

BUILDING INSPECTIONS DEPARTMENT**Richard G. Haupt**, Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement Officer

There has been a considerable amount of construction here in town this past year and also a good bit of planning for new projects in 2005. The total number of permits is much higher than in previous years, as is the total declared value.

Year 2004 Permits Issued: 306 Declared Value: \$10,589,913

The breakdown of permits issued is as follows:

New Homes	35
Residential additions and remodeling	166
Accessory Buildings	14
Pools	14
Demolitions	6
Commercial additions and renovations	24
Signs	4
Solid Fuel Stoves	27
Fences	14
New Commercial Building	2

It is unfortunate that during periods of increased construction, unqualified contractors have taken advantage of both homeowners and business owners. If you are planning a project, be aware that the Town of Dalton, in concert with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, provides the consumer with considerable protection from fraud. It is incumbent upon the consumers to inform themselves of what permits are needed for any given project and what the qualifications are for the contractors doing the work. The Building Inspector, Plumbing Inspector and the Wiring Inspector are all available to answer questions to ensure a code compliant job.

Office Hours: Monday and Tuesday: 8-4
 Wednesday: 8-12
 Thursday: 8-6