

**FY 2018 Budget Questions & Answers**  
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241-511560 Bldg. Dept. - Department Assistant	Shankar/Wrona-Please elaborate on the request to add a part time assistant (to be shared with Conservation Comm.) thereby increasing FY18Req by \$18,000 but denied and is not funded in FY18TMR.	This was to cover and assist the Bldg Dept. Admin position along with assistance with Cons Com. The original idea was to start the process of continuity of job for when Bldg Admin retires.
241 – Building Department	FitzPatrick: Does the building department have a vehicle? Very little gas and maintenance are expensed but there is a lot of reimbursed mileage	Bldg has 2 vehicles 1 is shared with cons com. We also have 3 other inspectors that use their own vehicles therefore the mileage.
241 – Building Department	FitzPatrick: Is there a timing difference between the two charts on page 87 of the budget book. For example, 2013 had the highest number of permits issued but the highest fees were in 2014. Is perhaps one chart calendar based and the other fiscal year based or is it based on the value of work done? 2016 had a high number of permits but the fees in 2016 don't seem reflective so will the higher number be in 2017 or is it just more jobs at a lower value.	Basically a permit value is based on the cost of the job if you have 1 permit for 1 million dollars in value or you have 10 at 100 thousand dollars in value. Total permits and fees generated do not always coincide. Some Higher value permits would throw off the numbers considerably.
291- Emergency mgmt	FitzPatrick: Does the dept have a vehicle?	2-Trailers, 1 ATV, 1 UTV

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292 Animal Control	Wrona- Are there any metrics about the number and types of situations handled by the Animal Control Officer and the (0.1 FTE) Assistant Animal Control Officer? Are there any opportunities to work with neighboring towns to share/consolidate services, and therefore expenses?	<p>Below is a chart from FY15 illustrating a general overview of the calls received by the Animal Control Department. We are still working to finalize the figures for FY16 which will be included in the annual report.</p> <p>As for shared-service arrangements with other communities, many years ago Westford used to provide support services for Tyngsborough, but they have since hired their own ACO. In the future we may look to regionalize services with neighboring communities, but at this time there is no plan to for immediate implementation.</p>

**FY15 Animal Control Statistics**

Response Type	Description	Responses
Animal bite or contact	Responded to report of domestic animal bite or contact with wildlife	6
Animal cruelty	Investigated report of cruelty	0
Dog complaint	Investigated barking or nuisance dogs and resolved between owner and neighbors	13
Dog hit by mv	Dog hit by motor vehicle	1
Health Inspection	Inspection of domestic animal or livestock	1
Kennel duty	Attending to dogs in the town kennel including feeding, medical attention, and general care	98
Lost or Found Cat	Searched for owner of found cats	23
Lost or Found Dog	Searched for lost dogs, searched for owner of found dogs	63
Pick up police incident	Responded to police incident to remove domestic animals	0

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Wildlife hit by vehicle	Disposed of wildlife hit by vehicle (roadkill)	36
Wildlife issue	Responded to report of wildlife in close proximity to humans or endangering domestic animals	134
	Total	375