



**ANNUAL REPORTS  
OF THE  
TOWN OF DALTON  
MASSACHUSETTS  
FOR 2006**

Population 2006 Census (As of December 31, 2006) .....	6,885
Number of Registered Voters .....	4,423
Area .....	21.83 Sq. Miles
Latitude .....	42° - 30"
Longitude .....	73° - 10"
Miles of State Road .....	6.75
Miles of Town Road .....	44
Tax Rate (Town) .....	\$14.17
Tax Rate (Fire District) .....	\$.46
Total Tax Assessed (Town-Includes Personal Property) .....	\$8,586,224
Total Tax Assessed (Fire District) .....	\$278,734
Total Valuation .....	\$605,943,795
'07 Town Meeting .....	May 7, 2007 (7:00 p.m.)
'07 Town Election .....	May 14, 2007 (10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.)
'08 Town Meeting .....	May 5, 2008 (7:00 p.m.)
'08 Town Election .....	May 12, 2008 (10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.)

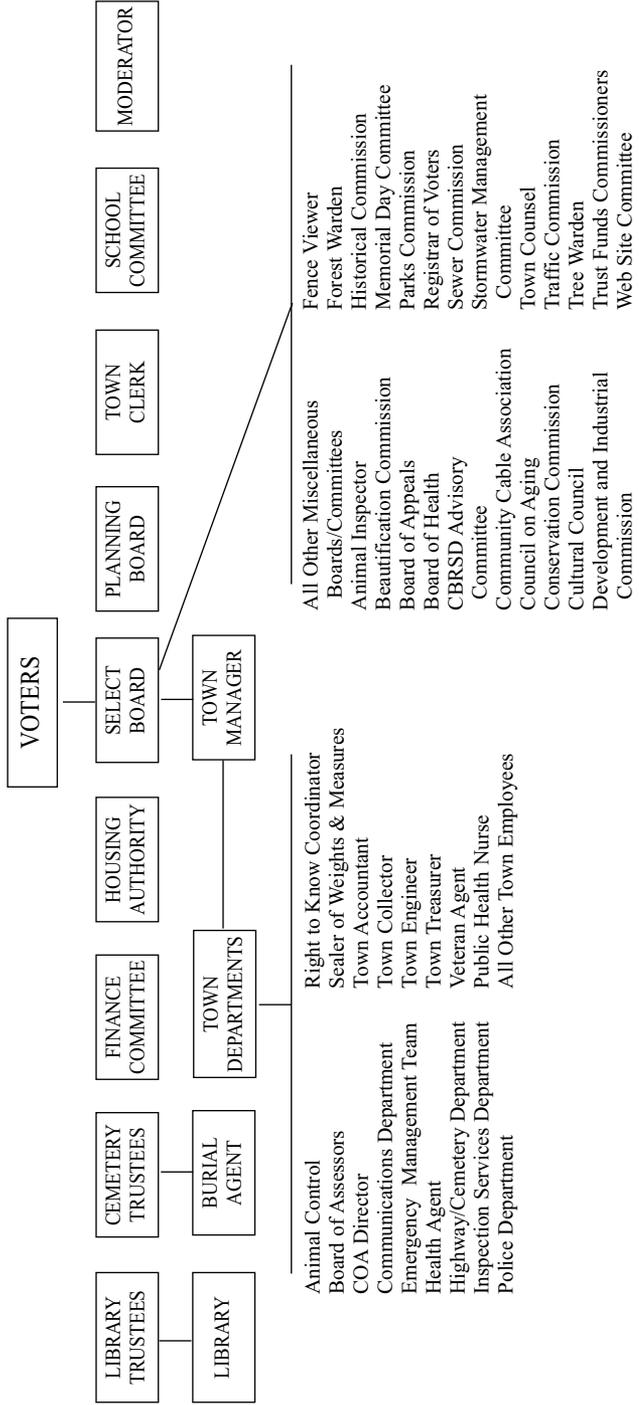
**Please bring this report with you to the May 7, 2007 Annual Town Meeting.  
Please note time change to 7:00 p.m. for all Town Meetings.**

**For information regarding town services, community events  
and to view the Town Meeting Calendar/Schedule,  
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# TOWN OF DALTON ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



## ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

	Term Expires		Term Expires
<b>Select Board</b> (Term 3 Years)		<b>Library Trustees</b> (Term 3 Years)	
Thomas S. Szczepaniak, Chair ..	2008	John Kittredge, Chair .....	2007
William E. Chabot .....	2007	Patricia M. Becker .....	2008
David E. Fairfield .....	2008	Judith L. Douville .....	2009
Louisa M. Horth .....	2009	Robin A. Higgins .....	2007
Russell B. Sears .....	2007	Kelly B. Marshall .....	2007
<b>Town Clerk</b> (Term 3 Years)		Gail A. Pinna .....	2008
Barbara L. Suriner .....	2009	Joan M. Roy .....	2009
<b>Moderator</b> (Term 1 Year)		Mark S. Rancourt .....	2009
Ronald J. Marcella, Sr .....	2007	Thomas L. Sedgwick .....	2008
<b>Dalton Housing Authority</b> (Term 5 Years)		<b>Planning Board</b> (Term 5 Years)	
Kathleen M. Burke, Chair .....	2011	Thomas A. Burgner, Chair .....	2007
Florence E. Catelotti .....	2007	Louisa M. Horth .....	2008
Helen F. McGarry .....	2010	Richard F. Ladd .....	2009
Patricia A. Stottle .....	2008	Karen M. Quinn .....	2010
Robin A. Higgins (State Appointed)		Stuart T. Sargent, Jr .....	2009
<b>Cemetery Trustees</b> (Term 3 Years)		<b>Finance Committee</b> (Term 3 Years)	
H. Edwin Cady, Chair .....	2007	Henry H. Williams III, Chair ....	2008
John P. Cooney .....	2009	George H. Bissell .....	2008
Marjorie E. Limburg .....	2008	Christine A. Derby .....	2007
		William A. Drosehn III .....	2007
		David E. Fairfield .....	2009
		Robert J. Fox .....	2009
		J. Michael Hoffman .....	2007
		Richard E. Lacatell .....	2008
		Domenico Suppappola .....	2009

## APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS

(Appointments for one year unless stated otherwise)

**Town Manager**  
Kenneth E. Walto (2007)

**Town Treasurer**  
Sharon M. Messenger

**Administrative Assistant**  
Deborah J. Merry

**Police Chief**  
John W. Bartels, Jr. (2008)

**Town Accountant**  
Sandra J. Albano (2007)

**Board of Assessors**  
Frances M. Broderick, Chair.  
Mary D. Blake  
Michael J. Britton

**Town Collector**  
Jane A. Carman

**Board of Health**

Richard J. O'Brien, Chair.  
Cora E. Cooney  
Daniel M. Doyle  
George A. Finn, III  
Edward F. Gero

**Building Inspector/  
Zoning Enforcement Officer**

Richard G. Haupt  
Jerry A. Sargent, Alternate  
John W. Bartels, Jr., Alt. ZEO

**Inspector of Wiring**

John M. Broderick  
Ronald A. Smith, Alternate  
Brian M. Smith, Substitute Asst.

**Inspector of Plumbing**

Stanley A. Greenleaf  
Richard A. DeGiorgis, Alternate

**Council on Aging Director**

Susan P. Jacobs

**Librarian**

Doris J. Lamica

**Director of Communications**

Michael J. Norton

**Fence Viewer**

Vacancy

**Superintendent of Streets  
Sewers, Cemeteries & Parks**

David E. Laviolette (2009)

**Animal Control Officer**

Michael L. McClay  
Jeffrey W. Henault, Asst.

**Inspector of Animals**

Michael L. McClay

**Board of Health Agent**

Edward M. Fahey

**Veterans Agent**

Daniel K. Casey

**Burial Agent**

H. Edwin Cady  
John W. Bartels, Jr., Alternate

**Veterans Burial Agent**

Daniel K. Casey

**Town Counsel**

Kopelman and Paige, P.C.

**Constables**

George W. Adams, III  
John W. Bartels, Jr.  
Lawrence R. Higgins  
John M. Marley  
Michael L. McClay  
Richard A. Nicholas, Jr.  
John L. Thibodeau

**Police Matrons**

Nancy L. Daniels  
Melissa A. Phelps-Utter

**Parks Commission**

Select Board

**Sewer Commission**

Select Board

**Forest Warden**

Richard D. Kardasen

**Tree Warden**

Peter B. Bacon

**Planning Board, Associate**

James Cervone

**Custodian of Property Taken in Tax Title**

Sharon M. Messenger

**Traffic Commission**

John W. Bartels, Jr.  
Daniel D. Filiault  
Lawrence R. Higgins, PD Designee  
Richard F. Kaley  
Adelard J. Nadeau  
Barry R. Smith, FD Designee  
Edmund Strzepa  
Richard D. Kardasen

**Sealer of Weights & Measures**

Paul K. Vacchina

**Regional Transit Authority**

Thomas S. Szczepaniak  
Kenneth E. Walto, Alternate

**Regional Planning Commission**

Stuart T. Sargent, Jr.  
Thomas A. Burgner, Alternate

**Emergency Management Director**

Hubert T. White

**Emergency Management Coordinator**

Edward M. Fahey

**Dalton Cable Advisory Comm.**

John J. Bates  
J. Michael Hoffman, Chair  
Richard J. O'Brien  
John W. Ostresh  
Domenico Suppappola

**Central Berkshire 7-Town  
Municipal Advisory Committee**

William E. Chabot  
Henry H. Williams, III

**ADA Committee**

Mary E. Lamke, Acting Chair  
Nancy E. Persson  
3 Vacancies

**Housatonic River Restoration Gov.  
Council Rep**

Vacancy

**Berkshire Retirement Advisory Board**

Sharon M. Messenger

**Memorial Day Committee**

James J. McClure, Sr., Chair.  
Daniel K. Casey  
Robert J. Dassat  
John H. Ellis  
James D. Slater  
Corey A. White  
George D. White  
2 Vacancies

**Waste Management Commission**

Camillius B. Cachat, Jr.  
Peter Cachat  
Edward F. Gero  
Jennifer S. Gitlitz  
1 Vacancy

**Right to Know Coordinator**

James L. Noel

**Hazardous Waste Coordinator**

James L. Noel

**Web Site Committee (2 Years)**

Frank W. McDonald, Chair (2007)  
William E. Chabot (2007)  
Robert J. Fox (2007)  
Louise H. Frankenberg (2007)  
Kenneth E. Walto (2007)  
Malia Windrow-Carlotto (2007)  
Vacancy

**Library/Senior Center Building  
Committee**

Kenneth E. Walto  
Judith M. Brooks  
Cora E. Cooney  
David E. Fairfield, Chair  
Robin A. Higgins  
Susan P. Jacobs  
Doris J. Lamica  
Antonio P. Pagliarulo  
Gail A. Pinna  
Augustus J. Schnopp, Jr.  
Mary Ellen Shea

**Commissioner of Trust Funds  
(3 Years)**

Ronald J. Marcella, Sr., Chair ..... 2007  
Joseph S. Haddad ..... 2009  
Ralph R. Johnson, Jr ..... 2008

**Conservation Commission (3 Years)**

Robert W. Bishop, Jr., Chair ..... 2007  
Thomas W. Baker ..... 2007  
Esther T. Balardini ..... 2008  
James S. Duffy ..... 2009  
Edward F. Gero ..... 2008  
Margit Hotchkiss Milligan ..... 2009  
Domenick F. Sacco ..... 2009

**Board of Registrars (3 Years)**

Elizabeth A. Erb, Chair ..... 2007  
Doreen P. Aleshevich ..... 2009  
Judith M. Ladd ..... 2008  
Barbara L. Suriner ..... 2009

**Mobile Home Park Rent Control  
Board (5 Years)**

Thomas S. Szczepaniak, Chair ..... 2008  
William E. Chabot ..... 2007  
David E. Fairfield ..... 2008  
Louisa M. Horth ..... 2009  
Russell B. Sears ..... 2007

**Board of Appeals  
(3 Years - Alternate, 1 Year)**

Anthony P. Doyle, Chair ..... 2007  
Edward F. Gero ..... 2008  
Stephen J. Psutka ..... 2009  
Mary E. Lamke, Alt ..... 2007  
Vacancy, Alternate ..... 2007

**Dalton Development/Industrial Comm.  
(5 Years)**

Kenneth E. Walto, Chair ..... 2009  
Robert M. Allessio ..... 2011  
Charles J. Dooley ..... 2009  
Michael J. Ferry ..... 2011  
J. Michael Hoffman ..... 2008  
David L. Kalib ..... 2008  
Augustus J. Schnopp, Jr ..... 2008  
Stephen A. Sears ..... 2011  
William A. Suriner ..... 2010  
William R. Wilson, Jr ..... 2010  
Susan C. Vigeant ..... 2007

**Dalton Beautification Commission**

Annmarie Cicchetti, Chair ..... 2007  
Mary Jane Caliento ..... 2008  
Dorothy W. Chapman ..... 2007  
Cynthia N. Reinhardt ..... 2008  
Deborah D. Smith ..... 2007  
Vacancy ..... 2009  
Vacancy ..... 2009

**Dalton Historical Commission  
(3 Years)**

Gail A. Pinna, Chair ..... 2009  
Mary Jane Caliento ..... 2008  
Louisa M. Horth ..... 2009  
Margaret R. Miller ..... 2008  
Mary Ellen D. Shea ..... 2007  
Mary A. Walsh ..... 2008  
George D. White ..... 2007

**Dalton Cultural Council  
(3 Years)**

Margaret G. Plumer, Chair ..... 2009  
Kathleen A. Desmarais ..... 2009  
James J. Ethier ..... 2007  
Michele N. Furlong ..... 2007  
Donald E. Harris, Jr ..... 2008  
Marjorie E. Limburg ..... 2008  
Monica J. Montferret ..... 2009

**Council on Aging (3 Years)**

Anthony P. Doyle, Chair ..... 2009  
Judith M. Brooks ..... 2008  
Marcia J. Brophy ..... 2007  
Persis B. Caverly ..... 2008  
Cora E. Cooney ..... 2008  
Cynthia L. Costello ..... 2008  
Sarah J. Frankland ..... 2007  
Helga C. Knappe ..... 2009  
Joyce F. Lacatell ..... 2007  
Mary E. Lamke ..... 2008  
Marjorie M. Lillpopp ..... 2007  
Thomas J. Murray ..... 2007  
Richard A. Nicholas ..... 2009  
Naomi K. Rauff ..... 2008  
Vacancy ..... 2009

**Downtown Development Review  
Committee**

Louisa M. Horth, Chair.  
William E. Chabot  
Annmarie Cicchetti  
Gail A. Pinna  
William A. Suriner  
Kenneth E. Walto

**Open Space Committee**

Peter B. Bacon  
Thomas W. Baker  
J. Dicken Crane  
Daniel D. Filiault  
Mary E. Lamke  
Dominick F. Sacco  
Stuart T. Sargent, Jr.  
Russell B. Sears  
Mary A. Walsh

**Skateboard Park Committee**

Thomas S. Szczepaniak, Chair.  
 Thomas Cahill  
 Matthew C. Carney  
 Scott Conner  
 Mary H. Frost  
 Mark J. Hall  
 Daniel Harding  
 Lawrence R. Higgins  
 Robert J. Mozzi  
 Matthew T. Provencher  
 Vacancy

**Stormwater Management Committee**

Timothy M. Alessio  
 Robert W. Bishop, Jr.  
 Llewellyn E. Clark  
 Edward F. Gero

Richard G. Haupt  
 Richard F. Ladd  
 David E. Laviolette  
 James L. Noel, Chair  
 Dennis Regan

**BRPC Transportation Advisory Committee**

David E. Fairfield,  
 Municipal Designee

**Cemetery Historic Preservation Study Committee**

H. Edwin Cady  
 John P. Cooney  
 Louisa M. Horth  
 Gail A. Pinna  
 Bernard A. Smith

**SELECT BOARD**

**Thomas S. Szczepaniak, Chairman**

As the new fiscal year approaches, there is a lot of good news and some not so good news. In fiscal year 2006, we have faced a lot of challenges, work, decisions, and fiscal responsibility for the Select Board as well as many other boards and commissions.

I am happy to report on behalf of the Select Board that after ten years, we are finally coming closer to the possibility of constructing a new Library/Senior Center/Historical Museum located at the old Dalton High School on Glennon Avenue. The Select Board and the voters went on record in 2004 to save the old Dalton High School and reuse it at a preliminary extra cost of 1 million dollars to fit a senior center program to the building. We realized it would be better served to fit the building to the senior center program. We found out after two years of hard work & dedication by a lot of people, the cost turned out to be 4 million dollars more than we had anticipated. It didn't make sense to split everything up so now we are hoping to demolish the building and erect a one story building. The Select Board changed its vote and voted to move forward on this project at the lowest cost which consists of a single story senior center with the single story historical museum between the senior center and the library. This will enhance the quality of life for generations to come. The impact of this project will have a one-time increase of \$294.00 in your taxes, with the exception of the operation side which is the janitorial and upkeep. There will be two debt exclusion votes needed to approve these projects, one at the annual Town Meeting on May 7, 2007 and one week later at the polls on May 14, 2007. Both votes will have to

pass in order for this project to move forward. Thanks to all committees, commissions and boards as well as Hill Architects, Engineers, Planners, Inc.

Next, we have some more good news. The 6 million dollar South Street reconstruction project that the state is funding may begin this fall. The road may be closed for about 6-8 weeks so please be patient and plan accordingly. We would like to thank all those who have helped to get this project going with a special thanks to Ross Dindio, Tighe & Bond, and all the residents who will be affected and who have already participated.

I would like to introduce the newest member of the Select Board, Louisa Horth. Louisa has already been a great addition to the board and brings good spirit, honesty, and a lot of Dalton heritage and knowledge to the Select Board. She also serves on the Planning Board and the Historical Commission as well as many other boards.

Now in budget news, the picture isn't so bright. This year we found we were over the levy limit by some \$166,000 with a tax increase of about 6.3%. A good portion of it (55%-60%) is the school budget as it is every year, so the Select Board recommended that they come in with no more than a 5% increase, with the hopes of some reprieve. CBRSD came in as close as they could with a 5.57% net assessment to the town due to its own rising costs. In order to make up the deficit we needed to come up with an additional 165,000.00 and unfortunately our Police Department budget has been cut \$60,000.00. We took another 50,000.00 from free cash; and 10,000.00 from the overlay surplus in order to balance the budget. We used a total of 650,000.00 in reserves this year to supplement the deficit. State aid came in at \$20,000, of which \$16,000 had to be used in our Stormwater Management Act, which is an unfunded federal mandate. That only left a \$4,000 increase in state aid. So, now Dalton is being stripped slowly of its financial resources and without any foreseen help. We may be heading for a major reduction in town services such as the ones we faced in the early 1990's. The Select Board sadly and regretfully had to go as far as asking our cemetery trustees if they could raise burial fees. Town residents should be looking at a tax rate increase of 6.2% from last year's tax rate.

The Select Board is going to ask the voters at the Annual Town Meeting, May 7, 2007 for a "Private Consultant" to look at whether our money is being well spent by the Central Berkshire Regional School District. As it is being done all over the country, this is an attempt to work harmoniously with the district in finding a potential solution to reduce costs. We believe that we owe it to the tax payers of Dalton to hire an independent contractor to examine all aspects of the CBRSD budget. It is our hopes that an independent contractor will be able to look at all aspects objectively and in the best interest of the Town of Dalton.

It is time to take care of our infrastructure and in an attempt to begin the process, the Select Board has authorized a total of \$25,000 to improve some of the potentially dangerous sidewalks in the town. Town hall improvements are also going to be starting this year. Barry Architects was the successful bidder. Bridge repairs funded by the state will also begin on Route 8 near the Nessacus Regional Middle School.

The cell tower at the legion is working well in Dalton and we hope more companies will be soon joining to allow for even better service. Dalton is also becoming more and more business friendly every year. We are currently looking at the possibilities of more businesses moving into our town and welcome the growth of our community with excitement.

In closing I would like to thank the residents of Dalton for your patience during these difficult fiscal times. It is my hope that our continued efforts in finding solutions to reduce your tax rate bringing you some peace of mind. As we all work together may you find the time to smile, enjoy life on life's terms and may the wind be always at your back and your future full of sunshine.

## **TOWN MANAGER**

**Kenneth E. Walto, Town Manager**

The past year saw the culmination of planning for a new library/senior center/historical museum. Schematic designs and cost estimates were completed; and the town was awarded a \$2.7 million dollar grant from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. After thorough consideration of alternatives, the Building Committee recommended that the town demolish Old Dalton High School in favor of building an entirely new structure. The total complex is estimated to cost almost \$15 million dollars. The project will be voted upon at both the Annual Town Meeting and Annual Town Election. If approved, the facility will open sometime in 2009.

In May, the town adopted an operating budget which increased expenditures by \$410,212 (7.8%). Approximately one-half of the additional expense resulted from capital improvement programs. The Central Berkshire Dalton school assessment provided for an overall increase of \$313,447 or 5%. An 8.2% increase in the operating budget was fortunately offset by declines in required funding for transportation and capital expenses. Town Revenues were projected to increase a healthy \$61,054, a gain of 7.2%; and state aid increased for the second time in as many years by \$282,332 (22.9 %) primarily due to restoration of Lottery funding.

The town managed to stay under its proposition 2-1/2 levy limit by utilizing a total of approximately \$1.0 million in reserves, free cash and other state reimbursements. Nonetheless, the budget required a modest tax increase of 2.9%.

The Select Board adopted a \$28 million dollar five-year capital plan in June. State and Federal sources will pay for approximately sixty percent of the projected expenses with the town making up the balance via debt, cash reserves and gifts. In June, the town approved \$196,706 to fund the Annual Element of the plan: \$153,600 is to be borrowed and \$38,106 was appropriated from the Capital Stabilization Fund.

Engineering and Right of Way acquisition for the reconstruction of South Street was completed in the fall, enabling Federal funding to be secured. Bids will be opened in May 2007 and construction is expected to commence in the fall, pending state funding for its share of the project. Housatonic Street design is

approaching completion. Right of Way acquisition is expected to begin in the spring of 2007. In October, the town authorized \$200,000 in additional borrowing for the projects.

The Berkshire Regional Planning Commission continued its assistance to the town in order to comply with Federal mandates for storm water management. The town approved a storm water management by-law in October which established a Storm Water Management Commission.

Dalton-ma.gov, the town web-site, continues to grow and improve thanks to the efforts of the Web Site Committee and volunteer Webmaster Louise Frankenberg. In November 2006, qualifications were solicited from designers for critically needed town hall renovations which will include masonry and roof repairs, installation of an emergency generator, and the addition of emergency communications and operations to the lower level of the town hall with the Police Department.

I thank the town's employees whose continued dedication and cooperation is evident in the smoothly functioning municipal government. Likewise, I thank the town's many boards and commissions that labor without compensation for love of the community.

I also thank the Select Board for its continued support. The Town Manager form of government cannot work well without the close and continuing collaboration of the Select Board and Town Manager. A special note of thanks is due to long time Selectman Lawrence Gingras who retired from the board after many years of selfless service to the town.

Finally, I express my deep gratitude to the Town Manager/Select Board secretarial staff that continually performs "above and beyond the call of duty".

## **DEVELOPMENT AND INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION**

**Kenneth E. Walto, Chairman**

The Development and Industrial Commission is the town's economic development agency. The commission was established by the town at the 2002 Annual Town Meeting. Massachusetts law empowers the commission to "promote and develop the industrial resources of the town" and to "investigate and assist in the establishment of educational or commercial projects for the purpose of strengthening the local economy." Two Thousand and Six was the fourth full year of operation for the commission.

Construction was completed on eleven downtown façade and signage improvement projects: Dalton Garage, Union Block, West Automotive, Center Block, Dalton General Store, Kelly's, Dalton Post Office, Chipper Clipper, Jacob's, Center Block, and Juice N' Java. Funded through a \$250,000 Federal Community Development Block Grant, the program was administered by the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission.

Work continued on the creation of an Industrial Park. Of the eight sites originally outlined in the 1999 Dalton Business Development Plan, two are actively being pursued. SK Design completed preliminary designs in 2004 and 2005. Both sites lie between South Street and Hubbard Avenue on partially developed industrial land bisected by the railroad tracks. The 40 acre site just south of the tracks would cost \$767,372 to develop excluding land acquisition. It could be subdivided in up to nine lots of varying sizes. That site, however, is hampered by poor access onto either Hubbard Avenue or South Street. The second site lies just to the north of the rail line, primarily the former Beloit plant acquired by Crane and Company and now known as Ashuelot Park. Redevelopment of its approximately 35 acres into eight lots would cost \$1.1 million exclusive of land acquisition and a revitalized rail siding. Ideally, it will be connected to the southerly site and provide access to Hubbard Avenue and South Street via existing curb cuts. The Berkshire Regional Planning Commission is assisting the town to prepare a development and funding strategy for the sites, and has assisted the town in obtaining a "Smart Growth" Technical Assistance Grant from the state for that purpose. Proposals will be considered to streamline zoning, create a special financing district and expedited permitting in order to advance redevelopment. State funding to reactivate the dormant rail siding into the Ashuelot site is also being actively pursued.

During the year, the commission also provided assistance to several businesses and made recommendations to the Select Board, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals on issues affecting the economic development of the town.

Rob Proskin resigned during the year and Mike Hoffman was appointed to complete the remainder of his unexpired term. Thank you Rob for your hard work and welcome Mike. I also thank all of the commission members for their gift of time to the town. Their selfless efforts will help to insure the economic health of the community for years to come.

Members of the Commission

Robert M. Allesio

Charles J. Dooley, Vice-Chair

Michael J. Ferry

David L. Kalib

J. Michael Hoffman

Stephen A. Sears

Augustus J. Schnopp, Jr.

William A. Suriner

Kenneth E. Walto, Chairman

William R. Wilson, Jr.

Susan C. Vigeant

# **ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER & STATE ANIMAL INSPECTOR**

**Michael L. McClay**

2006 was another busy year for Animal Control. There were 6 dog and 4 cat bite incidents reported and these all required quarantining of the animals involved. There were also 12 dogs and 15 cats quarantined for direct exposure to wildlife, which had the possibility of being rabid. There were 602 calls through the dispatch center from general questions to emergencies. Citations and fines for 2006 were in the amount of \$5020.00, in addition to warnings.

As a reminder to Dalton residents, all dogs 6 months of age or older must have proof of a rabies vaccination and be licensed through the town. State law also requires all cats 6 months of age or older to be vaccinated for rabies.

With the mild winter we had indications are that rabies will be a major problem again this year. The coyote population in Dalton is increasing and fishers (weasel) are starting to become evident as a potential hazard for Dalton. The best way to deal with wildlife is to avoid any contact with them. Do not allow your house and property to become an ideal habitat for problem wildlife.

I can be reached at my business phone, 684-6111 ext 28. If you require immediate help for any animal control issues call 684-0300.

A full copy of the Dalton Animal Control Bylaws may be reviewed at the Town Clerk's office.

## **BOARD OF APPEALS**

**Anthony P. Doyle, Chairman**

The Dalton Board of Appeals (also know as the ZBA) is created by authority of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A, section 12. Board members are not elected. The Select Board appoints regular members for three-year terms. The terms are staggered so that the term of one member shall expire each year. Two alternate members are appointed to a one-year term.

Dalton has a three-member board, which requires that all favorable decisions must be unanimous otherwise they are considered denied. In addition to the three regular members, Dalton has positions for two alternate members who will sit on the Board in place of a regular member who may be absent or have a conflict of interest with a case before the Board.

Current Board members are:

Anthony P. Doyle, Chairman

Edward Gero, Clerk

Stephen Psutka, Vice-Chairman

Mary Lamke, Alternate

The recording secretary is Bonnie Callaghan.

By statutory authority the Board is:

1. To hear and decide appeals based on inability to obtain a permit or enforcement action from any administrative officer under the provision of MGLA Chapter 40A, by the Regional Planning Agency, or by any person including

an officer or board of the Town aggrieved by an order or decision of the Inspector of Buildings, or other administrative official.

2. To hear and decide applications for special permits upon which the Board is empowered to act under the Town's Zoning bylaws.
3. To hear and decide petitions for variances as set forth in MGLA Chapter 40A, section 10.
4. To hear and decide appeals from decisions of a Zoning Administrator, in accordance with MGLA Chapter 40A, section 13.

During the 2006 calendar year, the Board held nine public hearings. Four were hearings for special permits, one was a hearing for a variance and one hearing for an administrative appeal. The Board heard one petition that was a combined request for a special permit and variance and two requests to renew previously issued special permits.

The Board generally meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of every month. Occasionally a special meeting is held to accommodate scheduling problems. Notices of all Board meetings are posted in town hall and all meetings are open to the public.

## **DALTON BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

**Fran Broderick, Chairperson**

The Board of Assessors is very pleased to have received approval from the State Department of Revenue for our revaluation for Fiscal 2007. The state conducts on-site inspections of town properties and values every three years for recertification. The Board of Assessors does interim adjustments yearly to keep up with the ever increasing market prices of homes.

This year saw the near completion of the fifty-nine condominium units at Silver Maple Farm on Dalton Division Rd. and nine new homes. The Silver Maple Farm project brought new growth and increased our tax base. These units belong to a condominium association, which will oversee all street services at no cost to the town. The newest housing project off of North St., Falls Brook Terrace, will bring ten new homes for 2008 new growth. As land availability decreases, Dalton will be hard pressed to find new growth for tax relief.

Dalton's community-minded appeal, services and school district are positive influences to buyers. We continue to see market prices of homes in line with and/or exceeding our assessed values. These increases in market value reflect changes in assessments for Fiscal 2007. This new growth combined with continuing improvements to properties saw an increase in values from \$507,430,837 for FY '06 to \$605,943,195 for FY '07. This increase of value helped in part to decrease the town rate by \$2.28 from \$16.45 for FY'06 to \$14.17 for FY '07. The Dalton Fire District tax rate also decreased by \$.08 from \$.54 for FY '06 to \$.46 for FY '07.

Dalton will be facing as in the past, possible decreased aid from the State next year. All town departments have been asked to level fund expense budgets. The CBRSD is also making an effort to explore options for the future of our

schools. We must look elsewhere to fund all town and school services other than from the pocketbooks of residents.

I would like to thank all members of the Board of Assessors, Town Departments and our clerk, Mary Blake for their excellent service to the town. Thanks also to our townspeople for their cooperation in allowing us to perform our ongoing inspections of properties during our ten year cyclical process.

Frances M. Broderick, M.A.A., Chairperson  
 Michael J. Britton, M.A.A., R.M.A.  
 Mary Blake, Assessor

**Statistical Report for the year as follows:**

<b>Tax Levy Calculation</b>	<b>Fiscal 2006</b>	<b>Fiscal 2007</b>
Total Amount to be Raised	\$ 12,666,598.27	\$ 13,375,983.58
Total Estimated Receipts and other Revenue Sources	\$ 4,319,361.00	\$ 4,789,760.00
Net Amount to be raised by Taxes	\$ 8,347,237.27	\$ 8,586,223.58
Assessed Value of Real Estate	\$507,430,837.00	\$605,943,795.00

<b>Fiscal</b>	<b>Town Tax Rate</b>	<b>Fire District Tax Rate</b>	<b>Valuations</b>	<b>Taxes to be Raised</b>
2007	\$ 14.17	\$ 0.46	\$ 605,943,795.00	\$ 8,586,223.58
2006	\$ 16.45	\$ 0.54	\$ 507,430,837.00	\$ 8,347,237.27
2005	\$ 17.64	\$ 0.51	\$ 447,111,318.00	\$ 7,887,043.65
2004	\$ 16.94	\$ 0.54	\$ 428,341,054.00	\$ 7,256,097.45
2003	\$ 17.57	\$ 0.60	\$ 384,121,172.00	\$ 6,749,008.99
2002	\$ 18.16	\$ 0.64	\$ 360,849,818.00	\$ 6,553,032.70
2001	\$ 17.74	\$ 0.56	\$ 358,244,578.00	\$ 6,355,258.81

Number Assessed on Personal Estate	345
Number Parcels Assessed on Real Estate	2,668
Number Assessed on Farm Animal Excise	1
Number of Acres Land	13,971

**Number of Dwellings (Family) Units**

<b>Year</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Condo</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>Total</b>
2006	2,013	187	26	23	2	4	1	109	1	2,366
2005	2,004	192	26	23	2	4	1	103	1	2,356
2004	1,998	183	25	23	2	4	1	64	1	2,301
2003	1,994	187	28	23	2	4	1	50	1	2,290
2002	1,986	187	28	23	2	4	1	50	1	2,282
2001	1,982	186	27	23	2	4	1	50	1	2,276
2000	1,975	187	27	23	2	4	1	50	1	2,270

Number 1 includes 36 Mobile Homes

### Motor Vehicle Excise

Year	No. of Vehicles	Value	Abatements	Excise
2006	7,285	\$ 33,534,900	\$ 20,519.90	\$ 743,046.80
2005	7,539	\$ 36,434,750	\$ 22,548.33	\$ 773,967.58
2004	7,427	\$ 34,981,850	\$ 20,497.55	\$ 759,097.92
2003	7,420	\$ 33,507,400	\$ 24,784.26	\$ 723,845.67
2002	7,180	\$ 29,122,450	\$ 17,573.91	\$ 660,850.59
2001	7,081	\$ 29,473,097	\$ 20,036.11	\$ 642,023.62
2000	7,006	\$ 28,781,900	\$ 22,552.21	\$ 623,432.40

### Exemptions

Fiscal Yr.	No. Granted	Total
2006	78	\$ 32,650.00
2005	74	\$ 27,775.00
2004	79	\$ 27,600.00
2003	93	\$ 32,175.00
2002	104	\$ 35,125.00
2001	98	\$ 33,475.00
2000	105	\$ 34,750.00

### Real & Personal Property Abatements

FY	Amount Abated
2006	\$ 10,257.87
2005	\$ 16,198.15
2004	\$ 30,605.18
2003	\$ 7,277.49
2002	\$ 4,751.66
2001	\$ 9,468.29
2000	\$ 3,997.32

## TOWN MODERATOR

**Ronald J. Marcella**

Dalton town meeting proceedings have, as well as nearly all of the other towns in Massachusetts, long been conducted by implementing Parliamentary Law as outlined in a handbook called Town Meeting Time. The rules parallel those of Roberts Rule of Order but have been modified to address the situations and needs of town government. I have taken excerpt portions of its contents in a effort to explain my methods used to implement voting at town meetings.

I have received the most comments on my practice of the use of the secret balloting method of voting on controversial matters at town meetings.

The basic unit of local government in New England is the town. The distinctive characteristics of town government are the town meetings in which are vested the traditional powers of the legislative branch of any level of government to make bylaws and the power of the purse.

An annual town meeting in Dalton, as is required in each town in Massachusetts, is held in May and is authorized to hold as many other meetings, called special town meetings, as needed.

Town meetings, like all assemblies, need rules of procedure for two reasons. The first is simple efficiency to allow the business of the meeting to be accomplished more efficiently and in a timely manner. The second and more important is the protection of the rights of individuals and minorities against illegal encroachment, unintentional or otherwise by the majority.

Voting at the meeting may be taken by voice, by show of hands, by standing, or by balloting. The moderator has the power to regulate the proceedings of town meetings and to decide all questions of order, and to determine the manner in which votes are to be taken.

On routine matters, or where, from the manner of the debate, it would appear that there is no substantial doubt as to the result, the vote will always be taken by voice vote or by an informal show of hands. However, if the manner and tone of the debate is not so easily discernible such as issues affecting school and municipal budgets and employees, I feel voters should be permitted to vote in secret so that they will not be placed in a position to be discriminated against or punished for their vote.

## **BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION**

**Annamarie Cicchetti, Chairperson**

Now in its fifth year, the Dalton Beautification Commission was established in 2001 in response to interest expressed that more might be done to enhance the physical beauty of Dalton.

Since 2001, the DBC has tried on a modest budget to raise public awareness of the importance of the community's shared public spaces, to awaken the prospect of how attractive those common areas might become. The hard work and generosity of some local businesses and volunteers—contributing their time and talents—has resulted in the planting and maintaining of small gardens at various locations along Dalton's Main Street and on its center bridge.

The core of the DBC is made up of a seven-member commission appointed to three-year terms by the Dalton Select Board. Present DBC members include Mary Jane Caliento, Dorothy Chapman, Chairperson Annmarie Cicchetti, Secretary Deborah Smith and Cynthia Reinhardt. Currently, the DBC is seeking interested persons from Dalton to fill two seats recently held by long time members Allison Crane and Gary Turetsky. All town residents are welcomed to join the group in planning, supporting and implementing our projects.

The DBC's main funding source is a small annual allotment from the town. However, the Commission is also grateful to the Dalton Rotary, which has, from time to time, supplemented our budget. Also, the DBC is fortunate to have received in the past a grant from the Berkshire Garden Club.

The DBC developed a perennial garden at 707 Main Street with the kind assistance of the Dalton Highway Department. Having planted tulip and daffodil

bulbs in the fall, the DBC this spring created a summer garden begun with donated plantings given by local supporters. What had been a “no man’s land” of hard-packed soil littered with discarded candy wrappers, old lottery tickets and other debris has been transformed into a delightful, blooming, perennial green space. The DBC plans to add more bulbs this fall so that in the spring of 2007 the area will burst with color.

An important, recent joint venture with the Council on Aging is the DBC’s co-sponsoring of the “Keep Dalton Walking” project. Asked by the Council, the DBC selected the bench materials and design. The teak benches were installed along Dalton’s Main Street and hopefully encouraged citizens of all ages “to get walking”, knowing that comfortable, attractive benches will be at intervals for relaxation and a restful moment and perhaps a visit with friends or neighbors.

Ongoing, the DBC has received extraordinary assistance from the Dalton Highway Department and the Dalton Volunteer Fire Department. The Highway Department initially prepared our green spaces for planting and the Dalton Volunteer Fire Department has watered our floral displays throughout the growing season.

The Dalton Beautification Commission looks forward to attracting more community volunteers who would like to help our efforts to make Dalton an even more attractive town. Interested residents are invited to call DBC Chairperson Annmarie Cicchetti at 684-3966.

## **BOARD OF REGISTRARS**

Members: Elizabeth A. Erb, <i>Chairman</i>	Barbara L. Suriner, <i>Town Clerk</i>
Doreen P. Aleshevich	<i>Elections Administrator</i>
Judith M. Ladd	<i>Supervisor, Board of Registrars</i>
Barbara L. Suriner, <i>Clerk</i>	

In 2006, we conducted Special Registration Sessions prior to the May 1 Annual Town Meeting and the May 8 Annual Town Election; the June 26, October 23 and December 11 Special Town Meetings; and prior to the September 19 State Primary and November 7 State/School Election. Also, a Special Registration Session was held by Assistant Registrar, Kathryn Sanders, at WRHS. Scheduled 2007 Special Registration Sessions will be held from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. on April 17, the last day to register to vote at the May 7 Annual Town Meeting and May 14 Annual Town Election. Additional Special Registration Sessions will be scheduled as required. All registration sessions are held in the office of the Town Clerk. The place of voting will remain at the Community House for both precincts as there is a ramp and handicap parking located at the rear of the building.

The Board registered and processed 272 new voters plus address changes on existing active and inactive voters, checked 2,274 signatures for certification on the 3 Initiative Petitions/Public Policy Questions, 38 Nomination Papers and 1 local petition to the Select Board in circulation in 2006; and deleted 352 inactive/moved voters. Our computerized program enabled us to complete this arduous task in a timely and efficient manner, transmitting totals to the Secretary of State

automatically. Annual Town Election nomination papers which will place candidates directly on the May 14, 2007 Annual Town Election ballot will be available February 5 at the Town Clerk's office. The deadline for submission of papers to the Board of Registrars is 5:00 p.m. on March 19, 2007, pursuant to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 53, §.6.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind residents that when signing nomination papers or petitions, please keep the following in mind: 1. Sign only if you are a registered voter. 2. Sign your name and your residential address as listed on our census records (no post office boxes are allowed). 3. If you have poor penmanship, print your name in the same box with your signature as an indistinguishable signature cannot be certified. 4. Do not sign your spouse's name or any name other than your own. Also, if you move, please inform the Town Clerk so that we will change our records and notify you of any precinct changes. If any of your family members are not registered to vote, please encourage them to do so.

We are currently on-line with the Secretary of State, the Registry of Motor Vehicles, and all cities and towns in Massachusetts as part of a computerized Central Voter Registry, the first in the nation. Since 1997, we have used VRIS exclusively for both census and voter registration functions. Mail-in voter registration forms are available at the Post Office, the Library, Wahconah Regional High School, the Council on Aging, as well as at the Town Clerk's office.

The distinction of being Dalton's oldest living resident passed to Mary Ryan of 83 Curtis Avenue who was born March 2, 1908.

We thank Dalton residents for their excellent response in returning the local census forms mailed January of each year. The majority of citizens return in a prompt and cooperative manner which we greatly appreciate, allowing us to achieve the highest possible level of accuracy.

**Statistical figures as of December 31, 2006 are as follows:**

**Registered Voters**

Democrats	1,300	(29.67%)
Republicans	576	(13.15%)
Green-Rainbow	7	( 0.16%)
*Inter. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party	1	( 0.02%)
*Libertarian	14	( 0.32%)
*Green Party USA	1	( 0.02%)
*(Political Designation)		
Unenrolled (a/k/a Independent)	2,483	(56.66%)
Total Active Registered Voters		4,165
Total Inactive Registered Voters		<u>217</u>
Total All Registered Voters		4,382
Total Population		6,885

## **SHAPING THE TOWN**

“In 1786, a plan to annex specific lots in Windsor was discussed at the Town meetings with no action taking place until the next decade. This may have been a ‘push-pull’ operation favored by residents of both towns. In 1795, a western chunk of Windsor property was officially annexed, and its residents added to the Town roster and tax rolls. These families now would live on the northeast corner of Town where the property was heavily wooded and had abundant water power. The lower valley leading southwest to Dalton had farms and sawmills. The addition of the Windsor families tended to counter-balance those of the extreme southwest and southeast corners of the Town. Residents of the southwestern corner were in a favorable location. They were at the base of the mountains, and close to turnpikes connecting Pittsfield with points east. One can see where it was easier for southwestern Daltonians to travel to the urbanity of Pittsfield than it was to make the long journey north to ‘Dalton Center’.”

*Excerpt(s) from, “The Dalton Papers” by R. W. Fischer.*

(A few copies of The Dalton Papers are still available for sale at the Town Clerk’s office.)

## **BOARD OF HEALTH**

**Rich O’Brien, Chairman**

Local boards of health in Massachusetts are required by state laws and regulations to perform many crucial and important duties relative to the protection of the public health, control of disease, promotion of sanitary living conditions and the protection of the environment from pollution.

The Dalton Board of Health consists of five appointed volunteer members. Public meetings are held at 4 p.m. on the first Monday of each month in the Callahan Room at Town Hall. Current members of the board are Chairman Rich O’Brien, Cora Cooney, Ed Gero, Dr. Dan Doyle and Drew Finn. The Town also contracts with the Berkshire Visiting Nurse Association to provide health services for the residents of Dalton such as flu immunization clinics and health screenings.

In 2006 the Board of Health passed a new regulation restricting the use of Outdoor Wood Burning Furnaces in Dalton. Please contact us for a permit application and a copy of the regulations prior to purchasing or installing one of these outdoor devices to ensure compliance with local regulations.

## **HEALTH AGENT**

**Edward Fahey, Agent**

The Town employs a part-time Health Agent 3 days a week to act on behalf of the Board of Health who is responsible for enforcing all state and local Health regu-

lations. Edward Fahey, a registered sanitarian, performs public housing, pool and restaurant inspections as well as reviews designs for the construction and repair of septic systems and private wells. Duties of the Health Agent also include investigating improper disposal of trash and issuing emergency permits for the trapping of nuisance beavers. The agent acts as the Town's designated noise control officer as well as the emergency management coordinator.

**Board of Health Office Hours: Monday 8-4  
Tuesday Closed  
Wednesday 8-4  
Thursday 8-4  
Friday Closed**

If you have a need to contact the Board of Health please call 684-6111, ext. 20.

## **CEMETERY DEPARTMENT**

### **Cemetery Trustees**

To the citizens of the Town of Dalton, we respectfully submit the following report for the calendar year 2006.

There were 59 burials in 2006, 29 memorial foundations poured, 10 flush markers installed and 8 veterans' markers were put into place.

New lots were assigned to the following 12 families:

Thelma Smith	Ronald Scott	Jennifer Borgo	Elaine Carver
Thomas Burke	Grace Horth	Alan Millington	Ralph Gardner
David Pierce	Ruth Northrup	Rebecca Paquette	Richard Sedgwick

Again we thank the Highway & Cemetery Dept. leadership and staff for their outstanding care of the cemetery landscaping and grounds, for their interest and concern in maintaining our cemeteries in fine condition, and for Hazel Turner's valuable assistance in burial and memorial planning, and in record keeping.

Following notification of the Massachusetts Historical Preservation Project Fund Grant of \$25,000.00 to the Town, and acceptance of the Grant by the Town, the Trustees voted to hire Ms. Kimberly Alvarez as Local Project Co-ordinator for the project.

The stone pier at the north side of the Ashuelot Cemetery entrance was rebuilt and the gate rehung on its supports. Also, the Department repaved the entrance road through the gate area.

Discussed future planting with Dalton Beautification Commission. Their expertise is much appreciated.

The Historic Landscape Report & Gravestone/Monument Inventory/Assessment is in progress, by Martha Lyon Landscape Architecture, LLC, under contract with the Town. The report will cover our three Town Cemeteries which are included in the National Register of Historic Places, that is, East Main St. Cemetery, Fairview Cemetery, and Main St. Cemetery.

Again, special thanks goes to Bernie Smith, who voluntarily continues to work to beautify our cemetery grounds and plants.

We also thank Tom Szczepaniak of Variety Trucking, for his donation of time and equipment to remove snow and ice from gravesites, for winter burials.

Berkshire County Sheriff, Carmen Massimiano, once again contributed a group of workers to assist us with spring and fall cleanup of the cemeteries, for which we thank them.

Monthly Trustees meetings were held on the second Wednesday of each month, at the Main St. Cemetery office. These are public meetings, and we invite attendance by anyone wishing to speak with the Trustees.

We thank the lot-holders, families, friends, and citizens for their cooperation in abiding by the Rules and Regulations posted in the cemeteries. The complete Rules and Regulations may be seen at the Main St. Cemetery Office.

Town designation of new areas for future cemetery use remains a critical issue, in the face of continuing development of the land areas in the Town, which might be suitable and desirable for cemetery use.

## **BUILDING INSPECTION 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 2007. The total number of permits is down from the previous year due to the conclusion of permitting for the Silver Maple Project.

**Year 2006      Permits Issued: 254      Declared Value: \$6,004,550**

The breakdown of permits issued is as follows:

New Homes	13
Residential Additions and Remodeling	145
Accessory Buildings	18
Pools	11
Demolition	2
Commercial Additions and Renovations	12
Signs	3
Solid Fuel Appliances	30
Fences	12
Residential Garages	3
New Commercial Building	5

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 the qualifications required 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:	8:00-4:00
Tuesday:	8:00-4:00
Wednesday:	8:00-12:00
Thursday:	8:00-6:00

## **SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES**

**Paul K. Vacchina**

In compliance with Chapter 98 Section 37 as amended by Chapter 295 of the Acts of 1998. Each municipality shall annually, between January 1 and January 31, submit to the director a written report that describes the components of the municipality's weights and measures program, including, but not limited to, an inventory of all weighing and measuring devices and equipment and the date of the most recent certification for each device or piece of equipment, inspection results by category, results of tests performed pursuant to section 56D, total citations issued by category, the net loss restored to consumers and merchants as a result of its enforcement program, and any other information required by the director.

## **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**Robert Bishop, Chairman**

The past year has been a relatively busy one for the Conservation Commission. The principle reason for this is the increased citizen awareness of both the need to protect the environment and of the function of the Commission. Because of this awareness, there has been an increase in both the numbers of Requests for Determinations of Applicability and in the number of reports of violations of the Wetland Protection Act. Consequently, there has been an accompanying increase in the number of site inspections carried out. Also, the Commission has been very busy working on the Silver Maple Farm subdivision project which is nearing completion.

Membership on the Commission has increased with new members and associate members. The Commission welcomes conservation concerned citizens to attend monthly meetings. The Commission's monthly meetings are scheduled on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Crane Room.

### **Commission Members**

Robert Bishop, Chairman  
Thomas Baker, Vice-Chairman  
Esther Balardini  
James Duffy  
Edward Gero

Margit Hotchkiss

Domenick Sacco

### **Associate Members**

Katherine Garcia  
Valerie Gero  
Kelly Marshall

## COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

**Michael J. Norton, Director**

The Communication Center received over 20,000 calls this year, with over 1,800 of the calls being 911 calls. The coming year (2007) will be a very busy year for the Communication Center. We will be looking for support from the towns people to approve funds to relocate the Communication Center to the Police Station located in the town hall. This will mean that the Police Station will be open 24/7/365 for anyone needing assistance. Along with this relocation we will be looking to upgrade our 20 year old radio system with a new console. Our present console is being maintained by using whatever used parts can be found. The manufacturer, Motorola, no longer makes or stocks parts for this console.

In addition to the radio, we will be switching over to the new 911 system being installed by the Commonwealth. This will require 16 – 24 hours of training for all 8 of the dispatchers. The SETB (Statewide Emergency Telecommunications Board) has made available a grant for up to \$5000 for this training. After the events of 9/11 and Katrina, the Dept. of Homeland Security has made communications a high priority, and we will be seeking whatever grant funds are available to upgrade our system. We look forward to these upgrades to help us provide the best service possible to the people of Dalton.

## COUNCIL ON AGING

**Susan Jacobs**

The Council on Aging respectfully submits its report for 2006. One major focus of this department over the past year has been the planning of the Library/Senior Center/Museum Building Project. Countless hours have been spent with the architects, in Building Committee meetings and getting input from residents.

The **Library/Senior Center/Museum** project is coming up for two important votes this spring. This 10+ year endeavor is focused on expanding the capacity for three town departments to serve Dalton. This project involves more than bricks and mortar. For example, it will enable us to provide opportunities for learning our town's history; making new friends and exploring new interests in classes offered both in the library and senior center or researching information at the library before taking a trip with the Travel Club. This new campus in the heart of town will offer opportunities for personal and community growth, and will have the capacity to meet the growing and changing needs of all our residents for generations to come.

If you have not had the opportunity to attend an information session on the project, please contact the COA Office at 684-2000 or the Library at 684-6112 with your questions and ideas. As much as we want your support, we want to know that you, the voters have all of the information you need to make an informed decision at Town Meeting and on the Town Election ballot.

**Statistical Overview:** During this reporting period, your Council on Aging provided direct services to 886 individuals: 669 age 60 and over and 217 under

age 60. Of those over age 60, 71% were women; 29% men; 6% nursing home; 7% disabled and 49% age 75 or over.

In addition to our town appropriation, our department received \$10,082 in grants (for staffing and computer software) and realized an additional \$16,749 from BRTA, Friends of the COA, donations and program income, all used to provide services to our community.

**COA Board:** The policy-makers of the COA are the members of the Board of Directors, each appointed by the Select Board to three year terms. In addition to setting policy, they are all directly involved in one or more of our programs. Members are: Anthony Doyle, Chairman; Judith Brooks, Vice Chairman; Joyce Lacatell, Clerk; Cynthia Costello, Treasurer; Helga Knappe, Marjorie Lillpopp, Persis Caverly, Richard Nicholas, Cora Cooney, Marcia Brophy, Naomi Rauff, Sarah Frankland, Mary Lamke and newest members Thomas Murray and Maureen Mitchell.

This past fall, a sub-committee of the board was formed to develop a five year **Strategic Plan** for this department. The members of the committee included Anthony Doyle, Chairman of the COA, Helga Knappe and Mary Lamke, board members and Sarah Frankland, COA Board member and Planning Committee Chairperson. They did an excellent job in developing this road map for our department for the next five years. The seven page document includes a list of strategic goals and recommendations, and is available at the COA Office.

**The Friends of the Dalton Council on Aging, Inc.** continued its mission of serving our community this year with **“Keep Dalton Walking.”** With the inspiration of COA board member, Naomi Rauff working with the Friends and the town Beautification Commission, a total of ten benches were sponsored by business, religious and non-profit organizations along Main Street. Installation was accomplished on September 19th with the help of volunteers from St. Agnes’ Church Knights of Columbus Handyman Committee, Dalton Beautification Commission, Select Board, COA and community residents. I believe this project demonstrates one of the best aspects of Dalton: The community spirit of its residents.

Phase Two of the “Keep Dalton Walking” project was kicked off this spring with the Dalton Lions Club sponsoring two more benches earmarked for the Main Street/Depot Street area.

The Friends also extend their thanks to the community for its growing support through the annual Friends Membership Mailing each spring. The 2006 drive resulted in 43 single and 44 family memberships, and along with donations generated \$2200.

**“Keeping Informed”** is something for which we constantly strive, both for our staff and our residents. Training programs and workshops have kept us up to date on important issues. Our van drivers completed the annual training required by the state; Pattie attended monthly meetings getting updates on health insurance changes; Bev and I attended the annual three-day state-wide conference for COA/Senior Center staff, and other workshops during the year.

Much of this we have passed on to our residents through the newsletter, COA TV Show, individual counseling and group presentations. In addition, we have invited presenters in to share information in their field of expertise such as energy

conservation, Registry of Motor Vehicles, services for the blind, reverse mortgages and caregiver support.

I also serve on the Advisory Council on Elder Services of Berkshire County, Inc. These bi-monthly meetings offer me an opportunity to learn more about the challenges being faced by our local home care/area agency on aging and how best to access their services for our residents.

## **Program Highlights**

**Dalton Triad** continued its monthly safety and consumer programs this year. Triad, a collaboration between law enforcement (local Police, District Attorney and Sheriff), the COA and local seniors held a number of Public Information meetings this past year. In addition, Dalton Triad hosted the 2006 county-wide “Triad Safety Fair & Picnic” at the Dalton VFW on July 19. This year’s event was dedicated to Ruth Lewis who passed away in March, 2006. Ruth had been a member since the first meeting in March, 1995. Her photo graced the cover of the 2006 program.

In October, 2005, your Dalton Council on Aging was accepted as an official collecting partner with the **Veterans History Project** (VHP) in Washington, DC. Part of the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress, the VHP was created by the US Congress and signed into law on October 27, 2000.

The Veterans History Project collects stories from men and women from all branches of service: the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Navy and Merchant Marine with an emphasis on WWI, WWII and the Korean, Vietnam and Persian Gulf wars. The project also documents the contributions of civilians such as war industry workers and medical volunteers who served in support of the armed forces.

As a Partner, we pledged to contribute a minimum of 25 interviews per year which are filmed in the studios of the Dalton Community Cable Assoc. on Park Avenue. John Ostresh, chairman of the DCCA organization and Dick Nicholas, COA board member have been tireless in their efforts to preserve the stories of our local service men and women. In addition, DCCA broadcasts a “Veteran of the Week” program each Saturday on channel 16. Many other people volunteer to work behind the scenes on this project. If you would like to help, or know of a veteran with a story to tell, please call our office at 684-2000.

**Transportation:** Your Dalton COA is pleased to offer full time lift van service to our residents. With a vehicle leased from BRTA, 3,259 rides were taken by 87 residents age 60 and over, with an additional 653 rides for seven disabled non-elders. Riders pay \$2 each way for medical, shopping and trips to work, which is used to pay for the fuel and maintenance for the van, and to defray a portion of the salary costs for our part-time drivers. Operating our van this year has been Clyde Decorie, Clarence Green, Bob Faye, Dick Cooper and MacKenzie Tarjick.

Our old van which we used for five years was replaced by BRTA in April, 2006 with a ‘new’ 2003 model. Going almost 100 miles per day, the van has proven to be a reliable means of transportation for our town’s folks. We require a minimum of 24 hours notice for scheduling. For more information, please call our office and ask for Bev.

**“Picnic in the Park” given by the Dalton Rotary on September 21, 2006.**



*Jackie Harrison getting her blood pressure checked by BVNA Nurse, Cindy Croce.*

*Sis Kaley and Anne Lange.*



*Gerald Guild enjoying the swings.*

**Luncheons:** The Dalton Lunch program move to the Guild Hall at Grace Church in February, 2006 generated a lot of interest. The change, which included improved parking and accessibility and a homier atmosphere has resulted in many more people attending. Staffed entirely by volunteers, the lunches are served each Monday and Thursday at noon. One September luncheon was moved to Pine Grove Park for a picnic prepared and served by the members of the Dalton Rotary Club. Almost 50 Dalton seniors attended, many taking advantage of the monthly Blood Pressure Clinic (also moved to the Park) and managed by Cindy Croce, RN from Berkshire VNA.

Call the COA office with your reservation, and go early to enjoy coffee and good conversation before the noon luncheon. After all, where else can you go for \$2 (Elder Services suggested donation) and get a good meal?

**Volunteer Programs:** Without our 100+ volunteers, this department would be unable to accomplish all that it does. These folks support with their time and talents many of our programs: grocery shopping for homebound residents; Triad, Serve; Veterans History Project, LIFE Program at Craneville Place; Sunday Lunch; Handyman; Healthy Osteo Exercise Classes; Dalton Travelers; Fuel Assistance;

AARP Tax Aide; Luncheons; Bridge Group and intergenerational programs. Our volunteers also help us in the office; prepare the newsletter for mailing, and give the town hall offices a hand with the annual report and large mailings.

This reporting year the COA also collaborated with St. Agnes School to present Bridges, an intergenerational program in March & April, 2006. Seniors who worked with the 4th and 5th grade classes included Joyce Lacatell (liaison), George & Alice Andrews, Esther Boraski, Nelson Cande, Caroline Dietlin, Ruth Drosehn, Monica Duda, Jim Galeucia, Mary Lamke, Windsor Martin, Dick Peters, Ed Rattigan, Naomi Rauff, and Don Seckler.

Additional information on programs and services of the COA is available by calling the COA at 684-2000 or visiting our office at 400 Main Street (the CRA) Monday through Friday between 8 AM and 4:30 PM.

## **DALTON CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**J. Michael Hoffman, Chairman**

The Dalton Cable Advisory Committee has begun the process of “ascertainment” after consultation with Town Counsel, William Hewig III, who advised the Committee of its responsibilities.

A public hearing was scheduled and held on January 10, 2007 and a survey was completed with 517 responses.

The present contract with Time-Warner Cable expires September 17, 2007.

Contact negotiations will be on-going during the spring and summer of 2007.

Cable Advisory Committee members are, John J. Bates, Vice-Chairman, John W. Ostresh, Domenico Suppappola, Richard J. O’Brien, and Chairman, J. Michael Hoffman.

## **VETERAN’S SERVICE**

**Daniel K. Casey, Agent**

During calendar year 2006, the following activity occurred:

Five bronze and one granite footmarkers were ordered and received through the Veteran’s Affairs Department.

Five Presidential Memorial Certificates were ordered for families of deceased veterans.

One AID AND ATTENDANCE application was forwarded to the VA for approval.

As in the past many inquiries concerning VA benefits were explained and if needed referrals were made to the VA.

Three DD214’s were requested.

Massachusetts Legislators passed the WELCOME HOME BONUS BILL allowing veterans of the Iraqi and Afghanistan Wars to be compensated.

## **Eligibility Requirements**

1. Six months domicile in Mass. prior to entering the Armed Forces.
2. Active duty on or after September 11, 2001.
3. Discharge must be under honorable conditions.

## **Payment Information**

1. For active service in Iraq or Afghanistan. \$1000.00
2. Six months or more active service state side or elsewhere outside the continental limits of the United States. \$ 500.00

Application forms are available at my office on Thursdays 4pm to 6pm or Fridays 1pm to 3pm. Please bring DD214's.

## **IN MEMORIAM**

Delmar W. Stevens	World War II	Randel Middlebrook	World War II
Thomas F. Burke	Korea	Richard F. Claffie	World War II
Gerald P. Casey	World War II	Ronald R. Scott	Korea
David A Pierce	Korea	David F. Brophy	World War II
Kenneth F. Bancroft	World War II	Eugene A. DiNicola Sr.	WorldWar II
Alan R. Millington	Vietnam	Roland G. Meunier	World War II
Thomas H. Culverwell	World War II		

## **LIBRARY/SENIOR CENTER BUILDING COMMITTEE**

**Susan Jacobs, Doris Lamica, Gail Pinna**

The Building Committee for the Library, Council on Aging and Historical Museum has been working for the past year on a proposed campus to be located on the site of Old Dalton High School. Members of the committee are: Doris Lamica and Robin Higgins representing the Library; Susan Jacobs and Judith Brooks from the COA; Gail Pinna and Mary Ellen Shea from the Historical Museum; David Fairfield representing the Select Board; Augustus "Gus" Schnopp, Cora Cooney, Antonio Pagliarulo (community members) and Ken Walto, Town Manager. Along with Dennis Adler and Jeff Noble of Hill Engineers, Architects and Planners, all have devoted many hours over the past year to this project. The following is a brief overview of our activities.

The Library was successful in obtaining approval from the Mass. Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC) for a grant of almost \$2.7 million toward the cost of the library portion of the project. With the receipt of the award letter, a six month window of opportunity opened during which our town must vote to provide the balance of the funding for the library. Without that approval, the grant will be lost. This "window" will close on July 12, 2007.

In July of 2006, Hill Engineers, Architects and Planners hired Vicki Thomas, a Senior Consultant to do a survey of the town and collect information Hill could use in designing the program and activity areas of the proposed senior center. Ms.

Thomas held a series of focus groups with 150 residents (age 30-something to 90-something) who shared their thoughts on their community, aging, town and senior services. Their input has been used to determine the scope of services for the COA in the proposed facility.

The Historical Commission has also worked closely with Hill Engineers, Architects and Planners. The proposed Museum will be the link between the Library and Senior Center, where our town's history will be on display, and opportunities for historical research will be available and accessible to all.

Two important votes will be taken this spring. The members of the Building Committee ask that each voter seek all of the information available on this subject, and examine not just the cost but also the benefits of this project to the town, our current residents and those of the coming generations.

You may also refer to the departmental reports of the Library, Council on Aging and Historical Commission for more information on this project.

## **DALTON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**Doris Lamica, Library Director**

The past year was a momentous one for the Dalton Free Public Library. In November we were awarded a provisional grant of nearly \$2.7 million from the state for construction of a new library. The planning for this project has extended over many years and this award marks an important step in its implementation. The Town must approve the balance of eligible funds for the project which is nearly \$5 million. It is anticipated that votes will be held in the spring to secure these funds. Two votes will be necessary - one to authorize the Select Board to borrow funds and one to exclude the debt from Proposition 2 1/2. The Town has a deadline of July 12, 2007 to secure the funding and sign a contract with the state. If this is not accomplished, the Town will not receive the state grant and cannot apply for another one for at least five years. The Library Trustees have voted to use \$100,000 in trust fund interest towards the project. Fund raising will also be undertaken and we are investigating the possibility of other grants.

The preliminary plans for the new library call for a building of over 18,000 square feet to be constructed adjacent to the old Dalton High School on Field Street. The building will be totally handicapped accessible, have off-street parking, and sufficient space for all the library's collections, study areas, work space, and storage. There would be a meeting room for library programs that could also be used by community groups. The plan also includes a separate room for children with an area for storytime and other activities, a special section for young adults, a small study room which could be used for tutoring, a local history room with proper climate control for the historical collection, and more computer stations for the public.

The Building Committee for the Library/Senior Center project met frequently during 2006 and a Communications Sub-committee was organized to prepare and distribute information about the project to the town's citizens.

Another noteworthy event during 2006 was the library's switch to the CWMARS system - the regional automated network. The library staff received training in cataloging, patron registration, circulation and placing holds as we implemented this change in July. We issued new cards and adopted some new circulation policies. Patrons may now access their record and reserve and renew materials on-line. Requests for materials from other libraries are filled much quicker than in the past and we are handling a much larger amount of material going in and out of the library.

The library held its first community-wide reading program called "Dalton Reads" in October of 2006. The book selected, "A Walk in the Woods" by Bill Bryson, is a humorous and informative narration of his ambles along the Appalachian Trail. We began the program with a family walk in the woods at Wahconah Falls on a crisp fall day. There were snacks, crafts activities for the children and a reading of the legend of Wahconah and Nessacus. Twelve other programs - including book discussions, slide presentations on the history and the nature of the Appalachian Trail, and the experiences of hikers - were held during the month and attended by nearly 200 people. Many in the community contributed to the success of the program and I want to thank them all as well as the Crane Foundation and the Friends of the Library who supported the project. We hope to have another community wide reading program in the near future.

Other activities for adults during the year were the monthly book discussion program held on the last Wednesday of the month, a program on "Conquering Clutter", and an engaging slide presentation on Lewis and Clark.

For children, storytime continued on Thursday mornings in conjunction with the Central Berkshire Community Partnership. The summer reading program "What's Buzzing at your Library" offered programs on chess and checkers, hints on solving sudoku puzzles, and craft projects. A performance by storyteller Davis Bates funded by a grant from the Dalton Cultural Council concluded the program at Craneville School with about 85 children and parents in attendance.

During the past year, the use of museum passes by patrons continued to be popular. The library has passes available for the Norman Rockwell Museum, Mass MoCA, Hancock Shaker Village, the Clark Museum, the Berkshire Museum and Arrowhead. The collections of DVDs and books on CD increased as the preference for these types of media continues to grow.

In March, the Library Director attended the national convention of the Public Library Association (a division of the American Library Association) which was held in Boston. She received much useful information on such topics as library services for the aging baby boomers, Google's project of digitizing books, and the joys of censorship from someone at Mad magazine. It was also an opportunity to view exhibits, hear authors and share ideas and experiences with other librarians.

Building problems continued during the year as our air conditioners died and the furnace gave us more problems. If the library does not relocate in the near future, there are major maintenance problems that must be addressed. The walls have not been painted in many years and the paint is peeling and water stained in numerous areas. The carpeting is over thirty years old and has been stretched several times to remove ripples. The heat delivery system is older than anyone

can remember and the electrical wiring also very dated. The town's plan to fix the brickwork and the roof should help with the problem of leaks.

The Friends of the Library had a very successful book sale in the spring and continue to provide the library with funding for the summer reading program, book discussion groups, speakers, newspapers, museum passes and other materials. For 2006-2007 the officers are: President - Patricia Nixon, Vice President - Kathleen Desmarais, Secretary - Elizabeth Clark, Treasurer - Christine Derby, Membership Coordinator- Joseph Brewer, Members-at-large - Veronica Balardini, Irene Carnevale and Janet Claffie. Past president Rosemary Crosier and trustee representative Judith Douville are also members of the Executive Board. Membership forms to join the Friends group are available at the library.

Thank you to all the staff - Katherine Hoag, Lynn Bilotta, Gladys Lofink, Patricia Filiault, Jess Winnard and Zachary Pierce for their work during this busy year. Thanks also to our volunteers - Gail Pinna, Betty Cullett, Christine Faye, Veronica Balardini, and Scott Lynch; the Trustees, the Friends, the Town Manager, and the Select Board for their help and support.

## **BRIEN CENTER MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES**

**Arlene Birch, Chief Executive Officer**

The Brien Center remains committed to providing high-quality, fully licensed mental health and substance abuse services to Berkshire County, primarily through counseling and treatment centers located in North Adams, Great Barrington and Pittsfield. We provide a continuum of care that includes crisis care, psychiatric services, outpatient therapy and residential and rehabilitation services.

Of the individuals served by Brien Center, 25% either lack health insurance or are not fully covered for the services they need. We are ever more dependent on local United Ways and your funding to continue to provide needed treatment for these individuals. Your annual contribution assists us in developing and offering services that are responsive to the needs of Berkshire County, including those 397 individuals we are serving in Dalton. Your town's contribution is very important to us.

In addition, the Commonwealth Care program is a major change, which will occur, and we are unsure of how it will impact the Brien Center as an employer and as a service provider. According to change mandates, all residents of the Commonwealth will be required to obtain health insurance by July 1, 2007. At this juncture, the regulation specifics are still being scrutinized and determined. It is unclear how this program will affect subsidized care. It is anticipated that many individuals will have difficulty with the required premium contributions and co-payments that are associated with certain levels of coverage plans. In addition, many people who are privately insured continue to struggle with deductibles, co-payments and coverage limitations for mental health and substance abuse treatment.

Thank you for your past and continued support. Please call me at 413-499-0412 if you have any questions about our agency and its services.

# DALTON FIRE DISTRICT WATER DEPARTMENT

**Gilbert (Gibby) Rudd Jr., Water Superintendent**

Stockhouse, 59 Old Windsor Road, M-F 7:00 am to 3:30 pm, 413-684-6124

Main Water Office, 20 Flansburg Avenue, M-F 8:00 am to 3:00 pm, 413-684-6118

The Board of Water Commissioners meets the last Tuesday of the Month at 6:30 pm at the Fire Station on Flansburg Avenue.

The following projects were completed in 2006:

- 1) The new Donn C. Elser Jr. Water Pump Station.
- 2) The new chlorination injection vault, will replace the Anthony Chemical Building.
- 3) The new computer SCADA Monitoring System to oversee the Water System.
- 4) A new gravel roadway to the backside of Windsor Reservoir Dam.
- 5) Installed 5 INSERTA valves at intersection of North Street and Main Street.
- 6) The stability and hydraulic analysis on Windsor Dam.

The following projects still in progress for 2007 and beyond:

- 1) The rebuilding of Windsor Dam.
- 2) The replacement of water main hangers on Center Pond Bridge.
- 3) First phase of the installation of the new water tank above the Pinecrest Development.
- 4) Water main replacement in the South Street reconstruction project.
- 5) DEP 319 Grant for the rebuilding of Wahconah Falls Road.
- 6) The demolition of the Anthony Chemical Building.

The Water Department would like to express our thanks to the districts' homeowners, businesses and the other town departments for their help throughout the year. Any questions or concerns please call the above phone numbers.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

**Richard Kardasen, Fire Chief**

Number of Calls:	Fire .....	138
	Ambulance .....	501
	Motor Vehicle Accidents .....	36
	<b>Total .....</b>	<b>675</b>

2006 was another busy year for the Fire Department between training and responding to emergencies. The number of calls remained level with 2005.

Over the past few years, the emergency services have been faced with many challenges. The dedicated men and women of the Dalton Fire Department have met these challenges while moving forward, adapting to advancements in equipment and technology.

I want to thank the officers and members who give so much of their time to provide the citizens of Dalton with emergency service 24 hours a day, seven days a week. I would also like to thank the other departments of the town as well as the residents for their continued support and cooperation.

## FOREST WARDEN

**Richard D. Kardasen, Forest Warden**

In 2006 the Dalton Fire Department responded to fourteen brush fires. Most of these occurred during the spring open burning season when a permitted fire got out of control. A reminder to citizens that open burning is allowed from January 15th to April 30<sup>th</sup>, only after obtaining a permit at the Fire Station. The regulations are given out with each permit. Once you have obtained the permit, you must phone the fire station each day you plan to burn. Burning can only take place between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Depending upon weather conditions permits may not be issued on certain days. Brush is the only material that is allowed to be burned. No demolition materials may be burned. Last year 211 permits were issued.

I wish to thank the citizens of Dalton for their cooperation.

## HOUSING AUTHORITY

**Susan J. Gregory, Executive Director**

<b>Board of Commissioners:</b>			<b>Term Expires</b>
Chairperson	Kathleen Burke	96 Curtis Avenue	2006
Vice Chairperson	Helen McGarry	293 High Street	2010
State Appointee	Robin Higgins	33 Carson Ave.	2006
Member	Florence Catelotti	E. Deming Street	2007
Member	Patricia Stottle	106 Tower Road	2006

Regular meetings are held on the second Monday of each month. The annual meeting is held on the second Monday of May.

Current programs are: 40 units at Pomeroy Manor and 28 units at Pinegrove Manor under Chapter 667, low income elderly/disabled. We also have 6 units under Chapter 705, low-income families.

We have one-bedroom units for the elderly and three-bedrooms for families. These are funded by the Department of Housing & Community Development in Boston. We have a lengthy waiting list for our 667 elderly programs. We have an extensive waiting list for 705 family program.

Eligibility criteria are under requirements adopted by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development. One person \$40,150. Two person \$45,900.

Our fiscal year is from October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005 to September 30, 2006. Our quarterly report dated September 30, 2006 states the following:

Income	\$303,144	
Expenses	\$276,746	
Net	\$27,398	Before non-routine expenses

## HISTORICAL COMMISSION

**Gail A. Pinna, Chairman**

This has been a busy year for the Commission, but we feel that most of our goals have been accomplished.

In January, Mary Jane Caliento read a letter from the Dalton Select Board "Resolution of the Dalton Select Board, in support of preserving and enhancing African American Heritage in the Upper Housatonic Valley." Mrs. Caliento also told how an exhibition of the Gilded Age would be held at Arrowhead.

Louisa Horth spoke on a preservation by-law. Gail Pinna made copies of the Preservation Planning Manual supplied to the Commission by Christopher Skelly from the Massachusetts Historical Commission and forwarded it along to the Select Board.

The Commission is very interested in an Open Space Program and the Scenic Mountain Act.

Stu Sargent and J. Dicken Crane have handed out PAVE or SAVE leaflets and will be holding meetings regarding this very important project at Nessacus, Wahconah, and at a future Select Board meeting.

February, the Dalton Cemeteries have been given a matching \$25,000 grant. Mary Walsh assisted on this. Louisa Horth, Bernard Smith, and Gail Pinna will be on the Cemetery Historic Preservation Study Committee. Mary Bartlett had an exhibit of her vintage Valentine cards at the Dalton Free Public Library.

March, Dennis Adler of Hill Engineering spoke on the new museum project, also Augustus J. Schnopp of the Library Senior Center Building Committee came to answer questions that the Historical Commission had. The new museum will have approximately 4000 sq. ft. Mary Ellen Shea and Gail Pinna are also on the Library Senior Center Building Committee and will keep the Commission up to date on its progress.

Mrs. Horth came with copies of the 2006 calendar and some of the many pictures she has made for post cards.

Kathy Reilly from the Local History Room at the Berkshire Athenaeum has offered to take our copies of the Dalton News Record and the Village Press and have them placed on micro-film. This will be funded by the Berkshire Family History Association. The Commission will be provided with a copy of the micro-film. With the able assistance of Mr. Bernie Smith, the pages have all been counted and there are about 20,000.

Melissa Coady from Tighe & Bond are doing an environmental study of South Street for future construction work. Ms. Pinna sent them a map and made copies of all dwellings on the street plus ones that have now been razed; since this is a Historical Study all sites need to be included.

April, Sue Jacobs of the Dalton Council on Aging came to talk of a Capital Campaign regarding the new Library/Senior Center project. We have spoken of a Historical Society as that would be most helpful when it came time for a fund raising event. Mrs. Caliento shared a letter from Betty Ford sent from the White House in the '70s. Gail sent the Dalton Methodist Church an 1894 dictionary of the Bible.

May, Mrs. Caliento spoke of the Hoose House. She and Mrs. Horth have put together a booklet on the subject. Gail has located data at the Athenaeum from the

Edward K. Knurow collection on the Hoose property which is still an ongoing effort. Mr. Hoellerich from the Museum of Vintage Trailbikes, was a guest. Mr. Hoellerich recently held a 30<sup>th</sup> reunion of the International Six-Day Trials held here in September, 1977. The event began in Musante's field and was organized by Al and Marie Eames. Twenty different countries were represented and there were 303 entries with the United States coming in 5<sup>th</sup>. The Historical significance to Dalton is that this was the only one of its kind to be held in the world. Remember going to that? Shaun Garvey agreed to be a member of the Capital Campaign.

June, the Historical Commission was delighted to receive as gifts, a new copier, photo album of Pine Grove Manor, a park certificate, copy of the history of Dalton, a map, clippings, book on the history of St. Agnes Church, picture of an old saw mill, framed proof copy of the 2005 Town Report with the Crane Purple Beech on the cover. The Beech was placed on the National Register of Historic Trees. We also have a vintage ink blotter, and a picture of Martin O'Gara taken at Pine Grove Park, plus many more.

We wish to thank all those who have so generously donated, as it is very much appreciated by the Dalton Historical Commission.

July, Ms. Pinna sent a letter to town, state, and local officials stating that the Historical Commission was not pleased that South Street reconstruction would bring the loss of so many trees on the street. We all met and toured the area and were pleased to learn that at least nine trees would be saved. Mrs. Caliento and Ms. Pinna were docents this summer at Arrowhead for their exhibit on the Gilded Age 1860-1917.

August, the Dalton Cultural Council, Mary Bartlett and Gail Pinna showed a gown belonging to Josephine Boardman Crane. Mary Ellen Shea lent us a dress form. The gown was a big success. Mrs. Horth and Mrs. Caliento manned the booth with our post cards and calendars. Mrs. Horth also made a gift basket raffle.

September, Mrs. Caliento, Mrs. Bartlett and Ms. Pinna went with a group from the African American Heritage Association. It was a day-long trip starting in Pittsfield at the Second Congregational Church and ending at the Col. Ashley House in Sheffield where a room was dedicated to "MUM Bett", made famous with her trial to be a free-woman. Her devotion to the Sedgwick family and her subsequent burial in the "Sedgwick Pie" in Stockbridge. Mrs. Caliento and Ms. Pinna contributed to the book African American Heritage in the Upper Housatonic Valley, which included information on the Underground Railroad on the Gulf Road. The Hoose family, George the artist; Edward in the Mass. 54<sup>th</sup> Reg.; Samuel Caesar in the Mass. Reg. Co. 5. Also, this month the Historical Commission went to Ashfield, Massachusetts to visit its Historical Museum. While there, we viewed pictures taken by the Howe brothers who amassed a great collection of Berkshire County photography, circa 1800 to early 1900.

October, the Heritage Trail walk was held on the Gulf Road with George and Joyce White with Mrs. Caliento and Ms. Pinna assisting. It was a festive day with balloons, hand-outs of history of the Underground Railroad and apples for all the hikers. Doris Lamica, Director of the Dalton Free Public Library also joined us in conjunction with the Dalton Reads Program.

November, William Suriner was a visitor who came to read and speak about his new book, Six Miles from Home.

December, Mrs. Horth again organized the Historical Commission members to help place local photos (then and now) at the T D Bank North which is done as part of Light Up the Holidays. Bernie Smith placed trivia questions at Bank North and will have other trivia questions placed at various locations throughout the Town of Dalton.

Any questions can be directed to the Dalton Historical Commission at 684-6111 Ext. 35.



*As part of Dalton in the Gilded Age, associate member Mary Bartlett helps prepare the gown of Josephine Boardman Crane to be shown at the Dalton Cultural Fair.*

## **HIGHWAY-CEMETERY-SEWER-PARKS DEPARTMENT**

**David Laviolette, Superintendent**

The department's primary mission is the maintenance and improvements of part of the Town's infrastructure: roads, sewers, drainage, cemeteries and parks. This work is performed and accomplished by a very dedicated and professional staff, with many years of experience.

The winter season was very long, tiring and an expensive season due to a large amount of snowfall, from January to April, and November and December. The removal of snow and ice from the roads, followed by sanding is accomplished as quickly and efficiently as possible. The cemeteries remained open for winter burials. Variety Trucking, a private contractor, plowed the main sidewalks around our school areas. We would also like to thank Variety Trucking for donating their time and equipment in clearing many of our gravesites for burials.

All of the sand and salt and winter debris has to be cleaned up during the spring season. All of the town streets are swept and cleaned by a combination of a private contractor and the town's sweeper and personnel. The private contractor sweeps most of the central or residential streets for the Town and highway personnel take care of the outskirts of town.

All of the Town's dirt roads were graded and reshaped in the springtime and processed gravel applied as needed. Most of our culverts are also cleaned and flushed at this time.

We are very busy in the cemeteries in the spring, cleaning up the winter debris and preparing the cemeteries for Memorial Day. The Berkshire County Sheriff, Carmen Massimiano's community service program is very helpful in both our spring and fall cleanup, by providing extra manpower so our cemeteries are in respectable condition.

Repairs were made to the Ashuelot Cemetery entrance and mortar to the walls, and the entrance was repaved.

Springtime is also clean-up time for our parks for the upcoming recreational season. Any winter damage to the parks is taken care of, and preparation for the baseball and softball diamonds is done.

We would like to thank the G.E. Elfuns for Bob Mosey assisting us with installing new playground equipment at Chamberlain Park. Also, a new batting cage was installed at the Chamberlain Little League Field. New wood chips were put down in the fall zones of all the town's parks.

The sewer and drainage systems were cleaned and flushed periodically. There are some areas of the sewer system that are cleaned almost monthly to prevent any back-ups. Most of the catch basins are cleaned of sand and debris and flushed with a high velocity sewer flusher.

The department during the summer and fall months performs regular maintenance and improvements.

Daly Avenue, Pleasant Street, View Street, and Stockbridge Avenue were resurfaced and sidewalks repaired. Also, the transfer station was paved.

It is a challenge, at times to maintain an infrastructure of 45 miles of town streets and all its related problems. I would like to thank our dedicated staff that makes up our Highway-Cemetery-Parks Departments for their efforts that made it possible to achieve.

I would like to thank the citizens of Dalton, the Select Board, the Town Manager, and all other town employees and boards for their cooperation, support, and guidance in helping our Department achieve another productive year.

## **MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE**

**James J. McClure, Chairman**

Once again Dalton had a very successful program in observance of Memorial Day and dedicated to the Veterans of all wars and POW/MIA's.

All veteran graves were decorated with American Flags thanks to the efforts of Dalton's Troop #4 Boy Scouts of America under the direction of Memorial Day Committeeman John Ellis, the Scout Master and directors of Troop 4, and teacher Beverly Favreau with her grade 3 students at Craneville School.

On Memorial Day, hundreds of Patriotic Daltonians once again turned out for the annual Memorial Day observances honoring the Veterans for all wars who have given their lives for their country. This year's ceremony was dedicated to Daltons Company 5 of the Massachusetts State Guard, and to all POW/MIA's from all wars.

For the second time the flag of the Town of Dalton, provided by the Historical Commission led the parade. The flag was carried by Nessacus Middle School students Sarah Hamilton and Carly Zink. Wreath bearers were from Dalton's Wolf Pack Den #42 Cub Scout Pack.

Music for the traditional parade was furnished by the Wahconah Regional High School band led by Bryan Robuse.

Line of march was: Veterans of World War II, the Korean Conflict, and the Vietnam War; the American Legion; the Veterans of Foreign Wars; the Fire Department; the Police Department; Boy Scouts; Campfire Girls; Cub Scouts; the Nazarene Church Caravan; Dalton Board of Selectmen; Dalton Town Manager; and Representative Denis Guyer.

After the parade the customary Memorial Day services were held at the Mount of the Unknown Dead in the Main Street Cemetery. The speaker of the day was Representative Denis Guyer of the Berkshire 2<sup>nd</sup> District. Others who participated in the program included master of ceremonies James McClure, Wahconah High School Orators Eric Danforth and Taylor Williams, John Ellis, Chaplain of the American Legion. The Wahconah Band played the "Star Spangled Banner" and "America". The American Legion firing squad fired a salute to the dead. Taps was played by Autumn Wells with the echo performed by Amana Davis of the WRHS band.

The invocation and benediction was given by Rev. Bryan Lambertson of Dalton's First Church of the Nazarene. Special thanks are extended to all of the residents and friends who honored us with their presence at the Memorial Day services.

Special thanks are extended to all members of the Memorial Day Committee for all their effort in putting the program together.

## **PLUMBING & GAS INSPECTIONS**

**Stanley A. Greenleaf, Plumbing & Gas Inspector**

### **PLUMBING**

Commercial .....	14
Industrial .....	16
Residential .....	52
Total Plumbing .....	82

### **GAS**

Commercial .....	20
Industrial .....	2
Residential .....	71
Total Gas .....	93

# **PARKS AND RECREATION**

**John Corliss, Director of Community Services**

My name is John Corliss and I am the new Director of Community Services of the Community Recreation Association (CRA). As a Springfield College graduate, my first job was the Director of the Dalton Youth Center (DYC) in 1973. For 10 years I had the wonderful opportunity to live and work in this community. It is good to be home again.

The CRA is an organization founded by W. Murray Crane in the late 1800's to provide recreational activities for the citizens of Dalton. In 1908 the Dalton Youth Center was built for use by young men and was affiliated with the YMCA of America. In 1922 Mr. Crane recognized there was a need to provide recreational activities for both men and women and commissioned the building of the Community House at 400 Main Street. The building was dedicated in November of 1923 and provided to the community a facility that could be used for the recreational and social activities of everyone. The CRA was created at that time to provide programs for the citizens of Dalton. People from outside communities could apply for membership to the Board of Governors, and if approved, paid a fee to belong to the organization. The Dalton Youth Center remained a YMCA with its own board of directors and trustees.

Many things have changed over the last 84 years but the one dependable constant was the CRA. At about the same time the Dalton Community Chest merged with the Berkshire United Way, the DYC and CRA merged as well, and all affiliation with the YMCA ended. The two boards joined together as did the two trustee boards to create the organization we know today — the CRA.

The CRA initially provided fewer than 20 programs for the community, the largest of which was swimming. The activities included knitting, dressmaking, millinery, drama, dance and pocket billiards.

Over the years the CRA has grown to where we offer over 80 programs to members of the community. With programs for all ages, from kinder gym and preschool swimming for infants to osteo exercise for seniors, there is always something to do at the CRA. New programs just to name a few this year are Social Skills and Personal Training, Summer Basketball League, Holiday Candy Making, Preschool Music, a wide variety of fitness class selections and WRHS Club Lacrosse. On the horizon is the renovation of the CRA bowling alley into additional fitness space for the community to enjoy.

We work closely with the schools to coordinate after school programs at Craneville School and at the DYC. We provide tutors to help students with their homework and camps for children all year round. This includes school vacations and snow days. Kids Club, the CRA's after school child care has a waiting list due to its popularity and need in the community.

How do we do this? The core staff is excellent, which includes Dan McMahon, Lisa Laramy, Mary Frost and Brian Cannon. In addition, we have program personnel and part time desk staff. But the most important asset we have is our volunteer base helping us run our programs. Each year over 1200 volunteers provide hundreds of hours to help run our leagues and activities. Without these people we could not operate -- They are the glue that holds the CRA together and what com-

pelled me to return to Dalton. Back in the 70's the young children that came to the DYC regularly now have families and they are the pillars of the community. Coaching, officiating, volunteering and giving back so their children can benefit from the CRA and what we offer to the community.

Sport activities sponsored by the CRA include baseball, soccer, softball, football, badger wrestling and swimming. In addition, we provide after school programs at the DYC and CRA for many more youth such as WRHS weightlifting and craft classes. We also have financial assistance for those in need.

Many people wonder why they have to pay for participation at the CRA. There is a misconception that the CRA was provided a trust and that these funds will pay for everything. Those funds were set up to support the buildings and grounds, with limited monies to be put into operations. In recent years monies that we would have liked to spend on upgrading the facilities have been diverted to operations to keep the members fees down. We can no longer afford to do this.

Some people believe that we are an agency of the town of Dalton. In fact, we are an independent not for profit 501(C) 3 agency. The CRA receives money each year from the town of Dalton to provide programs within the parks which are Pinegrove, Greenridge, Chamberlain and the Legion. These funds do not cover all the expenses related to the programs we manage. It amounts to a small percentage of the CRA's overall budget.

From its inception it was known that the CRA could only operate with financial support from its members. In 1923 the fee was 5 cents for a play hour. Now Kinder Gym is \$3 per visit. The CRA has to collect fees to pay for expenses each season we run a sports league. Even with support from the Berkshire United Way, plus money from the town of Dalton to administer the Parks Programs and funds generously given by the trustees and local businesses members fees are still needed.

Each year countless hours go into organization and running the leagues, with hundreds of children participating in programs from pre kindergarten to high school each spring, summer, fall and winter. Both administration of the programs and maintenance of fields take time and money. In addition we have to pay costs associated with maintaining our facilities, ever increasing energy costs and program support within our organization.

Recently support given to the CRA from Hinsdale, Windsor & Becket has helped in our effort to maintain the quality that is offered today. In addition with Dalton, the Berkshire United Way, the Benefit Association and our many fund raisers are critical to keep the CRA and our communities recreation functioning.

In addition, the support we receive from the business community is crucial to our programs. Without local businesses sponsoring teams or supporting our advertising booklets we would be unable to run our leagues. The Community Recreation Association is extremely grateful to the people and businesses in our community that support us. Without you we would not be the organization we are.

In the 1970s I came to Dalton to start my professional career in recreation. The community, the families and the beauty of the Berkshires made it a wonderful experience. So good, I have wanted to return home. The challenges are great but the rewards are even better. I am excited to be back in Dalton as Director of Community Services of the CRA. Thank you for all your help and support past, present and future. When you are at the Community House please stop in and say hello!

## **PLANNING BOARD**

**Thomas Burgner, Chairman**

The Dalton Planning Board is primarily responsible for issues involving land uses such as subdivision construction as well as the division of land. The Board is also responsible for keeping the Dalton Zoning Bylaws updated, as well as writing new zoning bylaws. The current quality of life and the “look” of Dalton is a tribute to the hard work by the people who have donated their time and talents by serving as members of the Planning Board.

The Board consists of five residents elected to five year terms and one resident appointed by the Select Board to serve as an associate member. Monthly Planning Board meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month.

In 2006, the Board held 12 regular monthly meetings as well as 10 additional meetings to address specific issues. The Silver Maple Farm subdivision is near completion, Wahconah Brook Estates subdivision is in the beginning phase of construction, Berkshire Concrete Corporation’s special permit was renewed as well as the request for rezoning property on East Street are a few of the issues Board members addressed. The Planning Board held a public hearing regarding the Adult Entertainment Bylaw as well as some changes and additions to the current Zoning Bylaws. Town residents approved the rezoning of property on East Street at the Annual Town meeting in May and the Adult Entertainment Bylaw and some of the recommended changes to the Zoning Bylaws were approved by the residents of Dalton at the June Town meeting. The Planning Board will continue to develop Zoning Bylaw changes that will further protect the “curb appeal” of properties in Dalton and help preserve the “small town” aspects of Dalton.

Congratulations to James Cervone, who has been appointed as Associate Member to the Board. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Dalton Planning Board, Louisa Horth, Karen Quinn, Richard Ladd and Stuart Sargent for their time and dedication this past year. I would also like to thank our Administrative Secretary, Bonnie Callaghan, for her continued support and assistance.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**John W. Bartels, Jr., Chief of Police**

The Dalton Police Department has had another year of great change filled with many accomplishments. The highlight of the year was welcoming back Officer Christopher J. Furlong from his 18 month military deployment in Iraq. While he was there he earned the Bronze Star for meritorious service. Congratulations Chris, well deserved and we are very glad to have you safely back with us. Another highlight was the return of Officer Jonathan R. Bishop to our ranks after successfully completing his five-month, basic training as a full-time police officer. Both Officers Furlong and Bishop began regular duty on December 4, 2006. We unfortunately said farewell to Officers Losaw and Monyahan who served as reserve

officers for our department. We wish them good luck in their future endeavors. Although we said good-bye to two of our reserve officers we welcomed Seth A. Grizey to our department. Officer Grizey was appointed as a reserve officer in August, graduated from the reserve academy December 21<sup>st</sup> and immediately started his field training after the holidays. He will make a great addition to our department.

The Dalton Police Department continues to work with the community through a variety of programs such as Triad, Dare, Dalton Police Explorer Post #240, School Resource Officer Program, Dalton Police Bike Patrol and the Citizen Police Academy. With the help of the various citizens involved in these programs our officers are more able to prevent and control crime and thus provide a safer community for our residents. All of our officers take part in each of the above programs; however, each program has certain officers who are in charge. They are as follows:

**Triad**— Sgt. Lawrence Higgins and Ptl. John Thibodeau

**DARE**— Sgt. Lawrence Higgins and Ptl. Deanna Strout

**Dalton Police Explorer Post # 240**— Ptl. John Thibodeau, Ptl. Christopher Furlong and Ptl. Jonathan Bishop

**School Resource Officer Program**— Ptl. George Adams III (WRHS) and Ptl. Deanna Strout (NRMS)

**Dalton Police Bike Patrol**— Ptl. John Thibodeau, Ptl. John Marley, Ptl. Deanna Strout and Ptl. James Scace

**Citizen Police Academy** — Sgt. Lawrence Higgins and Ptl. John Thibodeau

This year our department applied for and received grant funding to not only assisted us in running the programs previously mentioned, but to also allow additional patrols and purchase needed equipment during the upcoming year. In November we received approval from the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau to expend up to \$4,500 for the purpose of additional cruiser patrols directed at enforcement of impaired driving, seatbelt use and aggressive driving. Also in November our department received \$45,600, from the Executive Office of Public Safety, Community Policing Funding in order to support various programs and organizations in our community. Some of the organizations include the Dalton C.R.A., Dalton Police Explorers, Triad, Dalton Community Cable, the Dalton Cultural Association and the Berkshire County Drug Task Force. Additionally, we will be able to promote programs involving traffic safety patrols, underage drinking prevention and a variety of associated school programs. Our Department was also fortunate to receive through the Western Region Homeland Security Advisory Council, as part of the Berkshire Law Enforcement Council and Berkshire County Chiefs of Police, a grant for \$9,900 in computer software and support in order to create information sharing and interconnectivity between all full-time police departments in our county. This particular grant is a multi-phase project. At this time, as part of the final phase, our department has also been tentatively approved to receive another \$21,000 in funds for additional software, support and service to accommodate Mobile Data Terminals in two of our cruisers. This is a huge technological step forward for our department and will greatly enhance our ability to serve and protect our community.

For the past four years the members of the Dalton Police Association have awarded an officer with the distinguished honor of being “Dalton Police Association’s Officer of the Year”. This is a peer recognition award for actions above and beyond the call of duty during the preceding year. Nominations this year were Officers Richard A. Nicholas, Jr., Jeffrey E. Coe, Deanna L. Strout, Ryan C. Lamb and Geoffrey D. Powell. This year’s recipient was Officer Deanna L. Strout. Officer Strout was honored with this award at a gathering of the Association on January 14, 2007. During the past year Officer Strout has been the lead investigator in several, very complicated, cases involving sexual assault and identity thefts. This spring she also stepped up and volunteered to take a new assignment as School Resource Officer at Nessacus Regional Middle School. She is doing a fantastic job in this position. Officer Strout is an outstanding officer and well deserving of this award. Congratulations!

2006 was a very busy year for us in the Police Department. In general, calls for service, incidents, motor vehicle stops and citations increased by approximately 25 percent. In addition to having an increase in general activity, officers had to work 2916 hours of overtime this year — two thirds of which were during the last 6 months of the year. This was due to vacancies caused by military leave, academy training and illness. These two factors put a great strain on all of our officers. I commend every one for pitching in and putting forth a tremendous effort which allowed our department to get through a difficult year. I appreciate all their hard work and dedication throughout this last year and I am most proud of the quality and quantity of the work each one has done. A special thanks to my administrative assistant, Rebecca Whitaker, for her help, dedication and hard work. It is an honor for me to work with such a distinguished group of professionals.

**Dalton Police Department 2006 Statistics**

Business and Non 911 Calls: .....	7,934
Intrusion Alarm Calls: .....	308
911 Calls: .....	774
Incidents: .....	413
Arrests: .....	302
Motor Vehicle Stops: .....	2,159
Motor Vehicle Accidents: .....	132
Motor Vehicle Citations Issued: .....	1,179
Citation Fines Received (FY 06): .....	\$24,593
Parking Tickets Issued: .....	363
Parking Fines Collected: .....	\$2,215
Firearm Permits Issued: .....	150
Firearm Permit Fees Received: .....	\$3,200
Fines Received (Junk Car, False Alarms, Youth Tobacco) .....	\$1,350

Please visit us on our website, [www.daltonpolice.org](http://www.daltonpolice.org), or email us at, [infor@daltonpolice.org](mailto:infor@daltonpolice.org). This year we have added our Police Log. Our webmaster is Officer Gerald J. Cahalan, Jr.



## **SHADE TREE DEPARTMENT**

**Peter B. Bacon, Tree Warden**

The Shade Tree Department continues its mission of making the town's trees safe and the planting of new trees. With level funding and increased costs for removal the number of new trees planted has been reduced the last few years. State and federal grant money for new plantings is harder to come by these days which leaves 100% of the cost to the town versus 50% when a grant is received. Despite this we did plant two disease resistant Prospector elms in front of St. Agnes along with two red maples and one tulip tree near Cumberland Farms. We will continue to pursue grants and try to budget tree planting as a capital expense with a set amount each year. Currently tree planting comes out of the operating budget and depends largely on what money might be left after removals and pruning.

I would like to thank Boy Scout Troop 12 for assistance in the planting of the elm trees in front of St. Agnes. This was the towns Arbor Day celebration, which is a requirement of being a Tree City USA. I would also like to thank Highway Superintendent Dave Laviolette and his crew for their continued assistance in helping this department succeed and also Deb Merry and Dawn Fahey from town hall who forward residents concerns to me in a timely manner.

A total of 26 trees were removed and 21 trees were hazard pruned. Six stumps were also removed with the help of abutting property owners who split the cost of grinding the stumps out. If you have had a town tree removed in front of your property recently and are willing to split the cost of removal please contact this department.

## CULTURAL COUNCIL

**Margaret G. Plumer, Chairperson**

The Dalton Cultural Council's mission is to promote access, excellence, education and diversity in the arts, humanities and interpretive sciences in order to improve the quality of life for all residents. We are responsible for allocating funds received from the Massachusetts State Lottery for cultural projects proposed by organizations and individuals for the cultural benefit of the Town of Dalton. These funds are paid to successful applicants on a reimbursement basis. The Massachusetts Cultural Council helps keep our local council informed and updated regarding this and other cultural programs that are available to the town. In October of 2005 our cultural council received 30 applications for support of a wide variety of projects. The following projects were approved for funding for FY 2006:

Kathleen Bailer - Language of Clay Library Project  
Berkshire Lyric Theatre, Inc. – Concerts and Educational Projects  
Dalton Free Public Library – Earth Rhythms: Song and Stories  
Hilltown Choral Society – Choral Music Performances  
Bernice Lewis – Sugar Hill Folk Festival  
Mass Audubon Society – Housatonic River Watershed Project  
Nessacus Middle School – Boston Museum of Science  
Nessacus PTO – Cultural Enrichment Programs  
John Root – Wild Edible Plants  
Saint Agnes School – Children's Museum at Holyoke  
Saint Agnes School PTA – Bamidele Dancers and Drummers  
Berkshire Talking Chronicle – Community Access Programming  
Voices Theatre Company – A Christmas Carol

Also this year, the Dalton Cultural Council hosted its second **Dalton Arts Festival** on 6 August on the lawn at the Dalton Community Center. The festival brought together local artists, musicians, dancers, and poets for an educational and entertaining warm summer afternoon for all ages. Other participants included the Dalton Historical Commission, the Dalton Free Public Library, and the Dalton Lions Club. Guest of Honor was the Dalton Civic Association, which was cited by the Massachusetts Legislature for its contributions of creating the Christmas "Light up the Holidays" as well as providing summer concerts on the lawn at the CRA to Dalton. A raffle brought in additional funds which will be used by the council to support more projects in the future.

The current members of the Dalton Cultural Council are: Kathleen Desmarais, James Ethier, Michelle Furlong, Donald Harris, Marjorie Limburg, Monica Montferret, Deborah Parkington, and Margaret Plumer, Chairperson.

Thank you for your continued support of cultural programs in our community.

# INSPECTOR OF WIRING

John M. Broderick, Inspector

January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006

Service Work .....	35
Additions .....	31
New Houses .....	8
Furnaces .....	3
Industrial/Commercial .....	11
Security Systems .....	7
Swimming Pools/Hot Tubs .....	3
<b>Total permits issued .....</b>	<b>98</b>

## TOWN ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

Sandra J. Albano, Town Accountant

I am pleased to submit the 30th Annual Report of the Town Accountant for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2006.

The following schedules are included in this report:

- Schedule 1: Combined Balance Sheet
- Schedule 1A: Special Revenue Funds
- Schedule 1B: Capital Projects Fund
- Schedule 1C: Trust and Agency Funds
- Schedule 2: General Fund Revenues - Budget to Actual
- Schedule 3: General Fund Appropriations, Expenditures and Encumbrances
- Schedule 4: Schedule of Bond Indebtedness
- Schedule 5: Analysis of General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance

I would like to express a very special thanks to Victoria Sedgwick for her help in the Accountant's Office. Vicki's hard work, determination and integrity are a valuable asset to the Town.

As the Town of Dalton grows, so do the financial challenges. Larger capital project scope with borrowing needs and increased grant funding management keep the work in this office never ending.

## Schedule 1: Combined Balance Sheet, June 30, 2006

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Type	Account Group	Totals
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects			
<b>ASSETS</b>						
<b>Assets:</b>						
Cash and Cash Equivalents	3,246,228	106,769	1,189,469	1,724,588		6,267,054
Receivables						
Property Taxes	111,246					111,246
Excise Taxes	69,368					69,368
Tax Liens	193,982					193,982
Departmental	115	13,702				13,817
User Charges	15,850					15,850
Less: Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts	(154,493)					(154,493)
Tax Foreclosures	96,566					96,566
Due From Other Governments	13,003	335,608	71,300			419,911
Due From Other Agencies	25					25
Due From Other Funds	-			500,340		500,340
Amount to be Provided for the Payment of Debt	-				1,546,850	1,546,850
<b>Total Assets:</b>	<b>3,591,890</b>	<b>456,079</b>	<b>1,260,769</b>	<b>2,224,928</b>	<b>1,546,850</b>	<b>9,080,516</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b>						
<b>Liabilities:</b>						
Vendor Warrants Payable	69,763	15,300		1,614		86,677
Payroll Warrants Payable	2,910					2,910
Accrued Payroll	34,233	1,547				35,780
Accrued Employer Taxes	380					380
Employee Withholdings	12,517					12,517

# Schedule 1: Combined Balance Sheet, June 30, 2006 (continued)

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Type	Account Group	Totals
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Trust & Agency	Long Term Debt	Memoran- dum Only
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY (continued)</b>						
Due to Other Governments						-
Due to Other Funds	500,340					500,340
Due to Other Agencies	2,048			4,546		6,594
Undistributed Receipts	430					430
Unclaimed Items	659					659
Prepaid Highway Excavation Fees	1,050					1,050
Deferred Revenue						
Property Taxes	(43,247)					(43,247)
Tax Liens	193,982					193,982
Tax Foreclosure	96,566					96,566
Other	98,336	349,310	71,300			518,946
BANS Payable				40,000		40,000
Performance Bond Deposits					1,546,850	1,546,850
Bond Indebtedness					1,546,850	1,546,850
<b>Total Liabilities:</b>	969,967	366,157	71,300	46,160	1,546,850	3,000,434
<b>Fund Equity:</b>						
Reserved for Encumbrances	220,630		26,974		-	247,604
Reserved for Expenses	855,021					855,021
Reserved for Nonexpendable Trust Principal						-
Undesignated	1,546,272	89,922		2,178,768		4,977,457
<b>Total Fund Equity</b>	2,621,923	89,922		2,178,768		6,080,082
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Fund Equity:</b>	3,591,890	456,079	1,260,769	2,224,928	1,546,850	9,080,516

**Schedule 1 - A**  
**Special Revenue Funds**  
**Fund Equity for the Year Ended June 30, 2006**

	Balance 7/1/05	Prior Year Revenues	Transfers Corrections	In	Expenses	Transfers Out	Balance 6/30/06
Animal Kennel Donations	55	-	-	-	-	-	55
Beautification Commission Donations	1,060	300	-	-	342	-	1,018
CATV Local Broadcasting	-	73,735	-	-	73,735	-	-
Cemetery Vandalism Restitution	383	-	-	-	-	-	383
COA Formula Grant	3,352	8,382	-	-	8,062	-	3,672
COA Gifts/Donations/Programs	797	2,941	-	-	2,611	-	1,127
COA Hilltown Outreach	244	-	-	-	91	-	153
COA Incentive Grant FY99	251	-	-	-	144	-	107
COA Transportation Fund	8,435	14,518	-	-	12,377	-	10,576
Community Development Block Grant	-	150,774	-	-	148,914	-	1,860
Community Policing FY04	400	-	-	-	-	400	-
Community Policing Grant	22,828	45,600	-	400	53,909	2,816	12,103
Community Septic Mgt.	18,000	-	-	-	-	-	18,000
Composting Bin Grant	494	-	-	-	-	-	494
Conservation Commission	20	-	-	-	20	-	-
COPS in School Federal Grant	(21,793)	70,304	-	-	65,688	-	(17,177) *
Cultural Council	1,197	2,568	-	-	1,636	-	2,129
Cultural Council Donations	-	486	-	-	-	-	486
Dalton Papers	3,165	40	-	-	-	-	3,205
DARE Program Receipts	555	-	-	-	555	-	-
Dog License Revolving	3,000	13,260	-	-	295	12,965	3,000
Drug Task Force Byrne Grant	-	4,351	-	2,816	2,939	-	4,228
Electric Inspections Revolving	1,845	6,010	-	-	6,190	-	1,665
Extended Polling Hours	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gov's Hghwy Sfty Bureau Grants	(722)	6,067	-	7	7,117	-	(1,765) *
Grave Digging OT Revolving	3,631	2,250	-	-	1,399	-	4,482
Highway Chapter Funds	-	225,765	-	-	225,764	-	1
Historical Commission	3,093	1,002	-	-	1,498	-	2,597
Insurance Claims Under \$10,000	215	3,277	-	-	3,277	215	-
Legal Advertising Revolving	1,911	2,440	-	-	2,280	-	2,071
Library Donations	6,289	2,849	-	-	354	-	8,784
Library Incentive Grant	18,373	11,616	-	-	15,585	-	14,404
MA Releaf Grant	(2,600)	2,600	-	-	-	-	-
Misc Non-Recurring Grants/Gifts	5,152	25,320	-	-	40,581	-	(10,109) *
Municipal Recycling Program Grant	614	-	-	-	-	-	614
Parks Maintenance Revolving	40	-	-	-	-	-	40
Planning Board Deposits-BCC Cnslt	2,100	-	-	-	-	-	2,100
Planning Board Deposits-PineCrest	350	-	-	-	-	-	350
Planning Board Deposits-SilverMaple	5,000	-	-	-	5,000	-	-
Planning Board Engineering Follow-Up	-	11,000	-	-	6,126	-	4,874
Plumbing Inspections Revolving	-	11,955	-	-	11,955	-	-
Police Dept Local Gifts	1,965	20	-	-	276	-	1,709
Police Outside Detail	7,202	35,527	-	-	40,807	-	1,922
Police Vest Grant	-	1,700	-	-	2,040	-	(340) *
Records Preservation Project	592	-	-	-	-	-	592
Skateboard Park Donations	684	1,157	-	-	-	-	1,841
Small Cities Grant Recapture	8,671	-	-	-	-	-	8,671
<b>Total Fund Equity</b>	<b>106,848</b>	<b>737,814</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,223</b>	<b>741,567</b>	<b>16,396</b>	<b>89,922</b>

\* Receipt of \$17,177 received from Federal Government on August 2, 2006

\* Receipt of \$900 & \$865 received from State on August 8/10, 2006

\* Receipt of \$12,000 received from State on July 14, 2006.

\* Receipt of \$340 received from Federal Government on Oct. 23, 2006.

## Schedule 1-B: Capital Projects Fund Equity for The Year Ended June 30, 2006

	Balance 07/01/05	Revenues	* Transfers In	Expenses	Transfer Out	Fund Equity Balance 6/30/06	Grant Revenues Anticipated	Temporary Borrowing Issued	Projects Authorized Not Complete
Capital Projects - Departmental	(264,036)	380,250	75,050	158,549		32,715	-	-	548,372
Library/Senior Ctr. Design	(68,600)	116,600	-	13,000		35,000	-	-	618,400
COA Senior Center	800,000	-	-	-		800,000	-	-	800,000
Curtis/John Street Project	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-
Landfill Closure	148,512	-	-	231		148,281	-	-	148,281
South Street Project	96,622	250,000	-	138,599		208,023	-	-	208,023
Housatonic Street Project	(500)	500	-	34,550		(34,550)	34,550	-	36,750
	711,998	747,350	75,050	344,929		1,189,469	34,550	-	2,359,826

\* Capital Projects Departmental - Bond Anticipation Note Principal Retirement June 16, 2006

## Schedule 1-C: Trust and Agency Funds Fund Equity and Liabilities for the Year Ended June 30, 2006

Fund Equity:	Balance 7/1/05	Receipts	Due from Others	Transfers In	Expenses	Transfers Out	Fund Equity Balance 06/30/06
NON-EXPENDABLE TRUSTS:							
Principal - Cemetery	35,100	-	-	-	-	-	35,100
Principal - Library	60,000	-	-	-	-	-	60,000
Principal - School	30,000	-	-	-	-	-	30,000
	125,100	-	-	-	-	-	125,100

**Schedule 1-C: Trust and Agency Funds (continued)**

Fund Equity:	Balance 7/1/05	Receipts	Due from Others	Transfers In	Expenses	Transfers Out	Fund Equity Balance 06/30/06
<b>EXPENDABLE TRUSTS:</b>							
Cemetery	48,275	3,530	-	-	642	-	51,163
Library	137,918	8,282	-	-	514	-	145,686
School	61,152	3,789	-	-	-	-	64,941
Local Law Enforcement	223	2,074	-	-	1,703	-	594
	247,568	17,675	-	-	2,859	-	262,384
<b>STABILIZATION FUNDS:</b>							
General Stabilization	713,805	8,455	100,054	-	-	600,245	222,069
Capital Stabilization	1,224,045	34,784	375,286	-	-	379,064	1,255,051
Litigation Stabilization	210,795	7,405	25,000	-	-	9,256	233,944
	2,148,645	50,644	500,340	-	-	988,565	1,711,064
Pension Reserve Fund	67,415	2,805	-	10,000	-	-	80,220
<b>TOTAL FUND EQUITY</b>	<b>2,588,728</b>	<b>71,124</b>	<b>500,340</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>2,859</b>	<b>988,565</b>	<b>2,178,768</b>
<b>Liabilities:</b>							
	Balance 07/01/05	Receipts	Due from Others	Transfers In	Disbursements	Transfers Out	Balance Due to Others 6/30/06
<b>AGENCY FUNDS:</b>							
Dalton Fire District	-	281,116	-	-	279,502	-	1,614
Deputy Collector Fees	3,514	11,975	-	-	11,168	-	4,321
Parking Clerk Fees	-	240	-	-	240	-	-
Performance Bond Deposits	-	40,000	-	-	-	-	40,000
Town Clerk Fees	-	11,358	-	-	11,358	-	-
Town Collector Fees	2,605	13,876	-	-	16,256	-	225
State Share of Gun Permit Receipts	225	7,138	-	-	7,363	-	-
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>6,344</b>	<b>365,703</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>325,887</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>46,160</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Equity:</b>	<b>2,595,072</b>	<b>436,827</b>	<b>500,340</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>328,746</b>	<b>988,565</b>	<b>2,224,928</b>

**Schedule 2: General Fund Revenues, Budget to Actual  
For the Year Ended, June 30, 2006**

	FY06 Estimated	FY06 Actual	Variance FY06 Budget To FY06 Actual
<b><u>Sewer Offset Receipts</u></b>			
Sewer Late Fees #4245		2,385	
Sewer User Fees Fy04, #4246-05		3,079	
Sewer User Fees Fy04, #4246-06		491,621	
Sewer Lien Fees #4247		10,342	
Sewer Hook-up Charges #4467		6,500	
Pinegrove Pilot In Place Of Sewer, #4181		1,953	
Hinsdale Sewer Bill #4746		31,000	
	<b>482,745</b>	<b>546,880</b>	<b>64,135</b>
<b><u>Estimated Local Receipts:</u></b>			
<b><u>Motor Vehicle Excise, #4150</u></b>			
2001 & Prior		319	
2002		400	
2003		1,599	
2004		9,234	
2005		142,118	
2006		615,810	
	<b>623,800</b>	<b>769,480</b>	<b>145,680</b>
<b><u>Other Excise</u></b>			
Farm Animal Excise #4162		123	
Classified Forest Land #4163		-	
Forest Products Tax #4164		296	
	<b>200</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>219</b>
<b><u>Penalties &amp; Interest on Taxes &amp; Excise:</u></b>			
Interest & Penalties on Taxes #4171		21,621	
Interest & Penalties on Tax Titles #4172		6,910	
Interest & Penalties on Sewer User #4173		-	
Interest & Penalties on Other A/R #4174		1,851	
	<b>15,000</b>	<b>30,382</b>	<b>15,382</b>
<b><u>Payment in Lieu of Taxes</u></b>			
Trailer Park Fees #4165		4,608	
Pmts in Lieu of Taxes #4180		1,168	
	<b>4,000</b>	<b>5,776</b>	<b>1,776</b>
<b><u>Other Charges for Services</u></b>			
Board of Appeals #4373		624	
Planning Board #4374		410	
Zoning #4375		525	
Sealer of Wghts/Measures #4466		745	
	<b>1,200</b>	<b>2,304</b>	<b>1,104</b>

## Schedule 2: General Fund Revenues, Budget to Actual (continued)

	FY06 Estimated	FY06 Actual	Variance FY06 Budget To FY06 Actual
<b>Fees</b>			
Registry of Motor Vehicles #4175		4,100	
Municipal Lien Fees #4321		6,550	
Bad Check Fees #4330		225	
Alarm Fees #4331		1,445	
Default Warrant Removal Fee #4332		-	
Collector Late Fees Ch40 S21E #4333		15	
LIHEAPA Application Fee #4381		-	
Duplicate Bill Fee #4382		584	
Communication Center Fees #4810		15,660	
Fees - Pole Hearings #4376		-	
Highway Excavation Fees #4377		1,950	
	<b>21,500</b>	<b>30,529</b>	<b>9,029</b>
<b>Departmental Revenue Schools #4370</b>			
	<b>44,000</b>	<b>44,388</b>	<b>388</b>
<b>Departmental Revenue Cemetery #4378</b>			
	<b>23,500</b>	<b>33,495</b>	<b>9,995</b>
<b>Other Departmental Revenue</b>			
Town Clerk - Street List #4371		110	
Town Clerk - Other #4372		353	
Assessors Maps #4383		647	
Assessors' Info Requests/auth #4384		325	
Dalton Fire District Tax Reimb. #4811		-	
Photocopies #4391		504	
Town Maps #4393		33	
Recycled Goods #4329		8,231	
School Census #4841		3,277	
Charge for Bid Specs #4380		-	
Bicentennial Sales #4394		79	
Police Reports #4397		482	
Police - Outside Detail Admin Fee #4398		1,452	
Town Collector Miscellaneous #4844		254	
	<b>13,000</b>	<b>15,747</b>	<b>2,747</b>
<b>Licenses &amp; Permits</b>			
All Alcohol Licenses #4411		4,789	
Beer & Wine Licenses #4413		25	
All Other Alcohol Licenses #4414		1,650	
Raffle Permits #4455		50	
Cable TV Franchise #4458		1,181	
Building Permits #4460		25,551	
Health Agent Receipts #4462		2,025	
Police Pistol Permits #4473		2,438	
Other Licenses & Permits #4499		3,503	
Conservation Commission #4389		717	
	<b>35,000</b>	<b>41,929</b>	<b>6,929</b>

**Schedule 2: General Fund Revenues, Budget to Actual (continued)**

	FY06 Estimated	FY06 Actual	Variance FY06 Budget To FY06 Actual
<b><u>Fines and Forfeits</u></b>			
Motor Vehicle Fines #4694		18,988	
District Court Restitution #4698		5,605	
Parking Fines #4771		3,120	
Library Fines #4772		3,791	
Unlicensed Dog Fines #4773		4,806	
Police Fines #4774		467	
Youth Tobacco Fines #4776		556	
Other Fines		100	
	<b>27,000</b>	<b>37,433</b>	<b>10,433</b>
<b><u>Investment Income</u></b>			
Earnings on Investment #4820		125,700	
	<b>35,000</b>	<b>125,700</b>	<b>90,700</b>
<b><u>Miscellaneous Recurring</u></b>			
Miscellaneous Revenue #4840		1,010	
Miscellaneous State Revenue #4699		-	
	<b>-</b>	<b>1,010</b>	<b>1,010</b>
<b><u>Miscellaneous Non-Recurring</u></b>			
Miscellaneous Revenue #4840		22,022	
Miscellaneous State Revenue #4699		1,805	
Miscellaneous Federal Revenue #4540		10,328	
Workman's Comp Refund #4843		18,107	
Sales of Surplus Inventory #4815		115	
		<b>52,377</b>	<b>52,377</b>
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED</b>			
<b>LOCAL RECEIPTS:</b>	<b>843,200</b>	<b>1,190,969</b>	<b>347,769</b>
<b><u>CHERRY SHEET REVENUE: (NET OF CHERRY SHEET OFFSETS)</u></b>			
Exemptions: Vets, Blind & Srvg. Spouse #4617	5,000	4,450	(550)
Elderly Persons #4616	15,562	13,554	(2,008)
State Owned Land #4611	14,563	14,947	384
School Aid (Ch70) #4621	142,474	142,474	-
Regional Transportation #4637	-	34,953	34,953
Police Career Incentive #4661	45,019	37,746	(7,273)
Veterans Benefits #4667	-	1,500	1,500
Lottery, Beano, Charity #4671	997,874	997,874	-
Additional State Aid #4670	-	-	-
Highway Fund #4672	-	-	-
	<b>1,220,492</b>	<b>1,247,498</b>	<b>27,006</b>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS</b>	<b>2,546,437</b>	<b>2,985,347</b>	<b>438,910</b>

**Schedule 3: General Fund Appropriations, Expenditures and Encumbrances  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2006**

Dept #	Department Title	Total Final Budget Including FY05 Carry Forwards	Salary Expended	Vendor Payments Expended	Year End Department Balance	Amt. Encum- bered or Carried Forward to FY06	Closing Entries	Unencumbered Balance
114	Moderator	425	306	-	119	-	119	119
122	Select Board	21,700	16,500	2,200	3,000	-	3,000	3,000
123	Town Manager	114,288	104,272	6,026	3,990	800	3,190	3,190
131	Finance Committee	175	-	160	15	-	15	15
132	Reserve Fund	9,709	-	-	9,709	-	9,709	9,709
133	Prior Year Bills	245	-	245	-	-	-	-
135	Accountant	39,838	36,178	2,547	1,113	-	1,113	1,113
138	Group Purchasing	400	-	400	-	-	-	-
139	Town Audit	12,500	-	12,500	-	-	-	-
141	Assessors	84,408	65,635	14,213	4,560	21	4,539	4,539
142	Triennial Revaluation	10,000	-	5,890	4,110	4,010	100	100
143	Town Re-Mapping	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
145	Treasurer	48,169	34,618	8,386	5,165	-	5,165	5,165
146	Town Collector	54,716	48,211	6,019	486	-	486	486
151	Town Counsel	64,856	-	63,457	1,399	-	1,399	1,399
152	Telephone	22,155	-	16,329	5,826	-	5,826	5,826
154	Recording Secretary	3,101	3,101	-	-	-	-	-
155	Interdepartmental Clerks	39,734	39,733	-	1	-	1	1
157	Computer	8,650	-	7,960	690	-	690	690
158	Postage Meter	13,957	-	13,951	6	-	6	6
159	Tax Title Foreclosures	5,000	-	81	4,919	-	4,919	4,919
161	Town Clerk	59,296	56,559	1,645	1,092	-	1,092	1,092
162	Elections	4,663	1,434	2,209	1,020	40	980	980
163	Board of Registrars	5,400	1,677	2,047	1,676	-	1,676	1,676
171	Conservation	1,375	-	1,336	39	-	39	39
175	Planning Board/Board of Appls	18,349	17,909	157	283	-	283	283
182	Development & Industrial Comm	400	-	400	-	-	-	-

**Schedule 3: General Fund Appropriations, Expenditures and Encumbrances (continued)**

Dept #	Department Title	Total Final Budget Including FY05 Carry Forwards	Salary Expended	Vendor Payments Expended	Year End Department Balance	Amt. Encum- bered or Carried Forward to FY06	Closing Entries	Unencumbered Balance
191	Old Dalton High Maintenance	8,640	660	7,075	905	-		905
195	Town Report	6,650	-	5,482	1,168	-		1,168
196	Town Hall	101,248	36,866	58,672	5,710	-		5,710
197	Central Supplies	22,766	-	20,555	2,211	439		1,772
210	Police Department	821,596	752,132	67,196	2,268	-		2,268
222	Communications	154,376	151,350	1,106	1,720	321		1,399
240	Building Inspector	34,948	33,036	1,062	850	-		850
244	Weights and Measures	1,634	1,109	-	525	-		525
247	Meat & Cattle	1,036	1,035	-	1	-		1
292	Animal Control	19,494	16,452	2,152	890	-		890
293	Traffic Commission	1	-	-	1	-		1
294	Forest Warden	3,216	2,011	888	317	-		317
295	Emergency Management	3,816	2,905	714	197	-		197
296	Tree Warden	18,032	1,748	16,255	29	-		29
310	CBRS	6,313,043	-	6,313,043	-	-		-
320	Vocational Education	248,310	-	173,563	74,747	-		74,747
401	Town Engineer	8,000	-	2,652	5,348	2,810		2,538
420	Highway	419,200	282,231	100,929	36,040	3,955		32,085
423	Snow and Ice	146,725	23,644	122,725	356	-		356
424	Street Lights	74,200	-	74,092	108	-		108
433	Landfill Closure	12,900	-	11,633	1,267	-		1,267
434	Transfer Station	34,659	1,558	33,101	-	-		-
440	Sewer	20,250	12,242	5,894	2,114	-		2,114
449	Sewer Treatment	539,995	-	435,911	104,084	100,717		3,367
491	Cemetery	89,797	67,780	18,779	3,238	1,000		2,238
510	Health Agent/Board	21,625	20,334	887	404	-		404
522	Visiting Nurse Association	10,071	-	10,071	-	-		-
523	Berkshire Mental Health	2,000	-	2,000	-	-		-
541	Council on Aging	85,967	80,199	5,155	613	-		613

### Schedule 3: General Fund Appropriations, Expenditures and Encumbrances (Continued)

Dept #	Department Title	Total Final Budget Including FY05 Carry Forwards	Salary Expended	Vendor Payments Expended	Year End Department Balance	Amt. Encum- bered or Carried Forward to FY06	Closing Entries	Unencumbered Balance
543	Veterans Services	15,986	5,686	45	10,255	-	-	10,255
591	Berkshire Regional Planning	4,070	-	4,069	1	-	-	1
610	Library	156,134	111,568	42,612	1,954	-	-	1,954
630	CRA - Parks Programs	55,500	-	55,500	-	-	-	-
650	Parks Maintenance	37,468	23,750	13,078	640	-	-	640
691	Historical Commission	517	-	517	-	-	-	-
692	Memorial Day	1,970	-	270	1,700	-	-	1,700
693	Cultural Activities	1,530	-	1,530	-	-	-	-
710	Maturing Debt and Interest	260,278	-	254,735	5,543	-	-	5,543
710	Transfer to Capital Project Fund	75,050	-	-	75,050	-	75,050	-
820	State Assessments	36,847	-	45,345	(8,498)	-	-	(8,498)
911	Retirement	333,822	-	319,578	14,244	-	-	14,244
913	Unemployment Insurance	9,000	-	-	9,000	-	-	9,000
914	Health Insurance	711,640	-	632,463	79,177	-	-	79,177
915	Life Insurance	8,472	-	7,867	605	-	-	605
916	Town Share - Medicare	23,600	-	21,867	1,733	-	-	1,733
919	Fringe Benefits	16,090	6,022	1,680	8,388	-	-	8,388
930	FY97 Vote - Capital Projects	1,861	-	-	1,861	1,861	-	-
932	FY00 Vote - Capital Projects	6,873	-	2,133	4,740	4,740	-	-
932	FY03 Vote - Capital Projects	60,586	-	24,557	36,029	35,976	54	-
932	FY04 Vote - Capital Projects	36,040	-	-	36,040	36,040	-	-
932	FY05 Vote - Capital Projects	3,525	-	3,240	285	-	285	-
932	FY06 Vote - Capital Projects	40,147	-	12,246	27,901	27,900	1	-
941	Court Judgments & Claims	7,643	-	6,806	837	-	-	837
945	Town Insurance Coverage	144,430	-	127,919	16,511	-	-	16,511
950	Trust Fund Commissioners	229	-	-	229	-	-	229
998	Transfer to Pension Reserve Fund 84	10,000	-	-	10,000	-	10,000	-
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>11,927,012</b>	<b>2,060,651</b>	<b>9,237,807</b>	<b>628,554</b>	<b>220,630</b>	<b>85,390</b>	<b>322,535</b>

### Schedule 4: Schedule of Bond Indebtedness for the Year Ended June 30, 2006

Description	Interest Rate	Month/ Year Issued	Final Maturity Date	Original Amount Due	Outstanding
Outside Debt Limit: Landfill Closure	5.27%	12/15/1996	1/15/2012	\$1,500,000	\$600,000
Inside Debt Limit: Capital Projects Bonded Capital Projects Bonded	3.05% 4.35%	5/1/2003 6/16/2006	5/1/2008	\$502,053 \$746,850	\$200,000 \$746,850
<b>Total:</b>					<b>\$1,546,850</b>
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Authorized and Unissued Debt		Date	Retired	Bond Issued	BAN Issued
Road Projects		6/21/1999	225,000	525,000	-
Capital Projects Departmental FY03		6/24/2002	-	237,053	86,947
Capital Projects Departmental FY04		6/30/2003	-	231,607	132,393
Capital Projects Departmental FY04		3/22/2004	-	116,600	583,400
Capital Projects Departmental FY05		6/28/2004	-	97,825	30,375
Capital Projects Departmental FY05		9/27/2004	-	3,994	6,406
Capital Projects Departmental FY06		6/27/2005	-	161,564	105,936
Capital Projects Departmental FY07		6/26/2006	-	-	153,600
<b>Total Authorized and Unissued Debt</b>			<b>225,000</b>	<b>1,373,643</b>	<b>-</b>
			<b>2,697,700</b>	<b>1,373,643</b>	<b>1,099,057</b>

**Schedule 5: Analysis of General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2006**

Balance 7/1/05		2,059,130
Adjustments:		
Completed Capital Projects Back to Stabilization	(340)	
Grant Expenditure Over Grant Amount		
- Will not be reimbursed	(7)	
Payroll Payable of FY05 not being paid	621	
Penny variance - rounding issues non-journalized	1	
		<hr/> 275
Open:		
Reserve for Encumbrances and Carry Forwards	(220,630)	
Reserve for Expenses	(655,000)	
Reserve for Capital Expenditures	(200,021)	
		<hr/> (1,075,651)
Close:		
Dog Licenses (Special Revenue)	12,965	
Insurance Claims under \$10,000 Unused	215	
Other Financing Sources	988,565	
Other Financing Uses	(585,050)	
Prior Year Reserve for Encumbrances and Carry Forwards	111,323	
Prior Year Reserve for Expenses	50,000	
Expenditures	(11,298,458)	
Revenues	11,282,958	
		<hr/> 562,518
<b>Ending Balance June 30, 2006</b>		<hr/> <b>1,546,272</b> <hr/>

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**Sharon M. Messenger, Town Treasurer**

I am pleased to submit my annual report for Fiscal 2006. It has been a very busy year for our office with many challenges, but with the support of my co-workers we were able to accomplish some time sensitive projects.

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to Victoria Sedgwick, my Assistant Treasurer for her loyalty and hard work throughout the year, her dedication and integrity are a valuable asset to our office.

<b>GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES</b>	<b>Fiscal 2006</b>
Personal Property Taxes 2006	187,873.34
Personal Property Taxes Prior Years	210.56
Real Estate Taxes 2006	7,962,875.36
Real Estate Taxes Prior Years	91,764.45
Motor Vehicle Taxes 2006	615,809.88
Motor Vehicle Taxes 2005	142,117.89
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes Prior Yea	11,552.05

Farm Animal 2006	122.50
Forest Products/61 Withdrawal	296.00
Interest and Penalties on Taxes	21,620.82
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	<b>\$9,034,242.85</b>

**TAX LIENS RECEIVABLES**

Tax Liens	54,886.82
Interest and Penalties	6,910.47
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	<b>\$ 61,797.29</b>

**STATE RECEIPTS (CHERRY SHEET)**

Transportation Vocational Students	34,953.00
State Owned Land	14,947.00
Veterans Benefits	1,500.00
Abatements,Blind,Surv.Sp,Veterans	4,450.00
Elderly Persons	13,554.00
Lottery, Beano, Charity	997,874.00
Police Career Incentive	37,745.84
School Aid (Chapter 70)	142,474.00
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	<b>\$1,247,497.84</b>

**STATE COMMONWEALTH OF MA RECEIPTS**

MA Releaf Grant	2,600.00
Arts Cultural Council Grant	2,500.00
Community Policing Grants	45,600.00
Council on Aging Formula Grant	8,382.00
Traffic Enforcement Grant	6,066.64
Grant Revenue Housatonic St.	500.00
Library Incentive Grant	11,616.15
Police Vest Grant	1,700.00
Motor Vehicle Fines	18,987.50
Highway Chapter Money	225,765.00
Miscellaneous State Revenue	1,804.77
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	<b>\$ 325,522.06</b>

**FEDERAL REVENUE**

Community Development Block Grant	150,774.49
In Lieu of Taxes	1,168.00
Misc. Federal Revenue	10,328.43
Cops in Schools	70,304.24
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	<b>\$ 232,575.16</b>

**OTHER GOVERNMENTAL REVENUE**

Receipts Drug Task Force	4,350.93
Communications Center Services	15,659.91
Berkshire District Court Restitution	5,605.00
Hinsdale Sewer Services	31,000.00
Sale of Surplus Revenue	115.00
Miscellaneous Grants	25,320.00
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	<b>\$ 82,050.84</b>

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT-  
CHARGES FOR SERVICES/FEES**

Cops in Schools CBRSD Share	44,388.26
Youth Tobacco Fines	556.25
Registry of Motor Vehicle Charges	4,100.00
Trailer Park Fees	4,608.00
Sewer Late Fees	2,385.00
Sewer User Fee 2006	491,620.82
Sewer User Fees Prior years	3,079.08
Sewer Liens 2006	9,857.00
Sewer Liens Prior years	484.76
Municipal Lien Fees	6,550.00
Bad Check Fees	225.00
Alarm Monitoring Fees	1,445.00
Sale of Street Lists	110.00
Highway Excavation Fees	1,950.00
Cemetery Charges	33,495.00
Assessors Maps	647.37
Police Reports	482.00
Police Outside Detail Administration Fee	1,451.63
Cable T.V. Franchise Fee	1,180.50
Sewer Hook-up Charges	6,500.00
Library Fines	3,790.85
Unlicensed Dog Fines	4,806.00
Police Fines	467.25
Recycled Goods	8,230.93
Parking Fines	3,360.00
Duplicate Bill Charges	584.00
Assessors Info. Request/Author.	325.00
Miscellaneous Fines	100.00

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**\$636,779.70**

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT- LICENSES/PERMITS**

Interest and Penalties Other	1,851.43
Pilot Sewer Pine Grove Manor	1,953.00
Planning Board	410.00
Zoning Board /Zoning By-Laws	525.00
Conservation Commission	717.50
Alcohol Licenses	4,788.70
Beer and Wine Licenses	25.00
All other Alcohol Licenses	1,650.00
Raffle Permits	50.00
Building Permits	25,551.27
Health Agent	2,025.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	745.00
Police Pistol Permits	2,437.50
Board of Appeals Postage	624.20
All other Licenses and Permits	3,503.22

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**\$46,856.82**

**MISCELLANEOUS GENERAL REVENUE**

Skateboard Park Donations	1,157.15
Council on Aging-Van Receipts	14,518.00
Council on Aging Gifts/Donations	2,941.33
Photo Copies	208.75
Town Clerk Other	353.29
Town Maps	33.00
Bicentennial Sales	79.00
Grave Digging Overtime	2,250.00
Library Copier	295.00
Misc. Training Reimbursement	1,010.00
Police Donations	20.00
Wahconah Brook Estates	10,000.00
Library Donations	2,848.95
Town Collector Misc.	254.11
School Census	3,276.72
Miscellaneous Revenue	22,021.95
Historical Donations	1,002.00
Insurance Claims under \$10,000.00	3,276.59
Dalton Papers	40.00
Justin Way/Dwight Street	1,000.00
Cultural Council Donations	486.54
Beautification Committee Donations	300.00

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**\$67,372.38**

**AGENCIES**

Workers Compensation Refund	18,107.14
Warner Cable T.V. Franchise	73,734.56
Fees/Warrants	6,055.00
Dog Licenses	13,260.44
Legal Advertising	2,440.00
Plumbing Inspections	11,955.00
Electrical Inspections	6,010.00
Deputy Collector Fees	8,744.00
Police Outside Details	35,527.50
Law Enforcement Trust	2,033.80
Fees retained by Town Collector	7,835.00
Fees Retained by Town Clerk	11,357.64

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**\$197,060.08**

**EARNINGS ON INVESTMENTS**

General Funds	125,700.48
Local Law Enforc.	40.05
Capital Stabilization Int.	34,784.16
Litigation Stabilization Int.	7,405.31
Stabilization Funds	8,455.69
Pension Reserve Funds	2,805.67
Arts Cultural Council	67.47

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**\$ 179,258.83**

**TOTAL ALL RECEIPTS 2006**


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**\$12,111,013.85**

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## TRUST FUNDS

### ARTS CULTURAL COUNCIL

Balance June 30, 2005	662.93	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts Grant	2,500.00	
Warrants FY 2006	(1,256.19)	
Interest Earned FY 2006	57.60	
<b>Balance June 30, 2006</b>		<b>\$1,964.34</b>

### ARTS CULTURAL COUNCIL MATCHING FUNDS

Balance June 30, 2005	534.62	
Warrants FY 2006	(380.00)	
Interest Earned FY 06	9.87	
<b>Balance June 30, 2006</b>		<b>\$164.49</b>

### PENSION TRUST FUNDS

Balance June 30, 2005	67,414.49	
Town Meeting Transfer from General Fund	10,000.00	
Town Meeting Approval Transfer to General Fund		
Interest Earned FY 06	2,805.67	
<b>Balance June 30, 2006</b>		<b>\$80,220.16</b>

### GENERAL FUND STABILIZATION TRUST

Balance June 30, 2005	309,554.76	
Transfers In Special Town Meeting	404,249.50	
Transfers Out Special Town Meeting	(600,245.00)	
Interest Earned FY 2006	8,455.69	
<b>Balance June 30, 2006</b>		<b>\$122,014.95</b>

### CAPITAL FUND STABILIZATION TRUST

Balance June 30, 2005	909,045.12	
Transfers In Special Town Meeting	315,000.00	
Transfers Out Special Town Meeting	(379,064.00)	
Interest Earned FY 2006	34,784.16	
<b>Balance June 30, 2006</b>		<b>\$879,765.28</b>

### LITIGATION FUND STABILIZATION TRUST

Balance June 30, 2005	200,795.00	
Transfers In Special Town Meeting	10,000.00	
Transfers Out Special Town Meeting	(9,256.00)	
Interest Earned FY 2006	7,405.31	
<b>Balance June 30, 2006</b>		<b>\$208,944.31</b>

**PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS**

Non-Expendable Funds	60,000.00	
Receipts	500.00	
Expendable Funds	54,945.00	
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		<b>\$115,445.00</b>

INTEREST Balance June 30, 2005	82,472.79	
Interest Income FY 06	8,281.50	
Transfers Out	(514.20)	
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		<b>\$90,240.09</b>

**Balance June 30, 2006** **\$205,685.09**

**CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS**

Non-Expendable Funds	35,100.00	
Expendable Funds	2,955.00	
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		<b>\$38,055.00</b>

Interest Balance June 30, 2005	45,320.09	
Warrants FY 06	(641.86)	
Interest Income FY 06	3,529.79	
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		<b>\$48,208.02</b>

**Balance June 30, 2006** **\$86,263.02**

**SCHOOL TRUST FUNDS**

Non-Expendable Funds	30,000.00	
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		<b>\$30,000.00</b>

Interest Balance June 30, 2005	61,152.20	
Interest Income FY 06	3,789.35	
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		<b>\$64,941.55</b>

**Balance June 30, 2006** **\$94,941.55**

**LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT**

Balance June 30, 2005	266.04	
Interest	40.05	
Receipts	2,033.80	
Warrants	(1,746.20)	
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		<b>\$593.69</b>

**Balance June 30, 2006** **\$593.69**

**MATURING DEBT AND INTEREST SCHEDULE FY 2006**

Type of Issue	Date Issued	Original Amount	Principal Paid	Date Due	Interest Paid	Remaining Principal	
15 yr. Landfill Closure	12/15/1996	\$1,500,000.00	\$800,000.00	7/15/2005	35,900.00	\$700,000.00	
			\$100,000.00	1/15/2006	35,900.00	\$600,000.00	
		<b>Balance as of June 30, 2006</b>					<b>\$600,000.00</b>
Capital Projects FY 03	5/1/2004	\$135,000.00	\$(45,000.00)	5/1/2006	\$4,118.00	\$90,000.00	
Highway Projects	5/1/2004	\$165,000.00	\$(55,000.00)	5/1/2006	\$5,032.00	\$110,000.00	
Capital Projects FY 06	6/16/2006	\$380,250.00				\$380,250.00	
Highway Projects	6/16/2006	\$250,000.00				\$250,000.00	
Library/Senior Cen	6/16/2006	\$116,600.00				\$116,600.00	
		<b>Balance as of June 30, 2006</b>					<b>\$946,850.00</b>
<b>TEMPORARY BORROWING BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES</b>							
BAN	6/16/2004	\$191,917.00	\$(191,917.00)	6/16/2006	\$6,026.17		
BAN	6/16/2005	\$100,594.00	\$(100,594.00)	6/16/2006	\$3,158.67		
		<b>Balance as of June 30, 2006</b>					
<b>OUTSTANDING DEBT JUNE 30, 2006</b>						<b>\$1,546,850.00</b>	

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

**Barbara L. Suriner, Town Clerk**

As the local arm of the Secretary of State's Office, the Town Clerk serves you as the chief election official, supervising polling places, election officers and the general conduct of all elections. The Clerk directs the preparation of ballots, polling places, voting equipment, voting lists, the certification of nomination papers and initiative petitions; administers campaign finance laws, voter registration and absentee balloting, and prepares, records and reports official election results to the Secretary of State; and serves on and supervises the Board of Registrars. In addition to serving as the liaison for the Federal Census and responsible for any required redistricting; our office conducts the Annual Town Census; preparing and printing in-house, all Street Lists, Voter Lists, School Lists, and furnishes the Jury List to the Office of the Jury Commissioner.

The Town Clerk is also responsible for recording and certifying all official actions of the Town, including Town Meeting legislation and appropriations, Planning and Zoning Board decisions, signs all notes for borrowing, keeps the Town Seal, and submits all General and Zoning Bylaws to the Attorney General for approval.

In addition to the above, we recorded State Tax Liens and processed many legal claims as well as preparing search requests for same. We will continue to perform UCC searches and terminations until there are no longer any active statements on file. We issued 59 Cemetery Department Burial Permits; 32 Business Certificates; 0 Professional Registrations; 1,183 dog licenses; 210 fish and game licenses; 5 permits for raffles and bazaars; along with other various state licenses and permits. Chapter 40, Section 21D requires the Town Clerk to collect District Court fines for noncriminal disposition, not limited to but including Animal Control, Junk Car, False Alarm, Snow and Ice Removal, Alcoholic Beverages, Town Parks Playground, Failure to Pay Municipal Charges & Bills, Zoning, Noise Control, Smoking, Hawkers and Peddlers, Uniform Numbering System of Dwellings Bylaws and Board of Health Youth Possession Regulation violations. Under the Animal Control Bylaw adopted December, 1993, dog licenses are due January 1 of each year, with a \$10 late fee effective April 1, and a \$25 per dog Failure to License fine after May 1. In 2006, owners paid fines for 69 unlicensed dogs, 32 unrestrained dogs, 31 dogs and cats not vaccinated against rabies, in addition to holding fees and miscellaneous fines. Nineteen cases were filed at District Court which adds an additional charge of \$25 to cover the cost of preparing these court cases.

As local Registrar of Vital Statistics, registering all vital events occurring within the community and those events occurring elsewhere to local residents, we recorded and preserved 54 birth, 87 death and 24 marriage records contributing to the basis for the Commonwealth's central vital registration system. In addition, we processed 23 Intentions of Marriage, issuing Marriage Licenses for same; and issued 602 certified copies of births, deaths and marriages in 2006, as well as notarizing or certifying a multitude of documents.

As Public Records Officer, this office is responsible for administering the oath of office to all elected and appointed members of local committees and boards,

keeping all officials informed of the State's Open Meeting and Conflict of Interest Laws; and are responsible for posting meetings of all governmental bodies. Providing access to public records in compliance with State Records Law and corresponding regulations, we performed innumerable search requests and conducted or assisted with genealogical research for members of the public.

The Town, in conjunction with General Code, began the project of codifying our general and permanent records. Codification is the collection and organization of all of our legislation into a numbered and stylized document that is easily located and read. When this effort is completed in 2007, citizens will be able to access the Code via the Town website [www.dalton-ma.gov](http://www.dalton-ma.gov) to examine Dalton's Bylaws and the Rules & Regulations of various Town Boards.

As accountability includes maintenance, disposition, and preservation of municipal archival records and materials, we have initiated an ongoing restoration project in an effort to preserve and restore Dalton's earliest records which were decomposing daily due to acidic paper and ink which devours these irreplaceable documents until they crumble and/or are illegible. We are therefore compelled to preserve this priceless heritage for posterity, and are pleased to report that a total of eight handwritten volumes plus many individual historical records have been preserved; partially as a result of grants from the Dalton Cultural Council and the donated proceeds of Ray Fischer's book, "The Dalton Papers".

As always, I extend my sincere appreciation to my staff, Assistant Town Clerk Malia Windrow-Carlotto and Dawn M. Fahey for being the kind of personnel everyone desires. They are warm, friendly, sensitive and hardworking, and we are fortunate to have them. Please also let me take this opportunity to thank the citizens of Dalton for their continual support.

## **DALTON & THE CONSTITUTION**

"The people of Dalton were outspoken, reasonable in agreement, and willing to fight against taxation without representation, and remote governing. ... William Williams recognized the consequences of inviting another armed resistance by writing unfriendly words against the Commonwealth...he had been very reluctant to record the grievances the townspeople were asking him to write. When he finally agreed to it, he chose his words carefully." Following are portions of an unsigned draft document "written on the reverse side of a King George Tax Form" ... containing "Dalton comments on its Exclusion from the Convention ratifying the Federal Constitution (a message from our ancestors!). "in order that posterity may be informed what ideas this town entertained of their natural rights as men at this interacting crisis of our federal union, and may know that their ancestors could feel an injury, it was thereupon resolved nominally adequate – first, that all men ...are unequivocally and equally intitled to the enjoyment of certain natural rights – secondly that ... establishing a frame of government is the common and equal right of all man, and therefore the idea of any other qualification than competency of understanding and common sense in order to be intitled to a voice in that business is absurd ...- thirdly, that representation in the State convention to be held at Boston on the second Wednesday of January next (1788) ...is partial

and a manifest infringement of our natural rights as members of this community, ...- fourthly, that as it is agreeable to the dearest principals of natural justice & true liberty, that no people or person can be righteously bound by laws to which ... there has been no consent given in person or by representation, therefore the town of Dalton being thus separated from the privileges, ought in reason and justice to be exempted from the burdens and obligations of that government the rest of the community may see fit to establish, without us, for themselves.” (“This last sentence was the closest Dalton would come to separating from the Commonwealth”)

Excerpt(s) from, “The Dalton Papers” by R.W. Fischer.

(A few copies are still available for sale at the Town Clerk’s office with proceeds donated by Mr. Fischer to the Town’s Records Restoration Project.)

**Dog Licenses Issued/Fines Collected**

Males	102
Neutered Males	444
Females	85
Spayed Females	515
Commercial Kennel	1
Multiple Pet Permit (3 – 4 Dog Permits)	20
Multiple Pet Permit (2 – 5 Dog Permits)	0
Multiple Pet Permit (1 – 6 Dog Permit)	12
Transfer Licenses	4
Total 2006 Dog Licenses Issued	1,183
Total Number Late Fees Assessed	197
Total License/Late Fee Amount Paid To Town Treasurer	\$ 12,959.43
Total Animal Control/Police Fines, Court Fees & Misc. Paid To Town Treasurer	\$ 7,104.11
Total Amount Paid To Town Treasurer	\$ 20,063.54

**Vital Statistics**

Births	54
Deaths	87
Marriages	24

**Fish & Wildlife Licenses Issued**

Resident Fishing	48
Resident Minor Fishing Ages 15-17	2
Resident Fishing Age 65-69 (Half Price)	5
Resident Fishing Handicapped/Over 70 (Free)	21
Non-resident Fishing	3
Non-resident Fishing (3 Day)	1
Duplicate Fishing	1
Resident Citizen Hunting	18
Resident Citizen Hunting Age 65-69 (Half Price)	1

Non-Resident Hunting (Big Game)	1
Non-Resident Hunting (Small Game)	1
Resident Minor Hunting Age 15-17	1
Resident Citizen Sporting	44
Resident Citizen Sporting Age 65-69 (Half Price)	10
Resident Sporting Age 70 & over (Free)	52
Duplicate Sporting	0
Archery Stamp	24
Primitive Firearms Stamp	35
Waterfowl Stamp	0
Wildlands Conservation Stamp – Resident	127
Wildlands Conservation Stamp – Non-Resident	6
Total Number of Licenses/Stamps Issued	402
Amount Paid To MA Division Fisheries & Wildlife	\$ 4,743.00

### **Births Recorded in the Town of Dalton for the Year 2006**

Armbrust, Molly Aine	Lee, Addison Elizabeth
Astore, Brayden Matthew	Long, Anthony Dale II
Auger, Kelson Angel	MacDonald, Isabella Grace
Celentano, Thomas Aidan	Massaro, Ava Josephine
Coach, Riley Ann	McCormack, Katelyn Rose
Costello, Isabela Mae	Nealon, Anna Rosalie
Dahrouge, John Paul	O'Bryan, Megan Marie
Darrow, Samuel Michael Joseph	O'Connor, Aiden Sean
DiOrio, Sophia Josephine	Poljan, Kathryn Vivian
Diver, Julianna Edith	Qunitero, Leandra Noelle
Doyle, Emily Jane	Robinson, Nathan David
Ehrlich, Sascha	Scalise, Mitchell James
Garcia, Aidan William	Scalise, Vincent James
Garvey, Beatrice Dianne	Steinman, Claire Celia
Gresser, Drew Halder	Tarjick, Nathan James
Kaley, Timothy Richard	Valenti, Kyle Aidan
Keegan, Isabelle Ann	Vincelette, Jr., Marc Charles
Knowlton, Bella Sofia	Williams, Mary Elizabeth
Koenig, Camden John	Wilson, Marissa Lorraine
Lawler, Hannah Marie	

Total 54 (Includes Fifteen Impounded Birth Records Not Listed Above)

### **Deaths Recorded in the Town of Dalton for the Year 2006\***

Allen, Gerald	Knight, George David
Avery, Susan Frances	Kolodkin, Milton A.
Beaumier, Daniel Arthur	LaBeau, Florence E.
Borgo, Jennifer D.	Lawrence, Bernice E.

Buckley, Marilyn A.  
Burke, Helen Josephine  
Burke, Thomas Francis  
Busher, Mary E.  
Callahan, Frances D.  
Carr, Vera Elizabeth  
Carver, Elaine  
Casey, Gerald Paul  
Casey, Gladys C.  
Cheney, James Michael  
Coleman, Mary M.  
Conway, Dahlia Marie  
Culverwell, Mary Angela  
Daly, Mary Jane  
Delprete, Angelo A.  
DiNicola, Sr., Eugene A.  
Dubiski, Patrick M.  
Dufty, Warren A.  
Eramo, Lincoln  
Fahey, Barbara Ann  
Ferry, William Truden  
Froio, Nancy P.  
Gadreault, Howard A.  
Gardener, Jr., Ralph Lawrence  
Gilman, Daniel Roy  
Greb, Ann M.  
Greene, Pauline  
Gresser, Rose Marie  
Grunow, David B.  
Handley, Mary Domokos  
Haskell, John R.  
Hoose, Rebecca  
Horrocks, Sr., Timothy C.  
Horth, Grace P.  
Howard, Marie Elizabeth  
Hunt, Ellen (Nellie) A.  
Jenks, Phalice Ann  
Kearns, Mary C.  
Kirby, Mary E.  
Kirchner, Ann Terese

Lewis, Ruth M.  
Linker, Shirley F.  
MacDonald, Catherine K.  
Mapes, Jr., William M.  
Marco, Sr., William R.  
Meunier, Roland Gerald  
Middlebrook, Randel H.  
Millington, Alan Reginald  
Murrell, Kenneth Edwin  
Northrup, Ruth L.  
Opdyke, Seron Wayne  
Paquette, Rebecca Lowell  
Peck, Esther B.  
Peirce, David A.  
Perez, Carlos Vincent  
Perner, Kryzysztof Henrick  
Perreault, Jennie S.  
Plant, Virginia M.  
Quinn, Nellie A.  
Reith, Harry J.  
Rose, Alyce Marie  
Sanders, Gladys S.  
Schnopp, Eileen F.  
Scott, Ronald Richard  
Sedgwick, Jr., Richard L.  
Slowick, Sr., Francis A.  
Smith, Maralyn Jane  
Smith, Thelma Harriet  
Snyder, Barbara Rose  
Spence, Jr., Herbert W.  
Stanley, Rita E.  
Stimpson, Jr., Michael Charles  
Strait, Dorothy L.  
Sweet, Anne May  
Taylor, Catherine Caroline  
Wendell, Charles Dennis  
Weymouth, Doris  
White, Evelyn Ann  
Young, Yana

TOTAL - 87

\*Not all deaths listed were Dalton residents. Any person whose death occurs while a resident of a Dalton nursing home is included in the Dalton record. Also, some Dalton residents die out of state. Unless the family establishes the death record here by deposition, those deaths are not part of the Dalton record.

# TOWN COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Jane A. Carman, CMC

Taxes	FY	Balance 6/30/2005	Commitment Abatement	Exemption	Refunds	Received	Tax Title	Balance 6/30/2006	
Real Estate	2006		\$8,158,513.35	\$10,110.48	\$25,450.00	\$33,691.99	\$7,996,567.35	\$49,576.37	\$110,501.14
Sewer Lien	2006		\$12,368.19			\$9,857.00	\$1,205.76	\$1,305.43	
Water Lien	2006		\$2,064.25			\$1,813.75	\$250.50	\$-	
Real Estate	2005	\$162,359.56	\$3,071.12			\$91,764.45	\$67,523.99	\$-	
Sewer Lien	2005	\$2,274.00	\$199.39			\$484.76	\$1,589.85	\$-	
Water Lien	2005	\$845.70	\$105.13			\$740.57		\$-	
Personal Prop	2006		\$188,730.40	\$112.35	\$326.60	\$188,199.94		\$744.71	
Personal Prop	2005	\$245.84	\$35.28			\$210.56		\$-	
Farm	2006		\$122.50			\$122.50		\$-	
Forest	2004		\$296.00			\$296.00		\$-	
Motor Vehicle	2006		\$668,712.05	\$14,779.30	\$6,300.63	\$622,110.51		\$38,122.87	
Motor Vehicle	2005	\$56,236.00	\$106,325.77	\$9,039.22	\$6,142.88	\$148,260.77		\$11,404.66	
Motor Vehicle	2004	\$12,392.58	\$3,363.57	\$127.92	\$96.67	\$9,330.47		\$6,394.43	
Motor Vehicle	2003	\$6,027.97				\$1,599.29		\$4,428.68	
Motor Vehicle	2002	\$2,154.16				\$399.58		\$1,754.58	
Motor Vehicle	2001	\$2,567.51				\$123.44		\$2,444.07	
Motor Vehicle	2000	\$2,810.93				\$17.50		\$2,793.43	
Motor Vehicle	1999	\$2,179.39	\$35.00			\$118.44		\$2,025.95	
Motor Vehicle	1998	\$5.00				\$5.00		\$-	
Motor Vehicle	1997	\$32.50				\$32.50		\$-	
Motor Vehicle	1994	\$22.50				\$22.50		\$-	
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$250,093.64</b>	<b>\$9,140,556.08</b>	<b>\$37,615.19</b>	<b>\$25,450.00</b>	<b>\$9,071,336.31</b>	<b>\$120,887.04</b>	<b>\$181,919.95</b>	

Taxes	FY	Balance 6/30/2005	Commitment Abatement	Exemption	Refunds	Received	Tax Title	Balance 6/30/2006
Fire District	2006		\$331.87		\$8,074.39	\$270,410.75	\$1,417.06	\$3,732.05
Fire District	2005	\$5,750.32	\$88.79			\$3,764.07	\$1,897.46	\$-
Fire Personal	2006		\$3.69		\$7.25	\$6,174.53		\$24.45
Fire Personal	2005	\$6.76	\$1.02			\$5.74		\$-
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$5,757.08</b>	<b>\$274,012.76</b>	<b>\$425.37</b>	<b>\$8,081.64</b>	<b>\$280,355.09</b>	<b>\$3,314.52</b>	<b>\$3,756.50</b>

Other Than Taxes Collected FY 2006

Account	Account Number	FY	Balance 6/30/2005	Commitments	Abatements	Refunds	Received	Adjustments	To Lien	Balance 6/30/2006
Police Detail	246R	2006	\$2,797.50	\$46,432.50			\$35,527.50			\$13,702.50
Admin Fee	4398	2006	\$62.25	\$1,511.63	\$26.25		\$1,451.63			\$96.00
Sewer User	4246	2006		\$507,920.54	\$1,755.00	\$306.60	\$491,927.42			\$14,544.72
Sewer User	4246	2005	\$13,685.84				\$3,079.08		\$10,606.76	\$-
Sewer Late Fee	4245	2006		\$2,385.00			\$2,385.00			\$-
Cemetery	4378	2006	\$246.00	\$33,364.00			\$33,495.00			\$115.00
Other Interest	4174	2006		\$1,851.43			\$1,851.43			\$-
Interest	4171	2006		\$22,381.72			\$22,381.72			\$-
Returned Checks	4330	2006		\$200.00			\$200.00			\$-
Late Fee Other	4333	2006		\$15.00			\$15.00			\$-
Court & TT Ad	4844	2006		\$254.11			\$254.11			\$-
Demand Fees	247D	2006		\$7,760.00			\$7,760.00			\$-

Account	Account Number	FY	Balance 6/30/2005	Commitments	Abatements	Refunds	Received	Adjustments	To Lien Balance 6/30/2006	
Warrant Fees	247W	2006	\$6,055.00				\$6,055.00		\$-	
Deputy Fees	251R	2006	\$7,353.00				\$7,353.00		\$-	
Escrow Fees	2512381	2006	\$4,622.00				\$4,622.00		\$-	
RMV Fees	4175	2006	\$4,100.00				\$4,100.00		\$-	
Municipal Liens	4321	2006	\$6,550.00				\$6,550.00		\$-	
Trailer Park	4165	2006	\$4,608.00				\$4,608.00		\$-	
Sewer Hook-up	4467	2006	\$6,500.00				\$6,500.00		\$-	
Highway Exc	4377	2006	\$800.00				\$800.00		\$-	
Alarms Com Ctr	4331	2006	\$1,445.00				\$1,445.00		\$-	
Sel.Bd.Com Ctr	4810	2006	\$15,659.91				\$15,659.91		\$-	
Hinsdale Sewer	4746	2006	\$44,003.00					\$31,000.00	\$13,003.00	
Fire Dist Reimb	4811	2006	\$9,000.00						\$9,000.00	
Int.MM Acct.	4820	2006	\$5,723.39				\$5,723.39		\$-	
Pinegrove Sewer	4181	2006	\$1,953.00				\$1,953.00		\$-	
Dup.Bill Charge	4382	2006	\$584.00				\$584.00		\$-	
Hinsdale Calib	1791	2006	\$1,048.00				\$1,048.00		\$-	
Prep/Post Ad	247R	2006	\$60.00				\$60.00		\$-	
Clerk Census	4841	2006	\$3,276.72				\$3,276.72		\$-	
<b>Totals</b>			<b>\$16,791.59</b>	<b>\$747,416.95</b>	<b>\$1,781.25</b>	<b>\$306.60</b>	<b>\$670,665.91</b>	<b>\$31,000.00</b>	<b>\$10,606.76</b>	<b>\$50,461.22</b>
<b>Taxes Collected</b>							<b>\$9,071,336.31</b>			
<b>Fire District Collected</b>							<b>\$280,355.09</b>			
<b>Other Collected</b>							<b>\$670,665.91</b>			
<b>Total Collected FY 2006</b>							<b>\$10,022,357.31</b>			

# POSTAGE REPORT

Jane A.Carman

July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006

## Postage Expenses

Maintenance Agreement	\$618.00	July 1,2005 Meter Balance	\$315.57
Reset Charges	\$38.00	Deposits	\$12,500.00
Meter Rental	\$752.91	Total Postage Available	\$12,815.57
Postage	\$12,392.07	Postage used FY 2006	\$12,196.84
Pre-sort mailing Permit	\$150.00	Balance June 30,2006	\$618.73
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$13,950.98</b>		

## BERKSHIRE VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION

Eileen Myers, Vice President of Home Care  
Berkshire Medical Center/Berkshire Health Systems

**OVERVIEW:** The Berkshire Visiting Nurse Association has provided more than 100 years of service to the residents of Berkshire County. Our public health services are provided with the support of the Boards of Health in Berkshire County. Berkshire Visiting Nurses Association, through the Dalton Board of Health, provides disease prevention and health promotion services throughout the year to the residents of Dalton. These services include regularly scheduled prevention clinics where residents receive personal attention in:

- monitoring blood pressure
- testing blood sugar
- counseling on health related issues and
- referral as necessary to other medical care providers and wellness programs

Immunization clinics are held on request to provide routine immunization to children and adults. These clinics include the annual influenza and pneumonia clinics in the fall. Routine childhood immunizations and lead testing are also available. Communicable disease reporting and tracking is an ongoing part of the Public Health program.

### WELLNESS PROMOTION:

- 447 Individuals were served at health promotion clinics in the year 2006
- Clinics were held at 5 different sites (the town hall, community house, and the 3 senior housing sites)
- 155 flu shots were given
- Education of Triad Picnic attendees regarding the three types of influenza; seasonal, bird flu and pandemic.

**COMMUNICABLE DISEASE TRACKING:** Massachusetts Department of Public Health requires reporting of all communicable diseases, the following incidents were reported, investigated and received follow-up.

- 1 Campylobacter
- 1 Hepatitis B
- 2 Hepatitis C
- 1 Malaria
- 5 Lyme

**COLLABORATION:** Our Public Health coordinator, Cindy Croce, RN, works with the Dalton Council on Aging to provide coordination of services for residents. Primary providers, Skilled Nursing and Assisted Living Facilities receive State Department of Public Health vaccines and immunization information. Curtis Manor and Sugar Hill residents were provided administration of flu vaccine. As a member of the community health care continuum of Berkshire Health Systems, collaboration with and referrals to the other health care professionals are readily made. During time of illness or disability, BVNA professional home care clinicians provide treatment and health guidance for the entire family. Registered Nurses, Physical and Occupational Therapists, Speech Therapists and trained Home Health Aides are part of the team to provide care and assistance in times of illness and family crisis.

Berkshire Visiting Nurse Association wishes to thank the Select Board for the opportunity to serve your residents. Please feel free to call BVNA for information at 447-2862. We look forward to our continued relationship in maintaining and promoting good health in Dalton.

**Berkshire VNA Public Health Annual Report, 2006 Health Promotion Clinics**

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Unduplicated													
Male	3	2		1				3	1	1		2	13
Female	22	8	3	3	1	2		1		2		3	45
Total	22	10	3	4	1	2		4	1	3		5	55
Number of visits	28	31	38	31	24	31	8+46	26	31	27	154	26	447
Number of clinics	5	5	5	5	5	5	2	5	5	5	6	5	58
Number of clinic hours	7.5	8	8.5	8	8	9.25	3	9.5	8.75	8.25	10.25	8.5	97.5
Travel/Set-up	4	4	4	4	4	4	1.25	4	4	4	6.5	4	47.75
Blood pressure >140/90	7	15	3	11	3	4	1	4	11	7		8	74
Blood Sugar screened	1	2	2	3		2	1	4	2	2		1	20
2hr. after eating>140	1					1		2	1	1		1	7
random > 200													0
Cholesterol screening													0
Instruction											1		0
Medication	11	10	14	2	8	7	2	3	10	6		4	77
Diet	7	9	15	6	10	16	2	3	2	8		4	82
Disease	8	17	18	4	9	9	2	5	5	9		3	89
Life Style	8	7	26	8	15	16	4	12	13	8		8	125
Referral													0
Primary Care physician	3	8	1	4	4	2	2	5	5	3		2	39
Tobacco Treatment													0
Nutritionist													0
Fasting Blood Work					1	1		1					4
Diabetes Specialist													0
Pulmonary Rehab Services	1												1
Early Intervention Cardiac Care													0
Skilled nursing													0
Mammogram													0
Colonoscopy													0
Blood Pressure Recheck	18	24	26	9	20	24	4	19	20	20		20	204
Communicable disease Follow up and Reporting													0
Tuberculosis Treatment													0
Campylobacter									1				1
Salmonells													0
Viral Meningitis													0
Pertussis													0
Varicella													0
Invasive Streptococcus													0
Invasive Strep group B													0
Hepatitis B													1
Hepatitis C			1	1									2
Malaria										1			1
Lyme	2		2						1				5
Rabies													0
Immunizations													0
Influenza											154	1	155
Pneumonia													0
Other													0
Triad Picnic													0

## **WEB SITE COMMITTEE**

**Frank W. McDonald, Chair**

The Dalton Web site at [www.dalton-ma.gov](http://www.dalton-ma.gov) is attracting both residents and visitors at an ever-increasing rate. Accesses have increased twenty-fold in the last 2 years and averaged over 2000 unique visitors monthly by the end of 2006. The Home page has links to town departments, schools, jobs, publications, and community information and is easy to navigate.

Forms are available for download and can be printed, made out, and brought to the town hall, or in some cases mailed in. Historical Photos have been added with the cooperation of the Dalton Historical Commission.

Our goal is to make the site a one-stop source of information about anything and everything in Dalton.

I want to thank Louise Frankenberg for her work on establishing and maintaining the site. Thank you also to the rest of the committee - William E. Chabot, Robert J. Fox, Kenneth E. Walto, and Malia Windrow-Carlotto - for their input and help in making the site what it is today and will be in the future: the place to go for information.

## **TRAFFIC COMMISSION**

**Daniel D. Filiault, Chairman**

The Dalton Traffic Commission is a seven-member board that reports to the Select Board and Town Manager concerning traffic issues within the community.

The Traffic Commission consists of five volunteers and the Chiefs of the Police and Fire Department; presently the Commission is looking for one more member to fill our complement of volunteers.

As a Commission we meet once a month on the third Tuesday of the month or as needed to review highway projects, citizen requests / complaints and other issues that are sent for our review by the Board of Appeals, Planning Board, Town Manager, citizens and Select Board.

On behalf of the Traffic Commission I want to thank Chief John Bartels and Sergeant Lawrence Higgins of the Police Department, Chief Richard Kardasen of the Fire Department, David Laviolette, Highway Superintendent for the Town of Dalton and Esther Balardini, recording secretary for the Traffic Commission.

If there are any questions, problems or requests a citizen may have, please contact the Traffic Commission c/o Select Board / Town Managers Office Town Hall 462 Main Street Dalton, Mass. 01226.

# CENTRAL BERKSHIRE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>PHONE NUMBER</u>
Dr. Donna Harlan	Superintendent	684-0320
James Stankiewicz	Assistant Superintendent	684-0325
Robert Tensel	Business Manager	684-0325
Pamela Kenyon	Director of Special Education	684-2225
Bruce Collina	Craneville Principal	684-0209
Gerard Dery	Nessacus Principal	684-0780
Tracey Goodrich	Nessacus Assistant Principal	
James Conro	Wahconah Principal	684-1330
Martin Phillips	Wahconah Assistant Principal	
Rose Goddard	Food Services Director	684-1307
Barbara Westwood	Nurse Leader	684-0109

## DALTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mrs. Susan Carroll-Lombardi 118 Sleepy Hollow Drive Dalton, MA 01226 Tel:Res. 684-9748 Email: <a href="mailto:susnews1@aol.com">susnews1@aol.com</a> *11/2010	Mr. Stanley A. Harvey 156 Sleepy Hollow Drive Dalton, MA 01226 Tel:Res 684-5009 Bus. 494-4621 Email: <a href="mailto:stanvey@hotmail.com">stanvey@hotmail.com</a> *11/2010
Mr. John M. Chivers 44 Anthony Road Dalton, MA 01226 Tel:Res. 684-1042 Bus. 664-8100 Email: <a href="mailto:chives11@msn.com">chives11@msn.com</a> *11/2008	Mrs. Billie J. Henderson 101 Patricia Avenue Dalton, MA 01226 Tel: Res 684-5253 Cell 413/822-7168 Email: <a href="mailto:billiek11@verizon.net">billiek11@verizon.net</a> *11/2010
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Mr. Richard P. Farley 151 Sleepy Hollow Drive P. O. Box 55 Dalton, MA 01227 Tel:Res. 684-3242 Cell 413-446-4561 Email: <a href="mailto:rmfarley@verizon.net">rmfarley@verizon.net</a> *11/2008	

# TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

## Emergency Calls

For Ambulance Service .....	911
To Report a Fire .....	911
For Emergency Police Calls. ....	911
For Other Fire Dept. Business .....	684-0500
For Other Police Dept. Business .....	684-0300

## Other Town Services

All Town Hall Departments can be reached by dialing 684-6111 at the following extension numbers:

### Meeting Schedule

Accountant .....	Ext. 17	
Animal Inspector .....	Ext. 28	
Assessors .....	Ext. 10	
.....	Ext. 22	
.....	Ext. 23	
Board of Appeals .....	Ext. 29	1st Tues. 7:30 p.m.
Board of Registrars .....	Ext. 15	
Building Inspections .....	Ext. 27	
Conservation Commission .....	Ext. 11	4th Tues. 7:30 p.m.
Cultural Council .....	Ext. 11	
Finance Committee .....	Ext. 11	On Chair's call
Health Department .....	Ext. 20	
Historical Commission .....	Ext. 35	
Inspector of Wiring .....	Ext. 27	
Planning Board .....	Ext. 29	3rd Wed. 7:00 p.m.
Plumbing and Gas Inspect. ....	Ext. 27	
Public Health Nurse .....	Ext. 20	2nd Tues. 10:30 a.m.-noon
Sealer of Weights & Measures .....	Ext. 11	
Select Board .....	Ext. 13	Each Mon. 7:00 p.m.
Town Clerk .....	Ext. 14	
.....	Ext. 15	
.....	Ext. 16	
Town Collector .....	Ext. 24	
Assistant Town Collector .....	Ext. 25	
Town Manager .....	Ext. 12	
Town Moderator .....	Ext. 11	
Traffic Commission .....	Ext. 30	
Treasurer .....	Ext. 18	
Veterans Service .....	Ext. 19	Thurs. 4-6 p.m.;
.....		Fri. 1-3 p.m.

## TELEPHONE DIRECTORY (CONTINUED)

The following departments can be reached by dialing the following telephone numbers:

Animal Control .....	684-0300	24 hours a day
Cemetery Department .....	684-6117	24 hours a day
Cemetery Trustees .....	684-6117	2nd Wed. 1 p.m.
Communications .....	684-0300	
Community House .....	684-0260	
Council on Aging .....	684-2000	2nd Wed. 6:30 p.m.
Dalton Youth Center .....	684-0120	
Emergency Management .....	684-0020	
Fire Department .....	684-0500	24 hours a day
Fire District Treasurer .....	684-6118	
Forest Warden .....	684-0500	24 hours a day
Highway/Sewer Department .....	684-6115	7 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
Housing Authority .....	684-2493	2nd Mon. 6:30 p.m.
Library .....	684-6112	
Parks and Recreation .....	684-0260	
Police Department .....	684-0300	24 hours a day
Police Department Fax .....	684-6108	
Stormwater Hotline .....	684-0020	
Town Hall Fax .....	684-6107	
Water Department .....	684-6118	

**Town Hall Hours: 8–4 Mon.-Wed; Thurs. 8–6**

**Transfer Station Hours: Tues. & Wed., 2–6; Fri. & Sat., 8-4**

**Boy Scout Bottle Drive: First Saturday each month at the Transfer Station**

A REMINDER TO ALL RESIDENTS—

TOWN HALL HAS EXTENDED ITS THURSDAY HOURS TO 6 PM.

**There is a locked drop box located in the first Town Hall entryway on South Carson Avenue for the convenience of residents who cannot make payments, etc., during regular town hall hours.**

## 2007 ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION BALLOT

**Barbara L. Suriner, Town Clerk**

To Choose and Elect the Following Town Officers:  
(May 14, 2007 Annual Town Election)

- |                                     |             |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| (2) Member(s)-Select Board          | For 3 Years |
| (1) Moderator                       | For 1 Year  |
| (1) Member-Planning Board           | For 5 Years |
| (1) Cemetery Trustee                | For 3 Years |
| (3) Library Trustees                | For 3 Years |
| (1) Member-Dalton Housing Authority | For 5 Years |
| (3) Members-Finance Committee       | For 3 Years |