

TOWN OF BEACON FALLS, CONNECTICUT

STATE SINGLE AUDIT REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

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INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE REPORT

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING
AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

To the Members of the Board of Finance
Town of Beacon Falls, Connecticut

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Beacon Falls, Connecticut (the "Town") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated December 29, 2016.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Town's internal control over financial reporting ("internal control") to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Town's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We did identify a certain deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of state findings and questioned costs as 2016-1, that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Town's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Management's Response to the Finding

Management's response to the finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of state findings and questioned costs. Management's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Town's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Mahoney Sabol & Company, LLP

Glastonbury, Connecticut
December 29, 2016

STATE SINGLE AUDIT SECTION

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM,
ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE
CONNECTICUT STATE SINGLE AUDIT ACT, AND ON THE
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

To the Members of the Board of Finance
Town of Beacon Falls, Connecticut

Report on Compliance for Each Major Program

We have audited the Town of Beacon Falls, Connecticut's (the "Town") compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the State of Connecticut, Office of Policy and Management's *Compliance Supplement to the State Single Audit Act* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the Town's major state programs for the year ended June 30, 2016. The Town's major state programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of state findings and questioned costs.

Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to its state programs.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of the Town's major state programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the State Single Audit Act (C.G.S. Sections 4-230 to 4-236). Those standards and the State Single Audit Act require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major state program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Town's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major state program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Town's compliance.

Opinion on Each Major State Program

In our opinion, the Town of Beacon Falls, Connecticut, complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major state programs for the year ended June 30, 2016.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of the Town is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the Town's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major state program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major state program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the State Single Audit Act, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town's internal control over compliance.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a state program on a timely basis. *A material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a state program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a state program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Connecticut State Single Audit Act. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Report on Schedule of Expenditures of State Financial Assistance

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements. We issued our report thereon, dated December 29, 2016, which contained unmodified opinions on those financial statements. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of state financial assistance is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the Connecticut State Single Audit Act and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of state financial assistance is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Mahoney Sabol & Company, LLP

Glastonbury, Connecticut
December 29, 2016

**TOWN OF BEACON FALLS, CONNECTICUT
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016**

State Grantor; Pass-Through Grantor; Program Title	State Grant Program Core-CT Number	Expenditures
NONEXEMPT PROGRAMS:		
OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT		
Direct Programs:		
Local Capital Improvement Program	12050-OPM20600-40254	\$ 63,623
Property Tax Relief for Elderly and Totally Disabled Homeowners	11000-OPM20600-17018	53,352
Municipal Grants-in-Aid	12052-OPM20600-43587	43,809
Payment in Lieu of Taxes on State-Owned Property	11000-OPM20600-17004	20,698
Payment in Lieu of Taxes on Exempt Property of Manufacturing Facilities in Distressed Municipalities	11000-OPM20600-17016	20,584
Property Tax Relief for Veterans	11000-OPM20600-17024	12,820
Municipal Reimbursement & Revenue Account	12060-OPM20600-35525	4,259
Property Tax Relief on Property of Totally Disabled Persons	11000-OPM20600-17011	1,967
Total Office of Policy and Management		<u>221,112</u>
CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY		
Direct Programs:		
Historical Documents Preservation Grant	12060-CSL66094-35150	3,000
Connecticard Payments	11000-CSL66051-17010	127
Grants to Public Libraries	11000-CSL66051-17003	1,087
Total Connecticut State Library		<u>4,214</u>
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION		
Direct Programs:		
Town Aid Road Grants	12052-DOT57131-43455	<u>188,446</u>
JUDICIAL BRANCH		
Direct Programs:		
Judicial Distributions to Towns	34001-JUD95162-40001	<u>3,178</u>
Total State Financial Assistance Before Exempt Programs		<u>416,950</u>
EXEMPT PROGRAMS:		
OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT		
Direct Programs:		
Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan Fund Grant	12009-OPM20600-17005	<u>26,187</u>
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION		
Direct Programs:		
Education Cost Sharing	11000-SDE64370-17041	<u>4,155,180</u>
Total Exempt Programs		<u>4,181,367</u>
TOTAL STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE		<u><u>\$ 4,598,317</u></u>

The accompanying note is an integral part of this schedule.

TOWN OF BEACON FALLS, CONNECTICUT
NOTE TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

Various departments and agencies of the State of Connecticut have provided financial assistance to the Town of Beacon Falls, Connecticut (the "Town") through grants and other authorizations in accordance with the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut. These financial assistance programs fund several programs of the Town.

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies of the Town conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applicable to governmental organizations. The following is a summary of the more significant policies relating to the aforementioned grant programs.

Basis of Accounting

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of state financial assistance has been prepared on the accrual basis consistent with the preparation of the basic financial statements. Information included in the schedule of expenditures of state financial assistance is presented in accordance with regulations established by the State of Connecticut, Office of Policy and Management.

For cost reimbursement awards, revenues are recognized to the extent of expenditures. Expenditures have been recognized to the extent the related obligation was incurred within the applicable grant period and liquidated within 90 days after the end of the grant period.

For performance based awards, revenues are recognized to the extent of performance achieved during the grant period.

The schedule of expenditures of state financial assistance contained in this report is prepared based on regulations established by the State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management. In accordance with these regulations (Section 4-236-22), certain financial assistance is not dependent on expenditure activity or the achievement of performance goals and, accordingly, is considered expended in the fiscal year of receipt. These financial assistance program receipts are reflected in the expenditures column of the schedule of expenditures of state financial assistance.

TOWN OF BEACON FALLS, CONNECTICUT
SCHEDULE OF STATE FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

SECTION I. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

Financial Statements

Type of auditor's report issued: Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

☐ Material weakness(es) identified? _____ Yes ✓ No
None

☐ Significant deficiency(ies) identified? _____ ✓ Yes _____ Reported

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? _____ Yes ✓ No

State Financial Assistance

Internal control over major programs:

☐ Material weakness(es) identified? _____ Yes ✓ No
None

☐ Significant deficiency(ies) identified? _____ Yes ✓ Reported

Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs: Unmodified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with Section 4-236-24 of the Regulations to the State Single Audit Act? _____ Yes ✓ No

The following schedule reflects the major programs included in the audit:

State Grantor/ Program	State Grant Program Core-CT Number	Expenditures
Department of Transportation:		
Town Aid Road Grants	12052-DOT57131-43455	\$ 188,446
Office of Policy and Management:		
Local Capital Improvement Program	12050-OPM20600-40254	63,623

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs: \$100,000

TOWN OF BEACON FALLS, CONNECTICUT
SCHEDULE OF STATE FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (Continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

II. FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

Finding 2016-1: Significant Deficiency in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Criteria

The accounting records and financial statements are the responsibility of management and, accordingly, the Town should have internal control over financial reporting that provides reasonable assurance that the accounting records can be relied upon and used to prepare the basic financial statements and related notes to the basic financial statements, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (US GAAP).

Condition

During our audit, we noted that the Town does not have appropriate closing procedures to ensure that all accounts are reconciled and properly accounted for in conformity with US GAAP on a timely basis.

Questioned Costs

No costs were questioned.

Effect

A significant number of audit adjustments were required to prepare and present the Town's financial statements in conformity with US GAAP.

Cause

Lack of appropriate closing procedures.

Auditor's Recommendation

We recommend that the Town develop formal closing procedures to ensure that all accounts are reconciled and properly accounted for in timely manner.

Management Response

The Town agrees with the finding and is working towards taking the appropriate actions to strengthen its internal control over financial reporting and remedy the conditions giving rise to this reported significant deficiency.

III. STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

No findings or questioned costs are reported.

SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF THE STATUS OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS

Finding 2015-1, *Material Weakness in Internal Control over Financial Reporting*, is no longer considered to be a material weakness and has been reported as a significant deficiency (refer to finding 2016-1).