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Barre and North Brookfield Awarded IT Grant Funding

BOSTON – Senator Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer) and Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr. (R-Spencer) have announced that the Towns of Barre and North Brookfield have been awarded grant funding through the Community Compact IT grant for a radio communications beacon. Barre has received \$83,500 to upgrade infrastructure to facilitate regional technology cooperation between Barre, Rutland, and the Barre Regional Emergency Communication Center. North Brookfield has received \$36,100 to implement billing and collections software upgrades as recommended by the Division of Local Services.

“I would like to congratulate both towns on being awarded IT grant funding,” said Senator Gobi. “Both projects will greatly increase efficiencies in both towns.”

“Congratulations to the communities of Barre and North Brookfield on being awarded these IT grants,” said Rep. Berthiaume. “This funding will go a long way in assisting these towns in improving their communication infrastructure.”

The Community Compact IT Grant Program is a competitive grant program focused on driving innovation and transformation at the local level via investments in technology. This grant opportunity is specifically for cities and towns who applied for a Community Compact on or before January 29, 2016. Both towns signed their Community Compacts on October 15, 2015.

Grants funding supports the implementation of innovative IT projects by funding related one-time capital needs such as technology infrastructure, upgrades and/or purchases of equipment or software. Incidental or one-time costs related to the capital purchase such as one-time planning, design, installation, implementation and initial training are eligible.

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