Space for a joint dispatch operation was purposely designed for the new police station, and at the beginning of the year, the move was complete. The program entails having two dispatchers, one each representing police and fire, working side by side on every shift. This allows for better communication and more efficient staffing during peak times or times of incidents. Three new dispatchers were added to the department this year and the program has been successful.
REPORT OF THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

The Town’s Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan was recently reviewed by the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency. This plan is continually updated with the Town’s Emergency Management Team and representatives from Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency. The updates include gathering all data from various organizations within the Town and transferring it to an electronic version. This plan will be critical to the Town in the event of a natural disaster or other emergencies in Town.

The Town’s local Emergency Management Committee continues to work with the School Department and other Town Agencies on response plans to different incidents. This coming year there will be a joint venture training session for an Active Shooter to include all Town buildings. All of the schools have updated their plans with the help of the Police and Fire departments. The group also updated the town-wide crises book, which will help all Town employees in the event of an emergency. This year there were no major emergencies or shelters opened.

Members of the Emergency Management Team cannot stress enough the importance of residents being prepared in the case of an emergency. Have a plan and assemble a 72-hour emergency kit, which should include the basic items necessary to get you through first 72 hours of an emergency. Information on this kit as well as other related topics can be found on the Town’s website under Public Safety, through the American Red Cross, and on the Massachusetts or Federal Emergency management Agencies’ websites.

A Driver Training Simulator was provided to the Weston firefighters to help sharpen driving skills during an emergency.
REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

In 2016 the Weston Fire Department responded to 2,325 calls for service. We had seven major building fires, where fortunately, no lives were lost. Along with the major fires, we had many smaller fires that were detected by home fire alarm systems with minimal to no damage done to the properties. We also experienced a dozen or so brush fires during the year. As a department we cannot stress enough the importance of making a conscious effort to protect ourselves from the dangers of fire including installing and testing smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, and having and practicing a home escape plan.

We have always felt that it is easier to prevent a fire than extinguish one. As such, prevention remains a core component of our mission. We continue to conduct school visits and required fire safety inspections. These inspections include oil burning equipment, liquefied propane installations, home fire and carbon monoxide alarms, fuel tank removals and blasting operations. In addition, quarterly inspections of nursing homes and other public facilities were conducted, as required by law.

While our Emergency Ambulance Service accounted for approximately 54 percent of our call volume, the Department’s Emergency Medical Technicians continue to provide critical care to the residents and visitors of Weston. We are fortunate to have Emerson / Pro as our Advanced Life Support (ALS) provider to the community. We entered into a regional ALS system over five years ago. In that time we have seen a dramatic increase in our ALS coverage; however, it is critical that we take steps to ensure that this level of care remains available for the community in both a timely and cost effective manner. In the coming year we will be working on upgrading and improving upon the system. We encourage residents wishing to take a class in CPR or to learn more about defibrillators please contact the Fire Department.

This year Firefighter Craig Johnston, who served the Town for 32 years, retired; however, the department welcomed new Firefighter Michael Sylvia to the team. We look back with gratitude to all of those who have supported and assisted this Department in many ways. Citizen support and cooperation is essential if we are to continue to keep our Town fire safe and maintain an effective level of service.

To the citizens of Weston, the Honorable Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee, Town Manager and the members of the Weston Fire Department who have all worked so diligently, I extend my sincere appreciation.
2016 FIRE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

In 2016 the Weston Fire Department responded to 2,325 incidents as follows:
- 851 fire incidents
- 1,248 ambulance incidents
- 226 other emergency services

The Emergency Ambulance Service responded to 1,248 incidents, of which there were:
- 981 medical emergencies
- 167 motor vehicle accidents
- 90 medical assist and other rescues

Comparison of Alarms Answered – 10 Year Period

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Permits Issued Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws:

- Above Ground Storage Tank Permits: 3
- Ansul Fire Suppression: 0
- Burning Permits: 68
- Blasting Permits: 7
- Carpet Installation: 0
- Cutting/Welding Permits: 11
- Environmental Report: 61
- Explosives Storage Permits: 1
- Fire Alarm Systems – New Construction: 133
- Fire Alarm Systems – Residential Sales: 188
- Flammable Liquid Storage Permits: 0
- Liquid Petroleum Gas Storage Permits: 30
- Oil Burner Installations/Alterations: 16
- Solar Panel Review: 15
- Sprinkler: 5
- Tank Truck Inspections: 13
- Underground Tank removal Permits: 28

Fiscal Year 2016 Revenue Turned Over to the Town Treasurer:

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REPORT OF THE PARKING CLERK

Vehicles violating town and/or state parking regulations may be ticketed by the Police Department. If a ticket remains unpaid and no request for a hearing has been made to the Parking Clerk within 21 days, an additional fine of $5 for each unpaid violation may be imposed and, after notice to the vehicle’s owner, the ticket is marked at the Registry of Motor Vehicles. Once a vehicle has been marked at the Registry, the owner may not renew his or her driver’s license or vehicle registration until all fines and late fees plus a $20.00 penalty have been paid with good funds and a release has been issued by the Parking Clerk.

Safety issues and traffic circulation are of primary concern in establishing and enforcing parking restrictions. Of greatest importance is the ability for emergency vehicles to gain unimpeded access to all areas of the town as necessary. Massachusetts law prohibits parking within 10 feet of a fire hydrant or 20 feet of an intersection, in crosswalks, on state highways or in handicapped spaces without a handicap license or placard. Town regulations include a two hour time limit for parking in the Town Center; a prohibition on parking on any town road, unless there is a 10-foot wide lane for traffic flowing in each direction; restrictions on where parking is permitted at the Weston Public Schools, the Kendal Green train station, and other Town facilities; and restrictions on parking on various streets due to safety considerations.

The Parking Clerk has the ability to check ticket status online. Tickets may be paid in the office at Town Hall or online on the Town website through Online Services. Questions may be addressed to the Parking Clerk at Town Hall or to the Police Department. Additional information is available at www.weston.org.

Parking activity for the year ending December 31, 2016

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The recognition of being one of the best parks in eastern Massachusetts had consequences the neighbors of Cat Rock were not expecting. The entire length of the road was filled with cars, pedestrians and loose dogs. To help alleviate the accompanying issues, the Selectmen amended the Traffic Rules and Orders to make all of Drabbington Way resident parking only.
REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

In 2016, the Weston Police Department continued to settle into the new police facility. In February, the joint dispatch function for both the Fire and Police departments merged as planned in the new building. There are two dispatchers, one each representing police and fire working side by side on every shift. This allows for better communication and more efficient staffing during peak times or times of incidents. With this new structure, the Department added Brian Buck, Henry Gula, and Cara Paladino as new dispatchers.

Expanded training for officers and dispatchers continues to be a focus of the Department. For officers, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts requires 40 hours of mandated training in the areas of the law, firearms, medical, and other topical issues. Dispatchers are mandated to take 16 hours of training. These required hours have been supplemented with additional training in other important areas, including mental health and autism awareness and response.

In June, all officers and public safety dispatchers attended a one-day training session on “Lessons Learned from Sandy Hook.” The presenter was the case officer for the Sandy Hook tragedy who reviewed the issues experienced from that day. The class was held in our new training room and police officers and educators from the area attended this presentation. The cost of the training was shared by many departments.

Over the past two years, we have partnered with the Metro Boston Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training and Technical Assistance Center, run by the Somerville Police Department, to provide CIT training to four officers. Part of this collaboration includes a grant, which was awarded in July. Not only did it fund the training, but the Department will receive assistance and support from the National Alliance on Mental Illness to expand to a community-based approach on this topic. Our goal is to train all officers in this 40-hour CIT course.

CIT is an international standard for law enforcement training specifically designed to increase awareness, as well as to improve understanding and response to individuals impacted by psychiatric illness, developmental disorders, and co-occurring substance use disorders. It was initially developed in Memphis Tennessee through a collaboration of the Memphis Police Department and the University of Memphis in 1989. Outcome research has shown that the implementation of CIT increases confidence in the police officer’s response; improves efficient crisis response; increases jail diversion for individuals impacted by mental illness and substance use disorders; creates treatment continuity with community based providers; and significantly reduces officer injury.

We have also trained all officers in an eight-hour Mental Health First Aid program. Both CIT and Mental Health Aid are part of a national best practice initiative supported by the International Association of Chiefs of Police’s One Mind Campaign and the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health. The One Mind Campaign seeks to ensure successful interactions between police officers and persons affected by mental illness.
All officers were also trained in an eight-hour class in L.E.A.D.S. – Law Enforcement Active Diffusion Strategies Plus Tactical Options. This class covered communications skills and evidence-based active diffusion strategies that can avoid or resolve interactions by employing tactical de-escalation techniques, conflict resolution methods, and distraction techniques that promote successful tactical applications. Finally, officers received training in the areas of police wellness and autism awareness. Those officers involved in specialty areas, such as instructors, were involved in additional training in their area of concentration.

Outside of training, bicycle patrols were reinstated for the Town, especially for patrols of the Weston conservation trails, parks, and school areas. The free and popular shredding event for residents was increased to an additional day and a kiosk for sharps has been placed in the lobby. This kiosk was paid for by the Board of Health and was added to supplement the prescription drop-off kiosk already located in the building.

In the summer, the Weston Police Department was fortunate to join the Domestic Violence Services Network. The network was founded in 1998 and works in collaboration with communities to end domestic violence. Its mission is to strive “to empower and educate all peoples in ways that respect their dignity and choices while promoting their safety.” Weston became the 13th police department in the area to meet with advocates, court personnel, and district attorneys to provide outreach, case monitoring, training, and other services. One officer has already received training in the network’s 40-hour advocate training. Other officers and dispatchers will be attending in the future.

The Weston Police Department continues to work with the School Department to keep our children safe and served. The Department has worked to support the School Department with the implementation of the ALICE Program (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate). This program involves training participants in self-survival skills and the ability to lead others to safety when faced with the danger of an active shooter. The Police Department also supported the efforts of the school district with a presentation to faculty, staff and parents by Michelle Gay of Safe and Sound Schools. Ms. Gay shared her personal story of the Sandy Hook School tragedy.

The Council on Aging continues to hold regular meetings with the Weston Fire and Police departments. In December we had a successful “Coffee with the Police Chief” where residents were able to ask questions and discuss concerns.

Our commitment of providing the very best service depends on resident feedback. Please contact us by mail, phone or email for suggestions or areas where we have succeeded or need to improve.
REPORT OF THE OFFICE OF ANIMAL CONTROL AND INSPECTIONS

The Office of Animal Control and Inspections is under the supervision of the Chief of Police and is located at the Weston Police Department. The Animal Control Officer/Animal Inspector positions are staffed by a single individual who works on a part time basis for 18.5 hours per week. However, the Animal Control Officer (ACO) is on call seven days a week. The Officer is assigned office space at the Police Department and complaints or concerns, in general, are received by dispatch and then directed to the ACO for response. Although the ACO and Animal Inspector responsibilities are performed by the same individual, the statutory authority for each, for enforcement purposes in particular, are separate and distinct.

Stray or abandoned domestic animals, found in Weston, are kept in temporary kennels, located both outside and inside the Police Department facility. Animals anticipated to be in need of shelter for more than 24 hours, are taken to the Natick Animal Clinic for safekeeping. Unless claimed by the owner beforehand, the animal will remain at the clinic for a mandatory seven day period while attempts are made to identify the owner. If the owner of the animal is not identified, the animal will be placed with Buddy Dog in Sudbury to be put up for adoption or placed in a foster home. Injured wildlife, such as geese, birds of prey, reptiles, etc., when practical, is taken to the Tufts University Veterinary School for treatment. The ACO works closely and cooperatively with the Massachusetts Environmental Police and the State Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, in this regard.

This year, the Weston Police Department recorded a total of 301 animal complaints or incidents, a slight increase from last year’s total by six. Of this year’s calls, 47 of them required an additional follow up investigation by the ACO and subsequent written reports. In addition, the ACO received approximately 100 verbal complaints or reports relative to animal related issues directly from the public. Within these numbers were numerous reports of stray dogs running loose in the neighborhoods or along our public ways. A number of these animals were taken under the control of the ACO and returned directly to the owner or taken to the police department kennel where the owners picked them up later in the day.

A total of 15 dogs were placed under quarantine this year, having either bitten a person, bitten another dog, or had received a wound themselves from an unidentified dog or wild animal, or received a wound from an unknown origin.

In addition to responding to complaints, the ACO patrols the Town’s conservation lands, as well as property belonging to the Weston Forest and Trail Association, the Recreation Department, and the School Department. All of these areas are popular places to walk or jog in addition to being popular for dog walkers, both individual and commercial. On occasion, conflicts arise in these areas due to the differences in use and interest and the ACO plays a role in resolving these conflicts.

Failing to license a dog is a finable offense and 20 residents were issued a $25 fine this year, in addition to the requirement to immediately acquire a current license for their dog(s). A total of 1,101 dogs were licensed by residents this year, generating a total of $18,045 in general revenue for the Town. This total includes the fines for late licensing. Of the 1,101 dogs licensed, 998 were spayed or neutered and the remaining 103 were not. The three most popular dog breeds licensed this year were once again the golden retriever, the Labrador retriever, and the labradoodle.
The Town Clerk also licensed a total of 21 commercial dog walking companies this year, resulting in a total of 32 commercial dog walkers being permitted to walk dogs in our community. These Commercial Dog Walking Permits produced a total of approximately $25,450 for the Town’s General Revenue stream.

Massachusetts State Law, requires that annual inspections be conducted by the Animal Inspector, on any public or private property, where farm type animals are housed or stabled, including but not limited to, horses, cattle, swine, sheep, goats, chickens, exotic animals, etc. In addition, the Board of Health requires annual inspections where domestic dog or cat breeding is taking place. The purpose of these inspections is to ensure the animals are being responsibly cared for, are living under sanitary conditions, and are properly sheltered from the weather. In addition, information gathered from these inspections, particularly the head count of each type of animal, is reported to the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture where it is placed within a state-wide data base and becomes available, should a natural or manmade disaster occur, that would require the relocation or rescue of these animals. This year in Weston, 36 such properties were inspected and all found to be in compliance.

### 2016 Animal Inspections: Type and Count

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Weston, like our neighboring towns, is experiencing an increase in the number of wildlife species that are living within our borders. Coyote and deer continue to be the number one sources of complaints and the sighting of both of these species is not uncommon. The sighting of fishers is also occurring. Incidents of small dogs and cats being taken particularly by coyotes have been reported. Pet owners are warned not to let small dogs or cats outside unattended. This year, a special education seminar was held at the Police Department to talk about coyotes and how to co-exist with these populations. A coyote specialist from MassWildlife was invited to help residents better understand the animal’s behavior and instincts. After the seminar, a wildlife report and tracking system was created so residents could record what and where different species of Weston’s wildlife has been seen. Information on living with wildlife is available on the Town’s website at www.weston.org/Wildlife and also on the Massachusetts Department of Fisheries and Wildlife website.
REPORT OF THE TRAFFIC AND SIDEWALK COMMITTEE

Since the Traffic and Sidewalk Committee was re-formed by the Board of Selectmen in 2009, members have worked with Town staff, state and local elected officials, and residents to identify cost-effective ways to address the Town’s most critical traffic, bicycle, and pedestrian safety issues, while seeking treatments that fit with the rural and historic character of Weston. It is the Committee’s goal to discuss each letter and email received, soliciting insight from the School Department, Public Works, and the Police Department. The balance of each meeting is spent in discussions of the major traffic and pedestrian issues in Town, collecting and analyzing data, and listening to residents and each other, with the intent of preparing the Committee to ultimately take an informed vote that recommends specific actions to the Board of Selectmen or a Town department. The Committee works to address both large and small issues with the ultimate goal to improve the quality of life for all Weston residents.

Below are highlights of committee activities in 2016 and a summary of efforts since 2009 towards this objective. We thank former Chair Peter Hill for his time and efforts and we welcome new members Tom Benson and Michael Natan who were appointed in 2016. The Committee can be contacted via email at traffic@westonmass.org for residents with concerns. The Town website contains details related to ongoing and current committee projects, and meeting minutes are available online, which contain additional details about the items described below, and many others.

Sidewalk Master Plan
Priorities in the 2010 sidewalk master plan are given to missing links and connections to schools, recreational facilities (including footpaths), and commuter rail stops. The Committee continues to advocate for an expansion of the Town’s sidewalk network by adding approximately four miles of new sidewalks, including segments along portions of Brown Street, Winter Street, Glen Road, Highland Street, Ash Street, Merriam Street, and Warren Avenue. The Town Engineer created concept plans for each segment, noting which side of the street was most feasible for a sidewalk and locations where topography and/or available public right of way would be challenging for sidewalk construction. Additional funds appropriated by Town Meeting have been used to further develop the proposed designs through a land survey and consulting civil engineer. Highlights of specific activities on sidewalk sections are included below:

Brown and Winter Street Sidewalks: The Brown and Winter streets sidewalk project was successfully rebid and construction was completed in the fall of 2016. This new facility is actively being used. The new ADA-compliant walkway provides a safe pedestrian connection between the Winter Gardens neighborhood and Westgate Church on Winter Street with a length of sidewalk on Brown Street that extends from the Wightman Tennis Center to Wellesley Street, where a new traffic and pedestrian signal was put into operation in 2015. The new pedestrian connection links neighborhoods, recreation areas, schools, and other activity centers, while providing opportunities for exercise and supporting safe routes to school. The Committee worked closely with the Town Engineer in early 2016 to modify design of the sidewalk to contain costs while maintaining a sufficient width for ADA compliance and snow plowing.

Merriam Street: The Committee continued to solicit feedback from Merriam Street residents regarding the proposed new sidewalk and associated design issues. The overwhelming number of emails and comments received are supportive of the project. A Community Preservation Act fund request for design fees for design consultant Beals and Thomas was approved at the 2016 Annual Town Meeting. The
Committee coordinated with the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission during the design process and identified a number of design challenges pertaining to mitigation of impact to trees, stone walls, wetlands at the crossing of Cherry Brook, and right-of-way. At fall Town Meeting the Committee’s request for an additional $25,000 in design fees from the Community Preservation Act fund was approved for the additional field work, design option development, and coordination needed to address the issues. Coordination with the Planning Board and Conservation Commission will continue in 2017 during development of construction documents. The Committee anticipates going to fall Special Town Meeting in 2017 with a request for approval of construction funds.

Highland Street: After public input from numerous abutters on Highland Street, the Committee voted in 2015 to hold off on pursuing this section, which remained on hold in 2016. The Committee continues to believe in the benefits of this section for pedestrian safety and linkage; however, the majority of abutters to this portion are opposed and private property easements are required since the Town right of way does not provide the necessary space. The Committee remains interested in the views of the Highland Street residents, and meanwhile is focusing efforts on the corridors in the master plan with strong neighborhood support.

Warren Avenue: Design development of this section continues with construction funds approved in conjunction with the affordable housing proposal. A public meeting was held with residents on November 9th at which the preliminary design prepared by consultant Beals and Thomas was presented and input received. Coordination with the Conservation Commission is ongoing to mitigate impacts to wetlands. It is anticipated that design will be completed and the project advertised for construction bids in 2017.

Ash Street: A Community Preservation Act fund request for $30,000 design fees was approved at the 2016 Annual Town Meeting. The funding will be used to determine the feasibility of extending the existing sidewalk/walking path on Ash Street from the reservoir bridge to the vicinity of Newton and Wellesley streets. The study includes an engineering survey, wetland delineation, determination of alignment, conceptual plans, and coordination with related initiatives, such as the Case Estates Master Plan.

North Avenue (Route 117), Church Street, and Lexington Street
Committee and neighborhood input during design recommended traffic calming features such as narrower travel lanes, dedicated left-turn lanes, paved shoulder areas for bicycles, and shorter crossing distances. The project was constructed in 2016 and included the elimination of a large paved area on the north side at the Church Street intersection, which increased permeable green space consistent with neighborhood character.

Route 20 Intersections
The Committee continued to work with the design consultant Vanasse Hangen Brustlin Inc. to conduct a traffic study and concept design of the following locations: 1) Boston Post Road at School and Church streets, 2) Route 20 at School Street, and 3) Route 20 at Wellesley Street. The first intersection is Town-owned and is now under the purview of the Weston Town Center Planning Committee. The remaining two intersections are owned by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation and the Committee’s goal is to gain the state’s support for a state-funded safety improvement project that is consistent with the Town’s desire to minimize road widening and associated visual impacts. The Committee obtained public input earlier in the design process and incorporated it into a revised preliminary plan presented at another public meeting on June 9th, at which the changes were described and additional input received. The Committee is in the process of finalizing a Town-preferred option, which is based on resident and Board of Selectmen feedback, and will be reviewed by the Selectmen before it is forwarded to the Department of Transportation in 2017.
Route 30 at Wellesley Street
Construction of this state-sponsored project to reconstruct and improve this intersection with overhead modern traffic signals, pedestrian crosswalks, and dedicated turning lanes advanced in 2016, with construction expected to be complete in early 2017.

Route 30 at Ash Street
With the understanding that the existing Fire Station’s emergency traffic signal is reaching the end of its design life, the Committee has been working with consultant Vanasse Hangen Brustlin Inc. on a concept plan to redesign this location and study the potential to simultaneously improve safety for pedestrians crossing Route 30.

Wayside Rail Trail
The Committee continues to advocate for developing the right of way, which is owned by the Department of Conservation and Recreation, into a space that will encourage its recreational use through the construction of a new trail. The Committee is studying trail development efforts in Wayland and other communities, coordinating our efforts with the Open Space and Recreation Plan Committee, and participating in regional advocacy groups.

1265 Main Street Development in Waltham
The Committee continues to monitor potential development of this site in order to understand any proposed impacts on the Town of Weston, including MBTA service, traffic congestion, Wayside Rail Trail, and other infrastructure.

Highlights of Past Accomplishments 2009-2016
- High School/Middle School campus traffic study, which led to the construction of the new traffic signal
- Creation of a Town-wide sidewalk master plan and design development of four of six proposed new sidewalks to date
- Left-turn arrows added by the Department of Transportation to the School Street at the Route 20 traffic signal
- Accessible pedestrian push buttons and countdown clock added by the Department of Transportation to School Street at the Route 20 traffic signal
- Electronic radar speed signs for school zones installed at both school campuses
- Completion of speed study to support reduction of speed limits on Wellesley Street and School Street
- Left-turn lane onto Highland Street westbound from Route 20 added by the Department of Transportation
- Safer crosswalk and warning flashers on School Street at the Scout House
- Do Not Block driveway signs at the north exit/entrance of the high school and also at the northbound entrance/exit of Brook School Apartments
- Stop sign at Church Street and Boston Post Road
- Stop Ahead sign from Wellesley Street to School Street by 40 Acre Field
- New signage and enforcement to control non-resident parking on Drabbington Way
- Completion of the new sidewalk/walking path on Brown and Winter streets

2016 Traffic and Sidewalk Committee Members
Appointed by the Board of Selectmen
James Doyle, Chair 2018  Clint Schuckel 2018
Tom Benson 2019  Town Engineer Stephen Fogg, ex-officio
Richard Gula 2017  Police Chief Michael Goulding, ex-officio
Michael Natan 2017  School Superintendent Robert Tremblay, ex-officio