,256.45
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>17,466,249.00</b>	<b>17,466,249.00</b>	<b>17,931,238.14</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>464,989.14</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>					
Current:					
General Government	1,029,731.00	1,029,731.00	948,673.53	13,956.32	67,101.15
Protection of Persons and Property	3,055,569.00	3,055,569.00	2,934,500.97	10,197.69	110,870.34
Public Works	1,975,070.90	1,975,070.90	1,705,103.53	65,916.59	204,050.78
Education	9,108,364.00	9,108,364.00	9,107,729.00	-	635.00
Health and Human Services	358,099.00	358,099.00	345,142.05	-	12,956.95
Culture and Recreation	352,896.00	352,896.00	342,800.69	-	10,095.31
Insurance and Employee Benefits	1,923,081.00	1,923,081.00	1,789,801.16	-	133,279.84
State Assessments	116,858.00	116,858.00	116,858.00	-	-
Debt Service:					
Principal	390,000.00	390,000.00	390,000.00	-	-
Interest and Fiscal Charges	42,530.00	42,530.00	42,530.00	-	-
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>18,352,198.90</b>	<b>18,352,198.90</b>	<b>17,723,138.93</b>	<b>90,070.60</b>	<b>538,989.37</b>
<b>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</b>	<b>(885,949.90)</b>	<b>(885,949.90)</b>	<b>208,099.21</b>	<b>(90,070.60)</b>	<b>1,003,978.51</b>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>					
Operating Transfers In	315,745.00	315,745.00	314,493.00	-	(1,252.00)
Operating Transfers (Out)	(757,464.00)	(757,464.00)	(757,464.00)	-	-
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<b>(441,719.00)</b>	<b>(441,719.00)</b>	<b>(442,971.00)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(1,252.00)</b>
<b>Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses</b>	<b>(1,327,668.90)</b>	<b>(1,327,668.90)</b>	<b>(234,871.79)</b>	<b>(90,070.60)</b>	<b>1,002,726.51</b>
<b>Fund Balances, Beginning of Year</b>			<b>1,595,015.22</b>		
<b>Fund Balances, End of Year</b>			<b>\$ 1,360,143.43</b>		
<b>Reconciliation Budget Variance:</b>					
Prior Year Encumbrances	202,449.90	202,449.90			
Overlay Surplus	99,000.00	99,000.00			
Reserve for Debt	19,375.00	19,375.00			
Free Cash Votes	1,006,844.00	1,006,844.00			
	<b>1,327,668.90</b>	<b>1,327,668.90</b>			

**TOWN OF SPENCER, MASSACHUSETTS  
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ENTERPRISE FUNDS  
JUNE 30, 2016**

	Proprietary Funds		Totals
	Water Enterprise	Sewer Enterprise	(Memorandum Only)
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 754,114.99	\$ 689,022.70	\$ 1,443,137.69
Accounts Receivable:			
User Charges, net of allowance for uncollectibles	19,640.27	28,107.52	47,747.79
Amount to be Provided for Notes/Bonds	6,395,884.80	2,045,000.00	8,440,884.80
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 7,169,640.06</b>	<b>\$ 2,762,130.22</b>	<b>\$ 9,931,770.28</b>
<b>Liabilities and Fund Equity</b>			
<b>Liabilities:</b>			
Deferred Revenue	\$ 19,640.27	\$ 28,107.52	\$ 47,747.79
Due to Others	-	11,000.00	11,000.00
Bonds Indebtedness	6,395,884.80	2,045,000.00	8,440,884.80
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>6,415,525.07</b>	<b>2,084,107.52</b>	<b>8,499,632.59</b>
<b>Fund Equity:</b>			
Reserved for Encumbrances	18,409.05	16,422.22	34,831.27
Reserved for Capital	681,232.74	564,849.24	1,246,081.98
Unreserved:			
Undesignated	54,473.20	96,751.24	151,224.44
<b>Total Fund Equity</b>	<b>754,114.99</b>	<b>678,022.70</b>	<b>1,432,137.69</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Equity</b>	<b>\$ 7,169,640.06</b>	<b>\$ 2,762,130.22</b>	<b>\$ 9,931,770.28</b>

**TOWN OF SPENCER, MASSACHUSETTS  
PROPRIETARY FUNDS  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND NET ASSETS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016**

	Business-Type Activities Enterprise Funds		
	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Total
<b>Operating Revenues:</b>			
Charges for Services	\$ 1,483,608.60	\$ 884,824.64	\$ 2,368,433.24
Other	27,530.73	389,641.30	417,172.03
<b>Total Operating Revenues</b>	<b>1,511,139.33</b>	<b>1,274,465.94</b>	<b>2,785,605.27</b>
<b>Operating Expenses:</b>			
Salaries & Wages	351,902.29	323,629.93	675,532.22
Operating Expenses	521,289.19	628,663.34	1,149,952.53
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>873,191.48</b>	<b>952,293.27</b>	<b>1,825,484.75</b>
<b>Operating Income (Loss)</b>	<b>637,947.85</b>	<b>322,172.67</b>	<b>960,120.52</b>
<b>Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses):</b>			
Interest Income	2,417.54	2,443.58	4,861.12
Intergovernmental-ARRA			
Debt Principal Payment	(414,340.00)	(225,000.00)	(639,340.00)
Debt Interest Expense	(173,852.18)	(52,237.50)	(226,089.68)
<b>Total Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)</b>	<b>(585,774.64)</b>	<b>(274,793.92)</b>	<b>(860,568.56)</b>
<b>Income (Loss) Before Operating Transfers</b>	<b>52,173.21</b>	<b>47,378.75</b>	<b>99,551.96</b>
<b>Operating Transfers:</b>			
Transfer In	-	-	-
Transfers (Out)	(129,583.00)	(157,575.00)	(287,158.00)
<b>Total Operating Transfers</b>	<b>(129,583.00)</b>	<b>(157,575.00)</b>	<b>(287,158.00)</b>
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	<b>(77,409.79)</b>	<b>(110,196.25)</b>	<b>(187,606.04)</b>
<b>Net Assets at Beginning of Year</b>	<b>831,524.78</b>	<b>788,218.95</b>	<b>1,619,743.73</b>
<b>Net Assets at End of Year</b>	<b>\$ 754,114.99</b>	<b>\$ 678,022.70</b>	<b>\$ 1,432,137.69</b>

**TOWN OF SPENCER, MASSACHUSETTS**  
**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**  
**NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016**

	Fund Balances		Revenues		Expenditures		Other Financing Sources (Uses)		Fund Balances
	July 1, 2015								June 30, 2016
<b>Special Revenue:</b>									
<b>Federal and State Grants:</b>									
Arts Lottery	\$	4,998	\$	6,321	\$	6,415	\$	-	4,904
Community Development Block Grant		-		869,112		869,112		-	-
Community Innovation Challenge Grant		69,032		112,000		46,276		-	133,756
Council on Aging Grants		1,873		20,385		20,345		-	1,913
Highway Grants		-		778,586		778,586		-	-
Library Grants		21,391		19,310		15,561		-	25,140
Other Grants and Programs		17,098		39,745		39,745		-	17,098
Public Safety Grants		8,538		178,751		188,304		-	985
<b>Other:</b>									
Animal Sterilization Fund		5,803		159		417		-	5,545
Betterment Fund		135,345		10,810		-		-	147,155
Building and Fire Code Fines		2,803		100		-		-	2,903
Cable PEG Access Grant		31,374		113,359		105,249		-	39,484
Clock Restoration Fund		5,270		-		-		-	5,270
Conservation Commission Funds		35,859		40,832		30,023		-	46,668
Council on Aging Revolving		498		2,736		180		-	3,054
Drug Enforcement Fund		1,533		5,279		-		-	6,812
Gifts and Donations		61,942		13,678		4,301		-	71,319
Handicapped Parking Fines		8,500		400		1,067		-	7,833
Hastings Road Bridge Damages		-		4,135		-		-	4,135
Off Duty Revolving		63,610		337,987		375,669		-	25,928
Planning Board Revolving		31,629		3,480		1,103		-	34,006
Planning Board Subdivision Funds		412,992		57,616		32,186		-	438,422
Excavations and Driveway Permits		21,100		18,000		15,500		-	23,600
Recreation Revolving		1,788		50		985		-	853
Reserve for Debt		28,308		-		-	(27,335)		973
Septic Loan Management Program		113,687		33,437		31,029		-	116,095
Small Cities Program Income		81,911		48,917		-		-	130,828
Sugden Building Revolving		141,918		46,707		44,336		-	144,289
Wiring Inspector Revolving		6,434		48,860		46,023		-	9,271
Buy Back Sick Leave Fund		16,909		(13)		18,016		2,000	880
Police Equipment Fund		8,049		7,967		1,358		-	14,658
<b>Total Special Revenue</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,340,192</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,818,706</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,669,786</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(25,335)</b>	<b>\$ 1,463,777</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, 2016**

	Fund Balances July 1, 2015	Revenues	Expenditures	Other Financing Sources (Uses)	Fund Balances June 30, 2016
<b>Continued from page 61</b>					
<b>Special Revenue (continued):</b>					
<b>Other (continued):</b>					
Spencer World War II Memorial Fund	500	17	-	-	517
Unemployment Fund	26,622	936	-	-	27,558
Waterways Improvement Fund	37,751	1,348	-	-	39,099
<b>Total Special Revenue</b>	<b>1,405,065</b>	<b>2,821,007</b>	<b>2,669,786</b>	<b>(25,335)</b>	<b>1,530,951</b>
<b>Capital Projects:</b>					
David Prouty School Annex	5,245	-	-	-	5,245
FY 2004 Capital Improvement Programs	20,455	-	-	(20,455)	1
FY 2006 Capital Improvement Programs	2,235	-	-	-	2,235
FY 2007 Capital Improvement Programs	15,857	-	-	(15,001)	856
FY 2008 Capital Improvement Programs	60,227	-	1,211	(27,122)	31,894
FY 2009 Capital Improvement Programs	133,230	-	-	(3,029)	130,201
FY 2010 Capital Improvement Programs	16,390	-	-	-	16,390
FY 2011 Capital Improvement Programs	2,966	-	-	(240)	2,726
FY 2012 Capital Improvement Programs	14,038	-	3,082	(3,000)	7,956
FY 2013 Capital Improvement Programs	63,199	-	80,860	-	2,339
FY 2014 Capital Improvement Programs	73,547	-	89,092	29,000	13,455
FY 2015 Capital Improvement Programs	401,468	-	252,630	(43,729)	105,109
FY 2016 Capital Improvement Programs	-	-	548,029	1,389,224	841,195
School ADA Renovations	345	-	-	-	345
<b>Total Capital Projects:</b>	<b>809,203</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>954,904</b>	<b>1,305,848</b>	<b>1,159,947</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	14,642	1,413	25	-	16,030
Park Funds	19,755	2,765	-	-	22,520
<b>Total Permanent Funds</b>	<b>34,397</b>	<b>4,178</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>38,550</b>
<b>Total Non-Major Governmental Funds</b>	<b>\$ 2,280,240</b>	<b>\$ 2,825,185</b>	<b>\$ 3,624,715</b>	<b>\$ 1,280,313</b>	<b>\$ 2,761,023</b>

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ORG	OBJ	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	TYPE	ORIGINAL /	TRANSFRS/ADJUSMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBR/ AVAILABLE BUDGET	% USED
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>									
10000	56370	ASSESSMENT RET MIU TEACHER	E	0.00	20,597.00	20,597.00	20,597.00	0.00	100.00
10000	56400	ASSESSMENT-AIR POLLUTION	E	0.00	2,937.00	2,937.00	2,937.00	0.00	100.00
10000	56630	ASSESSMENT REG TRANSIT AU	E	0.00	74,544.00	74,544.00	53,567.00	0.00	71.90
10000	56990	RMV MOIN-RENEWAL SURCHARGE	E	0.00	18,780.00	18,780.00	18,780.00	0.00	100.00
Total Assessment					116,858.00	116,858.00	95,881.00	20,977.00	
<b>GENERAL FUND REVENUE</b>									
10001	41100	PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES	R	0.00	360,803.27	360,803.27	357,599.03	0.00	99.10
10001	41200	REAL ESTATE TAXES	R	0.00	12,681,839.80	12,681,839.80	12,562,022.97	0.00	99.10
10001	41400	LOCAL MEALS EXCISE	R	0.00	91,473.00	91,473.00	137,888.18	0.00	150.70
10001	41420	TAX LIENS REDEEMED	R	0.00	0.00	0.00	71,387.61	0.00	100.00
10001	41500	MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	R	0.00	1,318,844.00	1,318,844.00	1,356,726.73	0.00	102.90
10001	41600	BOAT EXCISE	R	0.00	3,240.00	3,240.00	6,323.71	0.00	195.20
10001	41710	PENALTY/INT PROPERTY TAX	R	0.00	30,539.00	30,539.00	35,865.01	0.00	117.40
10001	41720	PENALTY/INT MV EXCISE	R	0.00	46,375.00	46,375.00	46,390.53	0.00	100.00
10001	41730	PENALTY/INT TAX LIEN	R	0.00	3,571.00	3,571.00	12,407.59	0.00	347.50
10001	41740	FEES - MARK FEES	R	0.00	17,136.00	17,136.00	15,280.00	0.00	89.20
10001	41750	INTEREST & FEES-BETTERMINT	R	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10001	42455	FEES-TRANS.STA-STICKERS	R	0.00	81,383.00	81,383.00	85,175.00	0.00	104.70
10001	42465	FEES-TRANS.STA.BAG SALES	R	0.00	198,290.00	198,290.00	200,625.00	0.00	101.20
10001	42470	FEES-TRANSF.STAT-FLEXCON	R	0.00	12,211.00	12,211.00	11,224.65	0.00	91.90
10001	42480	FEES-TRANSF.STAT-OTHER	R	0.00	11,928.00	11,928.00	10,394.00	0.00	87.10
10001	42485	FEES-TRANS.STA.RECYCLED MATER	R	0.00	11,548.00	11,548.00	9,256.88	0.00	80.20
10001	42700	FEES-SPD LOCK-UP	R	0.00	4,388.00	4,388.00	5,000.00	0.00	113.90
10001	43210	FEES-MUNICIPAL LIENS	R	0.00	15,120.00	15,120.00	25,200.00	0.00	166.70
10001	43230	FEES-PERMIT-ODIS	R	0.00	102,585.00	102,585.00	331,294.42	0.00	322.90
10001	43250	FEES-TOWN CLERK	R	0.00	16,967.00	16,967.00	18,632.00	0.00	109.80
10001	43260	FEES-POLICE DEPT	R	0.00	1,800.00	1,800.00	2,357.00	0.00	130.90
10001	43270	FEES-SFD 21E	R	0.00	2,178.00	2,178.00	1,493.36	0.00	68.60
10001	43290	FEES-HIGHWAY-GAS	R	0.00	16,153.00	16,153.00	9,858.38	0.00	61.00
10001	43291	FEES-HIGHWAY DEPT.	R	0.00	9,941.00	9,941.00	11,500.00	0.00	115.70
10001	43295	FEES-RENTAL SELECTMEN	R	0.00	4,320.00	4,320.00	2,500.00	0.00	57.90
10001	44100	UC/PER-ALCOHOLIC	R	0.00	18,022.00	18,022.00	17,755.94	0.00	98.50
10001	44200	UC/PER-CABLE	R	0.00	1,698.00	1,698.00	1,698.00	0.00	100.00
10001	44210	UC/PER-SELECTMEN	R	0.00	4,806.00	4,806.00	6,505.46	0.00	135.40
10001	44215	UC/PER-DOGS	R	0.00	19,297.00	19,297.00	21,854.50	0.00	113.30
10001	44400	UC/PER-BOARD OF HEALTH	R	0.00	62,462.00	62,462.00	77,757.50	0.00	124.50
10001	44470	UC/PER-FIRE DEPT	R	0.00	14,960.00	14,960.00	18,205.00	0.00	121.70
10001	44500	UC/PER-POLICE DEPT	R	0.00	4,995.00	4,995.00	6,700.50	0.00	134.10
10001	46900	FINES-DMV	R	0.00	10,809.00	10,809.00	16,730.00	0.00	154.80

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10001	46950	FINES-COURT	R	0.00	4,733.00	4,733.00	2,482.50	0.00	2,250.50	52.50
10001	47750	FINES-PARKING	R	0.00	5,322.00	5,322.00	4,970.00	0.00	352.00	93.40
10001	47755	FINES-SPD GEN	R	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,895.00	0.00	4,895.00	100.00
10001	47760	FINES-SPD ANIM CONTROL	R	0.00	3,485.00	3,485.00	2,406.00	0.00	1,079.00	69.00
10001	47765	FINES- B.O.H.	R	0.00	450.00	450.00	500.00	0.00	50.00	111.10
10001	47775	FINES-VIOLATIONS HIGHWAY	R	0.00	0.00	0.00	250.00	0.00	250.00	100.00
10001	48000	EARNINGS-TITLE V	R	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10001	48160	EARNINGS-SHERMAN GROV	R	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10001	48185	EARNINGS-VALLEY VIEW	R	0.00	630.00	630.00	483.85	0.00	146.15	76.80
10001	48195	EARNINGS ROYS DRIVE	R	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10001	48200	EARNINGS-INVESTMENTS	R	0.00	6,695.00	6,695.00	8,583.45	0.00	1,888.45	128.20
10001	48400	OTHER MISC.REVENUES	R	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,677.50	0.00	2,677.50	100.00
10001	49990	SALE OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT	R	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,340.00	0.00	2,340.00	100.00
Total Revenue					15,200,997.07	15,200,997.07	15,518,197.25		317,200.18	

TYPE ORIGINAL / TRANSFRS/ADJSMTS REVISED BUDGET YTD ACTUAL ENCUMBR/ AVAILABLE BUDGET % USED

GENERAL FUND STATE REVENUE

10002	46160	ABATEMENTS/ELDERLY	R	0.00	48,411.00	48,411.00	48,411.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
10002	46200	SCHOOL AID CH.70	R	0.00	49,601.00	49,601.00	0.00	0.00	49,601.00	0.00
10002	46600	SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION AID	R	0.00	0.00	0.00	32,115.00	0.00	32,115.00	100.00
10002	46660	STATE OWNED LAND	R	0.00	68,350.00	68,350.00	68,350.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
10002	46670	VETERAN'S BENEFITS	R	0.00	120,665.00	120,665.00	118,899.00	0.00	1,766.00	98.50
10002	46710	LOTTERY,BEANO&CHARITY	R	0.00	2,085,095.00	2,085,095.00	2,085,095.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
10002	46999	MISC REVENUE STATE	R	0.00	0.00	0.00	38,277.89	0.00	38,277.89	100.00
Total State Revenue					2,372,122.00	2,372,122.00	2,391,147.89		19,025.89	



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GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURE

ORG	OBJ	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	TYPE	ORIGINAL	TRANSFRS/ADJSMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBR/AVAILABLE BUDGET	% USED
<b>Board of Selectman</b>									
11122	57000	OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	E	0.00	8,200.00	8,200.00	6,243.41	0.00	1,956.59 76.10
<b>Town of Administration</b>									
11123	51000	PERSONAL SERVICES	E	0.00	156,329.00	156,329.00	156,324.84	0.00	4.16 100.00
11123	57000	OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	E	0.00	8,300.00	8,300.00	7,762.36	0.00	537.64 93.50
<b>Finance Committee</b>									
11131	51000	PERSONAL SERVICES	E	0.00	200.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00 0.00
11131	57000	OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	E	0.00	1,900.00	1,900.00	916.45	0.00	983.55 48.20
<b>Reserve Fund</b>									
11132	57000	OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	E	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00 0.00
<b>Town Accountant</b>									
11135	51000	PERSONAL SERVICES	E	0.00	58,112.00	58,112.00	58,095.61	0.00	16.39 100.00
11135	57000	OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	E	0.00	30,250.00	30,250.00	25,886.20	0.00	4,363.80 85.60
<b>Board of Assessors</b>									
11141	51000	PERSONAL SERVICES	E	0.00	117,021.00	117,021.00	114,621.00	0.00	2,400.00 97.90
11141	57000	OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	E	0.00	83,220.00	83,220.00	67,922.07	0.00	15,297.93 81.60
<b>Treasurer/Collector</b>									
11145	51000	PERSONAL SERVICES	E	0.00	123,031.00	123,031.00	122,730.45	0.00	300.55 99.80
11145	57000	OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	E	0.00	26,005.00	26,005.00	22,919.02	0.00	3,085.98 88.10
<b>Town Counsel</b>									
11151	57000	OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	E	0.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	7,106.65	0.00	17,893.35 28.40
<b>Information Technology</b>									
11155	57000	OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	E	0.00	114,137.00	114,137.00	105,916.07	0.00	8,220.93 92.80
<b>Tax Title</b>									
11158	57000	OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	E	0.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	42,738.98	0.00	7,261.02 85.50
<b>Town Clerk</b>									
11161	51000	PERSONAL SERVICES	E	0.00	98,570.00	98,570.00	97,145.79	0.00	1,424.21 98.60
11161	57000	OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	E	0.00	23,448.00	23,448.00	18,947.02	0.00	4,500.98 80.80
<b>Elections &amp; Registrars</b>									
11162	51000	PERSONAL SERVICES	E	0.00	15,576.00	15,576.00	13,702.81	0.00	1,873.19 88.00
11162	57000	OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	E	0.00	15,580.00	15,580.00	11,645.40	0.00	3,934.60 74.70
<b>Town Hall Maintenance</b>									
11192	57000	OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	E	0.00	69,853.00	69,853.00	58,024.40	0.00	1,828.60 97.40
<b>Total General Government</b>					1,029,732.00	1,029,732.00	948,648.53		81,083.47

YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT  
JUNE 30, 2016

ORG	OBI	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	TYPE	ORIGINAL / TRANSFERS/ADJSTMS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBR / AVAILABLE BUDGET	% USED
<b>Police Department</b>								
11210	51000	PERSONAL SERVICES	E	0.00	1,861,362.00	1,843,793.71	0.00	99.00
11210	57000	OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	E	0.00	196,441.00	194,070.66	0.00	98.80
11210	58000	OTHER CAPITAL OUTLAY	E	0.00	37,500.00	37,500.00	0.00	100.00
<b>Fire Department</b>								
11220	51000	PERSONAL SERVICES	E	0.00	230,932.00	208,776.00	0.00	90.40
11220	57000	OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	E	0.00	529,885.00	465,534.24	0.00	87.90
<b>Total Public Safety</b>					2,856,120.00	2,748,174.61	107,945.39	
<b>Office of Develop &amp; Inspector Service</b>								
11250	51000	PERSONAL SERVICES	E	0.00	122,866.00	122,767.46	0.00	99.90
11250	57000	OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	E	0.00	72,583.00	59,558.90	0.00	82.10
<b>Total Land Use &amp; Planning</b>					195,449.00	182,326.36	13,122.64	
<b>Public Education</b>								
11300	52000	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	E	0.00	1,026,460.00	1,026,450.00	0.00	100.00
11300	52100	PURCHASE OF SERVICE BUS	E	0.00	60,300.00	59,675.00	0.00	99.00
11300	52500	VOCATIONAL EDU BUY IN	E	0.00	34,130.00	34,130.00	0.00	100.00
11300	56000	INTERGOVERNMENTAL	E	0.00	7,597,564.00	7,597,564.00	0.00	100.00
11300	56010	DEPT CAPITAL PROJ 07	E	0.00	389,910.00	389,910.00	0.00	100.00
<b>Total Public Education</b>					9,108,364.00	9,107,729.00	635.00	
<b>Traffic Lights</b>								
11293	57000	OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	E	0.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00	100.00
<b>Utilities &amp; Facilities</b>								
11405	51000	PERSONAL SERVICES	E	0.00	74,763.00	72,232.84	0.00	96.60
11405	57000	OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	E	0.00	39,971.00	36,554.52	0.00	91.50
<b>Highway</b>								
11422	51000	PERSONAL SERVICES	E	0.00	488,743.00	480,727.30	0.00	98.40
11422	57000	OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	E	0.00	522,613.90	457,175.76	0.00	87.50
<b>Snow &amp; Ice Removal</b>								
11423	51000	PERSONAL SERVICES	E	0.00	50,000.00	29,812.42	0.00	59.60
11423	57000	OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	E	0.00	240,000.00	196,097.30	0.00	81.70
<b>Street Lights</b>								
11424	57000	OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	E	0.00	86,000.00	79,891.45	0.00	92.90
<b>Transfer Station</b>								
11433	51000	PERSONAL SERVICES	E	0.00	82,282.00	69,844.59	0.00	84.90
11433	57000	OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	E	0.00	258,950.00	204,994.30	0.00	79.20
<b>Tree Warden</b>								
11494	51000	PERSONAL SERVICES	E	0.00	7,548.00	4,026.75	0.00	53.30
11494	57000	OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	E	0.00	14,200.00	13,354.73	0.00	94.00
<b>Municipal Gasoline &amp; Diesel Fuel</b>								
11496	57000	OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	E	0.00	110,000.00	60,391.57	0.00	54.90
<b>Total Public Works</b>					1,979,070.90	1,709,103.53	269,967.37	

YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT  
JUNE 30, 2016

ORG	OBJ	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	TYPE	ORIGINAL /	TRANSFRS/ADJSMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBR/ AVAILABLE BUDGET	% USED
<b>Board of Health</b>									
11510	51000	PERSONAL SERVICES	E	0.00	63,710.00	63,710.00	64,983.70	0.00	1,273.70 102.00
11510	57000	OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	E	0.00	7,930.00	7,930.00	6,873.02	0.00	1,056.98 86.70
<b>Council of Aging</b>									
11541	51000	PERSONAL SERVICES	E	0.00	22,850.00	22,850.00	22,850.00	0.00	0.00 100.00
11541	57000	OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	E	0.00	37,098.00	37,098.00	29,120.05	0.00	7,977.95 78.50
11541	57200	ELDER COMMUNITY SERVICES	E	0.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	17,531.50	0.00	2,468.50 87.70
<b>Veterans Service</b>									
11543	51000	PERSONAL SERVICES	E	0.00	15,111.00	15,111.00	15,229.00	0.00	118.00 100.80
11543	57000	OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	E	0.00	191,400.00	191,400.00	188,554.78	0.00	2,845.22 98.50
<b>Total Public Health &amp; Human Services</b>					358,099.00	358,099.00	345,142.05		12,956.95
<b>Richard Sugden Public Library</b>									
11610	51000	PERSONAL SERVICES	E	0.00	197,020.00	197,020.00	194,590.32	0.00	2,429.68 98.80
11610	54000	SUPPLIES	E	0.00	55,200.00	55,200.00	55,193.23	0.00	6.77 100.00
11610	57000	OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	E	0.00	92,816.00	92,816.00	86,319.12	0.00	6,496.88 93.00
<b>Parks &amp; Recreation Commission</b>									
11640	57000	OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	E	0.00	5,860.00	5,860.00	5,854.06	0.00	5.94 99.90
<b>Historical Commission</b>									
11691	57000	OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	E	0.00	500.00	500.00	483.96	0.00	16.04 96.80
<b>Memorial &amp; Veterans Day Observations</b>									
11699	57000	OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	E	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	360.00	0.00	1,140.00 24.00
<b>Total Culture &amp; Recreation</b>					352,896.00	352,896.00	342,800.69		10,095.31
<b>Debt Service</b>									
11710	59000	DEBT SERVICE	E	0.00	390,000.00	390,000.00	390,000.00	0.00	0.00 100.00
11710	59100	LONG TERM DEBT INTEREST	E	0.00	42,530.00	42,530.00	42,530.00	0.00	0.00 100.00
<b>Total Debt Service</b>					432,530.00	432,530.00	432,530.00		0.00
<b>Employee Benefits</b>									
11800	57000	OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	E	0.00	1,707,291.00	1,707,291.00	1,575,403.16	0.00	131,887.84 92.30
<b>General Insurance</b>									
11900	57000	OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	E	0.00	215,790.00	215,790.00	214,398.00	0.00	1,392.00 99.40
<b>Total Expenditure</b>					18,352,199.90	18,352,199.90	17,702,136.93		650,062.97

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## TOWN TREASURER

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### Interest Bearing Checking Accounts:

Eastern Bank-Vendor Account	7.14
Santander Bank-Escrow We Care	5,588.27
Santander Bank-Sullivan	30,931.76
Century Bank-Deer Run Phase I	9,063.55
Century Bank Deer Run phase II	194,949.31
Unibank Lock Box	686.31
Unibank-Payroll	35,763.06
Century lockbox	366,586.24
Southbridge Savings Bixby Trail Estates	36,173.78
Southbridge Savings Storm Water Bond	492,588.79
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,172,338.21</b>

### Liquid Investments:

Eastern Bank- Money Market	7,316.49
Santander Bank-Depository Account treas	384,828.62
Santander Bank-Depository Account coll	114,835.99
Southbridge Savings Bank money market	407,002.93
Century money market	536,454.72
Bartholomew-Title V	<b>86,327.50</b>
Bartholomew-general cash	93,893.70
Unibank-Money Market	1,081,455.35
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,712,115.30</b>

### Trust Funds:

	<b>Principal</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Fund Total</b>
Bartholomew-Benjamin Drury	500.00	2,925.96	3,425.96
Bartholomew-George S Wilson Cemetery	259.07	1,181.86	1,440.93
Bartholomew-Howe Memorial	500.00	9,032.59	9,532.59
Bartholomew-Isaac Iothrop Prouty	5,063.75	7,871.21	12,934.96
Bartholomew-Old Cemetery General Care	5,923.00	511.72	6,434.72
Bartholomew-Old Cemetery perpetual Care	11,975.00	2,747.77	14,722.77
Bartholomew-old Cemetery perpetual W Curtis	1,000.00	2,922.37	3,922.37
Bartholomew-Quinn Scholarship	3,500.00	10,050.74	13,550.74
Bartholomew-Richard Sugden public park	1,000.00	5,469.38	6,469.38
Bartholomew-Silas Grout Decoration	1,200.00	4,310.81	5,510.81
Bartholomew-Buy Back Sick leave Fund			5,311.73
Bartholomew-Friends of old Cemetery			604.76
Bartholomew-Police Equipment Fund			13,318.30
Bartholomew-Unemployment			25,908.32
Bartholomew-War Veterans Account			506.43
Bartholomew-Waterways improvement			38,276.73
Bartholomew-old Cemetery G Henry Wilson			4,124.13
Bartholomew-retirement liability			1,069.90
Bartholomew-Community Development			46,225.03
Bartholomew-Cultural Council			3,948.31
Bartholomew-Sugden Block Revolving			143,583.72
Bartholomew-Betterment Fund			144,223.34
Bartholomew-Capital Stabilization			456.85

Bartholomew-land Acquisition Stabilization	1,974.87
Southbridge Savings Bank Stabilization	1,081,121.95
Century Bank-Sewer Enterprise Fund	898,915.54
Century Bank-Water Enterprise Fund	820,265.14
Southbridge Savings Bank Building Stabilization	399.41
Santander Bank-Treasurers' Benefit Account	12,633.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,320,813.19</b>
<b>Total All Cash and Investments</b>	<b>\$7,205,266.70</b>

Susan L. Lacaire, Treasurer

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## TOWN COLLECTOR

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Personal Property and Real Estate	\$	13,037,803.11
Betterments	\$	33,553.80
Motor Vehicle and Boat Excise	\$	1,426,402.62
Water and Water Fees	\$	1,563,163.95
Sewer and Sewer Fees	\$	987,293.34
Interest, Fees, and Demands	\$	84,270.75
Certificate of Municipal Liens	\$	26,600.00
Trash Bags	\$	209,375.00
Rent-Sudgen Block	\$	44,353.50
Tax Title and Fees	\$	92,923.77
Transfer Station Stickers	\$	9,400.00
Vitals	\$	3,362.00
Dog	\$	5,312.00
Hwy Gas	\$	9,230.78
Septic	\$	341,635.50
Off Duty	\$	433,752.95

**Total Turned Over to Treasurer** **\$ 18,308,433.07**  
Susan L. Lacaire, Collector

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## BOARD OF ASSESSORS

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The Board meets on the third Monday of each month at 6:15 P.M. in the Assessors' Office at the Town Hall located at 157 Main Street. The Board of Assessors is available by appointment to discuss values.

In Fiscal year 2017, a revaluation of all property was conducted in order to equalize assessments at 100% of fair market value as of January 1, 2016 as mandated by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue.

### LOCAL EXPENDITURES

Appropriations	\$22,597,708.76
Offsets	\$15,543.00
State & County Charges	\$120,624.00
Overlay	\$119,762.52
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE RAISED</b>	<b>\$22,853,638.28</b>

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### ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND OTHER REVENUE SOURCES

Cherry Sheet Estimated Receipts	\$2,498,448.00
Local Estimated Receipts	\$2,215,334.00
Enterprise Funds	\$3,276,733.86
Other Available Funds	\$317,800.90
Free Cash	\$966,494.00
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$9,274,810.76</b>
<b>NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED</b>	<b>\$13,578,827.52</b>


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### CLASSIFIED PERCENTAGES

	LEVY PERCENTAGE	LEVY BY CLASS
RESIDENTIAL	86.5874%	\$841,026,530
OPEN SPACE	0	
COMMERCIAL	6.6747%	\$64,831,298
INDUSTRIAL	3.8094%	\$37,001,338
PERSONAL PROPERTY	2.9285%	\$28,444,662
	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$971,303,828</b>

NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED / TOTAL VALUATION	=	TAX RATE FY2016
\$13,578,827.52 / \$971,303,828.00	=	\$13.98

Respectfully submitted,



Linda LeBlanc, Assessor

Jeremey L. Snow  
David R. Derosier  
Cynthia Cosgrove  
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 2016:

❖ Alcohol	19
❖ Alcohol – One-Day	6
❖ Automatic Amusement	37
❖ Common Victualler	39
❖ Entertainment	9
❖ Gravel Licenses	7
❖ Junk Dealer	4
❖ Lodging House	2
❖ Inn Holder	3
❖ Class I (Motor Vehicles)	3
❖ Class II (Motor Vehicles)	14
❖ Class III (Motor Vehicles)	1
<b>Total Licenses issued in 2016:</b>	<b><u>144</u></b>
<b>Total License fees collected in 2016:</b>	<b>\$26,000.00</b>



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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. SCA can be viewed on Charter Communications channels 191 (community bulletin board), 192 (public interest programming), and 194 (government programming).

In 2016, SCA replaced the broadcast and community messaging system. Channel 191 displays a new bulletin board with updated graphics and enhanced functionality. Emergency personnel are able to generate and display important messages which will override normal messaging in the event of an emergency. In addition, the system allows for up-to-the-minute weather updates and other dynamically-generated content. Viewers may now watch SCA Channel 194 (Government) live online or OnDemand at SCATV.org.

In order to meet the diverse and far-reaching needs of the community, SCA hired a part-time production coordinator, James R. Williams, Jr., who is responsible for maintaining our town meeting schedule, internal network administration, and assisting community producers with their day-to-day projects. We've also welcomed a new staff volunteer, Jackie Mushinsky, who brings a range of talent to SCA. Her primary role is to update our community bulletin board (channel 191) and serve as staff photographer. Members of the community are encouraged to take advantage of our Community Bulletin Board by submitting announcements at [SCATV.org/bulletin](http://SCATV.org/bulletin).

Wil Breault has retired from SCA after 20 plus years of dedicated service as a volunteer and valuable member of the Board of Directors. SCA welcomes Bill Lethola, who hosted one of SCA's first programs, as a member of the Board of Directors.

We have enhanced the program schedule on SCA channel 192 in a direct response to feedback collected in our 2015 subscriber survey. There are currently 25 programs in normal rotation. Please visit our Website <http://www.spencercableaccess.org> for a complete list with descriptions of each show.

SCA welcomes any Spencer resident to produce their own programming. Please contact the station at [SCATVSpencer@gmail.com](mailto:SCATVSpencer@gmail.com) to find out how you can become a local TV producer.

Aaron Keyes  
Station Manager

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## CHARITABLE NEEDS COMMISSION

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The Spencer Charitable Needs Commission is a self-funded agency of the town. It was established by Florence Harrington in memory of Melinda A. Prouty. The specific purpose of the commission is “to be devoted to the relief of poor and needy residents of Spencer, Massachusetts.”

The commission is composed of five diverse residents of Spencer and typically meets the first Monday of every month except in September, when the meeting is held on the Tuesday after Labor Day. We do not meet in July or August. The commission tries to meet as many needs of those who come before us, helping with overdue rent, utilities, and any other catastrophic emergency as needed. We offer a hand up, not a hand out.

In 2016 over 73 cases were helped with various bills being paid to over 100 vendors.

### Commission Members:

Barbara Grusell, Chairman  
David Ingalls, Secretary  
Paulette LeBlanc  
Paul LaMontagne  
Karen Burke

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## COUNCIL ON AGING

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The mission of the Spencer Council on Aging (CoA) 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 am to 3 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 and serve lunch on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We also provide yoga, exercise, beginner and advanced line dancing, tai chi classes, cribbage, and bingo and currently have 42 seniors enrolled in Yoga; 20 in exercise; 28 in Tai Chi and 23 in the line dancing 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 and their families in the event of local emergencies.

The Council on Aging director administers the Senior Tax Work Off program where seniors can volunteer in different departments of the town resulting in up to \$1000 per year taken off their real estate taxes.

Please feel free to visit us at 68 Maple Street, or call 508-885-7546 for assistance or information.

Pamela Woodbury,  
Director

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## CULTURAL COUNCIL

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The Spencer Cultural Council received a grant of \$6,100 from the Massachusetts Cultural Council for 2017. The money from the grant was awarded for programs by artists, musicians and performers performing locally who submitted on-line grant applications.

The purpose of the council is to promote the arts, sciences, and humanities in order to provide a rich, cultural experience for the citizens of Spencer. The Spencer Cultural Council is currently looking for new members.

Please visit the website [www.mass-culture.org/lcc\\_public.aspx](http://www.mass-culture.org/lcc_public.aspx) for more information or if you are interested in applying for a grant.

Elizabeth Small, Chair  
Diane Johnson, Treasurer  
Rachel Faugno, Secretary  
Cheryl Tutlis, Member  
Deborah Bailey, Member

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

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The Office of Development & Inspectional Services (ODIS) provides support for the Board of Health and its Agent, Building Inspector, Town Planner/Economic Development Officer, Conservation Commission and its Agent, Zoning Board of Appeals, Planning Board, Gas, Plumbing & Electrical Inspectors and the Sealer of Weights & Measures. The office has one full time and one part time clerk.

All major projects now require a Technical Review with ODIS, Police, Fire, Water, Sewer, and the Utilities & Facilities Department, who work together to streamline applications and clarify requirements.

ODIS added a full time Town Planner, Paul Dell'Aquila to replace the one day a week consultant that previously held the position.

The following are the reports from the individual departments in ODIS:

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**TOWN PLANNER**

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2016 work included the following:

- Reviewed and prepared decisions for all Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals applications
- Researched potential Zoning Bylaw amendments related to common driveways, tattoo parlors, and solar facilities. Bylaw changes were ultimately adopted at town meetings: tattoo parlors (Spring TM), common driveways and solar facilities (Fall TM)
- Working with the Economic Development Committee to begin a prioritization and action plan for economic development activities, with an initial focus on Downtown.

Paul Dell'Aquila, Town Planner  
Monica Santerre-Gervais, Clerk

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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 2016. There is currently one vacancy on the Planning Board.

The Board received 7 new Site Plan Review applications in 2016.

### 7 Site Plan Reviews (Major and Minor)

<u>Project</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Owner</u>
<b>Sunset-Holmes Solar Farm</b>	Major	William Hannigan/ ZPT Energy Solutions, LLC	Jim Laney
<b>Charlie's Diner - addition</b>	Major	Christopher Gagne, P.E. 7 Elizabeth Street Dudley, MA 01571	Steven Turner 265 Causeway Street Jefferson, MA 01605
<b>Meadow Solar (2)</b>	Major	Steven Broyer	Robert H. Moschini
<b>266 Main St-Garage</b>	Minor	Mark & Darlene Handy	Mark & Darlene Handy 266 Main Street Spencer, MA
<b>48 Smithville Road</b>	Minor	Robert Knight (Spencer Fairgrounds)	Spencer Fairgrounds
<b>LFB-300 Charlton Rd</b>	Major	Robert Egan	LFB-USA
<b>Meadow Rd - Storage Bldg.</b>	Major	Mark Andrews	Same as Applicant

Additionally, Special Permit applications for a Shared Driveway (Ostiguy, 327 Main Street) and a Rear Lot Subdivision (Cutler, 10-12 Sherman Grove) were continued to January, 2017.

Regarding the status of Site Plans & Special Permit Applications from 2015's report, contiguous Solar Farms (owned by ZPT Energy Solutions) at 48 Paxton Road and 19 Woodchuck Lane are currently under construction. Additionally, 8 new ANR Plans resulting in 16 lots were approved (compared to 12 ANR's with 16 lots in 2015, 20 lots in 2014, 12 in 2013 and only 2 in 2012).

### 2016 ANR Approvals

Location	Owner/Applicant	Description
6 Woodland Ln	Michael Aucoin	Create 2 new lots
William Casey Road	William Casey Estates	Create 1 new lot
28 Briarcliff Ln	Jennifer Reil Revocable Trust	Boundary Line Adjustment
North Spencer Road	Caruso Construction	Create 4 New Lots
Cranberry Meadow Road	Laura Hopkins	Turn into one lot
East Charlton Rd	Hinarnie, LLC	Create 3 new lots
Parcel 36/ Paxton Road	Dennis Allen	Create 2 new lots
North Brookfield Road	Frank Hubacz	Create 2 new lots

No new residential subdivision applications were submitted. 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.

Robert Ceppi, Chair  
Maria Reed  
Shirley Shiver  
Jonathan Viner

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## ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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The Zoning Board of Appeals held meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month during 2016 (with meeting canceled in November and December). There are currently two vacancies for associate members on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

The Board received and approved 7 Special Permit/Variance applications in 2016.

### 7 ZBA Applications (Special Permit/ Variance)

<u>Project</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Project Description &amp; Associated Bylaw Section</u>
<b>3 Laliberte Lane</b>	Paul Lindsey	Emergency temporary trailer on lot to rebuild home under (Sec. 4.5)
<b>Oscars Drive</b>	Dean Stevens	Making the lot buildable
<b>Rustic Lane</b>	Deborah Sullum	Build single family home on a nonconforming lot (Sec.7.3 & 5.1)
<b>144 Mechanic Street</b>	Steven Broyer	Frontage (Sec. 5.1)
<b>5 Meadow Road</b>	Steven Turner	Building addition to restaurant, retail, parking (Sec. 3.4.1.G.1, 3.4.1.G.2, 5.4 & 6.1.1.D)
<b>67 Joliquier Ave</b>	James Bouley	Shed (4.9.1 & 5.2.6)
<b>Sunset Lane/ Holmes St</b>	William Hannigan/ZPT Energy	Major Utilities/ Ground Mounted Solar Farm (Sec. 4.2.B.3)

Additionally, the ZBA approved 1 year extensions for the following gravel pits:

1. Applicant/Owner: Leo Aucoin - Location: 89 Cranberry Meadow Road (Spencer Assessor's Map R02-2-1)
2. Applicant: Bond Construction Corp, Owner: Edward Hubacz & Joseph Hubacz, Jr., - Location: Cranberry Meadow Road (Spencer Assessor's Map R9-1 & 2)



3. The renewal for the Zukas gravel pit (89 Smithville Rd.) was carried over into January 2017 due to meeting cancellations in November and December.

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

Allan Collette, Chair  
Mary Stolarczyk  
Alan Stolarczyk

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## BOARD OF HEALTH

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The Board of Health provides basic health services to the Town residents including senior blood pressure clinics, flu clinics, rabies clinics for cats & dogs, inspectional services to food establishments, housing & nuisance complaints. Additionally the BOH has identified several abandoned homes around Town for rehabilitation utilizing the State Attorney General's Abandoned Housing Program at no cost to the Town.

This office has applied and received several grants from the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program totaling \$6,650.50 for various emergency supplies & services to support our Emergency Dispensing Site.

This year the FDA had two major food recalls involving the public schools & one retail meat provider in Town that required BOH verification of the destruction of all products. Camp Marshall Beach (due to high bacteria count) had to be closed for five days during the camping season. Three homes had to be condemned due to sanitary code concerns or hoarding issues during this fiscal year.

Sincerely,

Rodney L. Foisy  
Daniel C. Shields  
Robert James Bradshaw Jr.  
Lee Jarvis, Agent  
Lisa Daust, Clerk

❖ Food Establishment Inspections	92
❖ Retail Food Inspections	48
❖ Percolation/deep hole	46
❖ Septic Plan reviews	42
❖ Septic Install Inspections:	76
❖ As Built Reviews	26
❖ Title 5 report reviews	38
❖ New Well Reviews	10
❖ Tobacco Compliance Checks	14
❖ Pet Store Inspections	2
❖ Gym/Health Club	2
❖ Child Camp Inspections	4
❖ Housing Inspections	63
❖ Housing Court Appearances	7
❖ Nuisance Complaints	66
❖ Rabies Clinic	1
❖ Animal Permits	8
❖ Special Events (weekend inspections)	8
❖ Spencer Fair (5 days-46 food booths)	230
❖ Bathing Beach report reviews	15
❖ Bathing Beach inspections	5
❖ Beach Closures due to bacteria	1
❖ Beaver Complaints	2
❖ Public small water quality report reviews	8

❖ Attended Region 2 meetings	10
❖ Attended classes/seminars	13
❖ Attended BOH meetings	8
❖ Attended Tech review meetings	19
❖ Attended Staff meetings	11
❖ Provided Constable services to Town Clerk	6

Revenue Generated \$69,718.00

Total Inspections & Reviews 785

## **SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES:**

John Biancheria-Sealer of Weights & Measures tested & sealed 176 devices

Fees collected \$4,123.00

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## BUILDING DEPARTMENT

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Single Family Dwellings	13
Multi-Family Buildings	0
Commercial	27
Additions	6
Renovations/Alterations/Remodel	28
Sheet Metal	60
Insulation/Weatherization	14
Garages/Barns	6
Decks/Porches	13
Sheds	2
Roofing/Siding	82
Above Ground Pools	4
In Ground Pools	5
Signs	11
Solid Fuel Appliances	38
Windows/Doors	32
Demolitions	8
Temporary Trailers	1
Foundations	1
Certificate of Inspections	50
Solar Panels (rooftop)	47
Solar Panels (ground)	7
Stairs/Egress	5
Miscellaneous	13
Occupancy Permits	14
Total permits issued	487
<b>Fees Collected</b>	<b><u>\$211,584.43</u></b>

William A. Klansek, Building Commissioner/Zoning Enforcement Officer

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## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Notice of Intent	25
Requests for Determinations	32
Orders of Conditions issued	22
Negative Determinations issued	31
Certificates of Compliance issued	28
Partial Certificate of Compliance	1
Extensions issued	9
Notice of Violations	9
Enforcement Order issued	13

**Total inspections: 196**

James Bouley Jr.  
Margaret Emerson  
Brian Graeff  
John Haverly  
Mary E. McLaughlin  
Dana G. Reed  
Warren B. Snow  
Margaret Washburn, Agent

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## FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES

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First and foremost, I must thank the Firefighters and Emergency Management personnel for dedicating their busy lives to assist their fellow man in times of disaster. I also want to thank the families of those same people to allow them to participate in these demanding professions that keep people safe. We continue to provide first class service to the citizens and visitors to the Town of Spencer and to those neighboring communities looking for assistance in their time of need.

Spencer has the largest amount of building fires in the area and for that we rely heavily upon our neighbors for assistance, especially Leicester. We are grateful to have such a responsive neighboring Fire Department that assists us on a daily basis. Without their support and continued assistance especially during the day, we would be unable to protect our citizens with the limited staff available during the day. Regionalization for Fire Departments has been an ongoing endeavor for many years as we are a very active member of Fire District 7. Mutual aid is becoming the commonplace, not the unusual. Each community struggles to find citizens willing to volunteer to help their community and we are no different. We are at an all time low of 36 members, please come out and help your fellow neighbors and volunteer. We continue to train and equip our personnel so that when needed they will be highly trained and skilled to do any job placed before them. We strive to be the best and will continue to train and respond with that attitude and ability.

Grants are something we have been working diligently each year on applying for every grant that become available. These grants are extremely competitive and are becoming scarcer as funding for grants is drying up. Phase three was the final phase for the radio system, for the Utilities and Facilities Departments and is now up and running. Thank you to the community for the funding for this system which connects all Town departments into the same bandwidth and allows us to listen to each other and talk between departments. We are putting the finishing touches on the entire Town-wide system as we speak and are hopeful that the School District, Rescue Squad and Housing Authority will join us in the near future.

The Massachusetts Firefighting Academy has now taken over training of recruits at our station free of charge to the Fire District. We also send recruits to the Fire Academy in Stow and Springfield. We encourage any townspeople interested in serving their community to fill out an application at the Fire Station, as we always need volunteers. Many people in the community are not aware that we are a call/volunteer department. The only full time staff person is the Chief. People are welcome to stop by at any time to be educated on the workings of the Fire Department and how it saves the community thousands of dollars each year through volunteer work provided by our firefighters.

This past year we have seen some familiar faces leave us with resignations and moving away; we will miss them and wish them the best. We welcomed a few new faces and thank them for coming on board and sharing their valuable time with us. We continue to accept applications for both the Fire Department and the 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 Travis Reilly, Firefighter Thomas Parsons, Firefighter Michael Stuppa, Firefighter Ryan Morton.

**Engine 2:** Captain Michael Gadbois, Lt. Brian Mathon, Firefighter David Hoyt, Firefighter Kevin Kennedy, Firefighter Patrick Gorham, Firefighter Andrew Bellizzi, Firefighter Anthony Gianfriddo, Firefighter Johnny Miller.

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

**Engine 4:** Captain Corey Lacaire, Lt. Joseph Nanigian, Firefighter Joshua Blodgett, Firefighter Lee Churchey, Firefighter Ralph Kirouac, Firefighter Glenn Maffei, Firefighter Corey Phoenix, Firefighter Jeremy Feldman, Firefighter Stefanie Natale.

**Spencer Emergency Management:** Tracey Bradshaw, Christine Gagne, John Gagne, Michael Hilow, Rosanne Ingalls, Michael Natale, Sheri Kaiser, Suzanne Lavallee, Megan Mathon, Sheila Phoenix, Kathi Pratt, Al Roussin, James Williams.

The following left the Department through resignation. Zachary Spencer, Benjamin Romano, Christopher Fenner, (all three moved from town), Mark Gustafson, Duane Stephens, Alexander Smith. We continue to have a struggle with maintaining our ranks. We tried a major push this year to garner more applicants with a Town-wide mailing, however only seven new members were signed on. Anyone wishing to serve their community should reach out to us.

### **Apparatus:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Condition</b>
Ladder 1	2010 Smeal	Excellent
Engine 1	1987 Ford/Maxim	Good
Engine 2	2014 Smeal	Excellent
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 GMC K30	Fair
Forestry 3	1986 AM General	Good
Car 1	2017 Ford Expedition	Excellent
Car 2	2005 Ford Explorer	Good
CD1 SEMA	2004 Ford E-450	Good

This past year we saw the 1972 Mack Pumper removed from service. While this truck has served the community well since the 1980's, mechanical issues necessitated it be removed from service. The Abbey sold the truck to a collector in New York. We were able to acquire a 1987 Ford/Maxim pumper free of charge from the Town of East Brookfield. This truck is now in service at the Abbey Station. We also placed into service a 1985 AM General 5 ton military vehicle as Forestry 3. The work performed on the truck was completed by members of the Department. I thank them for their service and dedication.

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

**Total alarms for service 406**

**FIRES**

Building Fires	25
Cooking Fires	30
Chimney Fires	1
Passenger Vehicles Fires	5
Grass/Brush Fires	17
Other Fires	7
	<u>85</u>

**RESCUE, EMS ASSIST**

Medical assist EMS crew	1
Vehicle accident with injuries	4
Extrications	4
Water/Ice Incident	2
Other Rescues	3
	<u>14</u>

**HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS**

Gas/Flammable liquids spills	21
Accident cleanup	41
Chemical spill or leak	0
Power lines down	4
Arcing/shorted electrical equipment	8
Electrical/wiring problem	5
Carbon monoxide incidents	4
Other hazardous conditions	1
	<u>77</u>

**SERVICE CALLS**

Water Problems	7
Public Service Assistance	9
Unauthorized burning	17
Other service calls	6
	<u>39</u>

**GOOD INTENT CALLS**

Smoke scare/odor	18
Other good intent calls	24
	<u>42</u>

**FALSE ALARM AND FALSE CALLS**

System malfunction	9
Sprinkler activation	2
Smoke detector activation	92
Alarm sounded/malfunction	16
CO detector activations	11
Other false alarms	11



<b>SEVERE WEATHER STAND BY</b>	<u>141</u>
Severe weather or natural disaster	1

<b>PERMITS/INSPECTIONS</b>	<u>734</u>
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**Mutual Aid to other Communities:**

Brookfield	2
Charlton	3
East Brookfield	4
Leicester	4
North Brookfield	2
Paxton	1
Rutland	1
Sturbridge	9
New Braintree	2
Southbridge	1
Warren	1

**Mutual Aid from other Communities:**

Brookfield	2
Charlton	1
East Brookfield	3
Leicester	8
Oakham	1
Paxton	6

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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 pertaining to Spencer's history and accept donations of an historic nature for our collection of artifacts. Family histories and photos of Spencer's past are especially treasured.

The Commission was pleased to welcome two new members in 2016. Former Library Director Mary Baker-Wood and longtime volunteer Anne Snow both came onboard in 2016. We look forward to working together and beginning new projects in 2017.

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

Francis T. Lochner

Kimberly A. Kates

Anne M. Snow

Mary Baker-Wood

Anna Maria Hughes, Honorary Member

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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 53 one-bedroom units leased in the state of Massachusetts.

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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## PARKING CLERK

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Please be advised that the annual Town-wide Winter Parking Ban is in effect from November 1<sup>st</sup> at 12:01 a.m. and continues through April 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 a.m. Violators of the winter parking ban are subject to a \$20.00 fine

Kurt Nordquist,  
Parking Clerk

### **NO PARKING ON EITHER SIDE OF THE STREET:**

Adams Street	Clark Street	Highland Street	Route 31 North
Chestnut Street	Elm Street	Main Street	Route 31 South
Church Street	Hastings Road	Maple Street	Sampson Street
(Between Maple & Mechanic)	High Street	Mechanic Street	Smithville Road
			Water Street

### **PARKING ALLOWED ON ODD NUMBERED SIDE OF THE STREET ONLY:**

Bell Street	Grant Street	McDonald Street	Franklin Street
Lincoln Street	School Street	Summit Street (#3 to #27)	

### **PARKING ALLOWED ON EVEN NUMBERED SIDE OF THE STREET ONLY:**

South Street	North Street (Between Main & Powers)	Summit Street (Main to #8)
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### **STREETS WITH SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS:**

Cherry Street (From Mechanic to Maple) Parking allowed on the even numbered side of the street only.

Wall Street: Parking is allowed on the odd numbered side of the street from Mechanic to the beginning of the FlexCon Building.

Earley Street: Parking is allowed on the odd numbered side of the street from Chestnut to Church Street.

Temple Street: Parking is allowed on the odd numbered side of the street from Chestnut to Church Street.

### **STREETS WITH NO RESTRICTIONS:**

Dustin Street

### **ALL OTHER STREETS:**

No parking is allowed on the odd numbered side of the street, with the exception of those streets specifically named above where parking is allowed on the odd numbered side of the street.

No parking is allowed on sidewalks.

**Please note: violations of the Winter Parking Ban are subject to a \$20.00 fine**

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## PARKS & RECREATION

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This past year, the Spencer Parks and Recreation Commission saw improvements to both the facilities of some of our parks as well as being able to present some new programming that we have not had in prior years. While we still do not have the funding to open the beach at Luther Hill Park, we have begun to identify in more detail the physical upgrades and maintenance needed at Luther Hill in order to begin the process of making the needed progress in improving the physical facilities in the hopes of a future opening when consistent funding for staffing becomes available.

One of the major positive developments has been the continuing efforts to improve the Rail Trail. The first phase of a multi-year effort to restore and improve the quality of the trail was recently completed. Through funding received from the MA DCR's Recreational Trails Program with matching funds from the town, major drainage improvements, brush clearing, additions of new head gates, reshaping of the trail, compacting of milling, grading, and other improvements were made. The second phase is currently under way also through the support of town matching funds with another MA DCR Recreational Trails Program grant. Phase Two work consists of resurfacing work along the length of the trail from Chestnut Street to South Spencer Road to produce a firm, stable, and accessibility compliant trail surface. Two metal swinging pipe gates will also be installed where existing side trails meet the Rail Trail. These gates will allow winter access for snowmobilers while preventing unwanted access from other motorized vehicles. A grant has been submitted for Phase Three work, which will focus on improving the quality of the visitor experience for trail users through the addition and upgrade of various trail amenities, including new trash receptacles, benches, improved kiosks, informational trail markers, and additional metal gates. Future projects will include connecting the O'Gara Parking lot to the Rail Trail, expanding the north end of the Rail Trail toward the center of town, and adding wellness stations. We extend thanks to Spencer Trailways, Inc., Spencer Snowbirds Snowmobile Club, Spencer Highway Department, Spencer Conservation Commission, and EM Thibault Excavation, Inc. for their support of these efforts. We wish to extend special thanks to Steven Tyler, Director of Utilities and Facilities and Margaret Washburn, Conservation Agent for their countless hours helping to plan and coordinate these very positive and successful efforts.

Another major successful development has been the refurbishment and improvements made to Isaac Lathrop Prouty Memorial Park to create a living memorial to those Spencer members of the armed forces who have served and sacrificed to preserve our democratic way of life. Through the coordination and support of the Spencer Exchange Club, major renovations to the park have recently been completed. We would like to extend our thanks to the members of Spencer Exchange Club, the members of the Gaudette-Kirk Post 138 American Legion, Robert Churchey, Chairman of Spencer Parks and Recreation Commission, Steven Tyler, Director of Utilities and Facilities, William Farmer, Jr., Excavating, Bemis Farms Nursery, Pat Gallant of P.G. Landscaping, Warren Monette of New England Landscaping and Construction, Artie Williamson of AM Williamson Landscaping, and Paul Berthiaume of R&M Electrical Contractors. We extend special thanks to State Senator Ann Gobi, State Representative Donald Berthiaume, and State Representative Peter Durant for securing a grant for this project from the MA Department of Veterans Services. We also thank the Spencer Exchange Club for their financial support of this project. This project included the removal of trees, preservation and restoration of the original memorial trees, new markers for each of the World War I veterans, cleaning and refurbishing of the Soldier's Monument, new signage and lighting, landscaping work, and electrical work. A 9-11 memorial which includes a piece of steel from the World Trade Center site to honor Brian Sweeney was also dedicated. This park will honor the memory of those who has served for many years to come.

The screening on the O'Gara Park grandstand was replaced. The walking track was completed. Upgrades were made to improve the quality of the sprinkler system to keep the field irrigated. Several groups used the

field including women's softball, men's softball, youth football, and a dog trainer. Future planned improvements include restoration of the grandstand roof, construction of new bathroom/concession building, installation of security camera system, and improved lighting. At Luther Hill Park, an arborist working with the tree warden conducted a study of the condition of the trees and identified several trees which need to be removed due to disease and decay. These trees have been prioritized and begun to be removed. Future needs include roof replacement and other improvements to the boathouse, replacement of parking attendant building, new dock, and two new floating docks. The woodchips for HP access have been replaced at Powdermill Park. Future plans for Powdermill Park include grass refurbishment, landscaping, more benches/picnic tables, and refurbishment of the pavilion.

Thanks to funding from the MA Cultural Council awarded by the Spencer Cultural Council, the Park and Recreation Commission was able to present the first of what will hopefully become a yearly Summer Concert Series held at the pavilion at Powdermill Park. Performers included the South Spencer Jazz Quartet, Rhythm, Dixieland Stomp, Rockin Robin, and Ragtime 5. We have again sought grant funding for a concert series next summer and look to expand our offerings to potentially include family events in addition to concerts.

In fiscally challenging times, we continue to explore various means to seek additional consistent funding to improve the conditions of our existing park facilities, create new programming opportunities, and to restore services to Luther Hill Park. We thank the Spencer Abbey for their continued support. Donations can be made to the Luther Hill Park Donation Account, O'Gara Park Donation Account, and for general park needs for use in any park to the Youth Commission Donation Account. Our hope is to find new consistent recurring revenue sources to cover the recurring expenses needed to restore and eventually expand Luther Hill Park Summer Services. We do not want to restore services for just one summer only to lose them the following summer. We welcome any assistance from the public in gaining support to help us maintain and restore our recreational parks, facilities, and programming. Strong and vibrant park and recreation programming and facilitates is key to improving the quality of life for all Spencer residents and families.

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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 Motorcycle and Collision Reconstruction 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, and the facilitation of the Officer Phil Child Safety Program at the Wire Village School.

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 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 2016? NexGen 911 came to Spencer with new equipment and capabilities. We began submitting complaints to the District Court electronically. We are offering Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE) Training to local businesses, Last but not least, we began using Facebook and Twitter as a new means of keeping the citizens of Spencer informed about Police activities by providing a limited public forum.

There were several personnel changes in 2016. Officer Jason Strniste of the Brimfield Police Department and Officer Brandon Fullam of the North Brookfield Police Department were hired to fill fulltime vacancies resulting from the retirement of Sgt. John Agnew and Officer Russell Rhoades. Douglas Blood, a retired Officer from the North Brookfield Police Department was hired as Harbormaster and Alternate Animal Control Officer.

Whenever possible, the Spencer Police Department makes application 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 overtime; \$7,500 from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security for traffic enforcement; \$94,000 (13 Towns) from the Department of Justice for an Anti-Crime Task Force.

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 services.

David B. Darrin,  
Chief of Police

## **ACTIVITY REPORT**

### **ARRESTS:**

Murder	0
Rape	1
Armed Robbery	1
Unarmed Robbery	1
Assault & Battery	9
Assault w/Dangerous Weapon	11
Burglary	4
Larceny	45
Motor Vehicle Theft	0
Vandalism	20
Arson	0
Domestic A&B	48
Warrants	92
209A/HPO Violation	23
Misdemeanor – Miscellaneous	17
Felony – Miscellaneous	8
Motor Vehicle – Miscellaneous	63
Minor in Possession of Alcohol	4
Possession of Drugs	9
Distribution of Drugs	8
Disorderly Conduct	47
Protective Custody	41
OUI – Alcohol/Drugs	33
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>485</b>

### **OFFENSES**

Murder	0
Rape	2
Robbery	2
Assault	53
Burglary	20
Larceny	154
Motor Vehicle Theft	7
Vandalism	86
<b>Total</b>	<b>324</b>

### **SELECT CALLS**

Accidents	508
911 Calls	2636
Medical Calls	1596
Fire Assists	218
Alarm Response	511



Detain Prisoners for Others	53
Disturbances – General	392
Disturbances – Domestic	81

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

11p-7a	5530
7a-3p	10522
3p-11a	8763
<b>Total</b>	<b>24815</b>

#### **ANIMAL CONTROL:**

Calls	799
Impounds	23
Adopt/Transfer	12
Bylaw Violations	55

#### **CITATIONS**

Civil Infractions	182
Criminal	66
Warning	331
Arrest	44
Parking	183
Bylaw – Police	71
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>877</b>

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## **RICHARD SUGDEN LIBRARY**

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The Richard Sugden Public Library enhances the lives of individuals and the community through its services. Our mission to foster lifelong learning is facilitated by library staff providing instruction, assisting with job search, resume and college essay writing, as well as help with technology. Several library users credit our staff's assistance as instrumental in their finding new jobs. Many use library computers to access information along with our equipment for printing, copying and faxing documents. A new service is PrinterOn which allows the option to print from individual devices. In response to patron needs the library is committed to finding ways of discovering and accessing knowledge. Free WiFi is an integral and much used service for the community. Library personnel field thousands of questions every year, giving a personal answer to a wide array of queries: from book recommendations to how to fill out forms. The library welcomes all and is a friendly place. We aspire to create an environment which encourages learning and collaboration while nurturing the joy of reading. The building is located in the heart of town, an architectural gem that is a treasure and a refuge. It is a space of grandeur and beauty that is of great value to the people, a source of pride. The library is home to the town's historical artifacts, preserving our connection to the past.

We serve the community through diverse programming which entertains and educates. All generations are invited: from babies to seniors. Program costs are frequently funded by grants and through community donors: Spencer Savings Bank, Spencer Cultural Council, Friends of the Library and other local businesses. A grant from UMASS Boston made it possible for the Mass Memories Road Show to visit Spencer. Monthly offerings for adults include a multigenerational cookbook club where participants share recipes, a relax and color group, computer classes as well as entertaining programs featuring music and performance. Instructional programming such as yoga, learning to draw with pastels, managing money and playing the ukulele were well-received. The building serves as a gathering place where people meet and interact. Quiet study areas are available and used frequently. The library holds a continuous book sale in the hallway, offers sorted coupons, a puzzle swap and changing art displays focused on showcasing local talent. The spirit of giving is alive and well at the library: our holiday hat and mitten tree was prominently placed to collect items to keep those in need warm along with nonperishable donations for the town's food pantry. While teens often participate in adult offerings including our cookbook club and coloring group, we also provide programming dedicated to their interests: a theater improv workshop, a Harry Potter scavenger hunt and a balloon sculpting class. Every week teens have the chance to connect, play and socialize during Monday Teen Mania.

The library not only has an array of programming, it also houses a wide range of items. The demand for print materials has remained solid and has not waned in the digital age. Our collection includes museum passes, movies, music, newspapers, magazines, audio books, books in both regular and large print, along with a multitude in electronic format. Our users have access to other libraries collections and cardholders are able to easily order materials for delivery to their home library. Value and convenience are of utmost importance.

Every year several thousand visit the children's room to participate in a variety of programs and to take advantage of services for children ages birth to teen. Literacy is promoted through weekly early childhood programs for toddlers and preschoolers. Each week themed programs for school aged students bring to life science, math, engineering and the arts. Children are engaged and inspired to explore and create. There are ongoing opportunities to drop in and tinker, build and make art. Participants work together in collaboration: constructing a city from Lego building blocks or assembling and decorating a castle from recycled materials. Invention and curiosity take place in the library and exploration continues at home with kits that can be checked out. A volunteer brings therapy dogs for kids to read to on a monthly basis which supports

reading success. This year our summer reading program “Ready, Set, Read!” encouraged participation through fun and educational programming including a butterfly presentation, an ice cream party, a science program on wind and a magic show. Grants and donations supplemented the costs of these offerings. A grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services allowed the library to purchase items to facilitate scientific learning and experimentation for use both in and out of the building. Interaction and discovery takes place on a daily basis thanks to the efforts of our children’s staff. The children’s area is a friendly, welcoming place to learn new skills, to socialize and connect with others. We nurture reading as well as creative play. Families can enjoy a puppet theater, blocks, toys, puzzles, manipulatives and our new STEAM materials which teach about science. The children’s staff excels at connecting kids of all ages with online resources, movies and books. In late winter the librarians are out in the community visiting local kindergarteners to share stories and later in the year to promote the summer reading program at our schools.

The library is open Mondays 10 to 7, Tuesdays 10 to 5, Wednesdays 10 to 5 and Thursdays 10 to 7. The building is closed for three consecutive days, preventing working families and others the opportunity to use the library and benefit from its services. Drastic cuts several years ago resulted in eliminating more than half of the staff. Remaining employees were required to take on additional duties while continuing to shoulder their usual job responsibilities. It is imperative to restore adequate staffing in order to reopen the library on weekends. We are fortunate to have dedicated volunteers contributing a thousand hours of manpower which helps keep the library running, but they cannot be responsible for necessary work like readers advisory and collection development. Libraries have a long tradition of providing resources and fostering personal learning and growth. Our services are a bargain: at a cost of less than \$30 annually per person our citizens have access to over 250,000 items, 200 programs and knowledgeable staff to answer questions and help as needed. It is our hope to continue sharing resources and improving the lives of our patrons. Director Mary Baker-Wood retired after decades of outstanding commitment to our town. Cheryl Donahue plans to continue providing excellent services with the support of our exceptional team of library staff, volunteers, trustees Mary Anne Slack, Maryanne Gleason, chair Lynn Dobson and members of the Spencer community. We must cherish the past, make the most of the present and look forward to the future.

Cheryl Donahue,  
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 1,040,000 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 660,000 gallons per day.

Revenues for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016 were: Sewer Fees \$884,824.64 Connection Fees \$1,650.00 Other Department Revenue \$437,256.14 Enterprise Fund Earnings \$2,443.58 Total Revenue Collected \$1,276,909.52 Total FY2016 expenses were \$1,229,530.77. Design services for the Clarifier Maintenance Project totaled \$28,000.00. Debt service costs were \$277,237.50 and retained earnings certified by MassDOR was \$96,751.00.

Winston Builders Inc. began our Clarifier Maintenance Project on 4/26/16 and completed on 11/14/16 at a cost of 206,764.59. The Project consisted of new Clarifier center column, rotating center drive cage, influent center well, rake arms, skimmer and collector device, V notch weirs, baffles, supports, sand blasted and repainted bridge, electrical demo work and replacement, new grit removal pump, and new bearings for influent screw pump P-12. The Spencer Sewer Department has allocated \$210,925 for the upcoming 2017 Main St. TIP Project, which involves the replacement of sewer main lines, manholes, covers, and risers.

The Spencer Board of Sewer Commissioners, Consulting Engineers Wright Pierce, and I met several times with officials from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection and Environmental Protection Agency to discuss the issuance of new NPDES Permit and future upgrade of Spencer Waste Water Treatment Facility. This is an ongoing process and we have filed for revolving fund loans and possible grant money if it becomes available. We anticipate a 3-5 year window before construction can begin on a facility upgrade.

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.

James T. LaPlante Jr.  
Superintendent

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## **TREE WARDEN**

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I hereby submit my annual report for 2016.

2016 was a busy year for tree work. Removal of the remaining trees for the Route 31 South project was completed.

Numerous dead/dangerous trees at various locations throughout town were removed.

I consulted with Parks and Recreation and the Spencer Exchange Club regarding a number of trees at Prouty Park. All parties involved came to an agreement on removing a number of trees and preserving trees that were planted in memory of WW1 Servicemen.

An Arbor Day program was a successful event involving the students at Wire Village School. Two Cutleaf Maple trees were planted at the school; one was donated by National Grid and the other by the Tree Department.

Ray Holmes,  
Tree Warden

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## VETERANS SERVICES

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The Veterans Services Office is located in the Town Hall on Main St. The Office is open on Mondays and Tuesdays from 9 to 2 and on Wednesdays from 10 to 3. Walk-ins are welcome, however appointments are preferred.

The Spencer Veterans Services Department works with both the Massachusetts Department of Veterans' Services and the Federal Department of Veterans Affairs, (VA) in assisting all eligible veterans and their families who find themselves in need of services, e.g. financial, housing, medical, employment or assistance with funeral expenses.

The Town of Spencer has a large veteran population representing every conflict covering the history of our nation. The Rotunda in Town Hall contains the names of many of these Veterans. A special dedication was held in the Rotunda on Veterans Day, 2016, featuring the new Gulf War/War on Terrorism Honor Roll plaque in tribute to our service men and women from the Gulf War and post 911 wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Spencer veterans serving in these conflicts will continue to be added to this Memorial as they return home.

The residents of Spencer have always honored the sacrifices of our neighbors who have served in the military and have been generous in both word and deed with the assistance they have provided to veterans in our community. The gratitude and appreciation felt by our veterans for that assistance is expressed to me every day which I accept on behalf of the people of Spencer. And, on behalf of the people of Spencer, I express our collective gratitude to our veterans for their honorable service.

Veterans or their families 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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**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 Roads. At current staffing this equates to over 30 lane miles per highway staff person to maintain and care for our roads and roadsides plus many more regular and irregular duties, responsibilities, properties and facilities to manage and maintain including but not limited to Town owned buildings, parks and recreational facilities, being called upon to assist other Town Departments and the Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District and many other properties and projects. Depending upon the roadway, facility or property this normal care may include grounds/landscape maintenance, plowing, roadside mowing and brush cutting, tree and limb removal and cleanup, patching, routine maintenance and repairs, annual and season traffic markings and line painting, street sweeping, catch basin and drainage system maintenance, repairs and cleaning. The Highway Department is also responsible for maintenance of all dams owned by or under the responsivity of the Town, weekly trash pickup from all Town Buildings and public parks, routine site and facility maintenance at the transfer station, supporting electronics collection days, elections/voting/meeting setup and oversight of contractors working on Town projects. These are just some of the Highway Department's common maintenance operations and responsibilities. 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, emergency storm response/cleanup and addressing numerous other infrastructure needs.

The Highway Department is now down to 9 full time dedicated highway men that service and maintain all of the above described infrastructure and much more. In order to meet the needs of the Town it is important now, more than ever before that the Town restores staffing to the Highway and other departments. It is just as important to fill much needed modernized equipment purchases and finance necessary capital expenditures so that we can increase productivity and not struggle to get by with limited resources, which is counterproductive.

Keeping aged and deteriorated infrastructure (i.e., roads, buildings, utilities, vehicles and equipment) in a reasonable state of good repair is not sustainable and will cost each and every taxpayer much more in both the short and long term for necessary maintenance, repairs and reconstruction. It is imperative that future budgets include an increase to restore at least two Highway Department full-time positions. We must also cover the cost of inflation and include capital expenditures for new equipment, refurbishments and regular annual maintenance.

The great news is Spencer Highway Department employees are dedicated and experienced employees committed to getting the job done. Despite difficult winter storms and budget constraints, we were able to put our refurbished loader to good use replacing more than a half dozen culverts and restoring the Depot Rail Trail. We also upgraded some of our small-scale grounds maintenance equipment. The staff continues to do their best to keep up with increasing responsibilities and appreciates your understanding and patience with inevitable delays and the amount of time needed to complete lengthened plow routes.

### **Upcoming Roadway Reconstruction Projects**

First and foremost, thanks to the forethought of Spencer Residents and their votes for the \$19 million dollar FMPC Roads Project Bond we will see a lot of road reconstruction over the next 5 years. The FMPC Roads Project monies will not be available until July 2017, therefore, we will not begin any of those projects until after July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 and much of the first year will be spent developing necessary survey, engineering and bidding documents. For further project information and project updates please refer to the following web page link dedicated to the FMPC Roads Projects:

[http://www.spencerma.gov/Pages/SpencerMA\\_Bcomm/FinancialManagement/index](http://www.spencerma.gov/Pages/SpencerMA_Bcomm/FinancialManagement/index)

Thanks to MassDOT and the CMMPO TIP process, the Town will realize the full reconstruction of 2 critical roadway segments beginning in 2017. These two TIP projects: the Downtown Revitalization – Main Street Reconstruction Project valued at approximately \$4.1 million dollars; and the Reconstruction of Charlton Road (Route 31) from Bemis Street to the Charlton Town line ( 3.7 miles) valued at approximately \$4.9 million dollars and are described in greater detail below.

### **Downtown Revitalization – Main Street (Route 9) Reconstruction Project**

This project has been awarded to Baltazar Contractors, Inc. and will begin full-time construction operations in March 2017.

The Main Street project, from High Street to Maple Street, will reconstruct and revitalize downtown Spencer and will include roadway resurfacing; traffic and signal coordination improvements; improved geometry for truck turning; improved traffic flow; 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 project is \$3.6 million dollars, to be paid by State/Federal Transportation funds. For further project information and project updates please refer to the following web page link dedicated to the Main Street and Downtown Revitalization Project:

[http://www.spencerma.gov/Pages/SpencerMA\\_Highway/mainstreetproject](http://www.spencerma.gov/Pages/SpencerMA_Highway/mainstreetproject)

### **Route 31 (Maple St. / Charlton Rd.) Reconstruction (3.7 miles from Bemis St to Charlton TL)**

Again, thanks primarily to the MassDOT Highway Division, the continual efforts by the Town completing more than a dozen culvert replacements and removing over 160 trees, and the invaluable support and efforts by our State Senator and Representatives, this project was approved for State Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) funding by the Central Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization on 8/3/2016. Presently the roadway project has been advertised for construction and bids scheduled to be opened in June, 2017. Full reconstruction activities on Route 31 (Maple St / Charlton Rd) from the Bemis Street to the Charlton Town line (3.7 miles) is scheduled to begin in approximately July 2017. The total estimated cost for this project is \$4.8 million dollars. All work under this project will be accomplished within the existing Town owned right-of-way (ROW). The project will include the following:

- Reclaiming Route 31 from the Charlton Town line to Bemis St (3.7 miles) to a depth of 12 inches and putting down 7.25 inches of Superpave in 3 lifts.
- South of Howe Road, we're planning on 26 feet of width. North of Howe Road, we're planning on 28 feet of width.
- Replacing all guardrails.
- Updating existing / installing proposed drainage improvements.
- Bacon Hill Road / Cranberry Meadow Road intersection safety improvements consisting of sight improvements in the northeast quadrant.
- East Charlton Road intersection safety improvements consisting of the complete realignment of the intersection to a typical "T" intersection.



For further project information and project updates please refer to the following web page link dedicated to the Route 31 (Maple St. / Charlton Rd.) Reconstruction Project:

[http://www.spencerma.gov/Pages/SpencerMA\\_Highway/route31project](http://www.spencerma.gov/Pages/SpencerMA_Highway/route31project)

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

Regarding all planned and ongoing construction projects this office provides up to date notices using our 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. A majority to all of our larger road and infrastructure (i.e., water and sewer) construction project updates will be made electronically using this email list. Also, we try to provide advanced notification of other utility projects (i.e., National Grid Gas) whenever possible.

### **Roadway, Bridge and Sidewalk Projects Completed in 2015**

**Elm Street Resurfacing from Main Street to Valley Street** - In 2016 the final finish road surface was placed on this section of Elm Street to wrap up culvert replacement and water and gas main improvements completed during the preceding years.

**Valley Street Resurfacing** - In 2016 an approximately 2,000 foot long section of Valley Street was resurfaced.

**Chestnut Street Resurfacing from Valley Street to Early Street** - In 2016 an approximately 1,000 foot long section of Chestnut Street was resurfaced to help get this roadway through to the proposed full reconstruction currently under design and seeking a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for construction funding. This is a critical Main Street bypass road that will see increases in traffic during the Main Street reconstruction project. A grant application to fund construction for the Chestnut Street project will be submitted in 2017 with the goal of realizing construction in 2018 or 2019. Contact Chris Dunphy at the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (413) 781-6045 for further information regarding CDBG projects.

**Wall Street Culvert Replacement** - In 2016 the long overdue Wall Street culvert replacement was completed. In addition, drainage improvements alleviating ponding issues were also made to this roadway. Further work on Wall Street is needed prior to resurfacing of this road including water main replacement planned for the near future.

**Crack Sealing Roadway Maintenance** –Crack sealing in 2016 was completed on entire length of Greenville Street, Candlewood Drive, Buteau Road, Chickering Road, portions of Clark Road and the Police Department lot. Crack sealing is an important part of our ongoing roadway maintenance program that we will be performing again in 2017. Please drive alert and safe around all road crews.

### **Drainage Improvements and Culvert Replacement Projects Completed in 2016**

The following roadway drainage improvements and culvert replacements were completed in 2016. These projects were completed by the Town of Spencer Highway Department staff at a tremendous overall savings to the taxpayer.

- Clark Road between Borkum Road and Marble Road had nearly 1,000 feet of new closed drainage system installed to alleviate stormwater flows and erosion issues. In addition, the existing aged and failing culvert located in this section of Clark Road was also replaced.
- Wall Street culvert replacement and drainage improvements as described above.
- Howe Road culvert replacement.
- Lincoln Street drainage outfall pipe replacement.

- Tom Casey Road culvert replacement.
- Charlton Road (#238) culvert replacement and extension.
- Maple Street (#99) culvert replacement and extension.

### **Other Proposed Culvert Replacements and Drainage Improvement Projects**

This section includes a list of additional culvert replacements and drainage improvement projects that have been permitted for replacement. Due to Town budget cuts and cuts in Highway staffing over the past few years we are not able to address as many culvert replacements or drainage improvement projects ourselves resulting in 3 times or more higher in total costs to publically advertise and hire a MassDOT prequalified contractor to do that work instead of Town forces. Therefore, the culvert replacements we are able to do cost significantly more and thus we cannot do as many in a construction season. This problem is going to exacerbate in the upcoming years, therefore, it is critical that the Town increase Highway staff levels and budget for good fiscal stewardship of taxpayer monies and to better maximize the value received from each dollar spent. The following culvert replacement projects are ready for construction in 2017 and beyond 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. In addition to the list below we have many other places when similar work is needed, however, the previously described budget constraints and staff reductions over the past few years greatly limits our ability to perform and complete important project like this in-house since we must keep up with many other routine responsibilities first. It should be noted the following is merely a list of identified concerns. Given the ages of our culvert inventory the actual needs for culvert replacements is likely 3-4 times or more greater than the list below, therefore, we anticipate other culvert failures or emergency replacements to be a matter of routine and that many other roadway, sidewalk, drainage and other concerns will be left as-is until we are able to address them.

- 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)
- Chickering Road Drainage Repairs to alleviate icing issues (Near #61)

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

Spencer has maintained a pavement conditions index used for roadway project management since 2009. This system has been an important part of our decision making due to the limited resources Spencer has to invest in our roadway infrastructure. Our most recent Pavement Management (PM) Program database update was completed in January 2016. The PMP information was critical to the above described FMPC Roads Projects development and funding approval process.

In summary, our PMP findings and reports show that Spencer's roadway infrastructure conditions have been declining for some time. And that Spencer's roadway network conditions are now in a state of rapid and steep decline due to many years of inadequate funding and investments. In order to get this situation back under control a substantial re-investment in Spencer's roadway infrastructure is necessary. The recently approved local transportation funding bond (FMPC Roads Projects) will soon be put into place keep this situation from spiraling out of control, which if allowed to continue would double or triple our cost to restore our roadway infrastructure assets in just a few years. So far the 2016-17 winter has been particularly harsh, with many very harmful freeze-thaw transitions occurring and has worsened roadway base and surface conditions considerably since the January 2016 PM update.

### **Spencer Roads FMPC Capital Improvement Project**

Once again, thanks to the forethought of Spencer Residents and their votes for the FMPC Roads Project Bond we will see a lot of road reconstruction upcoming over the next 5 years, however, the FMPC Roads Project monies will not be available until July 2017, therefore, we will not begin any of those projects until after the loans have been negotiated and monies are made available for use, therefore, actual full scale FMPC road reconstruction project will not truly be able to begin until the 2018 construction season. FMPC project work in 2017 will consist of having necessary survey, engineering and bidding documents under development. Also, we plan to advertise necessary culvert, drainage and other underlying roadway infrastructure improvements for the roads we plan to reconstruct in 2017. In addition we have a bridge repair contract that we will advertise to address a majority of our bridge needs. Larger bridge reconstruction or repair projects requiring greater levels of design will be addressed in future years of the FMPC program. Please go to the following Financial Management Planning Committee (FMPC) web page for further information regarding the Spencer Roads FMPC Capital Improvement Project.

[http://www.spencerma.gov/Pages/SpencerMA\\_Bcomm/FinancialManagement/index](http://www.spencerma.gov/Pages/SpencerMA_Bcomm/FinancialManagement/index)

### **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**

We made additional progress in 2016 our routine roadside brush cutting and maintenance that had fallen behind in past seasons. Routine roadside brush cutting is a critical element for roadway maintenance and public safety. The Spencer Highway Department retains all rights to maintain the roadway layout 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. Also, 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 Town owned lands that are part of the roadway layout by installing shrubbery, trees, walls, gardens, flower beds, etc. In these instances where abutters have either knowingly or unknowingly encroached upon Town owned roadway layouts, it is standard policy that the Town as the owner of the roadway layout land that adjoins the paved surface, can remove or have the unlawful encroachments removed immediately as needed. At the very least, the Town cannot be held responsible for any damage that might occur to unlawful or unauthorized encroachments onto Town owned land. It is, therefore, imperative that we preserve our rights and authority to maintain all portions of our roadway layouts and right-of-ways, which typically extend well beyond the edge of pavement. Residents should be mindful 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 are at risk to be cut or removed at any time and without prior notification, restoration or mitigation of any kind.

### **Spencer Depot Rail Trail Phase 1 Completion**

We are pleased to announce that the Phase 1 Depot Rail Trail Restoration and Improvement project were completed in the fall of 2016 and the trail has been reopened to the public. It is beautiful!!! Please check it out and enjoy a wonderful day out. We would very much like to thank the DCR Recreational Trails

Program for the Phase 1 Grant and thank you very much to a host of workers and local volunteer organizations and individuals including the Spencer Trailways, the Snowbirds, the Spencer Conservation Commission, our contractor E.M. Thibault Excavation, Inc., and the Spencer Highway Department for all their hard work and exceptional efforts. The Phase 1 work included major drainage improvements, vegetative clearing/cleanup, new trail head gates, regrading and shaping of the entire trail, the installation, grading and compacting of several hundred tons of millings and much more. The improvements are overwhelming. Future goals and objectives are to continue the restoration and begin Phase 2, accessibility enhancements in 2017. At our May 2015 Town Meeting the citizens of Spencer voted to set aside \$25,000.00 into a Capital Account dedicated for use on the trail with the goal of obtaining additional DCR Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grant funds to complete Phase 2. In August 2016 we received notice that we were awarded the Phase 2 grant by DCR and the RTP in the amount of \$50,000. We look forward to Phase 2 in 2017 and hope for another DCR RTP grant for Phase 3, which will put the finishing touches on this beautiful and priceless resource.

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## WATER DEPARTMENT

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As described below 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. Lead by an outstanding Chief Water Operator and supported by 3 equally exceptional and dedicated licensed water treatment plant operators the Spencer Water Department is a model water treatment plant with exceptional operations and QA/QC capabilities for a facility of its size or even many times larger. Portable 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 now literally seen as a leader and a quintessential model for other public water supply systems of comparable size or even much larger. This is evidenced in the recent article in the December 2013 issue of the New England Water Works Association (NEWWA) entitled "*Town of Spencer, Massachusetts Two-Zone Pressure System Project*" a completed copy of that article has been placed on the Spencer Water Department web page with permissions from the NEWWA. The NEWWA article has been posted on the Spencer website (spencerma.gov) under Water Department on the web page.

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 in advance of other planned roadway or development projects. 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 annual unaccounted for water down (primarily attributed to unknown system leaks) we have instituted a bi-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. As you can see we have had significantly less leakage over subsequent years resulting in significant annual savings. As an example, later in 2013 our Water Department Staff found and repaired two separate leaks of significant size which resulted in considerable savings. Our next system-wide leak detection survey is currently ongoing and will be completed in 2017.

### **MassDEP Mandates**

In 2016 the Water Department continued to act 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 2017. The improvements include additional efforts to reduce unaccounted for water, clean and restore the backwash lagoons on Meadow Road, increase progress on our Capital Efficiency Plan (CEP), replacing aged and problematic pipes and addressing low water pressures on Paxton Road. Due to inflation increases in our normal operating budget and additional capital costs, the Water Department held public hearings regarding rate increases as outlined below.

### **2016 Water Rate Increase**

It had been nearly four years since the last rate increase by the Spencer Water Department. During that time revenues have stayed the same, however, costs in all areas (i.e., energy, raw materials, equipment, piping, staff, etc.) have increased due to inflation. The cost to complete the backlog of necessary CEP projects has also increased. Therefore, in the spring of 2016 the Water Commission held a public hearing to consider a rate increase and approved a moderate increase of 6% for all water rate payers.

### **New Unheated Storage Building at Cranberry Well**

In 2016 the Water Department advertised for bids and construction of a new unheated storage building at the Cranberry Meadow Well site to replace the existing deteriorated storage building. The existing building had reached the end of its useful life. Its replacement will better protect Water Department equipment and supplies. The existing project site is the location of pumps and corrosion control equipment for the Town's Cranberry Meadow wellfield. The project includes; demolition of the existing 1,150 square foot cold storage building and concrete slab; and construction of a new 20' x 40' single-story steel building structure on new concrete slab. The project also includes to construction of a new state-of-the-art rain garden for roof and site stormwater runoff treatment system. One of the goals of constructing the rain garden is to provide a demonstration of how easy it is to implement this type of stormwater treatment and to show it as a model demonstration project. Site work and building construction began in 2016 and will be completed in 2017.

### **Water Department Capital Efficiency Plan (CEP)**

The Water Department, with assistance from our outside contractor Tata & Howard, updated our Capital Efficiency Plan (CEP) in 2015 and in 2016 begin further studies to develop conceptual design solutions and cost estimates for areas of critical concern as identified in the CEP. The CEP is what 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.

The following CEP projects were completed in 2016:

**Maple Street (Route 31) Water Main Upgrades** - The existing Maple Street (Route 31) water main was upgraded/replaced in 2016. 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.

The following CEP projects were started in 2016:

**Main Street Looping Study between Greenville Street and Moose Hill Water Tank:** Main Street Looping Conceptual Water Main Layout Conduct a site visit, review information regarding elevations, property boundaries, and site conditions, to prepare a report summarizing potential water main looping layout alternatives and estimated costs.

**Meadow Well Redevelopment and Cleaning:** Develop scope of services to solicit cost proposals to clean and redevelop Meadow Road Well.

**Update Water Department Rules and Regulations:** Review and update Water Department rules and regulations to address inconsistencies, add technical specifications, required permits, and private hydrant flushing.

**Develop and Accurate GIS Depiction of Hydrant Locations:** Prepare a grid map system using GIS depicting hydrant locations in Spencer for Water Department and Fire Department use and public reference in the form of adding hydrant locations to Spencer's online GIS mapping tool.

### **2017 Water Project Plans**

In 2017, the Water Department will continue progress on the above CEP projects started in 2016. We will also complete the Paxton Road water pressure upgrades at the locations identified by our study completed in 2016. A section of water main will be replaced on Earley Street. Also, water services on Main Street will be replaced within the downtown revitalization project limits (between Main St and Maple St) where needed. We also hope to replace the water main on Longview Drive in 2017 as well, subject to the completion of necessary survey and right-of-way by the residents of this private road.

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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

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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**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 259 students in June of 2016, and accepted a class of 306 freshmen in September of 2016. Our current enrollment has reached 1,115 students. Of the 28 Spencer seniors who graduated, 8 are now gainfully employed in an occupation related to their training and 15 are now attending College. Currently, 147 students from Spencer are enrolled in one of our 21 vocational areas with 23 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 2015-2016 school year, our 21 vocational programs completed 1,123 work orders, of which, 67 were for residents of the Town of Spencer. Our Hilltop Restaurant and Minuteman Shoppe are opened to the public Tuesday through Friday from 11:00am to 1:00pm. Our cosmetology program is also open to the general public. Appointments for cosmetology services must be made in advance by calling the school. Residents of the Bay Path district are encouraged to take advantage of the services provided by our students. These learning opportunities benefit not only the students but provide useful services at reasonable costs to in-district residents. We will continue this type of work whenever possible, keeping in mind that the projects must be of educational value for our students.

Our Evening School Program continues to serve the adult needs of our 10 town district, as well as an additional 20 surrounding towns. Our Spring and Fall programs had a combined enrollment of 1,481, 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 \$14,701 and \$16,488. 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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## **SPENCER-EAST BROOKFIELD REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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### **FINANCIAL**

The final capital and operating for FY17 Budget was set at \$24,487,289, a 2.75% increase over the FY16 Budget.

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Dr. Tracy Crowe continues to serve as Superintendent of Schools.
- The District has approximately 41 students that School Choice in. As of December 7<sup>th</sup>, there were 1,184 Spencer students enrolled in the school district and 246 East Brookfield students.
- Grants continue to be written by district members bringing in extra funding for the schools.
- The After School Program began its 12<sup>th</sup> year and remains successful, as well as self-supporting.
- We continue to develop new special education programs that save the district money while educating these students locally in the least restrictive environment.
- The following Administrative positions were filled in the 2016-2017 school year: Principal at David Prouty High School, Assistant Principal at David Prouty High School, Assistant Principal at Wire Village School, and Technology Integration Specialist.

### **SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

The May 2016 Election brought two new members to the Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School Committee. Ms. Martha Berthiaume and Mr. Jason Monette were elected to three year terms for Spencer. Mr. Kevin Hayes and Mr. Vincent Cloutier were thanked for their dedication and efforts while serving the towns of Spencer and East Brookfield. In addition, Ms. Angela Knapton resigned from the School Committee. The open seat was filled by Mr. Robert Ortiz of Spencer. Ms. Berthiaume is Chair of the School Committee and Mr. Ethier is Vice Chair.

Current School Committee members are: Martha Berthiaume (Spencer), Heather Messier (East Brookfield), Jason Monette (Spencer), Michael Ethier (East Brookfield), James St. Peter (Spencer), Robert Ortiz (Spencer), and Wendy Pelchat (Spencer).

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## DAVID PROUTY HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2016

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Alexander Arnold Arsenault \*+  
Zechariah Christopher Banyai  
Vanessa Mary Bastardo  
Caitlyn Abigail Bean  
Carter Whittemore Bemis  
Deanna Marie Berthiaume  
Abigail Morgan Bishop  
Tristan James Bosse  
Cameron James Bourke  
Nicholas Lawrence Brown-Hoermle  
Taylor Anne Butler\*+  
Emily Lynn Caplette  
Victoria Maria Carcamo  
Britney Lynn Carr  
Aaron Paul Caruso  
Evan Paul Chisholm  
Ciriaco Paul Colella  
Kyle James Connors  
Kimberly Marie Cook\*  
Niccole Evelyn Davis  
Jeremy Michael Day  
Zabrina Alexandra DeLaura\*  
Matthew Michael Duda  
Ian Michael Dupont  
Ashley Lynn Elliott  
Jacob Stanton English  
Joseph Paul Esposito\*+  
Rebecca Ashley Field  
Cassandra Lynne Gallagher  
Sarah Elizabeth Gaudette

Noah Robert Geren  
Bradley Ernest Gillis  
Spenser James Giorgio  
Mia Elizabeth Golden  
Katelyn Bridget Hallihan  
Kyle Anthony Johnson  
Jazziah Yancy Jones  
James Elijah Joyce\*+  
Julia Elyse Joyce\*+  
Darian Jonnah Kenneway\*  
Alexandria Kuchinski+  
Alexis Whitney Kunesch\*+  
Micah Alexander Lacore  
James Francis Laney  
Hunter Mackenzie Lavallee  
Tylor James Leveillee  
Alyssa Marie Lowell  
Samuel Philip Lowell  
+Erin Margaret Lowkes  
Honasty Amber Lynch  
Nicholas Mark Maguire  
Dominick Bailey McGinn  
Kaley Elizabeth McKnight  
Abigail Lynn Meyer  
Joseph Ernest Mongeau Jr.  
Allison Diana Murray  
Samuel James Nairn  
Tyler Joseph Nanigian  
Timothy Ahthit Nokeo  
Lily Grace Ordung\*

Emma Michele Parsons  
Elizabeth Anne Pedone\*  
Joseph Edward Perron  
Kristyn Emily Perry  
Casey Ruth Preston\*+  
David Paul Provencher\*+  
Zachary Thomas Ramaska  
Raven Virginia Rose Reimer  
Hannah Elizabeth Robidoux  
Andrew Donald Romano\*+  
Jonathan Michael Rosum  
Ryan Zachary Sasseville  
Erin Marie Shea  
Kyle William Shedden\*+  
Elizabeth Rose Shemeth  
Ethan Edward Simonovitch  
Troy Joseph Stearns\*  
Jessica Lynn Pauline Strout  
Jacob Samuel Tibbetts\*  
Timothy Van Tran  
Chelsie Lynn Trombly\*  
Jessica Lindsey Wadden  
Jaxon Peter Wells\*+  
Ashleigh Nicole Whigham  
Jeremy Francis White  
Logan Joseph White  
Selena Marie Wilson  
Destiny Marie Woods

**\* Graduating with Honors**  
**+National Honor Society**

**Class Advisors:** Mr. Sean Bastien and Mr. James Laney

**President:** Andrew R. Romano

**Vice President:** Kyle W. Shedden

**Secretary:** Erin M. Lowkes

**Treasurer:** Alexander A. Arsenault

**Historians:** Abigail M. Bishop and Cassandra L. Gallagher

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## COMMUNITY INFORMATION

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Meetings listed below are typically held as indicated. Please consult the Website calendar at [www.spencerma.gov](http://www.spencerma.gov) for the official posting and most up to date information.

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

**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.

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

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

Monday & Thursday:	10 a.m.to 7 p.m.
Tuesday & Wednesday	10 a.m.to 5 p.m.

### **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 June 30 <sup>th</sup> (late fee applies on July 1 <sup>st</sup> )
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#### **The following bills are paid at the Town Assessor's Office:**

List of Tangible Personal Property	Due March 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>	Vital Records	508 885-7500 x150
	Dog Licenses	508 885-7500 x150
	Elections	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>	Fire Chief	508 885-3555
	Burning Permits	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>	Police Chief	508 885-6333

	Dog Complaints	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: 508 885-8500  
 David Prouty High: 508 885-8505  
 Knox Trail: 508 885-8550  
 Wire Village: 508 885-8524

**2016 POPULATION: 10,394**