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Senator Anne Gobi and Representative Donald Berthiaume Secure FY16 Funding for Local Projects in Barre and Spencer

BOSTON –State Senator Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer) and Representative Donald Berthiaume (D-Spencer) are happy to announce a multitude of local projects included in the FY16 budget approved by both the Senate and House today. Gobi and Berthiaume were able to ensure that funding lost through Governor Baker’s 9C cuts were restored. These projects include \$94,000 in funding for the Civil War Monument in the town of Barre and \$150,000 in funding for the Citizen Soldiers Monument in the town of Spencer.

“It was important to me to have funding restored for these war memorials which represent the sacrifice and service of the people of Barre and Spencer,” said Senator Gobi. “The Barre Common is undergoing major reconstruction and the Civil War Memorial is a centerpiece of the Common. Fundraising efforts for a new memorial to honor all the sons and daughters of Spencer who served our Country had been started and this funding will assist in making the project a reality.”

"The restoration of funding in these two towns was especially critical due to the fact that the projects were started previously," said Representative Berthiaume. "With the addition of these line items in the budget, Barre and Spencer will not be sitting on half-done improvements in their communities."

Both legislators had actively advocated for the restoration of these funds since they were cut and were able to work together to make sure they were included in the FY16 budget. The budget now gets sent to Governor Baker who has the option to make vetoes or sign it as is.

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