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Gobi and Berthiaume Announce \$1 Million Grant for Infrastructure Improvements in Oakham

BOSTON – **Senator Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer)** joined **Representative Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr. (R-Spencer)** today for the announcement of the 2017 MassWorks Infrastructure awards for small and rural towns. Every year, 10 percent of awarded MassWorks funds are allocated to assist municipalities with populations of 7,000 or less in completing roadway safety and transportation improvement projects.

The Town of Oakham has been awarded \$1,000,000 through the program. The funds will be used for the reconstruction of Ware Corner Road and South Road. The project will replace failing culverts, perform full depth reclamation and repaving. Improvements will greatly enhance the public safety and transportation of the roads in the community

“I appreciate the balance the MassWorks program has struck by making sure that rural communities get fair opportunity and access to funding for infrastructure projects,” said Senator Gobi. “Building supplies and labor don’t cost any less out here and Secretary Ash and his team have done a great job of recognizing the needs of our communities. Congratulations to the Town of Oakham on receiving this funding.”

"Congratulations to the Town of Oakham on this MassWorks grant award," said Representative Berthiaume. "Through the hard work of the highway superintendent and the board of selectmen this small town in central Massachusetts received this sizable award to complete much needed road repairs."

The MassWorks Infrastructure Program provides an opportunity to public entities seeking public infrastructure funding to support economic development and job creation as well as public infrastructure projects that spur economic development and housing opportunities or resident safety. The program is administered by the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development, in cooperation with the Department of Transportation and Executive Office for Administration & Finance.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Senator Gobi's office at 617-722-1540.

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