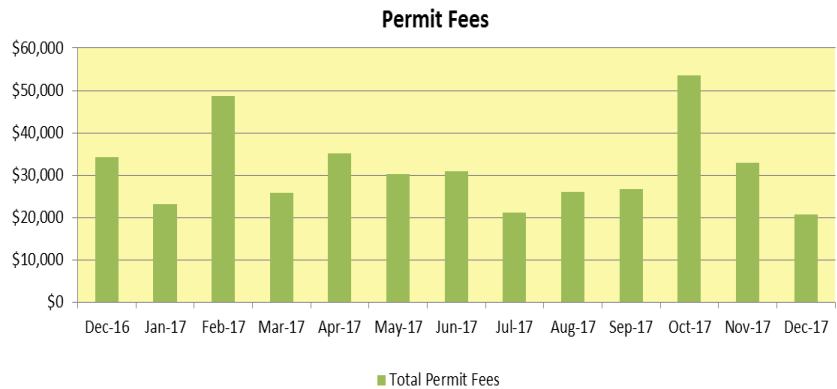
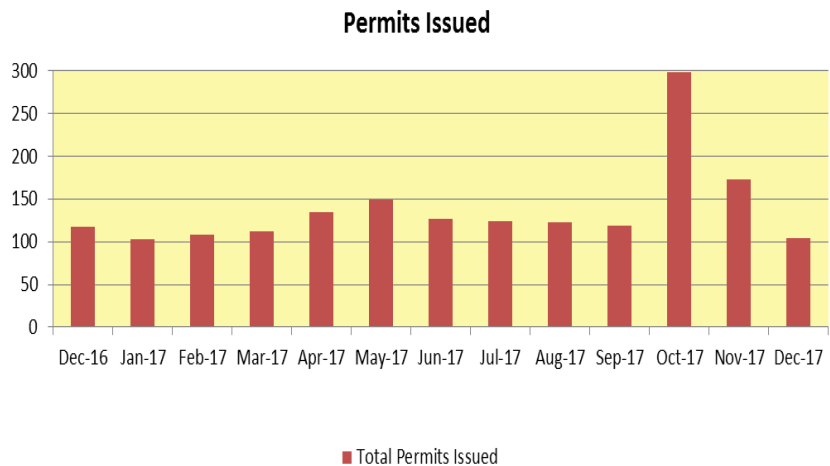


Building Permits fees are an indicator of how the local economy is doing and they tend to be stronger during the spring and summer months as that is the best weather to perform work on your home. Building permit revenue remains strong as we have seen increased activity along Route 53 and with the Hanover Mall set to start construction along with Merchants Row plaza we expect a strong finish for the 2018 fiscal year which ends June 30.



The economy remains strong and we have issued over 370 building permits through December 31, 2017. This number is up slightly from the same time period last year and we will continue to monitor as the year progresses. The number of building permits issued is up from last year and we continue to see an uptick as the commercial corridor continues to be developed with over \$150 million dollars of construction work being completed. Several large projects are expected over the next six months which will continue the brisk pace.



Total inspections continue to remain strong as we have two large residential projects (over 200 units) being constructed. The office is also busy with the safety inspections that are required annually of our restaurants and places of assembly. The trend for inspections from all of our disciplines is on the rise as we issue permits for larger residential & commercial projects. We also continue to get requests for more inspections/site visits with homeowners and contractors as properties are redeveloped.

