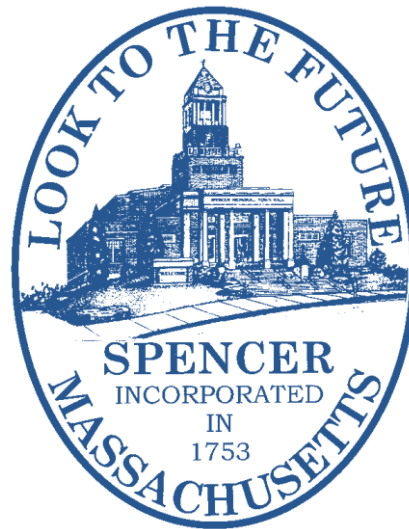


ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE
TOWN OF SPENCER



MASSACHUSETTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 2022

MERITORIOUS PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD WINNER

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 Annual Town Meeting, the award was proudly presented to:

Robert P Parsons

Meritorious Service Award Recipient

for his faithful service to the Town as

Fire Chief

Spencer Emergency Management Director

&

Member of Multiple Boards & Committees



IN MEMORIAM

Susan L. Lacaire

1948 ~ 2022



*In grateful appreciation for her Service
As Treasurer-Collector
for the Town of Spencer*

IN MEMORIAM

Roger E. Perron

1933 ~ 2022



*In grateful appreciation for his service
with the Fire Department
for the Town of Spencer*

IN MEMORIAM

Norma C. Cormier

1918 ~ 2022



*Recipient of the Boston Post Cane
To honor Spencer's Oldest Resident
102 years old*

IN MEMORIAM

Peter F. Gaucher

1942 ~ 2022



*In grateful appreciation for his Service
as Animal Control Officer
for the Town of Spencer*



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:
Jared J.B. Grigg
Ralph E. Hicks
John J. Howard
Anthony D. Pepe
Gary E. Woodbury

Town Administrator:
Jeffrey K. Bridges

December 31, 2022

On behalf of the Board of Selectmen, I am pleased to present the Annual Report for calendar year 2022.

Looking back, I am reminded of the many activities, projects, and accomplishments which took place throughout the year and some of the more noteworthy initiatives are highlighted in this report.

At a Special Town Meeting in September, voters approved a \$111.6 million dollar borrowing for the David Prouty High School addition / renovation project. The Spencer East Brookfield Regional School District will receive a \$46.8 million dollar reimbursement from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, resulting in a total cost of \$64.8 million to the District. The design portion of the project will be finished by the end of 2023 and the construction portion is expected to be complete by 2027.

The Board worked with various boards, committees, and staff to conduct Town business on a variety of matters, including mandatory upgrades for the Wastewater Treatment Plant which are required by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Environmental Protection in order to remain in compliance with State regulations. The Town is currently in the initial phase of the project and working to increase sewer capacity and add additional users onto the system which will expand economic development.

Spencer was awarded \$3.5 million dollars in Coronavirus relief funds from the Federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and we are beginning a process to determine a method to allocate these funds in a manner that best meets the needs of the community. A questionnaire was created to gather data from residents, businesses owners, and employees and we are working to determine the best use of these funds as we move into 2023.

The Board continues to collaborate with staff to explore opportunities to obtain creative funding and look for areas to save on expenses whenever possible. Once again, we have taken advantage of various programs and were awarded several grants including a Rural and Small-Town Growth Grant to update Master Plan and shape Spencer's future growth; a Community Compact Grant for a municipal fiber optic network connecting all municipal buildings and emergency communications; a Green Communities Grant awarded by the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources which may be used for a range of projects, from ventilation system upgrades to the installation of insulation and energy management systems; and a Complete Streets Grant to provide safe and accessible travel options for walking, biking, and vehicles. The Fire Department and Transfer Station also received a variety of grants which will help to offset their expenses. We continue to work with Pioneer Valley Planning Commission to secure and administer Community Development Block Grants to improve outdated infrastructure, including water line replacement and connection to adjoining streets, fire hydrant replacement, and reconstruction of roadways and sidewalks.

The remainder of the year was business as usual with numerous meetings, public hearings, and workshops conducted. Please refer to page 124 of this report for details on categories of licenses we issued during 2022.

On behalf of a grateful Board, I wish to express my sincere thanks to Town Administrator Jeffrey Bridges for his leadership and dedication throughout the year, to 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 talent. You all make Spencer a great place to live, work, and raise a family.

The Board also wants to offer special thanks to three long-term employees who retired this year: Highway Department Heavy Equipment Operator Kevin Siminovitch who retired after 37 years; Assessor's Department Senior Clerk Elaine Jaquith who retired after 29 years, and Transfer Station Monitor Michael Palumbo who retired after 18 years. We thank them for their service and congratulate them on their well-deserved retirement!

The Board of Selectmen serve as the Chief Policy Maker and Licensing Authority of the Town. Meetings are typically held on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 6:00 P.M. I encourage you to visit the Town website at www.spencerma.gov where you will find the most current information including meeting agendas and the latest news and announcements.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gary Woodbury".

Gary E. Woodbury, Chairman

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FEDERAL, STATE & COUNTY OFFICIALS

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
Paul DePalo

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

Kathryn A. Toomey of Worcester

REGISTER OF PROBATE

Stephanie K. Fattman of Webster

SHERIFF

Lewis G. Evangelidis of Holden

ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS & COMMISSIONERS

	Term Expires
MODERATOR	
William R. Shemeth, III	5/9/2025
SELECTMEN	
Anthony D. Pepe	2025
Gary E. Woodbury	2025
Jared J.B. Grigg	2024
Ralph E. Hicks	2023
John J. Howard	2023
TOWN CLERK	
Sandra J. Fritze	2024
TREASURER/COLLECTOR	
Rebecca M. Forand	2023
ASSESSORS	
Robert Ortiz	2025
Nancy E. Herholz	2024
Pamela A. Woodbury	2023
SPENCER-EAST BROOKFIELD REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE	
Spencer Representatives:	
Jason P. Monette	2025
Robert Ortiz	2025
Jeffrey Sauvageau	2024
Chris Woodbury	2023
Wendy Pelchat	2023
East Brookfield Representatives:	
Patrick Lacaire	2023
Heather Messier	2024
SOUTHERN WORCESTER COUNTY REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE	
Jesselyn Gaucher	2025
Robert L. Zukowski	2023
WATER COMMISSIONERS	
Eben J. Butler	2024
Steven J. Tyler	2024
Norman C. Letendre, Jr.	2023

PARK COMMISSIONERS

Martin A. German, Jr.	2025
Anthony F. Toscano	2024
William R. Shemeth, III	2023

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Stephen L. Prouty (resigned 6-22-2022)	2024
Mary Anne Slack	2025
Alyson Russo	2023

BOARD OF HEALTH

Jesselyn Gaucher	2025
Jennifer Konisky	2024
Daniel C. Shields	2023

TREE WARDEN

Raymond I. Holmes, Jr.	2023
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HOUSING AUTHORITY

Donna M Flannery	2026
Edward King	2026
Richard J. Leveillee	2024
Roger L. Gaudette	2023

SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Lawrence H. Dufault	2023
Francis X. White	2024
Francis X. White Jr.	2025

CONSTABLES

Arthur C. Butch Tatro	2025
James F. Cervi	2025
Patrick Sullivan	2025

**APPOINTED TOWN OFFICES
COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES**

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Jeffrey Bridges

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

Brenda Savoie

ACCOUNTANT

Alaine Boucher – interim
Allison Lawrence (resigned 2022)

ASSISTANT ACCOUNTANT

Lynne Porretti

PRINCIPAL ASSESSOR

Linda V. Leblanc

TOWN COUNSEL

Janelle M. Austin

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION (5 Members 3yr term/ up to 3 alternates 1yr term)

Anthony Moschini	2022
Bonnie Booth	2022
Kurt Nordquist	2023
Douglas Paul	2022
Matthew DeCiero	2025

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES COORDINATOR

VACANT– Physical Plant
VACANT- Interim
Duane Amos – Building Inspector

**ANIMAL CONTROL
AND INSPECTION OFFICERS**

Joelyn Durgin	2022
Lynne Porretti (Alternate)	2023
Douglas Blood (Alternate)	2023

ASSISTANT COLLECTOR

Jill S. Gallagher

ASSISTANT TREASURER

Charles J. Paquette (resigned 11/2022)
Marie DeCosta

ASSISTANT CONSTABLE (3yr term)

Richard A. Lapierre 2024

ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK

Brynn L. Johnson

BUILDING COMMISSIONER/Zoning Enforcement Officer (1yr term)

Duane Amos (Local) 2023

Mike Silva (Alternate) 2022

BUILDING AND PROPERTY REUSE COMMITTEE

(2 Selectmen, 1 Finance Committee Rep. 1 Planning Board Rep., Utilities & Facilities Supt., Fire Chief, 5 Citizens at Large—no expiration date)

- Corey Lacaire
- Carl Kwiatkowski
- Robert Parsons
- Christopher Bowen
- Jason Ferreira
- Robert Ferreira
- Jonathan Thibault
- Gary Woodbury
- Anthony Pepe
- Eben Butler
- Robert Cepi
- Christopher Woodbury

BURNCOAT POND WATERSHED DISTRICT MANAGEMENT

SPENCER REPRESENTATIVE (1yr term)

Vacant

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING (1yr term Selectboard Rep., Finance Committee Rep., Planning Board Rep.; citizens at large 3yr term)

Select Board - Anthony D. Pepe 2023

Planning Board – Paul Gleason (resigned 2/7/22) 2022

Planning Board -Shirley Shiver 2023

Finance Committee-Christopher Woodbury 2023

Citizen at Large-Robert Cirba 2023

Citizen at Large-Vacant

CELEBRATIONS COMMITTEE (3yr term)

David B. Darrin	2023
Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.	2025
Lynne Porretti	2022
Wendy Berthiaume	2022
Warren Monette (resigned June 2022)	2022

CENTRAL MASS EMS CORP

Arnold Arsenault
Robert Parsons

CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (1yr term)

Jared Grigg	2024
John Howard (<i>Board of Selectmen Alternate Delegate</i>)	2023
Jonathan Viner (resigned 12/2/2021)	
Robert Ceppi (<i>Planning Board Delegate</i>)	2023

CHARITABLE NEEDS (3yr term, 5 members)

Barbara E. Grusell	2024
Paul Lamontagne	2024
Lois Shorten	2024
Claire Harding (resigned 1/10/2022)	2023
Kurt Nordquist	2022
Elaine Vallee (to fill the remainder of a term)	2023

CHIEF OF POLICE

David B. Darrin

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

Edward P. Foresteire (Resigned 7/26/21)	
Danielle Gebo	2024
Frank X. White	2024
Christopher L. Woodbury	2024

CONSERVATION COMMISSION (3yr term, 7 members)

Margaret Emerson	2024
Mary E. McLaughlin	2025
Warren B. Snow	2023
Charles Bellemer	2024
Robert Perry	2022

CONSERVATION AGENT

Lauren Trifone

CONTRACT COMPLIANCE OFFICER

Jeffrey Bridges

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

James W. Letendre	2024
Christine Mancini (resigned 4/5/2022)	2024
Susan Arsenault	2023
Sheila Phoenix (resigned 2/9/2022)	2023
Rachel Sugalski	2023
Lucinda Puchalski	2025
Scott Conner	2025
Sandra Fritze	2024
Pamela Woodbury (resigned 2/9/2022)	2024
Margaret Letendre	2024

CULTURAL COUNCIL (3yr term, 9 members)

Diane Johnson*	2022
Denise Farmosa	2024
Janice Peters	2025
Michael Roche	2024
John Green Jr. (resigned 2022)	2022
Paul M. Gleason	2022
Carol McPherson	2025
Caryn Byrnes	2025
Barbara McGrail	2025
Mercedes Villegas	2023
(*2 nd consecutive term)	

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

DIRECTOR OF OFFICE OF FINANCE

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

**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	2026
C. Michael Toomey	2026
Christopher L. Woodbury	2022
Anthony D. Pepe, Jr.	2023
Wendy Beauvais (resigned July 20, 2022)	2026
John F. Stevens	2024
Marc Seguin (resigned Nov 2021)	2026
Jared Grigg	2026

EEO OFFICER

Jeffrey Bridges

SPENCER EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (SEMA)

Robert Parsons (Fire Chief), Director

Sandra Fritze, Director of Operations

FAIR HOUSING (1yr term 3 members 2 alternates)

3 Vacancies

2 Alt. Vacancies

FENCE VIEWER (1yr term)

Robert H. Dewan

2022

FINANCE COMMITTEE (3yr term 11 members)

Christopher P. Bowen

2024

Mary E. Braney

2024

Paul E. McLaughlin

2023

William J. Wall, Jr.

2023

Christopher L. Woodbury

2023

Edward Sproul

2024

Charles O’Connor

2024

Nancy Tame

2023

Jonathan Viner

2025

Michael Grames

2025

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

Anthony D. Pepe (Selectman)

2023

Paul McLaughlin (Finance Committee)

2023

Jared Grigg (Selectman)

2024

Christopher Woodbury (Capital Improvement Planning Committee)

2023

William Wall, Jr. (Finance Committee)

2022

FIRE CHIEF

Robert P. Parsons, Fire Chief

Robert P. Parsons, Forest Fire Warden

Corey H. Lacaire, Deputy Forest Fire Warden

2023

HARBORMASTER (1yr term)

Douglas Blood

2023

HAZARDOUS WASTE COORDINATOR

Robert Parsons

HEALTH AGENT

Lisa Daoust

HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE (1yr term)

William Cundiff 2023

HISTORICAL COMMISSION (3yr term, 7 members)

Francis T. Lochner 2024

Kimberly A. Kates 2023

Anne M. Snow 2022

Mary Baker-Wood 2025

Virginia Davidson 2024

HUMAN RESOURCES AND BENEFITS COORDINATOR

Sarah Gruhin

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCING AUTHORITY (5yr term 5 members)

INSECT AND PEST CONTROL INSPECTOR (1yr term)

Raymond I. Holmes, Jr. 2022

INSPECTOR OF GAS PIPING & APPLIANCES (1yr term)

James R. Bergeron 2023

Robert F. Wall, Alt. 2023

INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (1yr term, representatives from each collective bargaining unit, retiree, personnel bylaw, contract and elected positions)

Mary Baker-Wood (retiree) 2022

Charles Nevue (highway/water/sewer)(resigned) 2022

Lisa Daoust (personnel bylaw) 2022

Holly M. Collette (dispatchers) 2023

Kim Snyder (clerical) 2023

Rebecca Forand (elected) 2023

Duane Amos (Contract) 2022

LOCAL COMMUNITY ADDICTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (7 Members: Chief of Police/Designee, Fire Chief/Designee, EMS Medical Director/Designee, Board of Health Agent/Designee, Superintendent of Schools/Designee, One Member of the Board of Selectmen, One Citizen at Large no term expiration)

Therese Grogan (Citizen at Large)

Paul Haughey (Superintendent of Schools)

Robert Parsons (Fire Chief)

Gary Woodbury (Board of Selectmen)

David Darrin (Chief of Police)

Lee Jarvis (Board of Health) (resigned 02/05/2021)

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (1yr term, 10 members, all staff)

David B. Darrin (Police)
Sandra Fritze (SEMA)
Lisa A. Daoust (Board of Health)
Robert P. Parsons (Fire)
James Laplante (Sewer)
Todd Miller (Planning Board)
Paul Haughey (Supt. of Schools)
Jeffrey Bridges (Town Administrator)
James Tessier (FlexCon)
William Cundiff (U&F)
Lauren Trifone (Conservation Agent)

**MUNICIPAL HEARINGS OFFICER
PARKING CLERK (3yr term)**

Kurt A. Nordquist 2023

MUNICIPAL LIAISON TO STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

Jeffrey Bridges

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

Corinne Kennedy 2025
Robert Churchey 2023
Lynne Porretti 2025
Jason Ferreira 2022

PINE GROVE CEMETERY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (1 yr term)

Denise LaCroix 2022
Kathy Daley 2022
Sandra J. Fritze 2022
Lyn Stevens 2022
Mary Baker-Wood 2022
Jared Grigg 2022
Bill Cundiff 2022
Chris Woodbury 2022
Danielle Gebo 2022

PLANNING BOARD (5yr term, 3 members 2 alternate)

Paul Gleason (Resigned 2/7/2022) 2026
Joshua Buckley (Resigned 10/31/22) 2026
Robert J. Ceppi 2027
Jeffrey Butensky (Resigned 2/14/2022) 2025
Shirley Shiver 2026
Charles Bellemer 2026
Robert Lucier (Resigned 4/30/22) 2025

PUBLIC WEIGHER (1yr term)

Karen Hubacz-Kiley 2023

PLUMBING INSPECTOR (1yr term)

Robert Wall 2023

James Bergeron, Alt. 2023

QUABOAG VALLEY BUS. ASST. COORD (1yr term)

John Stevens (resigned)

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS (3yr term, 3 Registrars 1 Clerk)

Eleanor F. O'Connor 3/31/2023

Brenda L. Cloutier 3/31/2024

Patricia Woods 3/31/2025

Sandra J. Fritze 2024

SAFETY OFFICER

David B. Darrin

SCM ELDERBUS REPRESENTATIVE (1yr term)

April Caruso 2023

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES (1yr term)

John Biancheria 2022

SEMA

Robert Parsons

SEMA Director of Operations (1 yr term)

Sandra Fritze 2023

SENIOR CENTER PROGRAM DIRECTOR/COORDINATOR

April Caruso

SEXUAL HARASSMENT COMPLAINT OFFICER (1yr term)

Jeffrey Bridges

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Dr. Paul Haughey

TAX TITLE CUSTODIAN (1yr term)

Rebecca M. Forand 2023

TOWN PLANNER

Lauren Trifone

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ADVISORY GROUP (1yr term)
VACANT

TRANSPORTATION REPRESENTATIVE (1yr term)
VACANT

CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER
Jeffrey Bridges

UTILITIES & HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT
William Cundiff

**VETERANS SERVICES DIRECTOR/AGENT &
VETERANS GRAVES REGISTRATION OFFICER (1yr term)**
Scott Conner 2023

WIRING INSPECTOR (1yr term)
Norman D. Bassett 2023
Michael H. Sweet, Alt. 2023

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (3yr term, 3 members, 2 alternates)
Allan P. Collette 2024
Steven J. Tyler 2024
Gina Beford 2024
Vacant Alternate
Vacant Alternate

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

The Office of the Town Clerk serves as a direct link between the residents of Spencer and their local government. Not sure who to call? Contact the Town Clerk and you will be directed to the appropriate municipal office.

The Town Clerk is responsible for preparing for and presiding over all local and state elections serving as the Chief Elections Official. Voter registration records are maintained by the Town Clerk's Office and voter registration can be done at the Town Hall anytime during regular business hours, with special additional hours for registration held prior to elections and town meetings.

As the Official Certifier of Records, the Town Clerk records and certifies all official acts of the Town including Town Meeting actions and appropriations, as well as Planning and Zoning Board decisions. As Town Archivist, the maintenance, disposition, and preservation of municipal archival records (some of which are close to 300 years old) are in the custody of the Town Clerk. The Office also provides certified copies of vital records (births, marriages, deaths) and assists with genealogical research.

The Town Clerk's Office issues Dog Licenses, Underground Storage Licenses, Business Certificates, and Burial Permits as part of the Town's public health and safety requirements.

Each year the Town Clerk's Office conducts the Annual Census which not only provides important statistical and demographic information but is also 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.

2022 brought about more changes in the way we vote. Vote-By-Mail and Early Voting took on a larger role during the last year keeping the office always on our toes as we navigated the everchanging dictates from the State. We took on the Annual Town Election, State Primary, Special Town Election and the State General Election this past year, each election saw a greater turnout of Vote-By-Mail and Early Voting participation which added to our ever-growing work load. The office will strive to uphold the poise and dignity of past town clerks knowing that it is an honor and privilege to be able to serve the Town of Spencer.

The Town Clerk's Office runs smoothly because of a hardworking and dedicated support staff; Assistant Town Clerk Brynn Johnson, Clerks Diane Ledoux, Karen Gaucher and Nicole Morton, and Registrars Brenda Cloutier, Patricia Woods and Eleanor O'Connor.

Sandra J. Fritze
Town Clerk

VITAL STATISTICS (as of printing deadline)

Year	Births	Marriages	Deaths
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
2017	94	57	113
2018	115	57	126
2019	111	45	136
2020	88	36	129
2021	114	67	128
2022	121	58	131

Revenue Report

Marriage Intentions	\$ 730.00
Births	\$ 1,970.00
Deaths	\$ 2,360.00
Marriage Certificates	\$ 940.00
Online Vital Records	\$ 1,405.00
Credit Card Vital Records	\$ 2,016.00
Bylaw Booklets	\$ 0.00
Auction/Raffle Permits	\$ 110.00
Notary	\$ 958.00
Business Certificates	\$ 2,920.00
Dog License & Late Fees	\$ 13,052.00
Online Dog License	\$ 6,085.00
Credit Card Dog License	\$ 2,005.00
Dog Tag Replacement	\$ 0.00
Gas Storage	\$ 110.00
Business List	\$ 40.00
Certifications	\$ 0.00
Research	\$ 100.00
Pole Locations	\$ 0.00
Postage	\$ 0.00
Misc.	\$ 62.00

Revenue Total \$ 34,863.00

**Annual Town Meeting
June 23, 2022, 7:00 PM (RESCHEDULED from May 5, 2022)
Spencer Town Hall**

No Quorum was present on May 5, 2022 - Annual Town Meeting was rescheduled to June 23, 2022 at 7:00 pm

Annual Town Meeting started immediately after the Special Town Meeting June 23, 2022

ARTICLE 1

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to amend its Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budget by appropriating the sum of Two Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$228,800.00) 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:

Department	Account #	Amount
Snow and Ice Control Expenses (Materials)	11423-57000	\$129,000.00
Snow and Ice Control Expenses (Labor)	11423-51000	\$ 7,300.00
Fire Department	11220-57000	\$ 35,000.00
Police	11210-57000	\$ 7,500.00
Town Counsel	11151-57000	\$ 50,000.00
TOTAL		\$228,800.00

or take any action in relation thereto. (*Sponsored by the Town Administrator*)

The Finance Committee had recommended approval of this article and subsequently the amount in the article increased. The Finance Committee will reconsider the article prior to Town Meeting with the new requested totals.

Motion – Article 1

I move to waive the reading and approve Article 1 as printed in the warrant.

Vote Required: Majority *Article 1 Passed*

Motion Made By: Vice Chairman Howard

Motion Seconded By: Selectman Hicks

ARTICLE 2

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to approve a consent agenda consisting of the following actions or take any action in relation 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. 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 2023, with such funds to be reimbursed 100% from such Program.
- C. 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.
- D. Appropriate the sum of 100% of all fines, penalties, and assessments received in Fiscal Year 2023 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.”
- E. Appropriate the sum of 50% of all monies received in Fiscal Year 2023 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.
- F. Authorize the Town Treasurer/Collector to enter into a compensating balance agreement(s) for Fiscal Year 2023 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.
- G. Authorize the Board of Selectmen, in conformance with Section 11(m) of the Spencer Governmental Act and Chapter 40, Section 4 of Massachusetts General Laws, to enter into and negotiate the terms thereof, all contracts for the exercise of its corporate powers.

or take any other action in relation thereto. (*Sponsored by the Town Administrator*)

The Finance Committee Recommends Approval. Unanimous vote.

Motion – Article 2

I move to waive the reading and approve Article 2 as printed in the warrant.

Vote Required: Majority Article 2 Passed

Motion Made By: Chairman Woodbury

Motion Seconded By: Selectman Pepe

ARTICLE 3

Article 3.

AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND THE TOWN’S GENERAL BYLAWS ARTICLE 2, SECTION 15 REVOLVING FUNDS

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 2, Section 15 of the Town’s General Bylaws, entitled Departmental Revolving Funds, **with deletions in strikethrough as set forth below; and further that any amounts in said funds to remain therein until expended consistent with the Bylaw;**

Revolving Fund	Department, Board, Committee, Agency or Officer Authorized to spend from Fund	Fees, Charges or Other Receipts Credited to the Fund	Program or Activity Expenses Payable from Fund	Cap of Fund	Fiscal Years
Planning Board	Planning Board	ANR, Subdivision, Site Plan, Special Permit	Administrative Costs, other Expense	\$50,000	FY 2018 and subsequent years
ODIS – Wiring Inspections	ODIS Director	Depository of 80% of electrical permit fees collected	Compensate the Wiring Inspector	\$50,000	FY 2018 and subsequent years
Parks & Recreation	Parks & Recreation Commission	Park rentals, sticker fees, program fees	Program costs such as personnel, utilities, supplies, and other expenses	\$100,000	FY 2018 and subsequent years
Celebrations Committee	Town Administrator	Fees collected	Program Expenses	\$50,000	FY 2018 and subsequent years
Council on Aging	Council on Aging	Fees collected	Program Expenses	\$20,000	FY 2018 and subsequent years
Stormwater Management	Town Administrator	Stormwater Fees and fines collected	Stormwater Management Activities such as programs or projects	\$100,000	FY 2018 and subsequent years

The Finance Committee Recommends Approval. Unanimous vote.

Motion – Article 3

I move to waive the reading and approve Article 3 as printed in the warrant.

Vote Required: Majority Article 3 Passed

Motion Made By: Vice Chairman Howard

Motion Seconded By: Selectman Grigg

ARTICLE 4

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53E½ of the Massachusetts General Laws, as most recently amended, to establish fiscal year limitations on expenditures from the revolving funds established by the Town of Spencer General Bylaws “Departmental Revolving Funds”, Article 2, Section 15, approved under Article 7 of the May 4, 2017 Annual Town Meeting, with such expenditure limitations for Fiscal Year 2023 as shown below:

Fund	Spending Limit
Planning Board	\$50,000
ODIS - Wiring Inspector	\$50,000
Parks & Recreation	\$100,000
Council on Aging	\$20,000
Celebrations Committee	\$50,000
Stormwater Management	\$100,000

or take any other action in relation thereto. (*Sponsored by the Town Administrator*)

The Finance Committee Recommends Approval. Unanimous vote.

Motion – Article 4

I move to waive the reading and approve Article 4 as printed in the warrant.

Vote Required: Majority Article 4 Passed

Motion Made By: Vice Chairman Howard

Motion Seconded By: Selectman Pepe

ARTICLE 5

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote, as a block, to fix or maintain the salaries of the elected officials for Fiscal Year 2023 as follows:

Board of Selectmen	\$ 0.00	Annually
Moderator	\$ 200.00	Annually
Board of Assessors	\$ 950.00	Annually
Town Treasurer/Collector	\$ 77,044.00	Annually
Town Clerk	\$ 74,798.00	Annually
Water Commissioners	\$ 725.00	Annually
Sewer Commissioners	\$ 725.00	Annually
Board of Health	\$ 725.00	Annually

or take any other action in relation thereto. (*Sponsored by the Town Administrator*)

The Finance Committee Recommends Approval. Unanimous vote.

Motion – Article 5

I move to waive the reading and approve Article 5 as printed in the warrant.

Vote Required: Majority *Article 5 Passed*
Motion Made By: Selectman Hicks
Motion Seconded By: Selectman Grigg

ARTICLE 6

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote, as a block, to amend the Personnel Bylaws by deleting Schedule A, Schedule B, and Schedule C, under “Section 2: Compensation” and substituting the following Schedule A, Schedule B and Schedule C;

(Informational Note: The rates in Schedule A generally increase by 2% each year)

Schedule A

Administrative Clerk (part time)	\$17.55	hourly
Animal Control & Inspection Officer	\$39,379.00	yearly
Animal Control On-Call (per diem basis)	\$106.00	daily
Clerk-of-the-Works I	\$20.00	hourly
Clerk-of-the-Works II	\$21.90	hourly
Clerk-of-the-Works III	\$24.45	hourly
Clerk-of-the-Works IV	\$27.55	hourly
Clerk-of-the-Works V	\$32.55	hourly
COA Outreach Worker	\$19.70	hourly
Election Inspectors	\$15.00	hourly
Election Wardens / Clerks	\$15.50	hourly
Engineering Aide I	\$18.65	hourly
Engineering Aide II	\$21.10	hourly
Facilities Maintenance Worker	\$19.70	hourly
Gas Inspector	\$6,050.00	yearly
Harbormaster	\$1,103.00	yearly
Laborer (Seasonal)	\$16.00	hourly
Library Page	\$15.00	hourly
Parks & Rec Waterfront Director	\$23.00	hourly
Parks & Rec Water Safety Instructor	\$17.85	hourly
Parks & Rec Head Lifeguard	\$17.85	hourly
Parks & Rec Lifeguard	\$16.00	hourly
Parks & Rec Parking Attendant	\$15.00	hourly
Parks & Rec Coordinator/Clerk	\$19.15	hourly
Plumbing Inspector	\$6,050.00	yearly
Police Dispatcher	\$21.30	hourly
Recording Secretary (ODIS)	\$16.85	hourly
Registrars	\$1,456.00	yearly
Sealer of Weights & Measures	\$5,038.00	yearly
SEMA, Director of Operations	\$2,652.00	yearly
SFD Deputy Chief	\$10,200.00	yearly
SFD Captain - On-Call	\$21.85	hourly
SFD Lieutenant - On-Call	\$20.20	hourly
SFD Firefighter - On-Call	\$18.65	hourly
SFD Captain - Full Time	\$55,465.00	yearly
SFD Lieutenant - Full Time	\$54,377.00	yearly
SFD Firefighter - Full Time	\$53,310.00	yearly
Transfer Station Monitor	\$18.05	hourly
Transfer Station Senior Monitor	\$20.20	hourly

Schedule B

Compensation Grade	Job Title
Grade 1	Library Associate
Grade 1	Administration Clerk
Grade 2	Tree Warden
Grade 3	Fire Dept Office Manager
Grade 3	Conservation Agent
Grade 3	Reference/Circulation Librarian
Grade 4	Executive Assistant - TA/BoS
Grade 4	Children's Librarian / Assistant Director
Grade 4	Veteran Services Officer
Grade 5	Building Inspector / ZEO
Grade 5	Council on Aging Director
Grade 5	Health Agent
Grade 5	Town Planner
Grade 5	Chief Operator - Water Facility
Grade 6	ODIS Director/Town Planner
Grade 6	Library Director
Grade 6	Principal Assessor
Grade 6	Superintendent - WWTP
Grade 6	Town Accountant
Grade 7	Superintendent - Utilities & Facilities
Grade 8	Fire Chief
Grade 8	Police Chief
Elected	Town Clerk
Elected	Town Treasurer/Collector

Schedule C

Grade	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8
1	\$19.52	\$19.91	\$20.31	\$20.91	\$21.55	\$22.19	\$23.09	\$24.23
2	\$21.46	\$21.89	\$22.33	\$23.00	\$23.70	\$24.40	\$25.39	\$26.64
3	\$23.63	\$24.10	\$24.56	\$25.31	\$26.06	\$26.86	\$27.93	\$29.32
4	\$25.98	\$26.52	\$27.03	\$27.83	\$28.67	\$29.54	\$30.72	\$32.26
5	\$28.59	\$29.15	\$29.73	\$30.63	\$31.53	\$32.48	\$33.78	\$35.48
6	\$34.29	\$34.98	\$35.68	\$36.75	\$37.85	\$38.98	\$40.54	\$42.57
7	\$41.16	\$41.98	\$42.82	\$44.09	\$45.42	\$46.78	\$48.66	\$51.08
8	\$49.38	\$50.37	\$51.37	\$52.93	\$54.51	\$56.14	\$58.39	\$61.31

or take any other action in relation thereto. *(Sponsored by the Town Administrator)*

The Finance Committee Recommends Approval. Unanimous vote.

Motion – Article 6

I move to waive the reading and approve Article 6 as printed in the warrant.

Vote Required: Majority Article 6 Passed
Motion Made By: Selectman Hicks
Motion Seconded By: Vice Chairman Howard

ARTICLE 7

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to transfer within the FY 2022 Budget, Ten Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$10,000.00) from the Parks and Recreation Salaries (Account #11640-51000) to Parks and Recreation Expenses (Account #11640-57000); or take any other action in relation thereto. *(Sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Town Administrator)*

The Finance Committee Recommends Approval. Unanimous vote.

Motion – Article 7

I move to waive the reading and approve Article 7 as printed in the warrant.

Vote Required: Majority Article 7 Passed
Motion Made By: Selectman Pepe
Motion Seconded By: Vice Chairman Howard

ARTICLE 8

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to transfer within the FY 2022 Budget, Three Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$3,000.00) from Treasurer / Collector’s Tax Title Expense Account 11158-57000 to the Treasurer / Collector Expense Account 11145-57000; or take any other action in relation thereto. *(Sponsored by the Treasurer / Collector and Town Administrator)*

The Finance Committee Recommends Approval. Unanimous vote.

Motion – Article 8

I move to waive the reading and approve Article 8 as printed in the warrant.

Vote Required: Majority *Article 8 Passed*
Motion Made By: Selectman Pepe
Motion Seconded By: Selectman Woodbury

ARTICLE 9

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to transfer within the FY 2022 Budget, Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$5,000.00) from Tree Warden Salaries (Account #11494-51000) to Tree Warden Expenses (Account #11494-57000); or take any other action in relation thereto. *(Sponsored by the Town Administrator)*

The Finance Committee Recommends Approval. Unanimous vote.

Motion – Article 9

I move to waive the reading and approve Article 9 as printed in the warrant.

Vote Required: Majority *Article 9 Passed*
Motion Made By: Selectman Grigg
Motion Seconded By: Selectman Hicks

ARTICLE 10

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$15,000.00) from previously certified and available Free Cash for matching funds for a Massachusetts Historical Commission Preservation Planning Grant for the preparation of a Community Preservation Plan by the Spencer Historical Commission; or take any other action in relation thereto. *(Sponsored by the Spencer Historical Commission and the Town Administrator)*

The Finance Committee Recommends Approval. Unanimous vote.

Motion – Article 10

I move to waive the reading and approve Article 10 as printed in the warrant.

Vote Required: Majority Article 10 Passed
Motion Made By: Selectman Hicks
Motion Seconded By: Selectman Grigg

ARTICLE 11

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund authorized by General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53F³/₄, One Hundred Seventeen Thousand One Hundred Eighty-Three Dollars and 20 Cents (\$117,183.20) as a grant to the Spencer Cable Access and PEG Channels; or take any other action in relation thereto. *(Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen)*

The Finance Committee Recommends Approval. 6 in favor, 2 abstentions.

Motion – Article 11

I move the Town transfer from the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund authorized by General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53F³/₄, One Hundred Seventeen Thousand One Hundred Eighty-Three Dollars and 20 Cents (\$117,183.20) as a grant to the Spencer Cable Access and PEG Channels.

Vote Required: Majority Article 11 Passed
Motion Made By: Selectman Grigg
Motion Seconded By: Vice Chairman Howard

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ARTICLE 12

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$30,000.00) for the Sick Leave Buy Back Fund (Account #83000-39800) and to meet said appropriation by transferring said sum from previously certified and available Free Cash; or take any other action in relation thereto. *(Sponsored by the Town Administrator)*

The Finance Committee Recommends Approval. Unanimous vote.

Motion – Article 12

I move to waive the reading and approve Article 12 as printed in the warrant.

Vote Required: Majority Article 12 Passed
Motion Made By: Selectman Pepe
Motion Seconded By: Selectman Hicks

ARTICLE 13

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$20,000.00) to fund the FY2023 valuation update and certification, and to meet said appropriation by transferring said sum from previously certified and available Free Cash; or take any other action in relation thereto. *(Sponsored by the Town Administrator and the Board of Assessors)*

The Finance Committee Recommends Approval. Unanimous vote.

Motion – Article 13

I move to waive the reading and approve Article 13 as printed in the warrant.

Vote Required: Majority Article 13 Passed
Motion Made By: Vice Chairman Howard
Motion Seconded By: Chairman Woodbury

ARTICLE 14

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote, as a block, provided that any amount stated herein shall be for the use of the Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District for Fiscal Year 2023 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 raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Million Six Hundred Forty Two Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Five Dollars and No Cents (\$9,642,845.00) for Fiscal Year 2023 for the following purposes:

Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District Minimum Contribution Account #11300-56000	\$8,017,952.00
Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District Additional Assessment Account #11300-56000	\$0.00
Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District Transportation Assessment Account #11300-56000	\$1,441,689.00
Spencer-East Brookfield Regional High School Debt Service & Capital Assessment Account #11300-56010	\$183,204.00

or take any other action in relation thereto. *(Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen)*

The Finance Committee Recommends Approval. Unanimous vote.

Motion – Article 14

I move to waive the reading and approve Article 14 as printed in the warrant.

Vote Required: Majority Article 14 Passed
Motion Made By: Selectman Pepe
Motion Seconded By: Selectman Hicks

ARTICLE 15

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Three Hundred Three Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Seven Dollars and No Cents (\$1,303,677.00) for Fiscal Year 2023 for the following purposes:

Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School Minimum Contribution
Account #11300-52000 \$1,118,243.00

Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School Additional Assessment
Account #11300-52000 \$0

Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School Transportation Assessment
Account #11300-52000 \$55,599.00

Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School Debt Serv. & Capital Assessment
Account #11300-52000 \$129,835.00

or take any action in relation thereto. *(Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen)*

The Finance Committee Recommends Approval. Unanimous vote.

Motion – Article 15

I move to waive the reading and approve Article 15 as printed in the warrant.

Vote Required: Majority Article 15 Passed
Motion Made By: Chairman Woodbury
Motion Seconded By: Selectman Grigg

ARTICLE 16

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-Eight Dollars and No Cents (\$50,598.00) for Fiscal Year 2023 for the following purposes:

Smith Vocational High School Non-Resident Tuition Account #11300-52000	\$19,707.00
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Smith Vocational High School Non-Resident Transportation Account #11300-52100	\$30,891.00
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or take any other action in relation thereto. *(Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen)*

The Finance Committee Recommends Approval. Unanimous vote.

Motion – Article 16

I move to waive the reading and approve Article 16 as printed in the warrant.

Vote Required:	Majority <u>Article 16 Passed</u>
Motion Made By:	Selectman Grigg
Motion Seconded By:	Selectman Pepe

ARTICLE 17

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-Two Thousand Seven Hundred Sixteen Dollars and No Cents (\$42,716.00) for Fiscal Year 2023 for the following purposes:

Tantasqua Regional School District Non-Resident Tuition Account #11300-52000	\$25,463.00
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Tantasqua Regional School District Non-Resident Transportation Account #11300-52100	\$17,253.00
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The Finance Committee Recommends Approval. Unanimous vote.

Motion – Article 17

I move to waive the reading and approve Article 17 as printed in the warrant.

Vote Required:	Majority <u>Article 17 Passed</u>
Motion Made By:	Vice Chairman Howard
Motion Seconded By:	Selectman Hicks

ARTICLE 18

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from any available funds in the Treasury the sum of Twelve Million Eight Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-Two Dollars and No Cents (\$12,895,322.00) to pay for the operations of the General Government expenses for Fiscal Year 2023; or take any other action in relation thereto. *(Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator)*

Note: The proposed Fiscal Year 2023 Operating Budget can be found after the text of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. The budget format contains the appropriation figures for each department and the Town Administrator's recommendations.

The Finance Committee Recommends Approval. Unanimous vote.

Motion – Article 18

I move that the Town raise and appropriate or transfer from any available funds in the Treasury the sum of Twelve Million Eight Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-Two Dollars and No Cents (\$12,895,322.00), to pay for the operations of the General Government expenses for Fiscal Year 2023.

Vote Required:	Majority <u>Article 18 Passed</u>
Motion Made By:	Selectman Pepe
Motion Seconded By:	Selectman Grigg

ARTICLE 19

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote:

1. to appropriate the sum of One Million Six Hundred Ninety Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-Three Dollars and No Cents (\$1,690,293.00) for the use of the Water Department for Fiscal Year 2023, 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. to authorize Indirect Costs, from FY 2023 revenues, for Fiscal Year 2023 at One Hundred Seventy Thousand Nine Hundred Five Dollars and No Cents (\$170,905.00); and,
3. to have the Board of Water Commissioners set the Fiscal Year 2023 rates and fees to meet said appropriation and level of Indirect Costs;

or take any other action in relation thereto. *(Sponsored by the Board of Water Commissioners)*

The Finance Committee Recommends Approval. Unanimous vote.

Motion – Article 19

I move to waive the reading and approve Article 19 as printed in the warrant.

Vote Required: Majority Article 19 Passed
Motion Made By: Chairman Woodbury
Motion Seconded By: Vice Chairman Howard

ARTICLE 20

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote:

1. to appropriate the sum of One Million Four Hundred Forty-Four Thousand Fifty Dollars and No Cents (\$1,444,050.00) for the use of the Sewer Department for Fiscal Year 2023, 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. to authorize Indirect Costs, from FY 2023 revenues Costs for Fiscal Year 2023 at One Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-Five Dollars and No Cents (\$153,695.00); and,
3. to have the Board of Sewer Commissioners set the Fiscal Year 2023 rates and fees to meet said appropriation and level of Indirect Costs;

or take any other action in relation thereto. *(Sponsored by the Board of Sewer Commissioners)*

The Finance Committee Recommends Approval. Unanimous vote.

Motion – Article 20

I move to waive the reading and approve Article 20 as printed in the warrant.

Vote Required: Majority Article 20 Passed
Motion Made By: Vice Chairman Howard
Motion Seconded By: Selectman Pepe

ARTICLE 21

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$500,000.00) for the purpose of making repairs or improvements to the Sewer Department's Collection System, including all incidental and related expenses; and to meet said appropriation by transferring said sum from previously certified and available retained earnings of the Sewer Enterprise Fund; or take any other action in relation thereto. *(Sponsored by the Capital Improvement Planning Committee and the Board of Sewer Commissioners)*

The Finance Committee Recommends Approval. Unanimous vote.

Motion – Article 21

I move to waive the reading and approve Article 21 as printed in the warrant.

Vote Required: Majority Article 21 Passed
Motion Made By: Selectman Grigg
Motion Seconded By: Selectman Hicks

ARTICLE 22

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Seventy Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$70,000.00) for the purpose of repairing the screw pumps at the Sewer Department’s wastewater treatment plant, including any incidental and related expenses; and to meet said appropriation by transferring said sum from previously certified and available retained earnings of the Sewer Enterprise Fund; or take any other action in relation thereto. *(Sponsored by the Capital Improvement Planning Committee and the Board of Sewer Commissioners)*

The Finance Committee Recommends Approval. Unanimous vote.

Motion – Article 22

I move to waive the reading and approve Article 22 as printed in the warrant.

Vote Required: Majority Article 22 Passed
Motion Made By: Vice Chairman Howard
Motion Seconded By: Selectman Pepe

ARTICLE 23

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$75,000.00) for aeration system maintenance at the Sewer Department’s wastewater treatment plant, including any incidental and related expenses; 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 in relation thereto. *(Sponsored by the Capital Improvement Planning Committee and the Board of Sewer Commissioners)*

The Finance Committee Recommends Approval. Unanimous vote.

Motion – Article 23

I move to waive the reading and approve Article 23 as printed in the warrant.

Vote Required: Majority
Motion Made By: Selectman Hicks
Motion Seconded By: Chairman Woodbury

ARTICLE 24

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$50,000.00) for a storage garage located at the Sewer Department's wastewater treatment plant, including any incidental and related expenses; 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 in relation thereto. *(Sponsored by the Capital Improvement Planning Committee and the Board of Sewer Commissioners)*

The Finance Committee Recommends Approval. Unanimous vote.

Motion – Article 24

I move to waive the reading and approve Article 24 as printed in the warrant.

Vote Required: Majority *Article 24 Passed*

Motion Made By: Selectman Hicks

Motion Seconded By: Vice Chairman Howard

ARTICLE 25

Article 25: To see if the Town will appropriate One Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$130,000.00) from the Transfer Station Upgrade Fund (Account # 60000-59169) for the acquisition and equipping of a new recycling trailer, including all other incidental and related expenses, at the Spencer Transfer Station; or take any action in relation thereto. *(Sponsored by the Capital Improvement Planning Committee and the Town Administrator)*

The Finance Committee Recommends Approval. Unanimous vote.

Motion – Article 25

I move to waive the reading and approve Article 25 as printed in the warrant.

Vote Required: Majority *Article 25 Passed*

Motion Made By: Selectman Pepe

Motion Seconded By: Chairman Woodbury

ARTICLE 26

Article 26: To see if the Town will appropriate Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$25,000.00) from the Waterways Improvements Fund (Account # 083-83000-39000) for the acquisition and equipping of a boat for the Spencer Police Department, including all other incidental and related expenses; or take any action in relation thereto. *(Sponsored by the Capital Improvement Planning Committee and the Town Administrator)*

The Finance Committee Recommends Approval. Unanimous vote.

Motion – Article 26

I move to waive the reading and approve Article 26 as printed in the warrant.

Vote Required: Majority Article 26 Passed
Motion Made By: Selectman Hicks
Motion Seconded By: Vice Chairman Howard

ARTICLE 27

Article 27: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into lease purchase financing agreements, pursuant to General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 21C, for a period of up to or in excess of three years, for the acquisition and equipping of Two (2) Police Cruisers for the Police Department, including all other incidental and related expenses, and to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$40,000.00) for the first fiscal year of such agreements; or take any other action in relation thereto. *(Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator)*

The Finance Committee Recommends Approval provided the CIPC makes a recommendation. Unanimous vote.

Motion – Article 27

I move the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a lease purchase financing agreement, pursuant to General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 21C, for a period of up to or in excess of three years, for the acquisition and equipping of two (2) police cruisers including all other incidental and related expenses, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars, and No Cents (\$40,000.00), said funds included in the amount raised and appropriated in Article 18, for the first fiscal year of such agreement.

Vote Required: 2/3rds Article 27 Passed 220/1
Motion Made By: Chairman Woodbury
Motion Seconded By: Selectman Hicks

ARTICLE 28

Article 28: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate Six Hundred Nine Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$609,500.00) for a capital program of equipment purchases and improvements, including equipping of vehicles, and all incidental and related expenses for all other purchases, as generally described below, and to meet said appropriation by transferring said sum from previously certified and available Free Cash as shown:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Town Hall	Computer Server Replacement	\$ 25,000
Town Hall	Carpet Replacement	\$ 16,000
Fire Department	Replace Emergency Generator	\$100,000
Parks and Recreation	Luther Hill Tree Project	\$ 70,000
Parks and Recreation	Luther Hill Skate Park Cameras	\$ 9,500
Parks and Recreation	Replace Skate Park Fence	\$ 15,000
Parks and Recreation	Removal of Building at O’Gara Park	\$ 10,000
Library	Moisture Remediation	\$ 75,000
Utilities & Facilities	Repave Senior Center Parking Lot	\$125,000
Utilities & Facilities	Repave Town Hall Parking Lot	\$120,000
Highway Department	Mower Head	\$ 14,000
Highway Department	Dry Storage Shed	\$ 30,000
TOTAL:		\$609,500

or take any other action in relation thereto. *(Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen and the Capital Improvements Planning Committee)*

The Finance Committee did not take a vote because it has no information at this time on Capital items. It will make a recommendation at a meeting prior to the ATM and announce it on the Town Meeting floor.

Finance Committee approved on 5/5/2022

Motion – Article 28

I move to waive the reading and approve Article 28 as printed in the warrant.

Vote Required: Majority Article 28 Passed

Motion Made By: Selectman Grigg

Motion Seconded By: Selectman Pepe

ARTICLE 29

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into lease purchase financing agreements, pursuant to General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 21C, for a period of up to or in excess of three years, for the acquisition and equipping of a One Ton Pick Up with Plow, Six Wheel Dump Truck, Sidewalk Tractor, and Street Sweeper for the Highway Department, including all other incidental and related expenses, and to raise and appropriate and transfer from available funds the sum of One Hundred Ninety Eight Thousand One Hundred Eighty One Dollars and No Cents (\$198,181.00) for the first fiscal year of such agreements; or take any other action in relation thereto. *(Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator)*

The Finance Committee did not take a vote because is awaiting CIPC action and will make a recommendation at a meeting prior to the ATM and announce it on the Town Meeting floor. Finance Committee approved on 5/5/2022

MOTION – ARTICLE 29

I move the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a lease purchase financing agreement, pursuant to General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 21C, for a period of up to or in excess of three years, for the acquisition and equipping of a One Ton Pick Up with Plow, Six Wheel Dump Truck, Sidewalk Tractor, Street Sweeper for the Highway Department including all other incidental and related expenses, and to raise and appropriate and transfer from available funds the total sum of One Hundred Ninety Eight Thousand One Hundred Eighty One Dollars and No Cents (\$198,181.00) (to Raise and Appropriate \$178,300.00, said amount included in the amount to be raised and appropriated in Article 18, and to transfer \$8,082.00 from the Highway Roadside Mower Account #6000-59312, transfer \$6,799.00 from the Highway Truck Account # 6000-58013, and transfer \$5,000.00 from previously certified Free Cash) for the first fiscal year of such agreement.

Vote Required: 2/3rds Article 29 passed 198/1
Motion Made By: Vice Chairman Howard
Motion Seconded By: Selectman Grigg

ARTICLE 30

Article 30: To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Three Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$15,300.00) for the purpose of purchasing poll pads, including all incidental and related expenses and to meet said appropriations by transferring said sum from the following unexpended capital accounts:

Account	Item	Amount
60000-59276	Voting Machine Replacement	\$ 1,350.00
60000-59357	Voting Booths	\$14,000.00

or take any other action in relation thereto: (Sponsored by the Town Clerk)

The Finance Committee did not take a vote because is awaiting CIPC action and will make a recommendation at a meeting prior to the ATM and announce it on the Town Meeting floor. Finance Committee approved 5/5/2022

Motion – Article 30

I move to waive the reading and approve Article 30 as printed in the warrant.

Vote Required: Majority Article 30 Passed

Motion Made By: Selectman Hicks

Motion Seconded By: Selectman Pepe

Spoke on Article: Mark Dukes 24 Woodside Rd, Sandra Fritze Town Clerk

ARTICLE 31

Article 31: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by purchase, gift, eminent domain or otherwise, permanent and temporary easements in certain parcels of land within, adjacent to and/or contiguous to Pleasant Street, Smithville Road, and intersecting streets in the locations more or less depicted on a plan entitled “Town of Spencer, Massachusetts Highway Department Proposed Improvements To Pleasant Street and Smithville Road in the City/Town of Spencer, Worcester County, Preliminary Right of Way Plans,” prepared by Bayside Engineering, as it may be amended, a copy of which has been placed on file with the Town Clerk, for all purposes incidental to the establishment, use and improvement of public ways in the Town, including, without limitation, drainage, utility, slope, grading and construction of improvements, and, further, to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide a sum of money for the purpose of providing for such acquisition and paying all costs and expenses associated therewith, or take any other action in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee Recommends Approval. Unanimous vote.

MOTION – ARTICLE 31

I move the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by purchase, gift, eminent domain or otherwise, permanent and temporary easements in certain parcels of land within, adjacent to and/or contiguous to Pleasant Street, Smithville Road, and intersecting streets in the locations more or less depicted on a plan entitled “Town of Spencer, Massachusetts Highway Department Proposed Improvements To Pleasant Street and Smithville Road in the City/Town of Spencer, Worcester County, Preliminary Right of Way Plans,” prepared by Bayside Engineering, as it may be amended, a copy of which has been placed on file with the Town Clerk, for all purposes incidental to the establishment, use and improvement of public ways in the Town, including, without limitation, drainage, utility, slope, grading and construction of improvements, and, further, to transfer Thirteen Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$13,700.00) from previously certified Free Cash for the purpose of providing for such acquisition and paying all costs and expenses associated therewith

Vote Required: 2/3rds Article 31 Passed Unanimously

Motion Made By: Selectman Pepe

Motion Seconded By: Vice Chairman Howard

ARTICLE 32

Article 32: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by purchase, gift, eminent domain or otherwise, permanent and temporary easements in certain parcels of land within, adjacent to and/or contiguous to Hastings Road and Wire Village Road (Lower) in the locations more or less depicted on a plan entitled “Easement Plan of Land, Hastings Road & Wire Village Road at Turkey Hill Brook in Spencer, Massachusetts (Worcester County),” prepared by BSC Group, dated October 27, 2021 (rev. 1/24/2022), as it may be amended, a copy of which has been placed on file with the Town Clerk, for all purposes incidental to the establishment, use and improvement of public ways in the Town, including, without limitation, replacement of an existing bridge, drainage, utility, slope, grading and construction of improvements, and, further, to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide a sum of money for the purpose of providing for such acquisition and paying all costs and expenses associated therewith, or take any other action in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee Recommends Approval. Unanimous vote.

MOTION ARTICLE 32

I move the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by purchase, gift, eminent domain or otherwise, permanent and temporary easements in certain parcels of land within, adjacent to and/or contiguous to Hastings Road and Wire Village Road (Lower) in the locations more or less depicted on a plan entitled “Easement Plan of Land, Hastings Road & Wire Village Road at Turkey Hill Brook in Spencer, Massachusetts (Worcester County),” prepared by BSC Group, dated October 27, 2021 (rev. 1/24/2022), as it may be amended, a copy of which has been placed on file with the Town Clerk, for all purposes incidental to the establishment, use and improvement of public ways in the Town, including, without limitation, replacement of an existing bridge, drainage, utility, slope, grading and construction of improvements, and, further, to transfer from previously certified Free Cash Two Thousand Three Hundred Dollars and No Center (\$2,300.00) the purpose of providing for such acquisition and paying all costs and expenses associated therewith, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Vote Required: 2/3rds Article 32 Passed Unanimously 219/1
Motion Made By: Vice Chairman Howard
Motion Seconded By: Selectman Hicks
Spoke on Article: Jeffrey Martineau 222 Charlton Rd
Alan Martineau 222 Charlton Rd
William Cundiff Utilities and Facilities Superintendent

ARTICLE 33

Article 33:

AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND THE TOWN’S GENERAL BYLAWS ARTICLE 9 Animal Control

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 9, of the Town’s General Bylaws, entitled Animal Control, with deletions in strikethrough and additions in bold underline all as set forth below; or take any other action relative thereto.

TOWN’S GENERAL BYLAWS ARTICLE 9
Animal Control

In addition to the requirements set forth in this Bylaw, the licensing, keeping and control of animals shall be in accordance with all applicable provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws, including but not limited-to the provisions of G.L. c. 140, §§136A to 174E, inclusive, as may be amended from time-to-time.

The Town Administrator shall annually appoint an Animal Control Officer who shall be sworn in by the Town Clerk. The Animal Control Officer and/or his or her assistants are not required to be a resident of the Town. The Animal Control Officer may be a salaried employee of the Town. The Animal Control Officer shall receive such compensation as agreed upon by the Animal Control Officer and the Town Administrator.

Annual dog and kennel licenses, as required by G.L. c. 140, §§137 and 137A, must be obtained from the Office of the Town Clerk by June 30 for a licensing period of July 1 through June 30 of the following calendar year. When licensing a dog for the first time, proof of spay or neutering should be presented in order to be eligible for neutered or spayed license fee. There will an additional late fee per license for licensing after July 1 and an additional demand fee per license for licensing after August 1. Any dog or kennel not licensed by September 1 may be subject to the issuance of tickets through the use of non-criminal disposition of the issuance of a criminal complaint, as set forth below, for each day after September 1 that the dog or kennel is not licensed. Any fees, late fees, demand fees and tickets are cumulative.

Applications for kennel licenses shall include the name, breed, age, proof of fixing (if applicable), proof of rabies vaccinations, a photograph of each dog, and the telephone number where the licensee can be reached at all times.

No kennel license shall be issued unless the applicant demonstrates that the use of the subject property as a kennel is permitted under the Town’s Zoning Bylaws.

The annual fee for individual and kennel licenses shall be as follows:

- a. Individual Dog, fixed \$10.00
- b. Individual Dog, intact \$15.00
- c. Kennel, 4 dogs \$30.00
- d. Kennel, 5-10 dogs \$50.00

- e. Kennel, over 10 dogs. \$70.00
- f. Late fee, after July. \$15.00
- g. Demand fee after August 1. \$25.00
- h. Ticket issued after September 1. \$50.00

No person shall permit any dog, whether licensed or unlicensed, to wander on private property without permission of the owner thereof, or on any public property within the Town, including but not limited to public ways, school grounds, recreation areas and cemeteries, unless the dog is properly restrained. A dog is under restraint for purposes of this Bylaw if it is accompanied by its owner or other person responsible for the dog, who is in full control of such dog, or unless the dog is held firmly on a leash of not more than six (6) feet.

Unrestrained or unlicensed dogs may be sought out, caught and confined by the Animal Control Officer or any police officer of the Town, and impounded pursuant to G.L. c. 140, §§151A and 167.

Nothing in this Bylaw shall be deemed to prohibit the use of dogs for hunting, sporting or working purposes as long as said dogs are properly restrained.

The owner or keeper of any dog impounded under the provisions of G.L. c. 140, §167, this Bylaw or any other applicable law, may claim such dog, provided he or she first procures from the Town Clerk a license and tag for any such dog that is not licensed and pays the sum of **\$50.00 for the impoundment** and \$15.00 per day for the care of the dog; ~~during the period of impoundment;~~ provided, however, that nothing in this section shall prohibit the Animal Control Officer from disposing of or retaining custody of any dog as may be authorized by law.

No person shall fail to promptly remove and properly dispose of any feces left by any dog owned, kept or controlled by them on the property of another, including but not limited to any public property within the Town.

No person shall permit any dog owned, kept or controlled by them to continuously bark in excess of twenty minutes consecutive.

No person shall fail to cause any dog or cat, six months of age or older, owned or kept by them, to be vaccinated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian and revaccinated at intervals recommended by the vaccine manufacturer. The vaccination tag shall be secured to the collar or harness to be worn by the dog or cat.

The owner or keeper of a dog that has been deemed a Nuisance or Dangerous by the Board of Selectmen after a hearing, shall comply with all mitigation remedies ordered by the Board.

Whoever having the charge or custody of any member of the animal kingdom, including, but not limited to, any mammal, bird, reptile or amphibian, other than a dog, willfully suffers or permits them to enter or remain on or pass over the land of another, shall be subject to a fine. ~~in accordance with Section 5.~~ The Animal Control Officer may apprehend any animal found in violation and

impound such animal in a suitable place. Impoundment Fees and Boarding Rates set forth in this Bylaw shall apply in regard to the enforcement of this section.

The Animal Control Officer or any police officer of the Town shall be empowered to enforce provisions of this Bylaw.

In addition to the remedies set forth herein and in G.L. c. 140, §§136A to 174E, inclusive, or any other applicable provision of law, this Bylaw may be enforced through any lawful means in law or in equity, including, but not limited to, non-criminal disposition pursuant to G.L. c. 40, §21D. If non-criminal disposition is elected, then any person who violates any provision of this Bylaw shall be subject to the following penalties:

First Offense:	\$50 fine
Second Offense:	\$100 fine
Third and subsequent Offense	\$200 fine

Subsequent offenses shall be determined as offenses occurring within two years of the date of the first noticed offense. Each day or portion thereof shall constitute a separate offense. If more than one, each condition violated shall constitute a separate offense.

(Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen)

The Finance Committee Recommends Approval. Unanimous vote.

Motion – Article 33

I move to waive the reading and approve Article 33 as printed in the warrant.

Vote Required: Majority Article 33 Passed

Motion Made By: Chairman Woodbury

Motion Seconded By: Selectman Grigg

Spoke on Article: Jennifer Nolan 26 Lincoln St
David Darrin Chief of Police

ARTICLE 34

Article 34: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Article 7 of the Town’s General Bylaws in the following manner:

(1) by inserting the following new term in Section 2 (Definitions):

Basal Area shall mean the are in square feet of the cross section of a tree taken at breast height (4.5 feet above the ground).

(2) by inserting a new Section 16.6 which shall read as follows:

Tree Cutting under a Forest Cutting Permit (“FCP”) in Proximity to Resource Areas – FCP holders performing work within resource areas shall comply with 302 CMR 16.05(e), including but not limited to, the five-year waiting period set forth therein. Each area where trees will be cut in a resource area must be accurately shown on the forest cutting plan map, and the forest cutting plan must state the acreage of wetlands to be cut. A copy of the forest cutting plan map shall be provided to the Commission prior to undertaking any tree removal shown on the plan.

or take any other action in relation thereto. (*Sponsored by the Conservation Commission and the Board of Selectmen*)

The Finance Committee defers to the recommendation of the Conservation Committee. Unanimous vote.

Motion – Article 34

I move to waive the reading and approve Article 34 as printed in the warrant.

Vote Required: Majority Article 34 Passed

Motion Made By: Selectman Grigg

Motion Seconded By: Chairman Woodbury

ARTICLE 35

Article 35: To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 6, Section 4 Driveway Cuts and Drainage,

ARTICLE XX: GENERAL BYLAW: DRIVEWAY CUTS AND DRAINAGE

Remove Article 6, Section 4 in its entirety and replace with the following:

“Section 4. Driveway Opening / Curb Cuts and Drainage

4.1 Purpose: The purpose of this bylaw is to ensure that new driveway-road openings do not create a safety hazard or a stormwater drainage issue for the Town, property abutters and the lot owner(s) as well as to provide suitable cornering sight distance and suitable width, grade and construction for routine access and emergency vehicle access/egress.

4.2 Applicability: Any alteration of an existing driveway or installation of a new driveway, or the alteration or creation of a driveway opening or curb-cut onto any public or private roadway within the Town, excluding State Highways under the jurisdiction of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MADOT), shall require a Driveway Opening/Curb Cut permit from the Highway Superintendent.

4.3 Design / Construction Requirements: Driveways shall be located and designed for driver safety including, but not limited to, providing best available sight lines for the property and other roadway users in accordance with American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) design standards. All driveways shall meet the requirements of

Massachusetts Comprehensive Fire Safety Code, 527 CMR 1.00.

If advanced roadway warning safety signage is required by the Spencer Highway Department or requested by the applicant or property owner and approved by the Highway Department, it shall be fabricated in accordance with AASHTO, Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) and Spencer Highway Department standards and paid for by the applicant or property owner. The installation of required safety signage to be located on private roads or private property shall be the responsibility of the applicant or property owner and approved by the Spencer Highway Department. Installation shall be as directed by the Spencer Highway Department.

- 4.4 **Installation:** Driveway installation shall not damage the existing edge of the adjoining roadway. In locations where paved roads exist, driveway aprons shall be constructed with a minimum of 8-inches of processed gravel base and topped with at least 2-1/2 inches of Binder Asphalt Paving for a minimum distance of 20-feet from the existing paved road that is being used for access. Drainage patterns of the pre-driveway / curb cut condition shall be maintained.
- 4.5 **Occupancy Permits:** Applications for a Building Permit for New Home Construction, must include a Driveway/Curb Cut Permit approved by the Highway Superintendent, or his/her designee. Building Occupancy Permits for New Home Construction shall not be issued when a driveway permit construction signoff has not been obtained.
- 4.6 **Peer Review:** The Highway Superintendent may require an outside consultant Peer Review (to be selected by the Highway Superintendent) of the submittal for safety, drainage and regulatory compliance. Consultant review shall be paid by the applicant.
- 4.7 **Regulations:** The Highway Superintendent shall administer, implement and enforce this Bylaw and may develop regulations, approved by the Board of Selectmen, relating to the forms, procedures, terms, conditions, fees, surety and as otherwise may be required for enforcement of this Bylaw or as may be required for improving safety on the public or private way.
- 4.8 **Severability:** In the event that any clause, provision, or portion of this Bylaw or any part thereof shall be declared invalid, void, or unenforceable by any court having jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining portions of this Bylaw.

The Finance Committee defers to the recommendation of the Superintendent of Utilities and Facilities Department. Unanimous vote.

I move to waive the reading and approve Article 35 as printed in the warrant.

Vote Required: Majority Article 35 Passed
Motion Made By: Vice Chairman Howard
Motion Seconded By: Selectman Pepe

ARTICLE 36

Article 36: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$125,000.00) for the purpose of supplementing the General Stabilization Fund (Account #83000-39900), as authorized by General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 5B; or take any action in relation thereto. (Sponsored by the Town Administrator).

The Finance Committee took no action as the article was prepared after the final meeting of the Committee before the closing of the warrant. The Finance Committee will consider the article at a meeting prior to the start of the Annual Town Meeting.

Motion – Article 36

I move to waive the reading and approve Article 36 as printed in the warrant.

Vote Required: Majority Article 36 Passed

Motion Made By: Chairman Woodbury

Motion Seconded By: Selectman Pepe

ARTICLE 37

SENIOR TAX EXEMPTION COST OF LIVING INCREASE

Article 37: To see if the Town will vote to accept General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41D, which authorizes an annual increase in the income (gross receipts) and asset (whole estate) limits for exemptions granted to senior citizens under General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 5 Clause 41C, but the percentage increase in the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Index for the previous year as determined by the Commissioner of Revenue, to be effective for exemptions granted for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2022; or take any other action relative thereto. (Sponsored by petition of Jonathan Viner and nine other interested citizens).

The Finance Committee defers making a recommendation until further information is supplied by the Petitioner. Unanimous vote.

Finance Committee approved 6/23/2022

Vote Required: Majority Article 37 Passed

Motion Made by: Viner

Motion Seconded by: Grigg

Spoke on Article: Jonathan Viner 34 Donnelly Cross Road

ARTICLE 38

SENIOR TAX EXEMPTION OPTIONS

Article 38: To see if the Town will vote to adjust, commencing with fiscal year 2023, Clause 41C (M.G.L. c.59, Section 5, Clause 41C) eligibility requirements amended by Chapter 184 Section 51 of the Acts of 2002 to;

- Reduce the eligibility age from 70 to 65 years old, to be effective for exemptions granted for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2022, and;
- Increase the exemption amount from \$500 to \$1,000, to be effective for exemptions granted for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2022, and;
- Increase the gross receipts limit from \$13,000 to \$20,000 if single and from \$15,000 to \$30,000 if married, to be effective for exemptions granted for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2022, and;
- Increase the whole estate limit from \$29,000 to \$40,000 if single and from \$30,000 to \$55,000 if married, to be effective for exemptions granted for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2022.

Or take any other action relative thereto. (Sponsored by petition of Jonathan Viner and nine other interested citizens).

The Finance Committee defers making a recommendation until further information is supplied by the Petitioner. Unanimous vote.

****Motion made to AMEND the AGE ELIGIBILITY (Bullet #1) to 67 and KEEP THE EXEMPTION TAX CREDIT AMOUNT at \$500.00 (Bullet #2) and keep all other bullets as written and revisit this next fiscal year.****

Vote Required: Majority Article 38 Passed as Amended on the Floor

Motion Made By: Christopher Woodbury

Motion Seconded By: Jared Grigg

Spoke on Article: Jonathan Viner 34 Donnelly Cross Road

Mary Braney – Finance Committee

Robert Cirba 23 Summit St

John Stevens 3 Thompson Pond Rd

Mary Williams 28 School St

Linda LeBlanc – Assessor

Sarah DeCoteau 35 Ash St

Ralph Hicks 21 Lyford Rd

Gary Woodbury 219 Charlton Rd

Motion to Adjourn meeting: Majority Motion Passed

Motion Made By: Vice Chairman Howard

Seconded By: Selectmen Hicks

Town of Spencer	Annual Town Election				5/10/22
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Moderator					
Blanks	35	26	30	45	136
William R. Shemeth, III	144	131	147	169	591
Write-ins:					0
Johns Agnew		1			1
Belinda Pina			1		1
Gebo			1		1
B Guyan			1		1
Bob Cirba	1				1
Rob Churchey	1				1
Frank White				1	1
Kirk Nordquist				1	1
Ray Martinez				1	1
Bou Fritze				1	1
Joe Doe				1	1
Total	181	158	180	219	738
Town of Spencer	Annual Town Election				5/10/22
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Board of Selectmen 3 year term Vote for two					
Blanks	37	43	32	63	175
Anthony D. Pepe	107	82	106	100	395
Gary E. Woodbury	127	109	115	142	493
Jonathan F. Viner	86	77	97	120	380
Write-ins:					0
Christopher Woodbury	2	2			4
David Hoyt		1			1
Paul Archambeault		1			1
Raymond Holmes Jr.		1	6	10	17
Danielle Gebo			2		2
Tom Desilva			1		1
Beau Fritze			1		1
M. Mouse	1				1
Sarah DeCoteau	1				1
Nancy Fredette	1				1
Daniel Gebo				2	2
Eric Monnet				1	1
Total	362	316	360	438	1476
Town of Spencer	Annual Town Election				5/10/22
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Assessor 3 Yr Term					
Blanks	29	27	36	45	137
Robert Ortiz	152	129	144	172	597
Write-ins:					0
Eli Hamlin		1			1

Town of Spencer	Annual Town Election				5/10/22
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Assessor 3 Yr Term Cont.					
Frank White		1		1	2
Donald Trump				1	1
Total	181	158	180	219	738
Town of Spencer	Annual Town Election				5/10/22
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
SEBRSD - 3 yr vote for two					
Blanks	87	84	92	126	389
Jason Paul Monette	147	120	140	160	567
Robert Ortiz	125	108	127	148	508
Write Ins:					0
Turtle Boy		1			1
Gary E. Woodbury		1			1
Kurt Nordquist	1	1			2
Wendy Kelley		1			1
Ginger Rollins			1		1
Sarah DeCoteau	1				1
Nancy Fredette	1				1
Frank White				1	1
Ted Gatto				1	1
Daniel Gebo				1	1
Bob Girber				1	1
Total	362	316	360	438	1476
Town of Spencer	Annual Town Election				5/10/22
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Southern Worc. County Regional School Dist. 3 yr					
Blanks	31	24	36	55	146
Jesselyn Gaucher	150	134	144	162	590
Write-ins:					0
Frank White				1	1
John Doe				1	1
Total	181	158	180	219	738
Town of Spencer	Annual Town Election				5/10/22
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Water Commissioner 3 year term					
Blanks	38	28	31	50	147
Steven James Tyler	139	128	144	166	577
Write-ins:					0
Bob Cirba		1			1
Francis White III		1			1
Fran White	1		3		4
Fran Weller			1		1
Fred White			1		1
Tom Parsons	1				1

Danielle Tebo		1				1
Town of Spencer	Annual Town Election					5/10/22
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total	
Water Commissioner 3 year term						
Frank White II		1				1
John Doe				1		1
Bobie Bocher				1		1
Frank White				1		1
Total	181	158	180	219	738	
Town of Spencer	Annual Town Election					5/10/22
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total	
Park Commissioner 3 yr						
Blanks	27	28	38	47	140	
Martin A. German, Jr.	153	130	142	171	596	
Write-ins:					0	
Bob Churchey	1				1	
Bob Girber				1	1	
Total	181	158	180	219	738	
Town of Spencer	Annual Town Election					5/10/22
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total	
Library Trustee 3 yr						
Blanks	29	28	30	47	134	
Mary Anne Slack	151	128	150	172	601	
Write-ins:					0	
Fran White		1			1	
Dale Wilder		1			1	
Michael Girardi	1				1	
Total	181	158	180	219	738	
Town of Spencer	Annual Town Election					5/10/22
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total	
Board of Health 3 yr						
Blanks	34	28	42	56	160	
Jesselyn Jane Gaucher	147	130	136	161	574	
Write-ins:					0	
Bob Churchey			1		1	
Tom Simulus			1		1	
Frank White				1	1	
John Doe				1	1	
Total	181	158	180	219	738	

Town of Spencer	Annual Town Election				5/10/22
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Sewer Commissioner 3 yr					
Blanks	152	139	158	195	644
Write-ins:					0
Troy Allen		1			1
Kirk Doucette		1			1
Ken Gebo		1			1
Thomas Woodward		1			1
Robert Bo Fritze		1			1
Phil Harding		1			1
John Agnew		1		1	2
Rick Gardner		1			1
Jared Grigg		1			1
Fran White		5			5
Brandon Rudik		1			1
Stanley Davis		4		1	5
Francis White			4	1	5
Eban Butler			2		2
Ron Fortin			1		1
Marc Perreira			2		2
Bob Desroches			2		2
Rob Fritze			1	4	5
Adam German			1		1
Beau Fritze			2		2
T. Ferguson			1	5	6
Pat Woodbury			1		1
Gerry Robertson			1		1
Karen Hackett			1		1
Arthur Tatro			1		1
Fran Welker			1		1
Stanley Davis	4		1		5
Frank White II	15			5	20
Patrick Murray	1				1
Larry Dufault	2				2
Robert Ferreira	1				1
Warren Monette	1				1
Frank White Jr.	1				1
Bo Fritze	2				2
Steven Tyler	2				2
Rusty Powell				1	1
B. Gobi				1	1
Anthony Toscano				1	1
Allen Nussey				1	1
Kurk Nordquist				1	1
Bob Gerber				1	1
Jesslyn Gaucher				1	1
Total	181	158	180	219	738

Town of Spencer	Annual Town Election				5/10/22
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Constable 3 yr term vote for three					
Blanks	277	250	274	359	1160
James F. Cervi, Jr.	123	108	126	142	499
Patrick C. Sullivan	132	106	128	147	513
Write Ins:					0
Mickey Mouse		1			1
Patrick Woodbury		1			1
Kristin Herholz		2			2
Thomas Woodward		1			1
Paul Archambeault		1			1
Christopher Woodbury		1	1		2
Jerry Perron		1	1	1	3
Jebediah Schlatt		1			1
Joe White		1			1
Wm Shemeth			1		1
Marc Perreira			2		2
Patrick Waugh			1		1
Jason Kennen			1		1
Arthur Tatro	1		5		6
Fran White	2				2
John Agnew	1			1	2
Daniel Tebo	1				1
Tom Dasilva	1				1
Roger Barnes	1				1
Jennifer Gaucher	1				1
Robert Ferreira	1				1
Bo Fritze	1				1
Bob Cirba	1				1
Bob Girber				1	1
Frank White				1	1
Daniel Gebo				1	1
Donald Trump				1	1
Anthony Toscano				1	1
Lee Jarvis				2	2
Total	543	474	540	657	2214
Town of Spencer	Annual Town Election				5/10/2022

Total Ballots Cast: 738
Total Registered Voters: 8,502
Total Voter Turnout: 9%

Board of Registrars Report

Ward	Precinct	A	AA	CC	D	DD	GG	J	K	L	O	Q	R	S	T	U	Z	Grand Totals
0	1	1	1	6	353	1	2	4		10	1	2	235		2	143	1	2053
	2	1	2	8	357					9	3	1	232	1	1	144		2163
	3	1		5	397			2	1	9	2	2	300	2		154	1	2264
	4	3		8	410			1		11			268	4		157	1	2285
Ward 0 Totals		6	3	27	1517	1	2	7	1	9	5	5	1035	7	3	6003	3	8665
Grand Totals		6	3	27	1517	1	2	7	1	9	5	5	1035	7	3	6003	3	8665

Voter Total Sheet as of 12/31/2022

All Voters

A Conservative	H We The People	P Prohibition	W Veteran Party America
B Natural Law Party	J Green Rainbow	Q American Independent	X Pirate
C New World Council	K Constitution Party	R Republican	Y World Citizens Party
D Democrat	L Libertarian	S Socialist	Z Working Families
E Reform	M Timesizing Not Down	T Inter 3 rd 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 American First Party	CC United Independent Party
			DD Twelve Visions Party

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Town Hall**

June 23, 2022 7:00 pm

June 23, 2022: Moderator Shemeth declared a quorum was reached and the STM was called to order at 7:24pm

National Anthem: Town Clerk Sandra Fritze

Shemeth called for a moment of silence for those who had passed since the last meeting

Announcements: SFD Raffle, Concert Series sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department

Thank you to SCA

Chairman Woodbury introduced the BOS, Town Administrator and Town Counsel

Mary Braney introduced the Finance Committee

Article 1:

AUTHORITATION TO AMEND THE BORROWING AUTHORIZATION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SPENCER WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE PROJECT

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to amend its action taken under Article 29 of the May 6, 2021 annual town meeting to increase the total amount authorized to be borrowed for the construction of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Project, including all professional fees and expenses associated with the design, engineering, and construction of this project and any incidental and related costs, from Thirty-Seven Million Nine Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$37,920,000.00) to an amount up to Forty-Nine Million Nine Hundred Four Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-Four Dollars and No Cents (49,904,974.00); or to take any other action relative thereto. *(Sponsored by the Spencer Board of Sewer Commissioners)*

The Finance Committee Recommends Approval. Voted 7-1.

Motion: That the vote of the Town adopted under Article 29 of the May 6, 2021 annual town meeting is hereby amended solely to increase the total amount authorized to be borrowed for the construction of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Project, including all professional fees and expenses associated with the design, engineering, and construction of this project and any incidental and related costs, from Thirty-Seven Million Nine Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$37,920,000.00) to an amount up to Forty-Nine Million Nine Hundred Four Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-Four Dollars and No Cents (49,904,974.00); or to take any other action relative thereto.

Spoke on article:

Sewer Commissioner Francis X White, Superintendent James LaPlante, Engineer for the Project

Kelly Meyer 32 Condon Drive
Gary Picard 43 Buteau Rd
David Pion 203 Charlton Rd

Jennifer Nolan 25 Lincoln St
Louis Mattei 96 Pleasant St
Ralph Hicks 21 Lyford Rd

**Motion to accept by Chairman of the Board Woodbury/seconded by Vice chair Howard
Approved on the floor 220 in favor/7 opposed**

Annual Town Meeting follows immediately..

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**State Primary
September 6, 2022**

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: Diane Ledoux
Clerk: Louise Small
Inspectors: Richard Braney, Ronald Fortin, Mary McLaughlin, Sylvia Berthiaume,
Barbara White, Mercie Vinton

Six absentee ballots were cast in this precinct. Two hundred and twenty-one vote by mail early ballots were cast in this precinct. Two hundred and Four ballots were handed out by the inspectors. Of these, four were spoiled, making a total of Four hundred and twenty-seven ballots cast. The ballot box registered Four hundred and Thirteen ballots cast at the closing of the polls. Fourteen ballots were hand counted from the auxiliary compartment. (226 Democrat ballots and 201 Republican ballots for a total of 427 ballots cast)

The following were appointed election officers for Precinct #2

Warden: Peter McGinn
Clerk: Mary Braney
Inspectors: Bruce Herholz, John Wilson, Janice Peters, Theresa Ethier, Kimberly
Durant, Mary McLaughlin, Irene Gadbois

Four absentee ballots were cast in this precinct. One hundred and eighty-seven vote by mail early ballots were cast in this precinct. One hundred and Forty-nine ballots were handed out by the inspectors. Of these, three were spoiled, making a total of Three Hundred and Thirty-seven ballots cast. The ballot box registered Three hundred and Thirty-three ballots cast at the closing of the polls. Four ballots were hand counted from the auxiliary compartment. (188 Democrat ballots and 149 Republican ballots for a total of 337)

The following were appointed election officers for Precinct #3

Warden: William Lehtola
Clerk: Karen Hackett
Inspectors: Nancy Herholz, Nancy Gouin, Kathleen Beford, Patricia Monfette, Paul
McLaughlin

Seven absentee ballots were cast in this precinct. Two hundred and twenty-nine vote by mail early ballots were cast in this precinct. Two hundred and Fourteen ballots were handed out by the inspectors. Of these, two were spoiled, making a total of Four hundred and forty-eight ballots cast. The ballot box registered Four hundred and fifty-one ballots cast at the closing of the polls. One ballot was hand counted from the auxiliary compartment. (216 Democrat ballots and 236 Republican ballots for a total of 452 cast)

The following were appointed elections officers for Precinct #4

Warden: Diane Scanlon
 Clerk: Lucinda Puchalski
 Inspectors: Gail McInnes, Karen Gaucher, Linda Wozniak, Paul McLaughlin, Marie Lamoureux, Shirley Standing

Two absentee ballots were cast in this precinct. Two hundred and twenty-four vote by mail early ballots were cast in this precinct. Two hundred and Twenty ballots were handed out by the inspectors. Of these, 3 were spoiled, making a total of Four hundred and Forty-three ballots cast. The ballot box registered Four hundred and Thirty-six ballots at the closing of the polls. Seven Ballots were hand counted from the auxiliary compartment. (241 Democrat ballots and 202 Republican ballots for a total of 443 ballots cast)

Tabulator: Brynn Johnson and Cassie Lacaire

The counting and tabulation was completed by 11:00 p.m.

Sandra J. Fritze
 Town Clerk

Final RESULTS

Town of Spencer	State Primary -9/6/2022				
Governor Democratic Party					
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Blanks	5	3	3	1	12
Sonia Rosa Chang-Diaz	39	28	33	38	138
Maura Healey	181	157	180	202	720
Write-Ins:(All Others)		0	0	0	0
Baku Dykastan	1				1
					0
					0
Total	226	188	216	241	871

Town of Spencer	State Primary -9/6/2022				
Lieutenant Governor Democratic Party					
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Blanks	13	8	8	10	39
Kimberley Driscoll	90	76	95	108	369
Tami Gouveia	30	28	29	46	133
Eric P. Lesser	93	76	84	77	330
Write-Ins:(All Others)	0	0	0	0	0
Total	226	188	216	241	871
Town of Spencer	State Primary -9/6/2022				
Attorney General Democratic Party					
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total

Blanks	12	4	3	6	25
Andrea Joy Campbell	82	71	92	100	345
Shannon Erika Liss-Riordan	84	72	77	99	332
Quentin Palfrey	48	41	44	36	169
Write-Ins:(All Others)	0	0	0	0	0
Total	226	188	216	241	871

Town of Spencer	State Primary -9/6/2022				
Secretary of State Districts Democratic Party					
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Blanks	8	2	4	1	15
William Francis Galvin	172	148	160	189	669
Tanisha M. Sullivan	46	38	52	51	187
Write-ins:(All Others)	0	0	0	0	0
Total	226	188	216	241	871

Town of Spencer	State Primary -9/6/2022				
Treasurer Democratic Party					
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Blanks	30	24	23	25	102
Deborah B. Goldberg	195	163	193	216	767
Write-ins:(All Others)			0	0	0
Clyde Anderson	1				1
Deborah B. Goldberg		1			1
Total	226	188	216	241	871

Town of Spencer	State Primary -9/6/2022				
Auditor Democratic Party					
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Blanks	22	8	10	10	50
Christopher S. Dempsey	92	71	80	93	336
Diana Dizoglio	112	109	126	138	485
Write-Ins:(All Others)	0	0	0	0	0
Total	226	188	216	241	871

Town of Spencer	State Primary -9/6/2022				
Representative in Congress Democratic Party					
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Blanks	26	22	18	18	84
Richard E. Neal	198	166	198	222	784
Write-Ins:(All Others)		0	0		0
Donald Trump	1				1
Clyde Anderson	1				1
Kirk Nordquist				1	1
Total	226	188	216	241	871

Town of Spencer	State Primary -9/6/2022				
Councillor Democratic Party					
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Blanks	39	25	29	29	122
Paul M. DePalo	186	163	187	211	747
Write-Ins:(All Others)		0	0		0
Clyde Anderson	1				1
William Shaemeth				1	1
Total	226	188	216	241	871

Town of Spencer	State Primary -9/6/2022				
Senator in General Court Democratic Party					
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Blanks	17	20	12	12	61
Anne M. Gobi	209	168	204	229	810
Total	226	188	216	241	871

Town of Spencer	State Primary -9/6/2022				
Rep. In General Court 5th District Democratic Party					
Split District	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Blanks		183	212	233	628
Write-Ins:(All Others)					0
Edward Cabana			2		2
Bryan Slack			1		1
Ronald Mcgilory			1		1
Peter Durant		2			2
Karen G Spilka		1			1
Donald Berthiaume		1		1	2
Samual Blogett		1			1
Rose Whitcomb				1	1
Samual Biassette				1	1
Courtney Kukefz				1	1
R Gobi				1	1
Edwardo Velasque				1	1

Thersa Murphy				1	1
Philip Engnsole				1	1
Total	0	188	216	241	645

Town of Spencer		State Primary -9/6/2022				
Rep. In General Court 6th District Democratic Party						
Split District	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total	
Blanks	224				224	
Write-ins:(All Others)					0	
Roger Blank	1				1	
Mary Bahna	1				1	
Total	226	0	0	0	226	

Town of Spencer		State Primary -9/6/2022				
District Attorney Democratic Party						
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total	
Blanks	27	22	28	22	99	
Joseph D. Early, Jr.	199	166	188	217	770	
Write-ins:(All Others)	0	0	0		0	
Thersa Murphy				1	1	
Kevin Huard				1	1	
Total	226	188	216	241	871	

Town of Spencer		State Primary -9/6/2022				
Sheriff Democratic Party						
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total	
Blanks	36	31	31	27	125	
David M. Fontaine	188	154	185	211	738	
Write-Ins:(All Others)					0	
Clyde Anderson	1				1	
Lew Evangelitis	1	2		2	5	
Cody Burgess		1			1	
Thersa Murphy				1	1	
					0	
					0	
Total	226	188	216	241	871	

Town of Spencer		State Primary -9/6/2022				
Governor Republican Party						
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total	
Blanks	3	2	2	1	8	
Geoff Diehl	73	63	90	84	310	
Chris Doughty	125	84	144	115	468	
Write-Ins:(All Others)						
Diana Ploss				2	2	
Total	201	149	236	202	788	

Town of Spencer	State Primary -9/6/2022				
Lieutenant Governor Republican Party					
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Blanks	3	3	6	5	17
Leah V. Allen	40	30	50	47	167
Kate Campanale	158	116	180	149	603
Write-ins:(All Others)					
Danielle Gebo				1	1
Total	201	149	236	202	788

Town of Spencer	State Primary -9/6/2022				
Attorney General Republican Party					
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Blanks	38	27	47	34	146
James R. McMahon, III	162	121	189	168	640
Write-Ins:(All Others)					
Andrea Campbell		1			
Tara Finlay	1				
			0	0	
Total	201	149	236	202	788

Town of Spencer	State Primary -9/6/2022				
Secretary of State Republican Party					
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Blanks	46	29	58	38	171
Rayla Campbell	154	119	178	163	614
Write-Ins:(All Others)			0		0
Tara Finlay	1				1
William Galvin		1		1	2
					0
					0
Total	201	149	236	202	788

Town of Spencer	State Primary -9/6/2022				
Treasurer Republican					
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Blanks	196	145	236	201	778
Write-Ins:(All Others)					0
Tara Finlay	1				1
Tim Murphy	1				1
Ron Beaty Jr.	1				1
Trump	1				1
Tony Pepe	1				1

Deborah Goldberg		1		1	2
Trump		1			1
Jon Marsi		1			1
Charles Baker		1			1
Total	201	149	236	202	788

Town of Spencer		State Primary -9/6/2022				
Auditor Republican						
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total	
Blanks	46	30	54	39	169	
Anthony Amore	154	118	182	163	617	
Write-Ins:(All Others)			0	0	0	
Tara Finlay	1				1	
Chris Dempsey		1			1	
Total	201	149	236	202	788	

Town of Spencer		State Primary -9/6/2022				
Representative in Congress Republican						
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total	
Blanks	49	31	53	35	168	
Dean James Martilli	152	118	183	167	620	
Write-Ins:(All Others)	0	0	0	0	0	
Total	201	149	236	202	788	

Town of Spencer		State Primary -9/6/2022				
Councillor Republican Party						
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total	
Blanks	51	30	57	38	176	
Gary Galonek	149	119	179	164	611	
Write-Ins:(All Others)		0	0	0	0	
John M Cumberford	1				1	
Total	201	149	236	202	788	

Town of Spencer		State Primary -9/6/2022				
Senator in General Court Republican Party						
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total	
Blanks	43	31	52	36	162	
James Anthony Amorello	158	117	184	166	625	
Write-Ins:(All Others)	0		0	0	0	
Ann Gobi		1			1	
Total	201	149	236	202	788	

Town of Spencer		State Primary -9/6/2022				
Representative in General Court 5th District Republican Party						

Split District	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Blanks		20	26	22	68
Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.		129	210	178	517
Write-ins:(All Others)		0	0		0
Danielle Gebo				2	2
Total	0	149	236	202	587

Town of Spencer					
Representative in General Court 6th District Republican Party					
Split District	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Blanks	25				25
Peter J. Durant	175				175
Write-Ins:(All Others)					
Brendan Phair	1	0	0	0	1
Total	201	0	0	0	201

Town of Spencer					
District Attorney Republican Party					
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Blanks	195	146	236	199	776
Write-Ins:(All Others)					0
Joe Early	1	2		1	4
Tim Murphy	1				1
James McMahan	1				1
Timothy Shugrue	1				1
Trump	1				1
Edward McGinn	1				1
Ralph DiChiara		1			1
Ray Holmes				1	1
David Cataldo				1	1
Total	201	149	236	202	788

Town of Spencer					
Sheriff Republican Party					
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Blanks	37	19	26	31	113
Lewis G. Evangelidis	163	129	209	171	672
Write-Ins:(All Others)					0
Geoff Diehl			1		1
Tom Bowler	1				1
Trump		1			1
Total	201	149	236	202	788

Total Votes Cast 1,659
Registered Voters 8,589
Voter Turnout 19.20 %

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

David Prouty High School

September 14th, 2022 7:00 pm

Quorum was announced at 7:10 at 441 people Meeting called to order at 7:11

Moderator called on Fire Chief Robert Parsons to lead the Pledge of Allegiance

Moderator called on Town Clerk Sandra Fritze to sing the National Anthem

Moderator called a moment of silence in memory of Susan Lacaire

Moderator read the motion and Finance Committee approval 7 in favor, 2 opposed and 1 abstained

Moderator declared we had signatures to have a secret ballot, we would have the presentation first, then would vote on the secret ballot.

Presentation:

Dr. Paul Haughey, Superintendent of SEBRSD

Nathan Malone, Principal DPHS

Architects and OPM for Building Project

Gary Suter, Business Manager SEBRSD

Speakers:

Vincent Cloutier, 17 Northwest Road

After Mr. Cloutier spoke Moderator opened the floor up to further comments and then the vote on secret ballot:

Speakers:

Peter Bogren, Math Teacher Knox Trail Middle School

Ronald Sciascia, 95 North Spencer Road

Ayla Messier, Student DPHS

Jennifer Nolan, 26 Lincoln Street

James Barnette, 116 Charlton Road

Sheila Doiron, 4 Bellevue Drive

No name given, Real Estate Agent

Lisa Vaudry, no address given

Jaxson Wells, 158 South Spencer Road

Aaron Powell, 56 Borkum Road

Stephanie Underwood, 46 Greenville Street

Adam Hebert, 186 Paxton Road

Jason Monette, 81 Wilson Street, school committee and building committee

Lisa Kennedy, 3 Paxton Drive

No Name, Teacher at Wire Village School

Lisa Miller, 79 Browning Pond Road

Motion made to get to the question.

Moderator again announced that:

5 People signed a paper to request a secret ballot. We would vote by hand count

To see what majority wanted, Tellers would be around to count sections.

Hand count vote: Moderator declared overwhelmingly opposed to secret ballot.

Vote hand count taken on Motion.

Motion approved with a hand count of 430 in favor to 10 opposed.

Article 1:

To see if the Town of Spencer will vote to approve the \$111,587,059.00 borrowing authorized by the Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District School Committee, for the purpose of paying costs of designing, constructing, and equipping a multi-phased, addition/renovation project at the David Prouty High School located at 302 Main St., Spencer, MA 01562, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the "Project"), which school facility shall have an anticipated useful life as an educational facility for the instruction of school children of at least 50 years, and for which the District may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended at the direction of the David Prouty High School Building Committee; the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any Project costs the District incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the District and its member municipalities; any grant that the District may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) seventy- four and nineteen hundredths percent (74.19%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA; provided, however, that the approval of the District's borrowing under this article shall be subject to and contingent upon an affirmative vote of the Town to exempt its allocable share of the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by M.G.L. 59, Section 21C (Proposition 2 ½);

Or take any other action relation thereto.

Sponsored by the Spencer East Brookfield Regional School District Committee)

Finance Committee Recommends Approval: Voted seven in favor, two opposed, and one abstention.

Motion:

I move that the Town of Spencer hereby votes to approve the \$111,587,059.00 borrowing authorized by the Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District School Committee, for the purpose of paying costs of designing, constructing, and equipping a n owner-occupied, multi-phased, addition/renovation project at the David Prouty High School located at 302 Main St., Spencer, MA 01562, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the "Project"), which school facility shall have an anticipated useful life as an educational facility for the instruction of school children of at least 50 years, and for which the District may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended at the direction of the David Prouty High School Building Committee; that the Town acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non- entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any Project costs the District incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the District and its member municipalities; provided further that any grant that District may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) seventy-four and nineteen hundredths percent (74.19%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA; provided that the approval of the District's borrowing by this vote shall be subject to and contingent upon an affirmative vote of the Town to exempt its allocable share of the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by M.G.L. 59, Section 21C

(Proposition 2 ½); and that the amount of borrowing authorized by the District shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the District and the MSBA.

Vote Required: Majority (see G.L. c.71, §16(d))

Motion Made By: Vice Chairman John Howard

Motion Seconded By: Selectman Tony Pepe

Motion Approved: 430 in favor, 10 opposed

Respectfully Submitted, Sandra J. Fritze,

Town Clerk

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**Special Town Election
October 4, 2022**

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

The following were appointed election officers for Precinct #1

Warden: Diane Ledoux
Clerk: Mary Baker-Wood
Inspectors: Richard Braney, Irene Gadbois, Sylvia Berthiaume,
Barbara White, Winifred Bouley

Seven absentee ballots were cast in this precinct. One hundred and eighty-four vote by mail early ballots were cast in this precinct. Four hundred and Fourteen ballots were handed out by the inspectors. Of these, three were spoiled, making a total of Four hundred and two ballots cast. The ballot box registered Five hundred and Ninety-eight ballots cast at the closing of the polls. Four ballots were hand counted from the auxiliary compartment.

The following were appointed election officers for Precinct #2

Warden: Peter McGinn
Clerk: Mary Braney
Inspectors: Bruce Herholz, John Wilson, Janice Peters, Barbara Braney, Patricia Monfette

Six absentee ballots were cast in this precinct. One hundred and thirty-two vote by mail early ballots were cast in this precinct. Three hundred and Eighty-five ballots were handed out by the inspectors. Of these, two were spoiled, making a total of five hundred and fifty-one ballots cast. The ballot box registered Five hundred and Nineteen ballots cast at the closing of the polls. Two ballots were hand counted from the auxiliary compartment.

The following were appointed election officers for Precinct #3

Warden: William Lehtola
Clerk: Karen Hackett
Inspectors: Nancy Herholz, Nancy Gouin, Kathleen Beford, Patricia Monfette, Mercie Vinton

Fourteen absentee ballots were cast in this precinct. One hundred and seventy-nine vote by mail early ballots were cast in this precinct. Five hundred and Thirty-seven ballots were handed out by the inspectors. Of these, zero were spoiled, making a total of Seven hundred and Thirty ballots cast. The ballot box registered Seven hundred and twenty-seven ballots cast at the closing of the polls. Four ballot was hand counted from the auxiliary compartment.

The following were appointed elections officers for Precinct #4

Warden: Diane Scanlon
 Clerk: Louise Small
 Inspectors: Gail McInnes, Karen Gaucher, Linda Wozniak, Linda Mandella, Marie Lamoureux,

Seventeen absentee ballots were cast in this precinct. One hundred and ninety-seven vote by mail early ballots were cast in this precinct. Four hundred and Forty-four ballots were handed out by the inspectors. Of these, one was spoiled, making a total of Six hundred and fifty-eight ballots cast. The ballot box registered Six hundred and Fifty-six ballots at the closing of the polls. Two Ballots were hand counted from the auxiliary compartment.

Tabulator: Brynn Johnson

The counting and tabulation was completed by 9:15 pm

Sandra J. Fritze
 Town Clerk

Final RESULTS

Town of Spencer	Special Town Election 10/4/2022				
SPEBRSD - DPHS Renovation					
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Yes	321	270	428	438	1457
No	281	250	302	219	1052
Blank	0	1	1	1	3
Total	602	521	731	658	2512

Total Votes Cast 2,512
 Registered Voters 8,602
 Voter Turnout 29%

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**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
November 10, 2022 7:00 pm**

Quorum was reached and Meeting called to order at 7:09 pm

Pledge of Allegiance: Sandra Fritze

A moment of silence for Donald Clough a longtime Assessor and Election Worker

Recognition of all Veterans for Veteran's Day

Announcements: Veteran's Day Parade – cancelled, Parade of Lights Dec 10 and Cable Survey by Dec 6

Recognition of Retirements: Kevin Siminovitch 37 Years, Highway Dept

Laurie Zukowski 31 Years, Police Department

Chief David Darren 25 Years Police Chief

A Thank You to Registrar's and Poll workers for their hard work especially this year with 1 ATE, 1 Primary, 1 STE, 1 General State Election, 1 ATM and 2 STM

Introduction of Selectmen by Chairman Gary Woodbury

Introduction of Finance Committee by Chairperson Mary Braney

Article 1:

INCREASE APPROPRIATION FOR FY 2023 SMITH REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT EXPENSES

To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken under Article 16 of the May 5, 2022 Annual Town Meeting warrant by raising and appropriating the total sum of Forty Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-Six Dollars and No Cents (\$40,666.00) for additional Smith Regional Agricultural High School Tuition (\$19,537.00 to Account # 11300-52000) and Transportation Assessment (\$21,129.00 to Account #11300-52100) for Fiscal Year 2023; or take any action in relation thereto. (*Sponsored by the Town Administrator*)

Finance Committee Recommendation: To approve the article as written; voted unanimously.

Motion – Article 1

I move to waive the reading and approve the Article 1 as printed in the warrant.

Vote Required: Majority

Motion Made By: Woodbury

Motion Seconded By: Howard

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 2:

DECREASE FY 2023 APPROPRIATION FOR TANTASQUA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT EXPENSES

To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken under Article 17 from the May 5, 2022 Annual Town Meeting warrant by reducing the amount to be raised and appropriated by Sixteen Thousand Five Hundred

Twenty-Six Dollars and No Cents (-\$16,526.00) to reduce the amount needed for Tantasqua Regional High School Tuition (-\$3,773.00 Account # 11300-52000) and Transportation Assessment (-\$12,753.00 Account # 11300-52100) for Fiscal Year 2023; or take any action in relation thereto. *(Sponsored by the Town Administrator)*

Finance Committee Recommendation: To approve the article as written; voted unanimously.

Motion – Article 2

I move to waive the reading and approve Article 2 as printed in the warrant.

Vote Required: Majority

Motion Made By: Woodbury

Motion Seconded By: Howard

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 3:

INCREASE APPROPRIATION FOR FY 2023 GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATING BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken under Article 18 of the May 5, 2022 Annual Town Meeting warrant to increase the Fiscal Year 2023 Operating Budget by raising and appropriating an additional Sixty Seven Thousand One Hundred Twenty-Three Dollars and No Cents (\$67,123.00) to the following accounts and reducing appropriations for other accounts in the amounts and for the purposes specified below:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Account #</u>	<u>Original Appropriation</u>	<u>Additional Amount Increase / Decrease</u>	<u>Total Appropriation</u>
Finance Committee	11132-57000	\$20,000.00	\$9,423.00	\$29,423.00
Town Accountant	11135-51000	\$147,723.00	-\$25,000.00	\$122,723.00
Town Accountant	11135-57000	\$34,650.00	\$30,200.00	\$64,850.00
Town Counsel	11151-57000	\$50,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$65,000.00
Police Department	11210-51000	\$2,301,358.00	\$25,000.00	\$2,326,358.00
Police Department	11210-57000	\$249,012.00	\$7,500.00	\$256,512.00
Employee Benefits	11800-57000	\$2,311,744.00	\$5,000.00	\$2,316,744.00

or take any action in relation thereto. *(Sponsored by the Town Administrator)*

Finance Committee Recommendation: To approve the article as written; voted unanimously.

Motion – Article 3

I move to waive the reading and approve Article 3 as printed in the warrant.

Vote Required: Majority

Motion Made By: Howard

Motion Seconded By: Hicks

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 4:

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILL OF A PRIOR FISCAL YEAR

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Nine Hundred Twelve Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$912.50) to pay a prior fiscal year's expense related to a cyber security claim in 2018 and to meet said appropriation by transferring said sum from previously certified and available free cash; or to take any action in relation thereto. *(Sponsored by the Town Administrator)*

Finance Committee Recommendation: No Recommendation, no quorum

Motion – Article 4

I move to waive the reading and approve Article 4 as printed in the warrant changing the source of funds to the General Stabilization Fund (Account # 83000-39900)

Vote Required: 9/10ths

Motion Made By: Hicks

Motion Seconded By: Woodbury

MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

Article 5:

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILL OF A PRIOR FISCAL YEAR

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of One Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-One Dollars and Eighty-Nine Cents (\$1,221.89) to pay a prior fiscal year's expense for patch paving work in for the Utilities and Facilities Department and meet said appropriation by transferring said sum from previously certified and available free cash; or take any action in relation thereto. *(Sponsored by the Town Administrator)*

Finance Committee Recommendation: No recommendation, no quorum.

MOTION – ARTICLE 5

I move to waive the reading and approve Article 5 as printed in the warrant changing the source of funds to the General Stabilization Fund (Account # 83000-39900).

Vote Required: 9/10ths
Motion Made By: Howard
Motion Seconded By: Hicks
MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY 50/0

Article 6:

AMEND THE PERSONNEL BYLAWS

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Personnel Bylaws by deleting Schedule B under “Section 2: Compensation” and substituting the following Schedule B inserting the new position as shown in the bold text below:

Schedule B

Compensation Grade	Job Title
Grade 1	Library Associate
Grade 1	Administration Clerk
Grade 2	Planning Assistant
Grade 2	Tree Warden
Grade 3	Fire Dept Office Manager
Grade 3	Conservation Agent
Grade 3	Reference/Circulation Librarian
Grade 4	Executive Assistant - TA/BoS
Grade 4	Children's Librarian / Assistant Director
Grade 4	Veteran Services Officer
Grade 5	Building Inspector / ZEO
Grade 5	Council on Aging Director
Grade 5	Health Agent
Grade 5	Town Planner
Grade 5	Chief Operator - Water Facility
Grade 6	ODIS Director / Town Planner
Grade 6	Library Director
Grade 6	Principal Assessor
Grade 6	Superintendent - WWTP
Grade 6	Town Accountant

Grade 7	Superintendent - Utilities & Facilities
Grade 8	Fire Chief
Grade 8	Police Chief
Elected	Town Clerk
Elected	Town Treasurer/Collector

or take any action in relation thereto. (*Sponsored by the Town Administrator*)

Finance Committee Recommendation: To approve the article as written; voted six in favor, two opposed.

Motion – Article 6

I move to waive the reading and approve Article 6 as printed in the warrant.

Vote Required: Majority

Motion Made By: Woodbury

Motion Seconded By: Howard

MOTION PASSES 49/1

Spoke on Article 6: Stephanie Underwood, Greenville St.
Jeffrey Bridges, Town Administrator

Article 7:

AMEND THE PERSONNEL BYLAWS

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Personnel Bylaws by deleting Schedule B under “Section 2: Compensation” and substituting the following Schedule B changing the Grade of Town Accountant from Grade 6 to Grade 7 as shown in the bold text below:

Compensation Grade	Job Title
Grade 1	Library Associate
Grade 1	Administration Clerk
Grade 2	Tree Warden
Grade 3	Fire Dept Office Manager
Grade 3	Conservation Agent
Grade 3	Reference/Circulation Librarian
Grade 4	Executive Assistant - TA/BoS
Grade 4	Children's Librarian / Assistant Director
Grade 4	Veteran Services Officer
Grade 5	Building Inspector / ZEO
Grade 5	Council on Aging Director
Grade 5	Health Agent

Grade 5	Town Planner
Grade 5	Chief Operator - Water Facility
Grade 6	ODIS Director / Town Planner
Grade 6	Library Director
Grade 6	Principal Assessor
Grade 6	Superintendent - WWTP
Grade 6	Town Accountant
Grade 7	Town Accountant
Grade 7	Superintendent - Utilities & Facilities
Grade 8	Fire Chief
Grade 8	Police Chief
Elected	Town Clerk
Elected	Town Treasurer/Collector

or take any other in relation thereto. *(Sponsored by the Town Administrator)*

Finance Committee Recommendation: To approve the article as written; voted unanimously.

Motion – Article 7

I move to waive the reading and approve Article 7 as printed in the warrant.

Vote Required: Majority

Motion Made By: Woodbury

Motion Seconded By: Hicks

MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

Article 8:

CLOSE OUT BALANCES REMAINING FROM PREVIOUSLY APPROVED PROJECTS

To see if the Town will vote to close out to the General Fund the remaining balances in the following projects:

Account	Project Name	Amount
060-000-000-59265	Design Services Cherry / Pleasant Demo	\$1,101.00
060-000-000-59304	Cherry Street Station Demolition	\$10,000.00
060-000-000-58007	ODIS Map Plotter	\$3,590.00
060-000-000-58008	ODIS Printer / Scanner	\$5,220.00
060-000-000-59331	Highway 20 Ton Truck	\$782.00
060-000-000-59303	Lake Street Generator	\$73.00
060-000-000-59305	Lake Street School UST Removal	\$40.00
060-000-000-59312	Roadside Mowing Tractor	\$1.00

or take any action in relation thereto. *(Sponsored by the Town Administrator)*

Finance Committee Recommendation: To approve the article as written; voted unanimously.

MOTION – ARTICLE 8

I move to waive the reading and approve Article 8 as printed in the warrant.

Vote Required: Majority

Motion Made By: Howard

Motion Seconded By: Hicks

MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

Article 9:

TRANSFER A SUM OF MONEY TO THE WATER CAPITAL EFFICIENCY ACCOUNT

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate Two Hundred Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$200,000.00) to the Water Capital Efficiency Plan Program Account (#15000-58860) for capital projects as approved by the Capital Improvements Planning Committee; and, to meet said appropriation by transferring said sum from previously certified and available Retained Earnings of the Water Enterprise Fund; or take any action in relation thereto. *(Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Water Commissioners)*

Capital Improvement Advisory Committee Recommendation: Approve the article as written.

Finance Committee Recommendation: No Recommendation, no quorum

MOTION ARTICLE 9

I move to waive the reading and approve Article 9 as printed in the warrant changing the source of funds to the General Stabilization Fund (Account #83000-39900).

Vote Required: 2/3rds

Motion Made By: HOWARD

Motion Seconded By: HICKS

MOTION PASSES 49/1

Article 10:

AMEND THE TOWN’S ZONING BYLAWS

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Spencer Zoning Bylaws by deleting the text show in ~~strike through~~ and inserting the underline text, as follows:

A. Amend Section 2.2, Definitions, as follows:

1. Replace the definition for **Accessory Use or Building** with **Accessory Use** as follows:

Accessory Use: A use which is customarily incidental, subordinate to, and supporting of the principal use of a lot or structure and is located on the same parcel or contiguous parcels as the principal structure or use.

~~**Accessory Use or Building:** A use or building which is subordinate and customarily incidental to the principal use or building and is located on the same lot as the principal use or building~~

2. Add new definitions as follows:

Open Field: Unoccupied or undeveloped area with natural vegetation with no windbreaks over 50-feet

Principal Use: Use of a lot or structure distinct from and not accessory to any other use of the lot or structure, for which said lot or structure may be used, occupied, or maintained as such under this Bylaw. A lot or structure may have more than one principal use.

Pasture: Land on which animals graze that is managed to provide feed value.

B. Amend Section 4.2 Use Table, Principal Uses, as follows:

1. Replace subsection H.7 and H.9 with the following new subsections H.7 and H.9

Zoning District	RR	SR	LR	VR	TC	C	I	Refer to Section
H. Other Principal Uses								
7. Small Scale <u>Ground Mounted</u> (45 20 kW or less) DC <u>Solar Photovoltaic Generating Installation</u>	N SPP SPZ	N SPP SPZ	N SPZ	N SPZ	N SPZ	N SPZ	SPP SPP SPZ	4.8.9
9. Large Scale <u>Ground Mounted</u> (20 kW or greater than 200 kW) <u>Solar Photovoltaic Generating Installation</u>	SPP	N SPP	N SPP	N SPP	N	N SPP	SPP	4.8.9

2. Delete subsection H.8.

Zoning District	RR	SR	LR	VR	TC	C	I	Refer to Section
H. Other Principal Uses								
8. Medium Scale (greater than 15kW to 200 kW) DC Photovoltaic Generating Installation	SPP	N	N	N	N	SPP	SP P	4.8.9

3. Add subsection H.10.

Zoning District	RR	SR	LR	VR	TC	C	I	Refer to Section
H. Other Principal Uses								
<u>10. Energy Storage System</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>4.8.9</u>

C. Amend Section 4.4.1 as follows:

4.4.1 The following uses are permitted as indicated below as accessory uses to the ~~primary~~ principal use of the property. In no case shall such uses exceed 40% of the property, determined by square footage of the structure in which it is located or square footage of the area of the parcel, whichever is the appropriate measure. All Special Permits required under this section shall be issued by the Zoning Board of Appeals except that the Planning Board shall issue them in cases where Site Plan Review and/or a Planning Board Special Permit in Section 4.2 Use Table, Principal Uses is required. (Amended 11/17/16 Art. 14)

- D. Add subsections I and J to Section 4.4.1, as follows:
 - I. Large Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Generating Installations are allowed as accessory uses in all zoning districts, with the exception of Town Center, by special permit from the Planning Board.
 - J. Small Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Generating Installations are allowed as accessory uses in all zoning districts by special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals. There shall be a limit of one small scale ground-mounted solar photovoltaic installation accessory to a single principal use.
- E. Amend Section 4.7 Prohibited Uses, as follows:
 - 1. Add the following new subsection 4.7.1.D.
 - D. Energy Storage System (ESS) not accessory to a permitted Solar Photovoltaic Generating Installation. See Section 4.8.9.
- F. Amend Section 4.8.9 Solar Photovoltaic Generating Installations, as follows:
 - 1. Amend Section 4.8.9.B as follows:
 - B. Applicability – The provisions set forth in this section shall apply to the construction, operation, modification, repair and/or removal of Photovoltaic Generating Installations as permitted in Section 4.2. Use Regulations and in Section 4.4. Accessory Uses. All such facilities require a building permit and must comply with all applicable local, state and federal requirements, including but not limited to all applicable safety, construction, electrical, and communications requirements and other applicable provisions of Spencer’s Zoning Bylaws.

All Roof-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Generating Installations, and all Small Scale Ground Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Generating Installations accessory to a principal use, shall comply with the requirements of Section A through E of this Section 4.8.9, and the remaining provisions of the Zoning Bylaw, as applicable, but shall not be required to obtain site plan approval.

Large Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Generating Installations, and Small Scale Ground Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Generating Installations not accessory to a principal use, shall obtain site plan approval, and shall obtain a special permit as required pursuant to Sections 4.2 and 4.4 of this Bylaw.

- 2. Amend Section 4.8.9.C to amend existing definitions and add new definitions, as follows:
 - Energy Storage System (ESS):** a non-generating energy storage system that utilizes batteries and other commercially available technology capable of drawing electric power from existing electrical infrastructure, storing it for a period of time, and thereafter discharging electric power into the existing electrical infrastructure.

Large Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Generating Installation (LSGMSPGI): A Solar Photovoltaic installation that is structurally mounted on the ground and has a minimum rated nameplate capacity of 20 kW DC.

Rated Nameplate Capacity: The maximum rated output of electric power production of the Solar Photovoltaic Generating Installation in watts of Direct Current (DC).

Roof-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Generating Installation: A Photovoltaic Installation that has its electricity-generating solar panels mounted on the rooftop of a residential or commercial building or structure. Any such structure shall have a dedicated use independent of providing support for the Photovoltaic Installation.

Site Plan Review Authority: For purposes of Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic installations and Energy Storage Systems, the Site Plan Review Authority is the Spencer Planning Board.

Small Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Generating Installation: A Photovoltaic Installation that is structurally mounted on the ground and has a maximum rated nameplate capacity less than 20 kW DC.

Solar Energy System, Grid-Intertie: A photovoltaic system that is connected to an electric circuit served by an electric utility.

Solar Energy System, Ground-Mounted: An Active Solar Energy System that is structurally mounted to the ground and is not roof-mounted; may be of any size (small or large-scale).

Solar Energy System, Off-Grid: A photovoltaic solar energy system in which the circuits energized by the solar energy system are not electrically connected in any way to electric circuits that are served by an electric utility.

Solar Photovoltaic Generating Installation System (also referred to as a Photovoltaic Installation, Photovoltaic Generating Installation, Solar Electric Generating Facility, or Solar Electric Installation): An active solar energy system that converts solar energy directly into electricity.

Special Permit Review Authority: For purposes of Small-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations and Energy Storage Systems which are an accessory use, the Special Permit Review Authority is the Spencer Planning Board

3. Amend Sections 4.8.9.E. and 4.8.9.F as follows:

- E. The Photovoltaic Generating Installation’s owner or operator shall maintain the facility in good condition. Maintenance shall include, but not be limited to, painting, structural repairs, and integrity of security measures. Site access shall be maintained to a level acceptable to the local Fire Chief and Emergency Management Director. The owner or operator shall be responsible for the cost of maintaining the Solar Photovoltaic Generating Installation Electric-Generating Facilities and any access road(s).

The owner or operator shall maintain the property’s landscaping. Grass shall not exceed a height of 24”.

F. Required Submission Documents for Large Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Generating Installation proposed as a principal or accessory use – Special Permit And/or Site Plan Review Applications shall include:

4. Amend Section 4.8.9.F.14(d) to add the underlined language, as follows:

- d. Description of financial surety for decommissioning - Proponents of Solar Electric Generating Facilities shall provide ~~a form of~~ cash security, either through escrow account, deposit agreement, bond or other form of surety approved by the Planning Board and allowing for withdrawal of funds only upon Planning Board approval, to cover the cost of removal in the event the Town must remove the installation and remediate the landscape, in an amount and form determined to be reasonable by the Planning Board, but in no event to exceed more than 125 percent of the cost of removal and compliance with the additional requirements set forth herein, as determined by the project proponent and the Spencer Planning Board. Such surety will not be required for municipal or state-owned facilities. The project proponent shall submit a fully inclusive estimate of the costs associated with removal, prepared by a qualified engineer. The amount shall include a mechanism for calculating increased removal costs due to inflation. The Planning Board may review the surety at any time on form and/or amount of surety be adjusted as required to insure that adequate security is maintained. Each new owner or operator of the Facility shall provide good evidence to the Planning Board immediately upon assuming ownership or responsibility that it is the principal for or has otherwise provided and is responsible for the required decommissioning security.

5. Add the following new Section 4.8.9.F.17:

17. Ownership Changes – If the Applicant, Owner, Manager, or Operator of the Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Generating Installation changes or the owner of the property changes, the site plan approval shall remain in effect provided that the successor Owner or Operator assumes in writing all of the obligations of the Site Plan Approval, Operation and Maintenance Plan, and Decommissioning Plan. A new Owner or Operator of the Large Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation shall notify the Planning Board and local emergency personnel of such change in ownership or Operator within [30] days of the ownership change. Together with such notification, the new owner or operator shall provide good evidence that it is the principal for or has otherwise provided and is responsible for the required decommissioning security.

6. Amend Section 4.8.9.G.1(b) as follows:

b) Setbacks: The solar installation and all appurtenant structures shall have a setback from front property lines and public ways of at least 200 feet, and a setback from side, and rear property lines and public ways of at least 100 feet. If the solar installation abuts an open field, farm, or pasture it shall have a setback from front, side, and rear property lines and public ways of at least 300 feet. This may be reduced at the discretion of the Planning Board if sufficient natural vegetation exists in the setback area, but to not less than 100 feet. No facilities are permitted between the front of the principal building and the front lot line. An Energy Storage System shall have a setback from front property lines and public ways of at least 300 feet, and a setback from side, and rear property lines and public

ways of at least 200 feet. If the solar installation abuts an open field, farm, or pasture the battery storage shall have a setback from front, side, and rear property lines and public ways of at least 400 feet.

7. Add Sections 4.8.9.G.16 and 4.8.9.G.17, as follows:

16. Large-Scale Solar Photovoltaic Facilities - The total number of Large Solar Energy Facilities concurrently within the Town shall be limited to 25. Included within this number are large facilities that have received a Special Permit to operate from the Spencer Planning Board as of the effective date of this Solar Energy bylaw. The total number of Large Solar Energy Facilities shall be quantified by the personal property bill and/or tax agreements, which is determined by the Town of Spencer's Assessor.

17. Energy Storage System: Applicant-Developer shall submit plans for proposed on-site battery storage unit(s) for review by the Spencer Fire Department and by such consultants as deemed necessary by the Planning Board, at the expense of the applicant. Plans shall include but not be limited to storage unit specifications, battery type, battery storage configuration, and fire extinguishing system.

1. Safety Data Sheets (SDS) shall be included and meet the requirements set forth by Appendix D of 29 CFR 1910.1200.
2. The energy storage system shall be equipped with a fire suppression system capable of extinguishing a fire within the container, and immediate notification of the LSSI owner, the Spencer Fire Department and the Spencer Police Department.
3. Energy storage units shall comply with NFPA 855, Standard for the Installation of Stationary Energy Storage Systems, and with all applicable state and federal regulations.
4. Energy Storage System (ESS) capacity shall not exceed the total nameplate capacity of the permitted LSGMSPGI. Example: an LSSI rated at 20 kWh shall not install battery storage exceeding a total capacity of 20 kWh. An ESS not located on the site of, and connected to, a permitted Large Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Generating Installation (LSGMSPGI) is prohibited under Section 4.7 Prohibited Uses.

8. Add Sections 4.8.9.I, 4.8.9.J, and 4.8.9.K as follows:

I. Field Reports During Construction - While construction progresses, the applicant shall submit field reports by its civil engineer to the Board on a weekly basis, and before and after every rain event of 0.5 inches or more until the site is completely stabilized. The field report shall include standard field report information, weather conditions, type of inspection, present phase of construction, storm event information since the last inspection, and reports of any stormwater discharges.

J. The operator shall provide the Planning Board with a yearly operations and maintenance report of the operation status, including but not limited to efficiency of energy production. This report shall be submitted no later than forty-five (45) days after the end of the calendar year. The applicant shall incur the cost for the Town to hire an engineer to review the report. If said report is not submitted, the Town may consider this as evidence that use of the facility has been discontinued or abandoned.

K. Completion – No Large Scale Solar Photovoltaic Generating Installation shall commence operation until the Spencer Planning Board has issued a Certificate of Completion for the facility. Certificate of Completion cannot be granted unless all conditions are met from the Decision and a third-party review has been conducted of the as-built plan.

- G. Amend Section 5.2.6, Detached Accessory Structures, as follows:
5.2.6 Detached Accessory Structures, including garages, sheds, swimming pools, etc. (see Section 4.4.1.A), on residential lots shall have a 10 foot setback from the side or rear lot line, provided said structure is located within the rear yard (i.e. anywhere behind the house from one side property line to the other). Any future connection of an accessory structure to a ~~primary-principal~~ structure that creates nonconformity with regard to setbacks may be allowed by Special Permit issued by the Zoning Board of Appeals (Amended 11/17/16 Art. 14).

Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations that are accessory to a principal use shall have a 10 foot setback from the side and rear lot line, and must be located within the rear yard (i.e. anywhere behind the house from one side property line to the other). Any proposed array that is determined to be nonconforming with regard to setbacks may be allowed by Special Permit issued by the Zoning Board of Appeals. The maximum height of the structures shall not exceed 10’ in residential districts or 15’ in non-residential districts.

or take any other action in relation thereto. (*Sponsored by the Planning Board*)

Planning Board Recommendation: To approve the article as written.

Finance Committee Recommendation: The Finance Committee voted to defer action on this article until the Finance Committee meeting on November 10, 2022, prior to the Special Town Meeting; voted six in favor and two opposed.

Motion – Article 10

I move to waive the reading and approve Article 10 as printed in the warrant with the following changes as requested by the Planning Board:

- a. **Remove Section A.1 of the article in its entirety;**
- b. **Remove the proposed new definition of “Principal Use” from Section A.2 of the article; and**
- c. **In Section D of the article, at the end of the proposed new Section 4.4.1.I add the phrase; “to be used on the property and not generated to the grid”, so that Section 4.4.1.I would read as follows:**
 - I. **Large Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Generating Installations are allowed as accessory uses in all zoning districts, with the exception of Town Center, by special permit from the Planning Board to be used on the property and not generated to the grid.**

Vote Required: 2/3rds
Motion Made By: Hicks
Motion Seconded By: Woodbury
MOTION PASSES 47/3
Spoke on Article: Stephanie Underwood, Greenville Street
Garry Nelson, North Spencer Road
Ralph Hicks, Selectman
Matthew DeFosse, Paul’s Drive
Frank White, R. Jones Road
Gary Woodbury, Selectman

ARTICLE 11:

AUTHORIZATION TO ACQUIRE EASEMENTS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by purchase, gift, eminent domain or otherwise, permanent and temporary easements in certain parcels of land within, adjacent to and/or contiguous to Meadow Road and intersecting streets in the locations more or less depicted on a plan entitled: “Massachusetts Department of Transportation Highway Division, Plan of Meadow Road in the Town of Spencer, Worcester County, Preliminary Right of Way Plans, Massachusetts DOT Project # 608873,” prepared by VHB, dated 7/13/2020, last rev. 5/16/2022 (the “Plan”), as it may be amended, a copy of which has been placed on file with the Town Clerk, and permanent and temporary easements in parcels of land located within 200 feet of said parcels, as such additional areas may be shown on said Plan, as hereinafter revised, for public way and public way construction purposes and otherwise for general municipal purposes sufficient to carry out the Meadow Road Improvement Project as depicted on the Plan, which purposes shall include, without limitation, grading, sloping, drainage, installation and relocation of utilities, landscaping, and other roadway improvements, and, further, to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide a sum of money for the purpose of providing for such acquisition and paying all costs and expenses associated therewith, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept, and expend any grants or loans in connection herewith, enter into all agreements, execute any and all documents, and take all action necessary to carry out the vote taken hereunder, or take any other action in relation thereto. *(Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen)*

Finance Committee Recommendation: To approve the article as written; voted unanimously.

Motion – Article 11

I move the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by purchase, gift, eminent domain or otherwise, permanent and temporary easements in certain parcels of land within, adjacent to and/or contiguous to Meadow Road and intersecting streets in the locations more or less depicted on a plan entitled “Massachusetts Department of Transportation Highway Division, Plan of Meadow Road in the Town of Spencer, Worcester County, Preliminary Right of Way Plans, Massachusetts DOT Project # 608873.” prepared by VHB, dated 7/13/2020, last rev. 6/16/2022 (the “Plan”), as it may be amended, a copy of which has been placed on file with the Town Clerk, and permanent and temporary easements in parcels of land located within 200 feet of said parcels, as such additional areas may be shown on said Plan, as hereinafter revised, for public way and public way construction purposes and

otherwise for general municipal purposes sufficient to carry out the Meadow Road Improvement Project as depicted on the Plan, which purposes shall include, without limitation, grading, sloping, drainage, installation and relocation of utilities, landscaping, and other roadway improvements, and, further, to appropriate by transfer those funds provided to the Town for highway improvements pursuant to G.L. c.90, the sum of Two Hundred Five Thousand and No Cents (\$205,000.00) for the purpose of providing for such acquisition and paying all costs and expenses associated therewith, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept, and expend any grants or loans in connection herewith, enter into all agreements, execute any and all documents, and take all action necessary to carry out the vote taken hereunder.

Vote Required: 2/3rds

Motion Made By: Woodbury

Motion Seconded By: Howard

MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY 50/0

Spoke on Article: Garry Nelson, North Spencer Road

William Cundiff, Superintendent Utilities and Facilities

ARTICLE 12:

ACCEPT THE AMENDED LAYOUT AND ALTERATION OF MEADOW ROAD

To see if the Town will vote to accept the layout and alteration of Meadow Road and connecting public ways, as ordered by the Board of Selectman and depicted on a plan entitled “Plan of Easements Owned by the Town of Spencer, Spencer Massachusetts, Worcester County, Showing Location of Easements for the Purpose of Reconstructing Meadow Road for the Town of Spencer” prepared by VHB, dated 9/28/2022, said order and plan having been placed on file with the Town Clerk as required by law; and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by gift, purchase or eminent domain, such interests in land as are necessary to allow for the use and maintenance of said way for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Spencer, or take any other action in relation thereto. *(Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen)*

Finance Committee Recommendation: To approve the article as written; voted unanimously.

Motion – Article 12

I move the Town vote to accept the layout and alteration of Meadow Road and connecting public ways, as ordered by the Board of Selectman and depicted on a plan entitled “Plan of Easements Owned by the Town of Spencer, Spencer Massachusetts, Worcester County, Showing Location of Easements for the Purpose of Reconstructing Meadow Road for the Town of Spencer” prepared by VHB, dated 9/28/2022, said order and plan having been placed on file with the Town Clerk as required by law; and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by gift, purchase or eminent domain, such interests in land as are necessary to allow for the use and maintenance of said way for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Spencer, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Vote Required: 2/3rds

Motion Made By: Woodbury

Motion Seconded By: Howard

MOTION PASSES 50/0

ARTICLE 13:

AUTHORIZATION TO ACQUIRE LAND OR AN INTEREST THEREIN

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by gift, purchase or eminent domain, and upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deems appropriate, the land or any portion thereof or interest therein located at the intersection of North Spencer Road and Meadow Road, identified in part as Town Assessors’ Parcel ID No. U21-69, and in part as Town Assessor’s Parcel ID No. R32-29, believed to be a portion of the lands described in that deed recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 51906, Page 78, and as funding therefor and any and all costs incidental and related thereto, to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, and/or borrow a sum of money, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into all agreements and take all action necessary, convenient or appropriate to provide for such acquisition, or take any other action in relation thereto. *(Sponsored by the Town Administrator)*

Finance Committee Recommendation: To approve the article as written; voted unanimously.

MOTION – ARTICLE 13

I move the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by gift, and upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deems appropriate, the land or any portion thereof or interest therein located at the intersection of North Spencer Road and Meadow Road, identified as Town Assessors’ Parcel ID No. U21-69, and believed to be a portion of the lands described in that deed recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 51906, Page 78, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into all agreements and take all action necessary, convenient or appropriate to provide for such acquisition, or take any action relating thereto.

Vote Required: Majority
Motion Made By: Howard

Motion Seconded By: Hicks

MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

**Spoke on Article: Robert Fritze, Vernon Street
William Cundiff, Superintendent Utilities and Facilities**

ARTICLE 14:

AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT THE ALTERATION OF THE LAYOUT OF SMITHVILLE ROAD

To see if the Town will vote to accept the alteration of the layout of Smithville Road, a public town way, as ordered by the Board of Selectman, to include within said layout the land depicted as “Parcel E-1” on the plan entitled: “County of Worcester, Massachusetts Easement Plan of a Portion of Route 31 Pleasant Street and Smithville Road in the Town of Spencer 100% Submittal,” dated July 1, 2022, prepared by Bayside Engineering, Inc. (the “Plan”), recorded herewith, and more particularly shown on the plan entitled: “John J. & Sandra L. Tebo, 93 Pleasant Street, Proposed Easement Sketch, Pleasant Street and Smithville Road, Spencer, MA,” said plans having been placed on file with the Town Clerk as required by law; and further to

authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by gift, purchase or eminent domain, such interests in land as are necessary to allow for the use and maintenance of said altered way for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Spencer, or take any other action in relation thereto. (*Sponsored by the Town Administrator*)

Finance Committee Recommendation: To approve the article as written; voted unanimously.

MOTION - ARTICLE 14

I move the Town vote to accept the alteration of the layout of Smithville Road, a public town way, as ordered by the Board of Selectman, to include within said layout the land depicted as “Parcel E-1” on the plan entitled: “County of Worcester, Massachusetts Easement Plan of a Portion of Route 31 Pleasant Street and Smithville Road in the Town of Spencer 100% Submittal,” dated July 1, 2022, prepared by Bayside Engineering, Inc. (the “Plan”), recorded herewith, and more particularly shown on the plan entitled: “John J. & Sandra L. Tebo, 93 Pleasant Street, Proposed Easement Sketch, Pleasant Street and Smithville Road, Spencer, MA,” said plans having been placed on file with the Town Clerk as required by law; and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by gift, purchase or eminent domain, such interests in land as are necessary to allow for the use and maintenance of said altered way for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Spencer.

**Vote Required: 2/3rds
Motion Made By: Hicks
Motion Seconded By: Howard**

MOTION PASSES 50/0

Article 15:

AMEND THE TOWN’S GENERAL BYLAWS

Amend General Bylaws, Article I, Section 7, to Enable Electronic Voting by Town Meeting

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Spencer General By-Laws, Town Meetings and Elections, to delete in its entirety Article 1, Section 7, Secret Ballot, to address the use of electronic voting technology for the counting of votes at Town Meeting, by inserting, in Article 1, Section 7, the following language:

Section 7 –Voting Procedures

1. Voting

When a question is put, the sense of the meeting shall be determined by a vote held using voice votes, raised hands, a placard, an electronic voting system or other voting indicia; the preference would be to use an electronic voting system if the same is available, for action on main motions, and any motion requiring more than a majority vote. For purposes of this by-law, the term, “electronic voting technology” shall mean any electronic voting system approved by the Town Clerk and the Town Moderator which allows for the counting of votes using a wireless device including hand-held clickers, or the like, as it may be decided from time to time.

2. Counting – Electronic Voting

If the count is taken using electronic voting technology, the Moderator shall declare the vote, and provide an opportunity for any voter to notify the Town Moderator that they believe their vote was recorded in error; if so, the Moderator shall direct that the record be corrected by the Town Clerk. If seven or more voters doubt the vote, the Town Moderator may request another vote using the handheld technology, or otherwise set the manner of voting. If Town Meeting approves a motion for reconsideration, the motion at issue immediately prior to the vote will be back before the voters, and the electronic voting system shall be used to record and tabulate the votes taken on the main motion.

3. Counting – Other Methods

If such electronic voting equipment is unavailable, the Town Moderator shall notify the Town Meeting as to what manner of voting will be used, and, unless 20 people stand in opposition, such method shall be implemented. If 20 voters do stand, then the Moderator’s recommendation is pending before the meeting, subject to amendment like any other motion. If the Moderator is unable to decide the vote or if the declaration by the Moderator is immediately questioned by 10 or more voters rising in their places, the Moderator shall then direct that a count be taken, whether by counting raised hands, raised placards or other indicia of vote, or by secret ballot or otherwise, as determined by the Moderator in the Moderator’s sole discretion;

or taken any action in relation thereto. *(Sponsored by the Town Moderator and Board of Selectmen)*

**Finance Committee Recommendation: To approve the article as written; voted unanimously.
Motion – Article 15**

I move to waive the reading and approve Article 15 as printed in the warrant

Vote Required: Majority

Motion Made By: Woodbury

Motion Seconded By: Howard

MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION MADE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING BY: Hicks

Seconded by: Howard

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:59 PM

Respectfully submitted: Sandra J. Fritze, Town Clerk

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**General State Election
November 8, 2022**

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: Diane Ledoux
Clerk: Mary Baker-Wood
Inspectors: Richard Braney, Kimberly Durant, Linda Mandella, Lucinda Puchalski
Barbara White
Deputy Inspector: Sylvia Berthiaume

Five Absentee ballots were cast in this precinct. Four hundred and sixty Early Voting Ballots were cast in this precinct. Six hundred and Thirty-two ballots were handed out by the inspectors. Of these, fourteen were spoiled, making a total of One thousand and eighty-three ballots cast. Ten regular ballots and two UOCAVA ballots needed to be hand counted. The ballot box registered One thousand and seventy-two ballots cast at the closing of the polls.

The following were appointed election officers for **Precinct #2**

Warden: Peter McGinn
Clerk: Karen Hackett
Inspectors: Bruce Herholz, John Wilson, Janice Peters, Larry Lewis, Barbara Braney,
Deputy Inspector: Patricia Monfette

Four absentee ballots were cast in this precinct. Four hundred and Forty-five Early Voting Ballots were cast in this precinct. Five hundred and Eleven ballots were handed out by the inspectors. Of these, seven were spoiled, making a total of Five Hundred and three ballots cast. Fifteen ballots needed to be hand counted. The ballot box registered Nine hundred and Thirty-eight ballots cast at the closing of the polls.

The following were appointed election officers for **Precinct #3**

Warden: William Lehtola
Clerk: Judith Fortin
Inspectors: Nancy Herholz, Kathleen Beford, Marie Lamoureux,
Nancy Gouin
Deputy Inspectors: Elizabeth Plante, Mary McLaughlin

Nine absentee ballots were cast in this precinct. Four hundred and Eighty-Eight Early Voting Ballots were cast in this precinct. Seven hundred Eleven ballots were handed out by the inspectors. Of these, Six were spoiled, making a total of One Thousand Two Hundred and two ballots cast. Twenty-three regular ballots and one UOCAVA ballot needed to be hand counted. The ballot box registered One thousand one hundred and seventy-eight cast at the closing of the polls.

The following were appointed elections officers for **Precinct #4**

Warden: Diane Scanlon
 Clerk: Louise Small
 Inspectors: Gail McInnes, Karen Gaucher, Winifred Bouley, Paul McLaughlin
 Deputy Inspectors: Shirley Standring, Elizabeth Plante

Seven absentee ballots were cast in this precinct. Five hundred and forty-two Early Voted Ballots were cast. Six hundred-Eighty-two ballots were handed out by the inspectors. The ballot box registered One Thousand Two hundred and Eleven at the closing of the polls, twenty-four regular ballots and one UOCAVA ballot were hand counted. Making the total One Thousand Two hundred and Thirty-six ballots cast.

Tabulator: Brynn Johnson and Casey Lacaire

The counting and tabulation was completed by 11:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
 Sandra J. Fritze, Town Clerk

RESULTS

Town of Spencer State Election 11/08/2022

Governor & Lieut. Governor					
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Blanks	9	8	7	11	35
Diehl and Allen	564	477	689	610	2340
Healey and Driscoll	490	442	475	587	1994
Reed and Everett	16	24	30	25	95
Write-Ins:(All Others)			1	3	4
Charlie Baker	2	2			4
Doghty/Campanale	3				3
					0
Total	1084	953	1202	1236	4475

Town of Spencer State Election 11/08/2022					
Attorney General					
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Blanks	25	15	16	26	82
Andrea Joy Campbell	477	431	450	575	1933
James R. McMahon, III	582	507	734	633	2456
Write-Ins:(All Others)	0	0	2	2	4
					0
Total	1084	953	1202	1236	4475

Town of Spencer		State Election 11/08/2022				
Secretary of State						
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total	
Blanks	15	6	11	15	47	
William Francis Galvin	566	495	561	635	2257	
Rayla Campbell	476	435	604	543	2058	
Juan Sanchez	27	17	26	40	110	
Write-Ins:(All Others)	0	0	0	3	3	
					0	
Total	1084	953	1202	1236	4475	

Town of Spencer		State Election 11/08/2022				
Treasurer						
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total	
Blanks	150	93	173	155	571	
Deborah B. Goldberg	595	553	597	700	2445	
Cristina Crawford	332	303	420	374	1429	
Write-ins:(All Others)	7	4	12	7	30	
					0	
					0	
Total	1084	953	1202	1236	4475	

Town of Spencer		State Election 11/08/2022				
Auditor						
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total	
Blanks	44	34	46	52	176	
Anthony Amore	573	490	701	607	2371	
Diana DiZoglio	407	365	389	488	1649	
Gloria A. Caballero-Roca	22	23	20	27	92	
Dominic Giannone, III	14	23	15	36	88	
Daniel Riek	24	18	30	24	96	
Write-ins:(All Others)	0	0	1	2	3	
					0	
					0	
Total	1084	953	1202	1236	4475	

Town of Spencer		State Election 11/08/2022				
Rep in Congress						
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total	
Blanks	39	20	44	32	135	
Richard E. Neal	506	451	487	609	2053	
Dean James Martilli	539	482	670	592	2283	
Write-Ins:(All Others)	0	0	1	3	4	
					0	
Total	1084	953	1202	1236	4475	

Town of Spencer		State Election 11/08/2022				
Councillor						
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total	
Blanks	43	30	47	48	168	
Paul M. DePalo	475	442	466	571	1954	
Gary Galonek	566	481	688	614	2349	
Write-Ins:(All Others)	0	0	1	3	4	
					0	
Total	1084	953	1202	1236	4475	

Town of Spencer		State Election 11/08/2022				
Senator in General Court						
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total	
Blanks	18	13	17	9	57	
Anne M. Gobi	593	529	598	692	2412	
James Anthony Amorello	473	411	586	533	2003	
Write-Ins:(All Others)	0	0	1	2	3	
					0	
Total	1084	953	1202	1236	4475	

Town of Spencer		State Election 11/08/2022				
Rep. In General Court 5th District						
Split District	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total	
Blanks		191	209	267	667	
Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.		749	965	950	2664	
Write-Ins:(All Others)		13	28	19	60	
					0	
Total	0	953	1202	1236	3391	

Town of Spencer		State Election 11/08/2022				
Rep. In General Court 6th District						
Split District	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total	
Blanks	248				248	
Peter J. Durant	828				828	
Write-ins:(All Others)	8				8	
					0	
Total	1084	0	0	0	1084	

Town of Spencer		State Election 11/08/2022				
District Attorney						
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total	
Blanks	326	244	351	334	1255	
Joseph D. Early, Jr.	741	687	799	887	3114	
Write-ins:(All Others)	17	22	52	15	106	
					0	
Total	1084	953	1202	1236	4475	

Town of Spencer		State Election 11/08/2022				
Sheriff						
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total	
Blanks	33	27	36	32	128	
Lewis G. Evangelidis	694	613	839	797	2943	
David M. Fontaine	357	313	323	405	1398	
Write-Ins:(All Others)	0	0	4	2	6	
					0	
					0	
Total	1084	953	1202	1236	4475	

Town of Spencer		State Election 11/08/2022				
Question 1 - Tax on income > Million						
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total	
Blank	20	11	26	21	78	
yes	457	419	467	524	1867	
No	607	523	709	691	2530	
Total	1084	953	1202	1236	4475	

Town of Spencer		State Election 11/08/2022				
Question 2 - Dental Insurance						
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total	
Blank	22	8	24	15	69	
Yes	685	630	689	809	2813	
No	377	315	489	412	1593	
Total	1084	953	1202	1236	4475	

Town of Spencer		State Election 11/08/2022				
Question 3 - Alcoholic Licenses						
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total	
Blank	39	14	40	20	113	
Yes	403	360	430	483	1676	
No	642	579	732	733	2686	
Total	1084	953	1202	1236	4475	

Town of Spencer		State Election 11/08/2022				
Question 4 - Driver's Licenses						
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total	
Blank	27	14	17	19	77	
Yes	408	360	404	526	1698	
No	649	579	781	691	2700	
Total	1084	953	1202	1236	4475	

Town of Spencer		State Election 11/08/2022			
Question 5 - non Binding (Pct 2,3,4)					
		Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Blank		98	128	124	350
Yes		321	323	417	1061
No		534	751	695	1980
Total		953	1202	1236	3391

Total Votes Cast 4,475
 Registered Voters 8,589
 Voter Turnout 52.10 %

ACCOUNTANT

Alaine Boucher (Interim)
Allison Lawrence (resigned in October of 2022)

Town of Spencer

Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups as of June 30, 2022 (Unaudited)

	Governmental Fund Types			Proprietary Fund Types		Fund Types	Groups	Totals
		Special	Capital		Internal	Trust and	Long-term	(Memorandum
	General	Revenue	Projects	Enterprise	Services	Agency	Debt	Only)
<u>ASSETS</u>								
Cash and cash equivalents	2,640,585.84	3,151,583.09	7,508,309.70	3,471,909.78		2,071,204.23		18,843,592.64
Investments								0.00
Receivables:								
Personal property taxes	36,452.94							36,452.94
Real estate taxes	167,611.37							167,611.37
Allowance for abatements and exemptions	(302,758.00)							(302,758.00)
Tax liens	390,357.75			4,354.55				394,712.30
Deferred taxes								0.00
Motor vehicle excise	259,885.13							259,885.13
Other excises	8,028.31							8,028.31
User fees				27,174.84				27,174.84
Utility liens added to taxes								0.00
Departmental		43,955.65		38,052.50				82,008.15
Special assessments	54,565.96							54,565.96
Due from other governments		589,536.49						589,536.49
Other receivables	93,882.26							93,882.26
Foreclosures/Possessions	80,684.47							80,684.47
Prepays								0.00
Due to/from other funds				(11,000.00)				(11,000.00)
Working deposit								0.00
Inventory								0.00

Fixed assets, net of accumulated depreciation								0.00
Reserve for Capital		1,860,000.00						1,860,000.00
Amounts to be provided - payment of bonds				6,547,167.00			14,827,500.00	21,374,667.00
Amounts to be provided - vacation/sick leave								0.00
Total Assets	3,429,296.03	3,785,075.23	9,368,309.70	10,077,658.67	0.00	2,071,204.23	14,827,500.00	43,559,043.86

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

Liabilities:

Warrants payable								0.00
Accounts payable								0.00
Accrued payroll								0.00
Withholdings	14,117.40							14,117.40
Accrued claims payable								0.00
Due to/from other funds								0.00
Due to other governments								0.00
Other liabilities								0.00
Deferred revenue:								
Real and personal property taxes	(98,693.69)							(98,693.69)
Tax liens	390,357.75			4,354.55				394,712.30
Deferred taxes								0.00
Foreclosures/Possessions	80,684.47							80,684.47
Motor vehicle excise	259,885.33							259,885.33
Other excises	8,028.31							8,028.31
User fees				27,174.84				27,174.84
Utility liens added to taxes								0.00
Departmental		43,955.65		38,052.50				82,008.15
Special assessments	54,565.96							54,565.96
Due from other governments		589,536.49						589,536.49
Other receivables	85,097.60							85,097.60
Deposits receivable								0.00
Prepaid taxes/fees								0.00
Tailings								0.00

IBNR								0.00
Agency Funds								0.00
Notes payable			1,860,000.00					1,860,000.00
Bonds payable					6,547,167.00		14,827,500.00	21,374,667.00
Vacation and sick leave liability								0.00
Total Liabilities	794,043.13	633,492.14	1,860,000.00	6,616,748.89	0.00	0.00	14,827,500.00	24,731,784.16
Fund Equity:								
Reserved for encumbrances	427,745.51		2,150,654.86	27,624.19				2,606,024.56
Reserved for expenditures				485,431.00				485,431.00
Reserved for continuing appropriations				1,325,772.35				1,325,772.35
Reserved for petty cash								0.00
Reserved for appropriation deficit								0.00
Reserved for snow and ice deficit								0.00
Reserved for COVID-19 deficit								0.00
Reserved for debt service	38,750.33							38,750.33
Reserved for premiums								0.00
Reserved for working deposit								0.00
Reservered for Bond Premium		21,206.00						21,206.00
Undesignated fund balance	2,168,757.06	3,130,377.09	5,357,654.84			2,071,204.23		12,727,993.22
Unreserved retained earnings				1,622,082.24				1,622,082.24
Investment in capital assets								0.00
Total Fund Equity	2,635,252.90	3,151,583.09	7,508,309.70	3,460,909.78	0.00	2,071,204.23	0.00	18,827,259.70
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	3,429,296.03	3,785,075.23	9,368,309.70	10,077,658.67	0.00	2,071,204.23	14,827,500.00	43,559,043.86

PROOF BALANCE SHEET IS IN BALANCE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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PROOF FUND BALANCE DETAIL AGREES TO THE BALANCE SHEET	#REF!	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,071,204.23
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PROOF RECEIVABLES DETAIL AGREES TO THE BALANCE SHEET	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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(revised 06/02/2022)

SPENCER
Special Revenue Fund Balance Detail
as of June 30, 2022
(Unaudited)

Fund Number	Fund Name	Accounts	Deferred	Fund Balance	Receipts thru	BAN's	Remaining Deficit
		Receivable	Revenue	6/30/2022	9/30/2022		6/30/2022
23000-35900	Chapter 90			(90,609.70)			(90,609.70)
25000-35900	MSCP			1,611.92			0.00
26000-35900	ARPA Funds			1,597,140.83			0.00
27000-35900	Cultural Council			17,770.74			0.00
28000-35900	Septic Title V			134,376.11			0.00
89000-10520	A/R Off Duty Detail	43,955.65	43,955.65	20,987.16			0.00
40000-35900	Betterment Fund			158,860.47			0.00
24000-24323	Ride Share			1,920.40			0.00
24000-24327	Hasting Rd Bridge			4,135.32			0.00
24000-24329	Flower Donation			100.00			0.00
24000-24331	Lake St RFP			5,000.00			0.00
24000-24339	Stormwater Coal			213,792.03			0.00
24000-24341	Deer Run Phase I			14.94			0.00
24000-24342	Deer Run Phase II			202,418.42			0.00
24000-24343	Spencer St Party			584.58			0.00
24000-24344	Driveway Permit			58,100.00			0.00
24000-24346	Community Celeb			380.06			0.00
24000-24347	Veterans Donation			704.44			0.00
24000-24348	Building Codes			2,952.50			0.00
24000-24349	Veterans Memorial			3,000.00			0.00
24000-24350	Wetlands Protect			18,613.20			0.00
24000-24363	CC Wilson St Solar			2,000.00			0.00
24000-24365	CC Charlie Diner			2,200.00			0.00
24000-24370	Clock Restoration			5,270.39			0.00
24000-24393	Storm Water Bond			60,278.46			0.00
24000-24396	Stormwater Revolvin			1,445.20			0.00

24000-24397	CC 9 Debbie Rd	(1,070.00)	(1,070.00)
24000-24398	CC 13 Debbie Dr	573.00	0.00
24000-24401	CC 93 Hastings	1,850.00	0.00
24000-24403	CC 155 Mechanics	394.25	0.00
24000-24406	CC Valley View	65.93	0.00
24000-24407	CC Chickering Rd	25.00	0.00
24000-24408	CC 155 Mecha Bond	45,000.00	0.00
24000-24480	Shaw Pond Grant	800.11	0.00
24000-35900	Unreserved FB	50.00	0.00
24000-57154	FY22 Green Communities	(8,046.00)	(8,046.00)
24000-57159	Green Communities	(25,013.36)	(25,013.36)
24000-57228	CC Mechanic	1,075.75	0.00
24000-57780	Fines- Handicapped	5,281.71	0.00
24000-57787	RRFA-Peg Access	117,183.21	0.00
24000-57867	Access Training Seminar	0.13	0.00
24000-57868	Dep Elec Vehicle Grant	1,490.00	0.00
24000-57872	Kennel Donation	7,654.73	0.00
24000-57874	Sustainable MATL Recover 2019	277.19	0.00
24000-57875	C. Fiber Net Fund	12,382.48	0.00
24000-57876	Stormwater Bond	12,109.20	0.00
24000-57877	CC 56 Northwest Rd	86.48	0.00
24000-57878	Subs Mat'l Rec 2018	4,550.00	0.00
24000-57879	CC 20 Mccormick	500.00	0.00
24000-57881	CC 32 Mccormick	129.95	0.00
24000-57882	CC 22 Norcross	1,481.02	0.00
24000-57884	CC 17 GH Wilson	170.98	0.00
24000-57886	CC 20 McCormick	14,419.60	0.00
24000-59280	7 Mile River	45,129.80	0.00
24000-59415	CC 133 Ash St	1,031.06	0.00
24000-48500	Animal Sterlization	5,704.80	0.00
24171-24412	CC 25 Lake Ave	154.08	0.00
24171-24414	CC ZPT GH Wilson	117.60	0.00
24171-24416	CC GH Wilson Solar	447.50	0.00
24171-24426	CC Landfil Solar	5,000.00	0.00

24171-24428	20 McCormick Solar	170.90		0.00
24171-24429	CC 32 McCorm Solar	213.45		0.00
24171-57881	CC 32 McCormick	11,536.20		0.00
24171-57887	CC Charlton/Bacon Hill	3,273.72		0.00
24171-57888	CC 1&3 N Spencer Rd	2,651.75		0.00
24171-57889	CC 10 Meadow Rd	4,782.80		0.00
24199-48400	Planning Revolving	48,898.08		0.00
24199-48450	MTC Grant 2010	702.00		0.00
24199-57134	PLB Laureldale	(1,790.00)		(1,790.00)
24199-57167	PLB Sullivan Est	1,265.00		0.00
24199-57171	PLB Deer Run	390.56		0.00
24199-57176	PLB Rolling Ridge	1,400.00		0.00
24199-57178	PLB Sullivan Surety	31,203.71		0.00
24199-57180	PLB Bixby Trails	174.89		0.00
24199-57186	PLB Pine Cliff Condo	240.00		0.00
24199-57226	PLB Treadwell Surety	134,564.00		0.00
24199-57270	PLB Charles Diner	1,955.00		0.00
24199-57275	PLB Cedar Woods	1,120.00		0.00
24199-57284	PLB GH Wilson Solar	2,505.20		0.00
24199-57289	PLB 20 McCorm Solar	985.00		0.00
24199-57290	PLB 32 McCorm Solar	1,320.50		0.00
24199-57299	PLB 103N Spencer	11,160.90		0.00
24199-57300	PLB 103N Spencer Storm	13,713.40		0.00
24210-57210	Firearms Record Keep	3,512.50		0.00
24210-57225	Drug Enforcement	8,460.61		0.00
24210-57303	Byrne Jag Grant	(965.00)		(965.00)
24210-57320	PD Stanton K-9 Grant	11,091.62		0.00
24210-57343	FY21 911 Support Grant	(2,067.49)	2,067.49	0.00
24210-57349	FY20 Support	(2,333.19)		(2,333.19)
24210-57374	FY22 Body Cameras	(45,766.27)	45,766.27	0.00
24220-57225	Fire Donations	1,612.74		0.00
24220-57352	FY21 EMPG Grant	(3,492.00)		(3,492.00)
24220-57335	18 FEMA Homeland	62,907.14		0.00
24220-57340	2018 EMPG Grant	716.00		0.00

24220-57344	HSGP-CCP Grant	1.00		0.00
24220-57345	FY 19 Safe Grant	385.37		0.00
24220-57350	FY 19 Senior Safe	114.21		0.00
24220-57356	FY21 Fire EDU SAFE Grant	(130.37)		(130.37)
24220-57357	FY21 Fire Equip Grant	35.00		0.00
24220-57358	FY22 Fire Equip Grant	(13,028.39)	13,028.39	0.00
24220-57361	FY22 Safe Grant	4,483.50		0.00
24220-57362	FY22 Senior Safe Grant	2,855.00		0.00
24220-57391	COVID-19 280	(207,328.46)		(207,328.46)
24245-51700	Wire Inspector	13,520.00		0.00
24000-57419	FY22 Earmark - Woodchipper	150,000.00		0.00
24000-57592	MAPC LED Streetlight Grant	54,692.58		0.00
24000-57593	Recycling Dividends Program	3,500.00		0.00
24422-57423	FY23 Browning Pond Boat Ramp	(43,646.90)	47,000.00	0.00
24510-52000	WE Care Bond	5,636.96		0.00
24510-57532	BOH Site Cleanup	153.73		0.00
24510-57533	FY22 MHOA Covid-19 Support	341.50		0.00
24510-57540	Emergency Prepare	530.04		0.00
24510-57541	EDS Volunteers	0.20		0.00
24510-57544	Regional Planning Grant	(1,918.30)		(1,918.30)
24510-57550	Flexcon Contribution	1,998.26		0.00
24510-57555	PHER Grant	4,689.00		0.00
24510-57562	Equipment Grant	8,210.80		0.00
24510-57645	COA Donations	300.00		0.00
24541-57560	COA Revolving	15,140.57		0.00
24541-57585	COA Barnstorm Rev	2,207.50		0.00
24541-57676	COA Grant FY19	930.38		0.00
24541-57679	COA Formula Grant FY22	22,061.69		0.00
24542-57622	Youth Donation	3,870.69		0.00
24610-57661	Library Donation	884.49		0.00
24610-57685	Green Gift to Library	15,996.63		0.00
24610-57917	MEG Grant 19	6.37		0.00
24610-57919	LIG Grant 20	28,984.96		0.00
24610-57920	MEG Grant 20	27,599.05		0.00

24610-57921	NRC Grant 20			1,681.25			0.00
24630-57635	Recreation Revolving			19,482.16			0.00
24630-57623	Luther Park Donation			18,065.76			0.00
24630-57625	Powder Park Donation			4,664.37			0.00
24630-57625	O'Gara Park Donation			2,420.00			0.00
24691-57691	Historical Donation			819.10			0.00
23000-17220	State Aid Chp 90	\$	589,536.49	\$	589,536.49		0.00
24610-24324				21,206.00			
Total Special Revenue Fund Balance			633,492.14	633,492.14	3,151,583.09	107,862.15	0.00
							(252,086.68)

Combining Balance Sheet - Enterprise Funds

as of June 30, 2021

(Unaudited)

	WATER	SEWER	Totals
	Enterprise Fund	Enterprise Fund	(Memorandum Only)
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Cash and cash equivalents	1,039,892.16	2,928,899.45	3,968,791.61
Investments			0.00
Receivables:			
User Fees	(3,947.56)	67,172.46	63,224.90
Special assessments			0.00
Utility liens added to taxes	3,331.62	2,930.32	6,261.94
Tax foreclosures			0.00
Departmental			0.00
Other receivables			0.00
Due from other governments			0.00
Due to/from other funds			0.00
Prepays			0.00
Inventory			0.00
Fixed assets, net of accumulated depreciation			0.00
Amounts to be provided - vacation and sick leave			0.00
Total Assets	<u>1,039,276.22</u>	<u>2,999,002.23</u>	<u>4,038,278.45</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</u>			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable			0.00
Warrants payable			0.00

Accrued payroll and withholdings			0.00
Other liabilities		11,000.00	11,000.00
Deferred revenue:			
User Charges	(3,947.56)	67,172.46	63,224.90
Special assessments			0.00
Utility liens added to taxes	3,331.62	2,930.32	6,261.94
Tax foreclosures			0.00
Departmental			0.00
Other receivables			0.00
Due from other governments			0.00
Due to other governments			0.00
Due to/from other funds			0.00
Notes Payable		1,960,000.00	1,960,000.00
Total Liabilities	(615.94)	2,041,102.78	2,040,486.84

Spencer
Trust Fund Balance Detail
as of **June 30, 2021**
(Unaudited)

Fund Number	Fund Name	Accounts	Deferred	Fund Balance	Receipts thru	BAN's	Remaining Deficit
		Receivable	Revenue	6/30/2021	9/30/2021		6/30/2021
83000-39000	Waterway Improv			55,069.44			0.00
83000-39100	Philip Quinn			13,857.66			0.00
83000-39150	Silas Grout			6,076.60			0.00
83000-39220	War Veterans			558.48			0.00
83000-39250	Benjamin Drury			3,777.74			0.00
83000-39300	Richard Sug Park			7,133.62			0.00
83000-39350	Issac Lothrop			12,897.76			0.00
83000-39400	Old Cemerty Per			2,420.39			0.00
83000-39425	Friends of Old Cem			666.87			0.00
83000-39450	Old Cemetery Gen			67.82			0.00
83000-39500	W Curtis			17.69			0.00
83000-39550	George S. Wilson			1,586.22			0.00
83000-39600	Howe Memorial			10,496.39			0.00
83000-39650	G. Henry Wilson			26.61			0.00
83000-39800	Buy Back Sick Time			24,987.19			0.00
83000-39825	Retiree Health Liab			328,129.96			0.00
83000-39850	Unemployment			28,568.53			0.00
83000-39900	Stabilization-Op			1,510,420.29			0.00
83000-39910	Stabilization-Capit			503.79			0.00
83000-39920	Stabilization-Land			2,177.62			0.00
83000-39930	Stabilization-Build			436.07			0.00
83000-39950	Police Equipment			11,691.49			0.00
Total Expendable Trust Fund Balance		0.00	0.00	2,021,568.23	0.00	0.00	0.00

General Fund Detail

ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	TRANFRS/ADJSMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	AVAILABLE BUDGET
51000 PERSONAL SERVICES	3,882	3,882	3,820.04	62
56370 ASSESSMENT RET MU TEACHE	8,206	8,206	8,206.00	0
56400 ASSESSMENT-AIR POLLUTION	3,216	3,216	3,216.00	0
56630 ASSESSMENT REG TRANSIT A	108,839	108,839	108,839.00	0
56990 RMV MON-RENEWAL SURCHARG	21,760	21,760	22,040.00	-280
57000 OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	77,150	77,150	76,930.82	219
000	223,053	223,053	223,051.86	1
41100 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES	-783,778	-783,778	-765,338.61	-18,440
41200 REAL ESTATE TAXES	-16,966,823	-16,966,823	-16,829,381.64	-137,442
41220 ROLLBACK TAX REVENUE	0	0	-381.66	382
41400 LOCAL MEALS EXCISE	-128,250	-128,250	-195,476.26	67,226
41420 TAX LIENS REDEEMED	0	0	-71,149.66	71,150
41500 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	-1,429,108	-1,429,108	-1,783,741.13	354,633
41600 BOAT EXCISE	-4,000	-4,000	-4,228.50	229
41710 PENALTY/INT PROPERTY TAX	-31,500	-31,500	-38,461.35	6,961
41720 PENALTY/INT MV EXCISE	-48,600	-48,600	-68,484.95	19,885
41730 PENALTY/INT TAX LIEN	-9,000	-9,000	-12,551.48	3,551
41740 FEES-MARK FEES	-14,000	-14,000	-18,032.37	4,032
42455 FEES-TRANS.STA.STICKERS	-75,000	-75,000	-82,025.00	7,025
42465 FEES-TRANS.STA.BAG SALES	-171,000	-171,000	-192,187.50	21,188
42470 FEES-TRANSF.STAT-FLEXCON	-10,000	-10,000	-10,792.00	792
42480 FEES-TRANS.STATION OTHER	-12,000	-12,000	-31,582.80	19,583
42485 FEES-TRANS.STA.RECYCLED	-11,000	-11,000	-18,111.94	7,112
42700 FEES-SPD LOCK-UP	-5,000	-5,000	-7,050.00	2,050
43210 FEES-MUNICIPAL LIENS	-22,500	-22,500	-30,350.00	7,850
43230 FEES-PERMIT/ODIS	-160,000	-160,000	-161,375.25	1,375
43250 FEES-TOWN CLERK	-14,000	-14,000	-18,797.10	4,797
43260 FEES-POLICE DEPT	-1,000	-1,000	-240.00	-760
43270 FEES-SFD 21E	-1,350	-1,350	-1,516.02	166
43290 FEES- HIGHWAY- GAS	-10,000	-10,000	-21,476.01	11,476

43291 FEES-HIGHWAY DEPT.	-9,000	-9,000	-10,135.00	1,135
43296 FEES-RENTAL SELECTMEN	-2,250	-2,250	-2,500.00	250
43600 FEES-LANDFILL SOLAR CITI	-196,000	-196,000	-199,686.03	3,686
43610 FEES- VACANT BUILDINGS R	0	0	-900.00	900
44100 LIC/PER-ALCOHOLIC	-14,400	-14,400	-19,444.65	5,045
44210 LIC/PER-SELECTMEN	-4,950	-4,950	-4,659.06	-291
44215 LIC/PER-DOGS	-23,000	-23,000	-32,595.00	9,595
44400 LIC/PER-BOARD OF HEALTH	-61,200	-61,200	-68,461.32	7,261
44470 LIC/PER-FIRE DEPT	-17,000	-17,000	-25,381.50	8,382
44500 LIC/PER-POLICE DEPT	-6,300	-6,300	-6,750.00	450
46900 FINES-DMV	-12,600	-12,600	-15,002.67	2,403
46950 FINES-COURT	-1,800	-1,800	-902.50	-898
47750 FINES-PARKING	-3,150	-3,150	-4,063.00	913
47755 FINES-SPD-GEN	-1,800	-1,800	-4,785.00	2,985
47760 FINES- SPD ANIM CONT	-2,000	-2,000	-2,335.00	335
47765 FINES-B.O.H.	0	0	-720.00	720
48200 EARNINGS-INVESTMENTS	-7,500	-7,500	-17,242.58	9,743
48400 OTHER MISC.REVENUES	0	0	-19,223.70	19,224
48422 SALE OF TOWN PROPERTY	0	0	-3,533.92	3,534
49990 SALE OF SURPLUS	0	0	-15,705.00	15,705
001 GENERAL FUND	-20,270,860	-20,270,860	-20,816,757.16	545,898
46160 ABATEMENTS/VBS & ELDERLY	-47,068	-47,068	-114,537.00	67,469
46200 SCHOOL AID CH.70	-30,998	-30,998	0.00	-30,998
46660 STATE OWNED LAND	-83,986	-83,986	-83,986.00	0
46670 VETERAN'S BENEFITS	-96,859	-96,859	-128,626.00	31,767
46710 UNRESTRICTED GEN GOVT AI	-2,485,861	-2,485,861	-2,569,755.00	83,894
46996 STATE - MAPLE ST COURT L	0	0	-59,468.13	59,468
46999 MISC REVENUE STATE	0	0	-385.00	385
002 STATE REVENUE	-2,744,772	-2,744,772	-2,956,757.13	211,985
57000 OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	5,500	5,500	1,352.58	4,147
122 SELECTMEN	5,500	5,500	1,352.58	4,147

51000 PERSONAL SERVICES	194,463	194,463	186,698.30	7,765
57000 OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	10,282	10,282	5,826.43	4,456
123 TOWN ADMINISTRATOR	204,745	204,745	192,524.73	12,221
51000 PERSONAL SERVICES	200	200	200.00	0
57000 OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	1,500	1,500	1,337.00	163
131 FINANCE COMMITTEE	1,700	1,700	1,537.00	163
57000 OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	20,000	20,000	0.00	20,000
132 RESERVE FUND	20,000	20,000	0.00	20,000
51000 PERSONAL SERVICES	57,724	57,724	57,690.14	34
57000 OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	85,269	85,269	83,269.92	1,999
135 TOWN ACCOUNTANT	142,993	142,993	140,960.06	2,033
51000 PERSONAL SERVICES	133,116	133,116	130,185.20	2,931
57000 OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	62,353	62,353	50,709.76	11,643
141 ASSESSORS	195,469	195,469	180,894.96	14,574
51000 PERSONAL SERVICES	164,267	164,267	155,954.91	8,312
57000 OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	30,850	30,850	27,493.48	3,357
145 TREASURER	195,117	195,117	183,448.39	11,669
57000 OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	122,621	122,621	121,621.16	1,000
151 TOWN COUNSEL	122,621	122,621	121,621.16	1,000
57000 OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	115,984	115,984	114,657.39	1,327
155 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	115,984	115,984	114,657.39	1,327
57000 OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	22,000	22,000	18,340.00	3,660
158 TAX TITLE EXPENSE	22,000	22,000	18,340.00	3,660
51000 PERSONAL SERVICES	139,819	139,819	134,868.64	4,950
57000 OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	29,784	29,784	25,363.60	4,420

161 TOWN CLERK	169,603	169,603	160,232.24	9,371
51000 PERSONAL SERVICES	12,062	12,062	11,542.20	520
57000 OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	16,600	16,600	11,568.18	5,032
162 ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION	28,662	28,662	23,110.38	5,552
57000 OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	83,150	83,150	70,200.13	12,950
192 TOWN HALL MAINTENANCE	83,150	83,150	70,200.13	12,950
51000 PERSONAL SERVICES	2,217,405	2,217,405	2,214,000.00	3,405
57000 OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	210,041	210,041	209,658.12	383
210 POLICE DEPARTMENT	2,427,446	2,427,446	2,423,658.12	3,788
51000 PERSONAL SERVICES	523,184	523,184	523,046.31	137
57000 OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	627,266	627,266	595,766.39	31,500
220 FIRE DEPARTMENT	1,150,450	1,150,450	1,118,812.70	31,637
51000 PERSONAL SERVICES	249,221	249,221	245,130.22	4,091
57000 OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	69,347	69,347	22,747.03	46,600
250 OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENT SERV	318,568	318,568	267,877.25	50,691
57000 OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	5,000	5,000	3,510.99	1,489
293 TRAFFIC LIGHTS	5,000	5,000	3,510.99	1,489
52000 PURCHASE OF SERVICES	1,512,586	1,512,586	1,474,344.00	38,242
52100 PURCHASE OF SERVICE BUS	67,320	67,320	67,320.00	0
56000 INTERGOVERNMENTAL	8,803,378	8,803,378	8,803,378.00	0
56010 DEBT CAPITAL PROJ 07	528,254	528,254	528,254.00	0
300 SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	10,911,538	10,911,538	10,873,296.00	38,242
51000 PERSONAL SERVICES	102,952	102,952	88,800.89	14,151
57000 OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	56,823	56,823	53,510.93	3,312
405 UTILITIES & FACILITIES	159,775	159,775	142,311.82	17,463

51000 PERSONAL SERVICES	569,924	569,924	569,455.81	468
57000 OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	841,556	841,556	420,448.38	421,108
422 HIGHWAY DEPT	1,411,480	1,411,480	989,904.19	421,576
51000 PERSONAL SERVICES	75,300	75,300	75,192.36	108
57000 OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	333,500	333,500	332,795.71	704
423 HIGHWAY - SNOW & ICE	408,800	408,800	407,988.07	812
57000 OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	67,300	67,300	52,089.78	15,210
424 STREET LIGHTING	67,300	67,300	52,089.78	15,210
51000 PERSONAL SERVICES	91,278	91,278	91,278.00	0
57000 OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	267,600	267,600	222,867.09	44,733
433 TRANSFER STATION	358,878	358,878	314,145.09	44,733
57000 OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	110,000	110,000	110,000.00	0
496 GAS & DIESEL FUEL	110,000	110,000	110,000.00	0
51000 PERSONAL SERVICES	61,278	61,278	60,980.54	297
57000 OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	11,135	11,135	11,100.48	35
510 BOARD OF HEALTH	72,413	72,413	72,081.02	332
51000 PERSONAL SERVICES	81,065	81,065	70,843.25	10,222
57000 OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	45,141	45,141	41,737.34	3,404
541 COUNCIL ON AGING	126,206	126,206	112,580.59	13,625
51000 PERSONAL SERVICES	21,555	21,555	20,749.50	806
57000 OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	181,400	181,400	127,013.79	54,386
543 VETERAN'S DEPARTMENT	202,955	202,955	147,763.29	55,192
51000 PERSONAL SERVICES	252,424	252,424	252,424.00	0
54000 SUPPLIES	72,950	72,950	72,950.00	0
57000 OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	120,935	120,935	115,858.80	5,076
610 RICHARD SUGDEN LIBRARY	446,309	446,309	441,232.80	5,076

51000 PERSONAL SERVICES	66,770	66,770	56,573.75	10,196
57000 OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	111,854	111,854	98,621.86	13,232
640 PARKS & RECREATION	178,624	178,624	155,195.61	23,428
57000 OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	500	500	0.00	500
691 HISTORICAL COMMISSION	500	500	0.00	500
57000 OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	1,500	1,500	290.00	1,210
699 CELEBRATIONS	1,500	1,500	290.00	1,210
59000 DEBT SERVICE	870,000	870,000	870,000.00	0
59100 SHORT TERM DEBT/INTEREST	565,260	565,260	565,260.00	0
710 MATURING DEBT	1,435,260	1,435,260	1,435,260.00	0
57000 OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	2,144,104	2,144,104	1,974,325.07	169,779
800 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	2,144,104	2,144,104	1,974,325.07	169,779
57000 OTHER CHARGES/EXPENSES	181,675	181,675	177,316.30	4,359
900 GENERAL INSURANCE	181,675	181,675	177,316.30	4,359
010 GENERAL FUND	818,747	818,747	-991,944.72	1,810,692
Revenue Total	-23,015,632	-23,015,632	-23,773,514.29	757,883
Expense Total	23,834,378	23,834,378	22,781,569.57	1,052,809
Grand Total	818,747	818,747	-991,944.72	1,810,692

Capital Projects 060

Account No.	Account	RES. For Encumber	STM	ATM 5/5/2022	Expenses	Balance 6/30/2022
59169	Two Trash Trailers	\$ 130,000.00		\$ (130,000.00)		\$ -
	Subtotal 2009	\$ 130,000.00	\$ -	\$ (130,000.00)	\$ -	\$ -
59173	Dale Street Betterment	\$ 7,390.00				\$ 7,390.00
	Subtotal 2010	\$ 7,390.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,390.00
59265	Town Hall Design Services	\$ 1,100.00				\$ 1,100.00
59276	Town Clerk Voting Machine	\$ 1,350.00		\$ (1,350.00)		\$ -
	Subtotal 2016	\$ 2,450.00	\$ -	\$ (1,350.00)	\$ -	\$ 1,100.00
59278	Main St Tips Repair	\$ 24,553.30				\$ 24,553.30
59281	Highway- Salt Storage	\$ 268,496.22			\$ (8,401.32)	\$ 260,094.90
59292	O'Gara Grandstand Repair	\$ 1,398.70				\$ 1,398.70
59293	O'Gara Security System	\$ 7,579.22			\$ (790.20)	\$ 6,789.02
	Subtotal 2017	\$ 302,027.44	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (9,191.52)	\$ 292,835.92
59301	P & R Trail Phase 3	\$ 6,873.91			\$ (216.87)	\$ 6,657.04
59302	P & R Trail Phase 4	\$ 15,000.00				\$ 15,000.00
59303	PD Move Lake St Generator	\$ 73.00				\$ 73.00
59304	Cherry St Fire Sta Demo Spe	\$ 10,000.00				\$ 10,000.00
59305	Lake St UST Removal	\$ 40.00				\$ 40.00
59307	Salt Shed Replacement	\$ 204,808.00				\$ 204,808.00
59312	Hwy Roadside Mower Trac	\$ 8,082.61		\$ (8,082.00)		\$ 0.61
59315	Lib- HVAC Design Specs	\$ 8,080.00			\$ (825.00)	\$ 7,255.00
59316	P & R Powder Mill Park Up	\$ 3,401.00			\$ (3,400.20)	\$ 0.80
59317	P & R Luther Hill Park Build	\$ 1,030.00				\$ 1,030.00
	Subtotal 2018	\$ 257,388.52	\$ -	\$ (8,082.00)	\$ (4,442.07)	\$ 244,864.45
59322	Luther Hill Park Improvem	\$ 6,602.00				\$ 6,602.00
59323	O'Gara Park Improvements	\$ 5,000.00			\$ (1,829.70)	\$ 3,170.30
59331	20- ton Truck/plow/sander	\$ 782.39				\$ 782.39
59332	O'Gara Park Fieldhouse	\$ 7,000.00				\$ 7,000.00
59336	LED Streetlight Replacement	\$ 1,313.37				\$ 1,313.37

59337	Open Space/Recreation	\$	12,187.50			\$	(12,187.50)	\$	-		
	Subtotal 2019	\$	32,885.26	\$	-	\$	-	\$	(14,017.20)	\$	18,868.06
59339	Library AC/ Control	\$	150,000.00					\$	150,000.00		
59341	Muzzy Pond Gate	\$	20,000.00			\$	(20,000.00)	\$	-		
59347	Assessors Reval	\$	17,845.00					\$	17,845.00		
59349	Mosquito Spray	\$	10,000.00					\$	10,000.00		
	Subtotal 2020	\$	197,845.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	(20,000.00)	\$	177,845.00
	TOTAL	\$	929,986.22	\$	-	\$	(139,432.00)	\$	(47,650.79)	\$	742,903.43

Account No.	Account	RES. For Encumber	STM 11/17/2021	ATM 5/6/2022	Expenses	Balance 6/30/2022				
59350	Fire Windows/Insulation	\$	14,000.00			\$	14,000.00			
59351	Fire Railing	\$	-			\$	-			
59352	Parks Grandstand	\$	25,000.00			\$	25,000.00			
59353	Parks Powdermill Cameras	\$	-			\$	-			
59354	Parks LHP Cameras	\$	3,654.69			\$	3,654.69			
59355	Police Cruiser	\$	1,696.01		\$	(1,696.01)	\$	-		
59357	Voting Booths	\$	14,000.00	\$	(14,000.00)	\$	-			
58001	Fire Bathroom	\$	70,000.00		\$	(11,500.00)	\$	58,500.00		
58802	Fire HVAC	\$	20,000.00			\$	20,000.00			
58003	Highway Brush Chipper	\$	52,000.00			\$	52,000.00			
58004	Highway Hook /Go Truck	\$	91,943.00			\$	91,943.00			
58005	Highway Dry Shed	\$	40,000.00			\$	40,000.00			
58006	Library HVAC	\$	281,488.00		\$	(23,610.00)	\$	257,878.00		
58007	ODIS Mapping	\$	13,085.00		\$	(9,495.00)	\$	3,590.00		
58008	ODIS Printer	\$	5,220.00			\$	5,220.00			
58009	Parks LHP Playground	\$	10,000.00			\$	10,000.00			
58010	Parks Powdermill Lights	\$	5,000.00			\$	5,000.00			
58011	Police Cruiser	\$	16,071.85	\$	5,323.03	\$	(16,110.42)	\$	5,284.46	
58012	Police MDT Replace	\$	14,722.06	\$	(5,323.03)	\$	(9,399.03)	\$	-	
58013	U&F Vehicle	\$	48,400.00		\$	(6,799.00)	\$	(41,600.86)	\$	0.14

	Subtotal 2021	\$ 726,280.61	\$ -	\$ (20,799.00)	\$ (113,411.32)	\$ 592,070.29
58016	Recycling			\$ 130,000.00		\$ 130,000.00
58017	Police Dept Boat			\$ 25,000.00		\$ 25,000.00
58018	Computer Server			\$ 25,000.00		\$ 25,000.00
58019	Carpet Replacement			\$ 16,000.00		\$ 16,000.00
58020	Emergency Generator			\$ 100,000.00		\$ 100,000.00
58021	Luther Hill Tree Project			\$ 70,000.00		\$ 70,000.00
58022	Luther Hill Cameras			\$ 9,500.00		\$ 9,500.00
58023	Skate Park Fence			\$ 15,000.00		\$ 15,000.00
58024	Remove B uilding Ogara			\$ 10,000.00		\$ 10,000.00
58025	Moisture Remedies			\$ 75,000.00		\$ 75,000.00
58026	Pave COA Parking Lot			\$ 125,000.00		\$ 125,000.00
58027	Pave Town Hall Parking Lot			\$ 120,000.00		\$ 120,000.00
58028	Mower Head			\$ 14,000.00		\$ 14,000.00
58029	Dry Storage Shed			\$ 30,000.00		\$ 30,000.00
58030	Highway Lease Equipment			\$ 19,881.00		\$ 19,881.00
58031	Poll Pads			\$ 15,300.00		\$ 15,300.00
58032	Land Purchase			\$ 13,700.00		\$ 13,700.00
58033	Land Purchase			\$ 2,300.00		\$ 2,300.00
	Subtotal 2022	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 815,681.00	\$ -	\$ 815,681.00
	Total page one	\$ 929,986.22		\$ (139,432.00)	\$ (47,650.79)	\$ 742,903.43
		\$ 1,656,266.83	\$ -	\$ 655,450.00	\$ (161,062.11)	\$ 2,150,654.72

TOWN TREASURER

Report of the Treasurer, Rebeca Forand
December 31, 2022

Interest Bearing Checking Accounts:

Eastern Bank-Vendor Account	273.11
Country Bank - Escrow We Care	5,640.85
Country Bank - Sullivan Estates	31,227.32
Eastern Bank-Deer Run Phase I	9,465.18
Eastern Bank Deer Run phase II	203,487.65
Unibank Lock Box	17.71
Unibank-Payroll	1,808.01
Eastern lockbox	1,669.62
Cornerstone Bixby Trail Estates	36,539.16
Cornerstone Storm Water Bond	60,298.69
Total	350,427.30

Liquid Investments:

Eastern Bank- Money Market	10,829.45
Country Bank - Treasurer Account	
Country Bank - Collector Account	174,597.22
Country Bank - ARPA	36.68
Hometown - ARPA	3,344,847.58
Hometown Bank money Market	450,344.15
Hometown Bank MM - Roads	3,499,915.30
CornerStone - RFp Lake St School	5,000.00
Eastern money market	798,021.18
Bartholomew-TitleV	118,739.20
Bartholomew-general cash	237,778.92
Unibank-Money Market	3,315,418.96
Total	12,332,093.06

Trust Funds:

	Principal	Interest	Fund Total
Bartholomew-Benjamin Drury	500.00	3,202.56	3,702.56
Bartholomew-George S Wilson Cemetery	259.07	1,295.51	1,554.58
Batholomew-Howe Memorial	500.00	9,787.02	10,287.02
Bartholomew-isaac lothrop Prouty	5,063.75	7,576.88	12,640.63
Bartholomew-old Cemetery G Henry Wilson			26.25
Bartholomew-Old Cemetery General Care	5,923.00	-5,855.99	
Bartholomew-Old Cemetery perpetual Care	11,975.00	-9,602.79	2,372.21
Bartholomew-old Cemetery perpetual W Curtis	1,000.00	-982.67	17.33

Bartholomew-Quinn Scholarship	3,500.00	10,081.73	13,581.73
Bartholomew-Richard Sugden public park	1,000.00	5,991.58	6,991.58
Bartholomew-Silas Grout Decoration	1,200.00	4,755.64	5,955.64
Bartholomew-Buy Back Sick leave Fund			32,474.71
Bartholomew-Friends of old Cemetary			653.58
Bartholomew-Police Equipment Fund			2,398.59
Bartholomew-Unemployment			27,999.69
Bartholomew-War Veterans Account			547.39
Bartholomew-Waterways improvement			43,893.17
Bartholomew-Community Development			2,109.55
Bartholomew-Cultural Council			11,652.13
Bartholomew-Betterment Fund			159,385.57
Bartholomew-Capital Stabilization			493.76
Bartholomew-land Acquistion Stabilization			2,134.23
Bartholomew Building Stabilization			433.43
Bartholomew General Stabilization			
Bartholomew OPEB Trust			273,357.66
Eastern Bank-Sewer Enterprise Fund			3,226,142.80
Eastern Bank-Water Enterprise Fund			1,103,445.68
Total			6,557,103.47

**Total All Cash and
Investments**

19,239,623.83

TOWN COLLECTOR

Rebecca Forand
Collector

December 31, 2022

Personal Property and Real Estate	\$	17,988,946.71
Betterments	\$	13,922.38
Motor Vehicle & Boat Excise	\$	1,649,542.92
Water and Water Fees	\$	1,703,710.15
Sewer and Sewer Fees	\$	1,730,331.09
Interest & Fees & Demands	\$	145,531.84
Certificate of Municipal Liens	\$	21,050.00
Tax Title and Fees	\$	81,975.61
Transfer Station - Trash Bags	\$	175,937.50
Highway - Fuel	\$	24,911.60
Septic	\$	495,109.00
Off Duty	\$	246,746.23
Total Turned Over to Treasurer	\$	24,277,715.03

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Board meets on the second Monday of each month at 4:00 P.M. in the Assessor's Office at the Town Hall located at 157 Main Street. The Board of Assessors is available by appointment to discuss values. In Fiscal year 2023, an interim year adjustment was conducted as mandated by the Mass. Dept. of Revenue. Market sales are the indicator of what values should be and analysis is done to determine updated values that are certified by the State Department of Revenue.

LOCAL EXPENDITURES

Appropriations	\$29,119,488.59
Offsets	\$58,746.00
State & County Charges	\$140,508.00
Overlay	\$181,189.17
TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE RAISED	\$29,499,931.76

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND OTHER REVENUE SOURCES

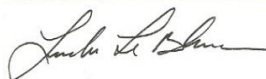
Cherry Sheet Estimated Receipts	\$2,954,568.00
Local Estimated Receipts	\$2,879,105.23
Enterprise Funds	\$3,829,343.00
Other Available Funds	\$522,498.59
Free Cash	\$1,049,300.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS	\$11,234,814.82
NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED	\$18,265,116.94

CLASSIFIED PERCENTAGES

	LEVY PERCENTAGE	LEVY BY CLASS
RESIDENTIAL	88.1508%	\$1,335,061,567.00
OPEN SPACE	0	
COMMERCIAL	4.3503%	\$65,886,924
INDUSTRIAL	3.0387%	\$46,022,060
PERSONAL PROPERTY	4.4602%	\$67,549,925
	100.00%	\$1,514,520,476

NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED / TOTAL VALUATION = TAX RATE FY2022
\$18,265,116.94 / \$1,514,520,476.00 = \$12.06

Respectfully submitted,



Linda LeBlanc, Assessor

Nancy Herholz, Robert Ortiz, Pamela Woodbury, Board of Assessors

BOARD OF SELECTMEN - LICENSING

The following categories of licenses were issued by the Office of the Board of Selectmen during 2022:

❖ Alcohol	19
❖ Alcohol – One-Day	6
❖ Automatic Amusement	43
❖ Common Victualler	34
❖ Entertainment	15
❖ Gravel Licenses	5
❖ Junk Dealer	3
❖ Lodging House	2
❖ Inn Holder	2
❖ Class I (Motor Vehicles)	5
❖ Class II (Motor Vehicles)	12
❖ Class III (Motor Vehicles)	1
Total Licenses issued in 2022:	143
Total License fees collected in 2022:	<u>\$22,680.00</u>

SPENCER CABLE ACCESS

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, fostering creativity, and connecting with our town. SCA can be viewed on Charter Communications channels 191 (community bulletin board), 192 (public interest programming), and 194 (government programming). Recorded government meetings may also be viewed online live or on-demand at SCATV.org. Meeting may also be seen live on SCA's Facebook page at Facebook.com/SpencerCableAccess.

SCA continued to cover Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee, Planning Board, Town Meetings, School Committee, and School Building Committee meetings throughout 2022, including a special live stream from the DPHS gym of the Special Town Meeting for the vote on the high school renovation project. We've also begun to capture photos of as many high school sports games as possible. We seek additional volunteers to help cover other important events in town. Additionally, shows of public interest including the DPHS Distinguished Alumni Presentation, Senior Exercise, coverage of various library events, Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony, DPHS Class Day and Graduation, a special presentation discussing addiction and recovery, the Spencer Fire Department open house, various events held at Wire Village School, Veteran's Luncheon, and more were all presented via SCA. These programs can be found on our YouTube channel at YouTube.com/SpencerCableAccess and on-demand at SCATV.org.

SCA welcomes any Spencer resident to produce their own programming and is always looking for new volunteers to help in a myriad of ways. Please email SCA general manager, Aaron Keyes, at akeyes@scatv.org to find out how you can earn a stipend when you become a local content producer.

Aaron Keyes, Station Manager

CHARITABLE NEEDS COMMISSION

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”.

This year we were saddened by the loss of Claire Harding, a beloved member of our commission. Claire is followed by Elaine Vallee.

The commission is composed of five diverse residents of Spencer. This year, 2022, was much better year for our commission. We were able to meet regularly with clients in the town hall. We were able to help 63 residents of Spencer and paid 67 bills. This is a 50% increase over 2021. We helped people with rent, gas, electric, food, taxes, bedding, a refrigerator, and water/sewer bills. We believe in giving a “hand up” not a “hand out” to those in need. It has been our joy to help the citizens of Spencer.

Sincerely,
Barbara Grusell, Chairman

Members:
Paul LaMontagne
Lois Shorten
Kurt Nordquist
Elaine Vallee

COUNCIL ON AGING

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

The Senior Center offers a variety of programs. Listed below are the classes and activities that we host at the senior center daily. All instructors are certified.

- Monday: 9-12:00 Cribbage
1-2:00 Low-Impact Exercise

- Tuesday: 9:30-10:30 Yoga
10:30-11:30 Aerobics
11:30 Lunch
1:00 Bingo

- Wednesday: 9:00-11:00 Coffee social
11:00-12:00 Tai-Chi
12:30-1:30 Beginner Line Dancing
1:00-2:00 Cardio Aerobic Drumming
1:30-2:30 Advanced Line Dancing
6:00 Pitch

- Thursday: 9:30-10:30 Yoga
10:30-11:30 Aerobics
11:30 Lunch
1:00 Bingo
6:00 Knight of Columbus Bingo

Other programs and events include: Annual Open House Kick-off to Summer Cookout with live entertainment, Coffee Social, Movie Matinee, Podiatrist, Spotlight on Spencer, SHINE, Senior Pantry-Memory Café, Nails by Candy, and Holiday Craft Classes with Tina Bemis.

Nicole Eccleston our new Outreach Coordinator is very enthusiastic about providing services to the senior residents in Spencer. Nicole is a graduate of Quinsigamond College with an Associate's Degree in Science, underlining in Human Services. Nicole is extremely knowledgeable and is a wealth of information with information on multiple resources. All seniors are welcome to stop by her office at the Senior Center and she will assist with various applications, including food stamps, Medicaid, Medicare, and housing.

The Friends of the Spencer Seniors are a group of seniors who host events and arrange fundraisers to raise money for many events for the Senior Center. Some events they hosted include the Annual Vendor Fair, Kick-off to Summer Cookout, trips to the Casino, and the Halloween Dance/Party. The Friends Group is one of the only "working" Friends Groups in the state, as they sell food and refreshments at the Knights of Columbus Bingo every Thursday night and have a Boutique located on the first floor of the Senior Center.

The Group also volunteers for most of the events held at the Senior Center. If you would like to become a member of the Friends Group, please call or stop by to sign-up. Donations are welcome.

The Council on Aging Board is a nine-member advisory board for the Senior Center. The purpose of the Council is to identify the needs of the elderly population, educate and enlist support and participation from all citizens, and promote services to fill those needs. The COA has volunteered for all events at the Senior Center and continue to assist whenever possible.

This has been such an exciting year for all of us. The attendance at the Senior Center has more than doubled over the past year, which makes me ecstatic. There are a multitude of social activities along with wellness and fitness programs. Residents aged eighteen and older are welcome at the Center, while residents over aged sixty take precedence. We are always looking to expand on our programs and if there is enough interest in something we do not offer, we can try to make it available. As the Senior Center continues to grow, our outlook on helping our senior population grows brighter.

Without the assistance of our dedicated volunteers, many of the events hosted this year would not have been possible. I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to our volunteers and workers who strive to improve our activities and make a difference for our senior population!

If you know a senior in crisis, please get in touch with this office. The Director and Outreach Coordinator are mandated reporters, and always available to help.

Respectfully Submitted,

April Caruso, Director

CULTURAL COUNCIL

The mission of the Spencer Cultural Council [SCC] is to promote the arts, sciences and humanities with the purpose of providing enhanced opportunities for the citizens of Spencer. All ages and backgrounds are encouraged to participate in creative and educational experiences. We are able to accomplish this through a grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

The SCC received \$11,900.00 from the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC) for distribution in 2023. Thirty-three grant applications were submitted and SCC members reviewed each application, prioritizing proposals that reach a wide audience and enrich diverse populations in the community. Deliberations resulted in twenty-seven full or partial awards funding programs for all ages, such as concerts, theater, community drumming circles, mystery dinner theater and lots more.

Applying for a Local Cultural Grant is extremely easy. It is completed online and open to individuals and organizations from Massachusetts. If you are interested in applying, the grant applications become available in August and must be submitted by October 15. We welcome all to apply. Help us enrich our town and encourage people you know to apply for this grant. Visit <https://massculturalcouncil.org/communities/local-cultural-council-program/application-process/> to learn about the grants.

We are always interested in adding board members. We meet between one to three times each year and have fun awarding money!

Denise Farmosa, Chairperson
Diane Johnson, Treasurer
Caryn Byrnes, Treasurer
Michael Roche, Secretary
Barbara McGrail, Member
Jan Peters, Member
Carol McPherson, Member

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

The Office of Development & Inspectional Services (ODIS) is comprised of the Board of Health and its Agent, the Building Inspector, the Town Planner/Economic Development Officer, the Conservation Commission and its Agent, the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Planning Board; Gas, Plumbing & Electrical Inspectors and the Sealer of Weights & Measures.

Major projects require a technical review with ODIS, Police, Fire, Water, Sewer, and the Utilities & Facilities Department, who work together to streamline applications and to clarify the requirements.

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

TOWN PLANNER

TOWN PLANNER:

2022 highlights included the following:

- Reviewed and prepared decisions for all Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals applications
- Updated the Solar Photovoltaic Generating Installations Bylaw, along with additional related sections of the Spencer Zoning Bylaw
- Updates to Housing Production Plan (ongoing)
- Applied for and was rewarded Community One Stop for Growth grant in the amount of \$130,000 to update the town's Master Plan

Lauren Vivier

Interim Town Planner & Conservation Agent, Effective March 1, 2022

Town Planner/Conservation Agent, effective July 19, 2022

PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board held meetings on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month during 2022.

The Planning Board received one complete Site Plan Review applications in 2022.

Location	Applicant	Type (Major/Minor)	Project
Meadow Rd	Steven Turner, <i>Spooky Realty Trust</i>	Major	Drive-thru restaurant and building addition

The Planning Board received two complete Definitive Subdivision applications in 2022.

Location	Applicant	# of Lots	Project
Ash St	Colin Derhammer, <i>Spencer Solar, LLC</i> (Melink Solar Development)	2	Subdivision with paved road no structures
Charlton Rd/Bacon Hill	Colin Derhammer, <i>Spencer Solar II, LLC</i> (Melink Solar Development)	2	Subdivision with paved road no structures

The Planning Board received two complete Special Permit applications in 2022.

Issue Date	Location	Applicant	Owner	Project
6/29/22	36 Howe Rd	Trinity Solar	Kim Snyder	Residential, ground-mounted solar
6/29/22	183 Greenville St	Higgins Energy Alternatives	Ann & Warren Ramsey	Residential, ground-mounted solar

*A Special Permit application for 83 Northwest Road has been carried over to 2023

Additionally, 9 new ANR Plans were submitted and endorsed, resulting in 15 new lots:

2022 ANR Approvals

Approval Date	Property Owner	Location	# of Lots Created	Description
1/14/2021	Greg Kimball	50 Donnelly Road		Create lots
3/1/22	Joshua Leary	23 School Street	2	Create lots
3/1/22	William McComas	12 Joliceur Ave	2	Create lots
4/5/22	Bruso Family Trust	Gold Nugget Farm Road/Hastings Road	3	Create lots
5/17/22	Andrew Sweet	53 E. Charlton/1 Marble Road		Boundary line adjustment
6/7/22	Edwin Mullens	N. Spencer Rd	4	Create lots
8/16/22	Dave Harris	57 Chickering Road		Boundary line adjustment
8/16/22	Roger Foss	Gold Nugget Rd	2	Create lots
8/16/22	Denise LaCroix	Sunberg Road	2	Create lots

The Planning Board extends its thanks to the other Boards and Commissions and Town staff and officials who have provided assistance and support in planning issues this past year.

Planning Board Members:

- Robert Ceppi, Chair
- Shirley Shiver
- Charlie Bellemer
- Vaughn Slack

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Zoning Board of Appeals held meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month during 2022. 12 Special Permit/Variance applications were received in 2022:

10 Approved ZBA Applications (Special Permit/ Variance)

Location	Owner/Applicant	Purpose	Zoning Code Reference
Wilson Ave/Brewer Lane	Scott & Grace Conner	Amend Special Permit. 600 sq ft structure to 720 sq ft	5.2.6
42 Bacon Hill Rd	William Keyes	Variance for addition – front setback	5.1, 7.3
188 Charlton Rd	Denise Lacroix	Variance for reconstruction – Front setback	5.4.2, 7.3
13 Mechanic Street	Ciariah Ross	Open new restaurant with liquor license	4.2.E.11
51 South Spencer Rd	Michael Letendre	In-law apartment	4.8.1
143 Main Street	Brian Lochner	Tattoo parlor	4.3.20
North Spencer Road	Bond Construction	Gravel Pit Renewal	4.2.(H1)
Cranberry Meadow Road	Leo Aucoin	Gravel Pit Renewal	4.2.(H1)
Howe Road	Robert Moschini	Gravel Pit Renewal	4.2.(H1)
505 East Main Street	Cedrick Richardson	re-instate mixed use for building	4.3.22, 7.1.2, 7.2.3

Zoning Board Members:
Allan Collette, Chair
Steven Tyler
Gina Beford

BOARD OF HEALTH

Lisa Daoust, Health Agent
Board of Health Members- Dan Shields, Jesselyn Gaucher, Jennifer Konisky

2022 BOARD OF HEALTH ANNUAL REPORT

Food Service Inspections	71
Retail Food Inspections	18
Food Related Complaints	3
Housing Inspections	13
Compliance Letters	21
Percolation Tests Witnessed	28
Septic Inspections	69
Septic Plan Reviews	33
Title 5 Report Reviews	65
Bathing Beach Inspection report reviews	37
Beach Inspections	5
Beaver Permits Issued	5
Nuisance Complaints	31
Tobacco Compliance Inspections	18
Gym Inspections	2
Tattoo Parlor Inspections	3
Pet Store Inspections	2
Rabies Investigations	5
Camp Inspections	4
Flu Clinic	1
Well Permits Issued	6
Public Well Report reviews	8
As-Built Reviews	25
Special Event Inspections and food trucks (Food Truck Festival, TerpTown)	3
Spencer Fair Food trucks - 19 (2 Inspections each x 4 days)	152 inspections
Region 2 meetings - zoom	10
Tech Review Meetings	3
	134

BOH Meetings	11
Emergency response to fires/Police Calls	0
Public Records Requests	8
EDS Drill	1
Revenue generated	\$ 70,120.00

Public Health Nurse

Bacterial	4
Hepatitis	3
Tuberculosis	3
Influenza	116
COVID-19	1,056
TOTAL CASES	1,160

Sealer of Weights & Measures

Scales, scanners, gas meters	189
Revenue generated	\$ 4,276.00

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

BUILDING PERMIT ACTIVITY – 2022 Duane Amos, Building Inspector

Building permit activity 2022	Totals
Single Family Dwellings	8
Multi-Family Buildings	2
Commercial	41
Additions	8
Renovations/Alterations/Remodel	40
Sheet Metal	19
Insulation/Weatherization	84
Garages/Barns/Sheds/ Carport	16
Decks/Porches/ Stairs & Egress	43
Roofing/Siding	84
Above Ground Pools	8
In Ground Pools	3
Signs	8
Solid Fuel Appliances	41
Windows/Doors	44
Demolitions	20
Temporary Trailers	0
Foundations	3
Certificate of Inspections	59
Solar Panels (rooftop)	73
Solar Panels (ground-Residential)	2
Miscellaneous	15
Total permits issued	621
Inspections	950
Fees Collected	\$134,931.81

Gas (James Bergeron)	
Permits issued	136
Gas Inspections	101
Plumbing Inspections	0
Fees Collected	\$10,728.50
Wiring (Norman Bassett)	
Permits issued	343
Inspections	416
Fire Calls	7
Fees Collected	\$48,783.00
Plumbing (Bob Wall)	
Permits issued	124
Inspections Plumbing	148
Inspections Gas	27
Fees Collected	\$11,436.50

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Notice of Intent: 20
Order of Conditions: 4
Amended Order of Conditions: 2
Negative Determinations: 45
Certificate of Compliances: 32
Extensions: 9
Notice of Violations: 16
Enforcement Orders: 2
TOTAL INSPECTIONS: 174
TOTAL REVENUE COLLECTED IN 2022: \$24,623.00
RDA: \$6,150.00
Notice of Intent: \$10,423.00
Certificate of Compliances: \$2000.00
Amendments: \$300.00
Permit Extensions: \$150.00
Legal Notice fee: \$5,600.00

Conservation Commission Members:

Mary McLaughlin
 Charlie Bellemer
 Margaret Emerson
 Warren Snow
 Shannon Thibault

FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES

Report of the Spencer Fire and Emergency Services Department 2022

Again, I must thank the tireless dedication of all our firefighters and members of Emergency Management. Without them we are empty and cannot perform the tasks which we are expected. They put in a great deal of volunteer hours to train and better themselves and to lessen the financial burden on the community. A lot of volunteer hours are the basis of the Fire Department and Emergency Management since the inception of each organization. We do need people since without people we are an empty Department. If you think you can help the community, we would love to at least come see us and talk to us and see what it entails and how much of a second family we can become.

This past year saw us hire Autumn Ballard as a career firefighter at the end of last year and unfortunately, she left us at the end of this year to continue her career with the Town of Auburn Fire. She remains as a call firefighter.

Michael Gadbois after 30 years retired from the Fire Dept. We wish him well in his future endeavors.

With capital funds we are scheduled to replace the fire station generator that has suffered many breakdowns in the last few years. As with everything else we await the generator. We donated our former Engine 1, a 1986 Ford (formerly East Brookfield's) to the Osbourne ME Fire Department. They were thrilled with the donation, and we even donated 1000' of 4" hose along with it and spent 1 day training them at their station. Our Tanker was seriously damaged in a motor vehicle collision during an ice event the fifth of January while returning from a building fire in Charlton. Understanding the long delay in receiving a new truck the insurance company had the vehicle repaired and it's finally back in service 1 year later. The 1986 Maxim was sold at auction to a gentleman from Nahant that will be turning it into a pizza truck. With the addition of the Southwick engine this past year our 1995 International Engine 4 was moved to St Joseph's Abbey station. We have been working with the monks at the Abbey to train them on the truck for use on their grounds if needed. We have 5 new monks that are very ambitious. Former Deputy Chief Locke has been getting them up to speed on the truck.

Grants are something we strive for and apply for every grant we can. This year we successfully applied for and received a \$250,000 Community Compact Grant from the Commonwealth of Mass to start our fiber project in town to rid ourselves of the old copper Verizon lines from the 1930's for the public safety radio network and to tie all town buildings together. We also successfully received an earmark in the Federal budget to finish the project through Rep. McGovern's office. Again, we received a SAFE grant \$3781 and Senior SAFE grant \$2,077 from the Commonwealth of Mass and two Firefighter Equipment grants, one for \$13,028 and a second for \$11,114 from the Commonwealth, which we were able to purchase some boots, a rural hitch device, a blitzfire monitor, headsets for Engine 1 and a combi extrication tool for Engine 1. An EMPG grant from MEMA for \$3,500. We applied this past year for a grant to replace our Air packs, air compressor for the packs through FEMA but we were unsuccessful, this application was for over \$500k. We also applied for another SAFER grant and again we were unsuccessful. We will be trying again in 2023.

We fortunately were provided funding to renovate the upstairs bathroom in the fire station as there currently is no female facilities. Using ARPA funds the project has been bid out and awarded to Baskin construction and should commence the first of January. An LED sign was also approved by the Board of Selectmen and will be installed between the Police and Fire Stations for the towns use, also using ARPA funds.

We conducted our first recruit class for our area with perspective firefighters from the Brookfield's, Warren and Spencer graduating 6 people for their Firefighter I/II certification. We encourage anyone willing to help out the town to please come down and see what the fire department of emergency management is all about. We have our Open House each year during fire prevention week that you can learn more.

While SEMA has not been extremely active they still train and meet monthly at the fire station ready to respond where and when needed. A valuable resource for our community.

Current Roster:

Fire Chief: Robert Parsons

Deputy Chief: Corey Lacaire

SEMA Director of Operations: Sandra Fritze

Chaplain: Rev. Ted MacNeil

Clerk: Johnny Miller

Custodian: Donald Churchey

Ladder 1: Captain Robert Churchey, Lt Jason Ferreira, Firefighter Brian Barber, Firefighter Adam German, Firefighter Travis Reilly, Firefighter Jonathan Crago, Firefighter Ryan Morton, Firefighter Henry Skiba

Engine 2: Lt. Thomas Parsons, Firefighter, Firefighter/Clerk Johnny Miller, Firefighter Thomas Da Silva, Firefighter Patrick Murray, Firefighter Aaron Palmer, Firefighter Nicole Thebeau, Firefighter Patrick Entwistle

Engine 3: Captain Joshua Gaucher, Lt. Jonathan Thibault, Firefighter David Daoust, Firefighter Joseph Brodmerkle, Firefighter Joshua Prater, Firefighter Robyn Da Silva, Firefighter Mark Holmes, Firefighter Alex Swan, Firefighter Autumn Ballard

Engine 4: Captain Brian Mathon, Lt Joseph Nanigian, Firefighter Ralph Kirouac, Firefighter Corey Phoenix, Firefighter Christopher Wyman, Firefighter David Leite, Firefighter Michael Navickas, Firefighter Katelyn Pawlina

Per Diem Firefighters: Benjamin Locke, Andrew Bellizzi, William Locke, Benjamin Seymour, Halie Smith, Christopher Wyman

Spencer Emergency Management: Christine Gagne, John Gagne, Michael Hilow, Michael Natale, Sheri Kaiser, Suzanne Lavallee, Megan Mathon, Sheila Phoenix, Kathi Pratt, Al Roussin, Gary McComas, Arico Bellizzi

The following left the Department through resignation or retirement. Captain Michael Gadbois after 30 years, Keilena Johnson, Glenn Maffei, Joshua Pease, John Goncalves (full time now in Chatham), Christopher Wyman is still on per diem but is now Full time in Brattleboro, Vermont.

We are always looking for call firefighters to join our ranks, the academy is tough to get into right now but please come down or go on line and fill out an application to join a grant department.

Apparatus:

Name	Year	Condition
Ladder 1	2010 Smeal	Excellent
Engine 1	1994 Pierce	Excellent
Engine 2	2014 Smeal	Excellent
Engine 3	2021 Pierce	Excellent
Engine 4	1995 E-One/International	Fair
Tanker 1	2005 4-Guys/International	Good
Rescue 1	2000 Piece Rescue	Good
Forestry 1	2005 Ford F-350	Good
Forestry 2	1984 GMC K30	Poor
Forestry 3	1986 AM General	Good
Car 1	2020 Chevrolet Tahoe	Excellent
Car 2	2017 Ford Expedition	Excellent
CD1 SEMA	2004 Ford E-450	Good
Squad 1	2005 Ford F-450	Fair

In closing I would like to thank all the town officials for their support and assistance throughout the year especially our Town Administrator Jeffrey Bridges and the Selectboard. Without their support we would not be able to continue to provide the outstanding quality of assistance to the community that we can provide. We work tirelessly with all the other Town Departments and have a great working relationship.

Robert Parsons, Fire Chief

Fire and Emergency services
Annual Report
January 1, 2022-December 31, 2022
Total alarms for service **1558**

FIRES	
Building Fires	20
Cooking Fires	5
Chimney Fires	2
Oil burner	1
Trash or rubbish fires	2
Passenger Vehicles Fires	1
Grass/Brush Fires	12
Other Fires	<u>6</u>
	49

RESCUE, EMS ASSIST

Medical assist EMS crew	1026
Vehicle accident with injuries	34
Vehicle accidents with pedestrians	1
Vehicle accident with no injuries	38
Search for a person	1
Extrications	7
Water/Ice Incident	3
Other Rescues	<u>16</u>
	1126

HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS

Gas/Flammable liquids spills	9
Natural/LP gas leak	11
Accident cleanup	2
Power lines down	12
Arcing/shorted electrical equipment	5
Electrical/wiring problem	6
Carbon monoxide incidents	9
Other hazardous conditions	<u>1</u>
	55

SERVICE CALLS

Water Problems	16
Smoke/odor removal	3
Public Service Assistance	14
Unauthorized burning	20
Animal Rescue	2
Other service calls	<u>8</u>
	63

GOOD INTENT CALLS

Smoke scare/odor	11
Dispatched/Cancelled	42
No incident found	7
Other good intent calls	<u>13</u>
	73

FALSE ALARM AND FALSE CALLS

System malfunction	3
Sprinkler activation	5
Smoke detector activation	70
Alarm sounded/malfunction	90
CO detector activations	12
Other false alarms	<u>8</u>
	188

SEVERE WEATHER STAND BY/COMPLAINTS

Complaints	2
Severe weather or natural disaster	<u>2</u>
	4

PERMITS/INSPECTIONS 881

Mutual Aid to other Communities: 34

Auburn	4
Charlton	5
Dudley	2
East Brookfield	1
Grafton	1
Granby	1
Leicester	6
Marlborough	1
North Brookfield	3
Northbridge	1
Oakham	1
Oxford	2
Southbridge	5
Warren	1

Mutual Aid from other Communities: 19

Brookfield	3
Charlton	1
East Brookfield	3
Leicester	5
North Brookfield	2
Paxton	3
Southbridge	2

HOUSING AUTHORITY

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 program has been in place five years now and doing well.

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 include private bedrooms and shared facilities for kitchen and living room use and is overseen by Tri-Valley Elder Services.

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

The Housing Authority congratulates our former Executive Director Charlene Kaiser on her retirement. Charlene has served the elderly, disabled and low income in this position for 25 years. Her accomplishments are many, and we are all better off for Charlene’s dedication at Howe Village, Depot Village and Lloyd Dyer Drive. Congratulations to Michelle Sweeney, the newly appointed Executive Director, who has recently completed her first year of service. Michelle also serves on the Spencer Housing Planning and Production Committee.

Michelle Sweeney, Executive Director

PARKING CLERK

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

Kurt Nordquist, Parking Clerk

Please call 413-414-7762 with any questions on the Winter Parking Ban

NO PARKING ON EITHER SIDE OF THE STREET:

Adams Street	Ash Street	Briarwood Lane	Bellflower Lane
Clark Street	Chestnut Street	Church Street* (between Maple & Mechanic)	
Collier Circle	Deer Run	Duggan Street	Elm Street
Hastings Road	High Street	Highland Street	Lake Whittemore Drive
Main Street	Maple Street	Mechanic Street	Sampson Street
Smithville Road	Spinnaker Drive	Water Street	Route 31 North & South

PARKING ALLOWED ON ODD NUMBERED SIDE OF THE STREET ONLY:

Bell Street	Brown Street	Cottage Street	Grant Street
McDonald Street	Summit Street (#17 to #27)	Franklin Street	Lincoln Street

PARKING ALLOWED ON EVEN NUMBERED SIDE OF THE STREET ONLY:

Dustin Street North Street* (between Main & Powers) South Street Summit Street (Main to #6)

STREETS WITH SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS:

- Cherry Street: Parking is allowed on the even numbered side of the street from Mechanic to Maple Street; no parking allowed from Maple to Greenville Street
- Parking is allowed on the even numbered side of the street from Mechanic to Maple Street
- Earley Street: Parking is allowed on the odd numbered side of the street from Chestnut to Church Street
- School Street: Parking is allowed on the odd numbered side of the Street, except that, there is no parking from the intersection with Main Street to #3 School Street
- Temple Street: Parking is allowed on the odd numbered side of the street from Chestnut to Church Street
- Wall Street: Parking is allowed on the odd numbered side of the street from Mechanic to the beginning of the FlexCon Building

ALL OTHER STREETS:

No parking is allowed on the odd numbered side of the street, except for 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 Barn are subject to a \$20.00 fine

PARKS & RECREATION

The past year has been very challenging in terms of balancing the need to provide outdoor recreational opportunities with the adjustments required to respond to the Covid 19 virus. We have worked closely with the Health Department to ensure the necessary protocols were developed and put into place for use of our various facilities. We thank the various town departments, supporting groups and the public for their patience, understanding, and support during these challenging times.

The beach at Luther Hill opened for the fifth consecutive summer season. Swimming lessons were well attended. These sessions were well received and fulfilled a key public safety purpose. Over 600 beach passes were issued for the summer season. The community spirit shown by those who volunteered time, effort, money, and resources to get the beach ready to reopen displays the best of Spencer. We extend our thanks to the Spencer Highway Department for the outstanding job they did helping to keep the park clean for our upcoming season. We thank the Spencer Fire Department for using their boat to help put out the buoys and docks for the summer season. We thank Young's Tree Service for their support. We like to thank our staff for the great work they did under these trying times keeping our residents safe. New playground equipment has been installed through the generosity of the town voters and the Spencer Fire Association. We will be doing some extensive tree management work through the generosity of the town voters. Future upgrades to the playground area and a performance area at the beach are in the planning stages. Future improvements will also be made to the boat ramp area. Security camera systems are being installed and maintained at both the beach and skateboard park areas.

The annual Summer Concert series at Powder Mill Park was a major success with a wide variety of high-quality entertainment. The concerts were well planned, promoted, and attended by some of the largest crowds we have had to date. We extend our continued deep appreciation and thanks to Pat George for his outstanding leadership and efforts in organizing and promoting the Concert Series. We also extend our thanks to Cornerstone Bank for their continued sponsorship of the series. We also extend our thanks to the Spencer Exchange Club for their support in upgrading the Powdermill Park facilities. We look forward to expanding our offerings to include more family centered performances and activities at a variety of our park facilities. We have also received a grant from the Spencer Cultural Council, which will be available for expanded programming next season. We thank them for their support. The Park Commission will also look to expand concert offerings at Luther Hill Park as well.

Various groups will be able to use O'Gara Park over the past year. These include a dog trainer, youth football, and women's softball. We extend our thanks to John Horeau for all his efforts to upkeep and make small improvements to O'Gara Park. We look forward to various events such as a family movie night, tournaments, and playoff games were very well received in the past. Improvements were made including removal of viewing obstacles to enable the creation of a viewing area with picnic tables, demolishing of the old unusable bathroom building, installation of a maintenance building to improve our ability to maintain both O'Gara Park and the Rail Trail, and seating off the Rail Trail to allow a great view of the activities at the O'Gara Park field. The area underneath the grandstand was fenced off to reduce the opportunity for vandalism. Security cameras were installed at the park. Future plans include restoration of the grandstand, updating of the field lighting system, connecting O'Gara Park to the Rail Trail, updating restroom, concession, and meeting space facilities, and enhancing the viewing area above the field near the Rail Trail with various amenities such as stretching stations. We look forward to continuing to improve the facilities and usage of O'Gara Park.

The Commission is in the process of refining and implementing a 10-year plan to improve and upgrade the playground and other facilities at Powdermill Park. New lighting and security camera systems were installed. We wish to extend our deep appreciation to the Spencer Exchange Club. Through their efforts, funds were raised which have greatly enhanced the playground areas and other portions of Powdermill Park. Children are now enjoying the new playground equipment. The Spencer Exchange Club also sponsored clean-up days down at the park. The Cole William Victor Memorial Pavilion was refurbished and renovated through the 106 efforts of George Victor and Victor Contracting. Several local businesses, volunteers, and the Spencer Exchange Club supported this effort. This project celebrates the life of Cole Victor while improving Powdermill Park. The Victor family has further extended their support by hosting a Christmas Tree Lighting at the Park. Special thanks to A. Arsenault and Sons Landscaping for their support of the holiday lights. This event was well received and the hope is for it to continue in the future. The pavilion shined as the venue for the various bands which entertained crowds during the Summer Concert Series. We also extend our thanks to Morrison Fencing for their donation of fencing repairs. With support from the town, we were able to take advantage of grant opportunities to upgrade the toddler play area. Future plans include updating the older child play area, installation of parking curbs to preserve the park fencing, upgrading various amenities, and bringing varied family programming to Powdermill Park.

We extend our thanks to the Spencer Exchange Club and the Spencer American Legion post for their continued efforts to upkeep and upgrade Isaac Prouty Park in honor of our veterans and those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in defense our of nation and freedoms. Phase 3 of the grant funded work on the Rail Trail was completed in 2020. This included upgrading and adding amenities to improve the visitor experience along the trail. We will be preparing a phase 4 grant to connect O’Gara and the Rail Trail and provide sufficient parking to access the Rail Trail. We would like to thank Steve Tyler for his continued support and expertise in improving the Rail Trail. In fiscally challenging times, we continue to explore various means to seek additional consistent funding to improve the conditions of our existing park facilities and create new programming opportunities. We thank the Spencer Abbey, Morrison Fence, the Spencer Exchange Club, the Cutler Association, Barnstorm Cycles, A. Arsenault and Sons Landscaping, John Young, and the Spencer Fire Association for their past and 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. We extend our continued thanks to the Spencer Police, Fire, and Highway Departments for their continued support of our parks and programs. 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 facilities is key to improving the quality of life for all Spencer residents and families.

Robert Churchey, Chairman
Martin German, Jr.
Corinne Kennedy
Lynne Porretti
William Shemeth III
Anthony Toscano

POLICE DEPARTMENT

**By Chief David B. Darrin
2022**

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 (CEMLEC), which allows access to specialized assets including a SWAT Team along with K9, Motorcycle, Drone and Collision Reconstruction Units. The Spencer Police has one Officer assigned to the Accident Reconstruction Unit.

The Spencer Police Department conducts a variety of community outreach programs, including but not limited to: the deployment of our speed radar dolly and trailer; the collection of unwanted pharmaceuticals and syringes through our lobby kiosk; the installation and inspection of child safety seats; participation in the annual "Goods for Guns Buyback" and "National Drug Take Back" events; providing "Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events" (CRASE) Instruction to local businesses; Officers are certified in "Crisis Intervention Team" (CIT) training to address mental health issues; The Department employs the Crisis Intervention Management System (CIMS) which is used to Track overdoses and schedule a visit from a Recovery Coach and lastly the use of social media, Facebook & Twitter to keep the public informed.

The Spencer Police Department maintains affiliations with the following organizations to further our effort to fight crime: Worcester County Detectives; Worcester County Fraudulent Check Association; Street Violence Prevention Group; Tri-Valley Elder Task Force; District Attorney's Opioid Task Force; Worcester County Anti-Crime 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. Officers attend firearms qualification and Proficiency training in the use of the semiautomatic pistol, semi-automatic rifle and shotgun. In addition Officers attend annual in-service training as provided by the Massachusetts Police Training Committee (MPTC), while Dispatchers also train in the same manner, attending in-service by taking classes in accordance with standards promulgated by the State 911 Department.

In addition to the School Resource Officer Program, we offer a variety of programs to help our students navigate the complexities of saying safe - including but not limited to the following: Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate (ALICE) Active Shooter Program.

The Police Department deployed Body Worn Cameras (BWC) in July of 2022. The camera system will help ensure professionalism in our workforce. Camera footage will preserve factual representation of Officer and Civilian interactions. The cameras will also be useful in documenting crime and accident scenes.

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: \$11,554 from the State 911 Department for Dispatch training; \$54,636 from the State 911 Department for Dispatch overtime; \$1,500 from the Office of Alcohol Testing (OAT) for a new portable Breath Test Unit.

There were several personnel additions in 2022. Jessica Kiley was hired as a Part-time Dispatcher and David Bousquet was hired as a Reserve Police Officer II.

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.

ARREST & COMPLAINTS:

Murder	0
Rape	0
Armed Robbery	0
Unarmed Robbery	0
Assault & Battery	27
Assault w/Dangerous Weapon	13
Burglary	9
Larceny	17
Motor Vehicle Theft	0
Vandalism	6
Arson	0
Domestic A&B	39
Warrants	37
209A/HPO Violation	24
Misc. Felony/Misdemeanor	15
Motor Vehicle – Miscellaneous	63
Minor in Possession of Alcohol	0
Drugs Possession/Distribute	10
Disorderly Conduct	10
Protective Custody	35
OUI – Alcohol/Drugs	25
Mental Health 123-12	51
Total	381

OFFENSES:

Murder	0
Rape	1
Robbery	0
Assault	32
Burglary	12
Larceny	194
Motor Vehicle Theft	3
Vandalism	44
Total	286

SELECT CALLS:

Accidents	418
911 Calls	3,409
Medical Calls	1,933
Fire Assists	219
Alarm Response	547
Detain Prisoners - Other	62
Disturbances - General	418
Disturbances - Domestic	88

CALLS BY SHIFT:

11pm-7am	7,359
7am-3pm	9,226
3pm-11am	8,616
Total	25,201

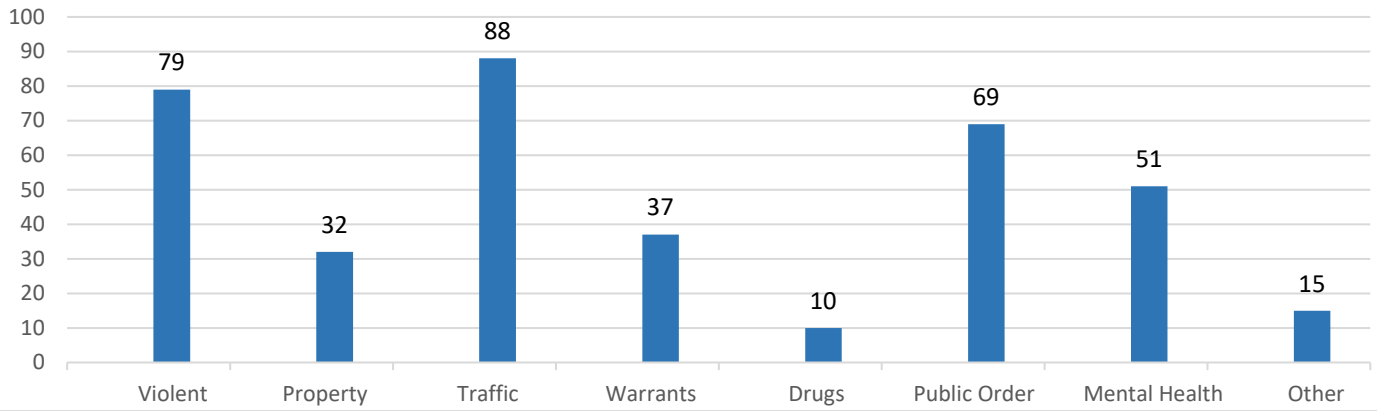
ANIMAL CONTROL:

Calls	600
Impounds	20
Transfers	6
Bylaw Violations	14

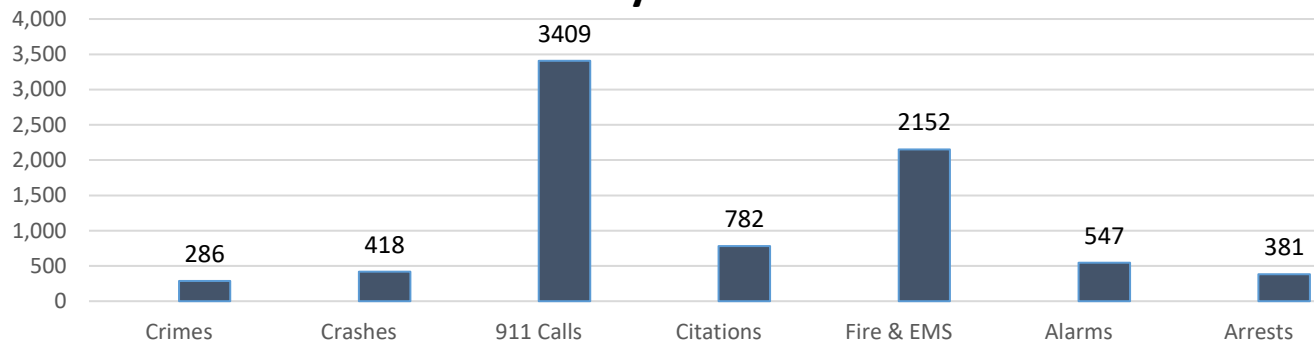
CITATIONS:

Civil Infractions	71
Criminal	76
Warning	216
Arrest	29
Parking	335
Bylaw – Police	55
TOTAL	782

Arrests 2022



Activity 2022



RICHARD SUGDEN LIBRARY

2022 was a rough year filled with devastating news. From the invasion of Ukraine to climate disasters occurring on a regular basis to increasing prices everywhere we look: is there anything to be happy about? Here's some good news in our own backyard: the library is open five days a week. Saturday hours are back! Patrons previously unable to visit on weekdays now have access to our offerings; a much-needed service for the community. The building had been closed on weekends for the past eight years; 2014 saw a reduction of staff and the elimination of weekend hours. This year the number of employees grew from six to nine in order to adequately staff the library.

Even as the Covid-19 pandemic shifts to more of an endemic, health concerns fuel isolation and fear. The crisis of loneliness was evident long before the Covid-19 epidemic. Libraries serve as trusted institutions of our social infrastructure, facilitating human connections and interactive engagement. A quote from a patron in 2017 rings true today: "the library is an antidote to isolation".

As in the past few years, remote programming such as book discussions and weekly meditation was held. In person programs dramatically increased during 2022 in response to demand and interest. Local author/educator Wendy O'Leary led groups via Zoom as well as in person events at the library and a summer story walk at Camp Marshall. Campers also enjoyed an opportunity to plant and grow with Spencer farm owner, Kat Lambert of The Pepper Pot. Artist Diane Johnson presented programs where individuals were able to express their own creativity. She also contributed fantastic hand painted shells and stones to give away. Teacher Doug Paul shared his love of nature by using greenery and flowers during multigenerational centerpiece making events. Massasoit Art Guild provides a monthly exhibition by area painters and donates beautiful watercolor bookmarks for library visitors to take home.

Community partners are vital to the library's success. Spencer Cultural Council supported a variety of enriching opportunities to educate and entertain: from jewelry making to programs featuring animals, science, music, magic, puppets and more. The Cultural Council was also instrumental in funding Richard Sugden Library's mini free library initiative. Small structures are now found throughout our community, housing free books to take. Mini free libraries are located at the following schools: East Brookfield, Wire Village, Knox Trail and David Prouty High. Camp Marshall and Powder Mill Park are additional spots for readers to find free books.

Local schools collaborate with the library to stock and maintain the mini free libraries. A new relationship was formed in 2022 when art teacher, Alyssa Hansen facilitated an exhibition in the children's room showcasing the creative works of Knox Trail students. Families gathered at a reception in December to celebrate the artists.

Children in the area are fortunate to benefit from a variety of programs offered at our library including those sponsored by Community Connections. Sensory exploration along with music, stories and movement are a weekly happening thanks to their efforts and support. They co-sponsor performances during the summer and beyond. We are grateful for this exceptional partnership. Children's staff are committed to offering fun, educational materials and programming for babies to teens, making the library a valuable resource for area families.

Denise Famosa, adult services librarian, has increased outreach in town. She connects with residents at Lincoln Hill Manor, Senior Living at Prouty, Howe Village and the Senior Center. Denise cheerfully gives of her time by sharing crafts, treats and stories. She also brings requested items to individuals unable to visit the library. Personalized service means a great deal to our patrons. We hear time and time again about the gratitude people feel for what we do.

In March a public forum was held to discuss distribution of government ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds. Once again, library advocates stepped up to voice their support of the library! More than thirty citizens spanning three generations were on hand to encourage the select board to take care of the Richard Sugden Library. Being with my sister in Florida, I was unable to attend in person and listened to the meeting live on my cell phone. I was moved to tears by the heartfelt testimonials from our loyal users.

Mary Baker-Wood, local historian, is a regular presence at the library. She answers questions about Spencer's history on a weekly basis and works to ensure the museum and its collection are maintained and preserved. Local history programs are extremely popular, with our first in person adult event since the pandemic held in June. "Ask An Expert" featured a panel of knowledgeable guest speakers including Mary, Frank Morrill and Carolyn Bain. A group of more than 40 participants gathered in the grand reading room to learn more about the rich history of Spencer.

An architectural firm, LiRo, is contracted to conduct an envelope study of our beloved building. The goal is to provide guidance and direction to ensure the future preservation of this cherished institution. Industrialist and great patron of libraries Andrew Carnegie once said, "A library outranks any other one thing a community can do to benefit its people. It is a never-failing spring in the desert." We hope the legacy of our own great patron, Richard Sugden, will endure into the future. Keeping the library alive will sustain the spirit of why we are here, allowing us to continue our mission of engaging, enlightening and educating all.

Many thanks to the library volunteers, staff and trustees Alyson Russo and chair Mary Anne Slack. Their dedication results in Richard Sugden Library being a treasured oasis in Spencer.

Cheryl Donahue
Director

SEWER DEPARTMENT

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

The Spencer Board of Sewer Commissioners, Consulting Engineers Wright Pierce, Design & Construction firm of Tighe and Bond and I continue to work with officials from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection and Environmental Protection Agency on the upgrade of Spencer Wastewater Treatment Facility. The Environmental Protection Agency new NPDES Permit for the Town highlights more stringent Nutrient levels. Phosphorous was reduced from .20 Mg/l (milligrams, per liter) to .10 Mg/l.). We also learned that at the end of the current permit (2024) The DEP/EPA will be implementing statewide limits on TN (Total Nitrogen). They have forecasted that we will have to meet a 10 Mg/l limit, whereas we had no limit before. The Spencer Sewer Departments Treatment Facility as it is presently technologically constructed will not be able to meet these new standards and will require a major upgrade to meet a mandated deadline of compliance of December 2024. We have completed the design, and bidding phase with Tighe & Bond Engineering. Unfortunately, during the bidding phase due to the current political, and economic situation our estimated project cost increased by 30% from 37 million to 47 million dollars. The lowest responsible bidder was C.H. Nickerson and was awarded the contract. They began mobilizing in August and are now in the initial phases of the project. We are concerned that due to supply chain issues and certain product availability that our completion deadline of 12/31/24 may not be attainable but we will continue to work towards our target deadline.

With the new permit we will have to reduce Inflow and Infiltration in our collections system. In response to unfunded mandates, the Board of Commissioners, have instituted a Sewer connection moratorium to help reduce the flow. The Department has completed and or are presently working on the following programs: CWMP (Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan) was conducted with an agreement with Wright Pierce Engineering. The CWMP is a complete review of the Treatment Facility, and Collection System. This study will identify aging and outdated treatment processes, equipment, and infrastructure this study is complete.

I&I Study the Sewer Department completed a State mandated Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) study as well as a flow assessment study of cross-country lines. The study has along with the SSES Project was performed to highlight possible areas of concern in the collection system by monitoring flows in both dry and wet weather scenarios.

Sewer Rate Study the Board of Sewer Commissioners agreed to have an impartial 3rd party firm that specializes in Sewer/ Water rate studies review and recommend the necessary budgetary steps that must be taken to ensure the Department is fiscally stable and assist and minimize the impact these projects have on the rate payers.

SSES (Sewer System Evaluation Study) The Sewer Department recently completed this study which included Dry and Wet weather flow monitoring throughout all sub sections of the collection system. The study also included day and night flow isolations, smoke testing, manhole evaluations, property inspections and video inspections. The SSES was intended to expand on the I&I study to locate, identify, and correct collections

system issues, we have just recently completed this study and have already begun repairs on high priority areas to mitigate the inflow and infiltration. I would also like to add that we were able to secure a \$250,000 grant through Senator Gobi's office to assist in this project.

The Spencer Sewer Department continues to work with the Utilities and Facilities Department on all Roads projects such as the Mill/ Valley and Pearl St CBDG. Rte. 9 East, Meadow Rd., and the Pleasant and Smithville Rd. projects.

The Board of Sewer Commissioners, facility staff and I wish to thank the residents for their continued support and understanding. Also, I would like to thank all Town Departments, Boards, and Committees for their assistance, and cooperation during the past year. We look forward to our continued service to the community.

James T. LaPlante Jr., Superintendent

TREE WARDEN

I hereby submit my Annual Report for 2022

Removal of dangerous/diseased trees continues to be a priority.

A limited budget can only go so far, therefore, I continue to prioritize what must be done.

National Grid helps by taking care of what is near their wires.

Ray Holmes,
Tree Warden

VETERANS SERVICES

The Spencer Veterans Services Office is in the Town Hall at 157 Main Street. Office hours are Mondays and Tuesdays from 8:00 am to 2: 00 pm, Tuesdays 9:00 am to noon. Applications are being done remotely, and in person, the office has been able to provide services for Veterans and their families throughout the year.

The Spencer Veterans 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., VA disability applications financial, housing, medical access, employment or help with funeral expenses). As of October 2022, which is the most recent numbers available, a total of \$303,384.00 was paid out to date, 2022, in Federal Veterans Administration disability benefits to Veterans, or their surviving families in Spencer.

This office executes the Department of Veterans Services, Chapter 115 program, which provides assistance to Veterans, Spouses of deceased Veterans. Currently twenty individuals/families are enrolled in the program. With a annual budget of \$202,955.00, this office has shown fiscal responsibility, is constantly helping beneficiaries to diminish there dependency on Chapter 115 support whiles pursuing more long term programs provided by the Federal Government.

Additionally, the Veterans Service Office has been working with the local American Legion, Gaudette-Kirk Post 138, to assist in distributing food to local Veterans and their families. The Veterans Office coordinates the materials (flags and markers) for the cemeteries located in the community. The Town of Spencer has a large Veteran population representing conflicts covering the history of our Nation. The Rotunda in Town Hall contains the names of many of these Veterans. On Veterans Day 2016, a new portion of the Rotunda was dedicated honoring service men and women from the Gulf War and post 911 Wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Spencer Veterans from these conflicts will continue to be added to this memorial as they return home, this ongoing project is currently in review for completeness.

Eligible veterans should contact this office with appropriate documentation in order that they may be added to this memorial. The residents of Spencer have always honored the sacrifices of our Veterans who have served in the military and have been generous in both word and deed in the assistance they have provided. The gratitude and appreciation felt by our Veterans for this assistance is expressed by them to me every day. As their Veterans Services Officer and on behalf of the people of Spencer, I try always to express the collective gratitude to them for their honorable service. Veterans of families seeking to contact this office can reach me at 508-885-7500 x115, or email to: SConner@spencerma.gov

Scott M. Conner
Veterans Services Officer

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

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Department (website: http://www.spencerma.gov/Pages/SpencerMA_Highway/index)

The Highway Department is responsible for many duties within the Town of Spencer, foremost among which is maintenance and upkeep of the Town's 125 miles of roadways. Given the current staffing levels, this equates to approximately 28 lane miles per highway staff person. In addition to caring for and maintaining the roads within the Town, the Highway Department also manages and maintains properties and facilities which include Town-owned buildings and properties; parks and recreational facilities; and cemeteries, and is frequently called upon to support other town departments and the Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District on individual 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 the maintenance of all dams owned by or under the responsibility of the Town, weekly trash pickup from all Town Buildings and public parks, routine site and facility maintenance at the transfer station, elections/voting/meeting setup and oversight of contractors working on Town projects. 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 now maintains 10 full-time dedicated highway positions that service and maintain all the above-described infrastructure and more. To meet the needs of the Town, it is important that the Town restore 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 taxpayer much more in both the short and the 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. Their expertise and skills have ensured the residents of Spencer have safe roads to travel to but also ensure that stormwater quality is improved by proper maintenance and upkeep of the stormwater system. The Highway Department projects this year have included extensive brush mowing and patch paving. 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.

Noteworthy Projects in 2022

- The Paxton Road Bridge over Shaw Brook improvement project was completed by Aqualine Utility;
- The Pleasant Street and Smithville Road Reconstruction Project was awarded to J. H. Lynch & Sons and is currently underway;
- Townwide Paving contract was awarded and substantially completed by P. J. Albert & Sons, Inc. for Paxton Road, Gold Nugget Road, Donnelly Cross Road, Brown Street, Pope Street, Duggan Street, Northwest Road, and Brooks Pond Cross Road;
- The Valley & Mill Street reconstruction project was bid and awarded to Ludlow Construction. Construction will begin in the spring of 2023;
- The design and permitting of the following projects are underway: Meadow Road rehabilitation, Rt 9 West Main Street reconstruction, Hastings Road Bridge, Ash Street Sidewalk Reconstruction, Highway Salt Shed and Dry Storage Shed.

Driveway Drainage Maintenance Reminder

In order to prevent roadway flooding, homeowners should clean out their driveway culvert pipe openings at least twice annually, in the spring and fall. Branches, leaves, and other debris block pipe inlets and cause rainwater to build up and flood the road. Keeping that pipe cleared of debris will go a long way in ensuring proper stormwater conveyance away from roads and into rivers, streams, and wetlands. Remember that a pipe crossing your driveway is your responsibility to maintain so please do your part and remove all debris and do not dump any leaves or lawn clippings into gutters.

Snow & Ice Reminders

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. Please limit your driving during snow and ice events.

WATER DEPARTMENT

The Spencer Water Department continues to improve its operations and infrastructure to comply with ever-growing regulations and permitting requirements. The water treatment and supply industry is one of the most regulated public service industries. Led by an outstanding Chief Water Operator and supported by two 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. Potable drinking water from the Spencer Water Department to the customer tap costs only \$0.01 per gallon (yes, just one penny per gallon) and is therefore still one of the absolute best deals in Town. The Water Department is refocusing 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 an annual system-wide leak detection program. Undetected leaks in our water system are very expensive. The American Water Works Association (AWWA) quotes that 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:

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

2015 Leak Detection performed by Prowler Water Conservation Systems:

Results - No leaks Found.

2019 Leak Detection performed by HydraTech

Estimated Leakage – 1.57 (MGY) million gallons per year AWWA estimated annual savings – \$2,800

2022 Leak Detection performed by Prowler Water

Estimated Leakage – 5.2 (MGY) million gallons per year AWWA estimated annual savings - \$11,810

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 (primarily in unrealized costs). The above savings includes only leaks found during the leak

inspection programs. Other leaks encounter or reported throughout year were also repaired immediately, however, their respective savings are not factored into the above leak detection program savings. Our next system wide leak detection survey will be completed in 2024.

Water Department Capital Efficiency Plan (CEP)

The Water Department’s Capital Efficiency Plan (CEP) is what we use to plan for necessary infrastructure improvements in the years ahead. The CEP identifies the condition of our water distribution system and outlines a methodical prioritization plan for investing in future replacements based on sound evaluation criteria to maximize the efficient use of the rate payer’s dollars.

Meadow Well Cleaning: The Meadow Road well is constantly monitored for iron and manganese buildup in the gravel. The rate at which water can be pumped out of the Meadow Road Well is a key indicator of Iron and Manganese accumulation. If production slows in the well the Water Department stands ready to treat the well and remove excess Iron, Manganese, and non-harmful bacteria that clog the gravel pack.

Completed Work in 2022

- Water line replacement in Smithville Road has been completed;
- Design of waterline improvements in the Route 9 West area has begun;
- Meadow Road Filter Tank media replacement and leak analysis has been completed and the Commissioners are evaluating next steps;
- Moose Hill Water Tank Ladder Replacement has been completed;
- Various water leak repairs throughout the system occurred.

The Water Department continues to make progress on the CEP projects started in 2019.

Future Water Department Work

Beginning in 2023 the Water Department will abandon portions of the watermain on Meadow Road. Looking ahead multiple years the Water Department plans to replace water mains on Clark Terrace, Salem Street and Church Street.

While the above-listed work can be accomplished by Department Staff, larger projects require construction services in order to complete the work in a timely manner. Future contracted water main replacements include Smithville Road, Paxton Road, Ash Street, East Main Street (Dewey St), and North Street.

TRANSFER STATION

The Spencer Transfer Station is the best value in Town for your waste disposal and recycling needs. Now, thanks to funding provided in part by a grant from the MassDEP, our single-stream recycling compactors have been up and running for over seven years allowing you to put accepted recyclables into one compactor. Trash and recyclable separation and management is a whole lot easier. It is imperative to the present and future 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 the future.

Landfill Solar Project - the Town contracted with Citizens Energy to lease unusable land at the Transfer Station for the purpose of installing a photovoltaic array (Solar Panels) for a renewable energy project which was completed in 2020 and is now online.

The day-to-day maintenance of the Utilities and Facilities infrastructure requires a significant amount of work being accomplished by each member of staff from the Water, Highway, Sewer and Transfer Station Departments.

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

Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School graduated a class of 274 students on June 3, 2022. Graduation was held at the DCU Center in Worcester, MA. The ceremony was very well received by students, families and staff. To celebrate the school's 50th commencement, students were unexpectedly showered by a blast of purple & gold confetti from hidden cannons. Bay Path accepted a class of 313 freshmen in September 2022. Our current enrollment has reached an all-time high of 1,185 students.

Of the 35 Spencer seniors who graduated, 15 are now gainfully employed in an occupations related to their training, 14 are attending an institute of higher education and 2 joined the military. Currently, 117 students from Spencer are enrolled in one of the 23 vocational technical programs for the 2022-2023 school year.

Fourteen Spencer students are receiving extra services from our Special Education Department. Twenty-six Spencer students are taking advantage of our cooperative education program and will be earning while learning at one of the 202 different participating businesses and industries of which 127 are located in one of our ten communities. Currently, we have students in cooperative education programs at 12 businesses located in Spencer.

Whenever possible, we have continued our practice of utilizing our occupational programs to provide requested services to municipalities, non-profits and residents from any of our ten district towns. During the 2021-2022 school year, our 23 programs completed 432 work orders, of which, 60 were for residents of the Town of Spencer. Our current House Building Project is in the Town of Auburn on Crowl Hill Road.

Since COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted, our Minuteman Shoppe, and Cosmetology program are open to the general public. Our Hilltop Restaurant has reopened to provide delicious meals to the public along with the continuation of a modified Curb-Side Pick-Up. We will continue to monitor health conditions along with state and local health officials, periodically reviewing our options and what services can continue to be provided by our students. These learning opportunities benefit not only the students but provide useful services at reasonable costs.

Our Evening Adult Education Program continues to serve the adult needs of our 10-town district, as well as the additional surrounding towns. Our Spring and Fall 2022 program offerings have steadily increased and are getting back to normal. We had a combined enrollment of 1,361 students in 196 evening classes of which 108 were residents of Spencer. The program also continues to offer a wide variety of over 500 online courses, including career certificate programs and courses to satisfy professional development requirements for teachers and an array of day and week long trips.

Our Practical Nursing (PN) Program continues to provide an excellent opportunity to adults in our surrounding communities. For the 2022-2023 class we have 42 students from thirteen municipalities and two states.

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 District's ten member communities and subsequently moved out of district before completing their high school education. It is important to note that

the town where these students now reside must pay an out of district tuition cost for each student ranging in cost between \$17,969 and \$20,143. These towns also pay the transportation costs for those students.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kyle J. Brenner", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kyle J. Brenner
Superintendent-Director

SPENCER-EAST BROOKFIELD REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Dear Spencer Community,

The Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District graduated a class of 62 students on Friday, June 3rd; and began the new school year with over 105 freshmen in August of 2022. Our current enrollment as a regional school district is over 1426 total students with 361 enrolled at David Prouty High School; 375 enrolled at Knox Trail Middle School; 419 enrolled at Wire Village School; and 246 enrolled at East Brookfield Elementary School – including more than 113 students in our “Cubs Corner” Preschool program. These enrollment numbers are a testament to the due diligence and stability that has been established and continues to permeate throughout our schools within the Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District.

The reason for this continued stability and growth as mentioned in prior town reports is simple: The Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District has been and continues to be more than just four schools but one learning community - dedicated to teaching and learning with purpose. And thanks to our communities continuing to invest and support us in our work with your children, we were able to achieve some really great things in the process.

First, the Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District continued to support an approach to teaching and learning that is responsive to each student’s academic, social and emotional needs by making sure we review and realign PK-12 curriculum to ensure ALL students have access to high quality materials and instruction. A few key highlights include but are not limited to: receiving approval from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) for our Career Technical Education (CTE) program in Environmental Sciences and Technology. With this recent notification from DESE, all of our CTE offerings are approved and recognized as meeting/exceeding the standards for quality educational programming. We are proud to offer Early Education and Care; Marketing; Criminal Justice; and Environmental Science and Technology to the students of not only Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District but Southern Worcester County, as well. We also started this school year Early College learning opportunities for David Prouty High School students in Theatre through our partnership with Worcester State; and diversified Advanced Placement course offerings while expanding our post-graduate transition program to connect 18-22-year-old students to interest-based work and community resources.

Second, the district remained committed to sustaining the high quality of our teachers and administrators by maximizing opportunities for professional development and collaboration, while also increasing diversity by: utilizing instructional teams to implement, monitor, and support the principles of accelerated learning; providing staff high quality professional development to enhance their practice and support their continuous learning and create and implement an enhanced educator evaluation system that promotes reflective practices and use of learning walks and lesson studies as tools for improvement.

Third, the district has enhanced the curriculum by strengthening and expanding district science, technology, engineering, arts, mathematics (STEAM), college, career, and community offerings. To these ends, we have worked diligently to address capital improvement needs by partnering with our parents/families, the Massachusetts School Building Authority, and our communities to pass the David Prouty High School “Addition/Renovation” Building Project - so that all of our facilities are innovative, responsive and able to

meet the needs of 21st century teaching and learning; allow for 21st century instructional technology integration; and provide students with experiential learning at every grade level – including service learning. None of these highlights I just mentioned above would have been possible with you... As such, on behalf of all of us within the Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District, I want you to know that we truly value and appreciate your ongoing investment and support of our municipalities and our regional school district; it is invaluable. Thanks to you and the consistent work of our District School Committee, Leadership Team, as well as our SEBRSD Faculty/Staff, our students continue to experience a comprehensive public education like no other as they look to the future and work toward it.

In closing, we thank you for your continued support and partnership with each and every one of us within the Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District. ***#Innovate #Inspire #Achieve***

Respectfully Yours,

Paul S. Haughey, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

DAVID PROUTY HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2022

First Name	Last Name	Title
Randee	Aguirre	
Maicol	Antunez Flores	
Jacob	Bergeron	Historian
Damian	Bernier	
Nicholas	Berthiaume	
Daniel	Blazejewski	
Avery	Bohanan	
Katherine	Boria	
Zackory	Bulak	
Julia	Cabana	
Rylee	Cardinal	
Stephen	Ceccarini	
Gathan	Chaput	
Elysia	Chisholm	
Owen	Coldwell	
Tatiana	Coolbaugh	President
Paige	Cournoyer	
Damian	Courtney	
Leah	Cutler	
Monay	Daniels	
Logan	Decker	
Matthew	DeWan	
Connor	Donohue	
Colin	Dube	
Rene	Dumas	
Justin	Falletti	
Evan	Fournier	
Mason	Fullam	
Jessica	Fulmer	Secretary
Gabriel	Girouard	
Joseph	Havalotti	
Gavin	Haynes	
Alexandra	Holmes	
Samantha	Holmes	
Madysen	Howard	
Caleb	Humphrey	
Nicoletta	Jeovaras	Historian
Jacob	Kenneway	
Nathan	Kniskern	
Isaiah	Kruse	
Felicity	Kuszewski	

Benjamin	Leaming	
Bryana	Lindsey	
Paulimar	Matos Criado	
Xavier	McCullough	
Christopher	Murzycki	
Kimberly	Nairn	
Connor	O'Malley	
Brennan	Ogert	
Lauren	Picard	
Josalina	Pizzarella Rivera	
Payton	Prouty	Vice President
Brady	Rokes	
Michael	Saint-Vil	
Jason	Seavey	
Anthony	Serrano	
Gabrielle	Soter	Treasurer
Byron	Tippins	
Ashton	Valley	
Serenity	Vaughn	
Djudly	Wagnac	
Aaron	Ward	

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Meetings listed below are typically held as indicated. **For the most current information, please consult the Website calendar at www.spencerma.gov** for official postings.

Annual Town Meeting	1 st Thursday in May
Annual Town Election	2 nd Tuesday in May
Selectmen's Meetings	Mondays as posted at www.spencerma.gov
Assessor's Meetings	2 nd Monday of month
Charitable Needs Commission	1 st Monday of month Sept. - June
Conservation Commission	2 nd & 4 th Wednesday of month
Council on Aging	2 nd Tuesday of month
Finance Committee	3 rd Tuesday of month
Board of Health	1 st Monday of month
Historical Commission	3 rd Tuesday of month
Housing Authority	2 nd Thursday of month
Library Trustees	2 nd Monday of month
Parks & Recreation Committee	As posted at www.spencerma.gov
Planning Board	As posted at www.spencerma.gov
Regional School Committee	See School District website
Sewer Commission	2 nd Wednesday of month
Veteran's Agent	By appointment
Water Commission	1 st Wednesday of month
ZBA	As posted at www.spencerma.gov

Town Offices are closed for the following holidays: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day, Presidents Day, Patriot's Day, Memorial Day, Juneteenth, 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 Property Taxes	Due Quarterly
Excise Taxes	Due 30 days after issuance
Water/Sewer Bills	Due Quarterly

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

Dog Licenses	Due April 1 st (late fee applies on July 1 st)
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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:

Department/Office:	Services:	Telephone Number:
Administration	Administrator	508 885-7500 x132
	Board of Selectmen	508 885-7500 x155
Town Clerk	Vital Records	508 885-7500 x150
	Dog Licenses	508 885-7500 x150
	Notary Public/Justice of the Peace	508 885-7500 x150
	Elections, Voter Registration	508 885-7500 x150
Town Accountant	Accounting	508 885-7500 x160
Town Assessors	Assessment	508 885-7500 x165
	House Numbering	508 885-7500 x165
Town Treasurer/Collector	Tax & Utility Collections	508 885-7500 x170
	Treasurer	508 885-7500 x170
Inspectional & Development Services	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
Veteran's Agent		508 885-7500 x115
Cultural Office		508 885-7500 x187
Historical Commission		508 885-7500 x186
Parks & Recreation		508 885-7500 x185
Fire Department	Fire Chief	508 885-3555
	Burning Permits	508 885-3555
	Oil Burner Permits	508 885-3555
	Civil Defense	508 885-3555
Library (Richard Sugden Library)		508 885-7513
Police	Police Chief	508 885-6333
	Dog Complaints	508 885-6333
Transfer Station		508 885-7539

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

2022 POPULATION:

10,762