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Barre Awarded Grant for Hazard Mitigation

BOSTON – **Senator Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer)** and **Representative Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr. (R-Spencer)** are happy to announce that the town of Barre has been awarded \$51,266 to fund a generator for their Department of Public Works Facility. The grant funding was awarded through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

"When severe weather events happen we turn to our public works departments," said Senator Gobi. "If they don't have the proper resources we are all adversely affected. They and the Town of Barre are deserving of this assistance for a generator."

"Congratulations to the Barre DPW on receiving this FEMA grant," said Representative Berthiaume.

"Having emergency backup power will ensure continuous operation of this department during New England's frequent weather events"

The funding was made available as the result of the Federal Disaster Declaration for Severe Winter Storm, Snowstorm, and Flooding, for January 26, 2015 through January 28, 2015. The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) submitted a joint application for federal assistance through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) to help cities and towns affected by the storm. The application was recently accepted by FEMA.

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

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