

WEB SITE COMMITTEE**Louise H. Frankenberg, Webmaster**

The Web Site Committee was formed to design, develop, and implement an official Town of Dalton Web site. Initial efforts in 2003 lagged due to lack of response from vendors and lack of sufficient input to produce detailed specifications. In 2004, after more volunteers joined the Committee, we decided to purchase an inexpensive software package from Avenet that was designed specifically for small towns and municipalities. The "GovOffice" software enables fast initial prototyping through a Web browser, and facilitates future maintenance by people who do not necessarily have a Web background.

The current Webmaster volunteered to set up purchase contracts and build the initial site. We purchased the software in October, paid for our official ".gov" domain name in November and had our site open to the public by January 2005. You may now visit the Town of Dalton online at **www.dalton-ma.gov**.

Expenses 2004:

GovOffice software (one-time license fee):	\$ 1,050
1 yr. hosting at Avenet:	\$ 540
Move URL from temp site:	\$ 75
Domain name dalton-ma.gov (annual renewal):	<u>\$ 125</u>
Total:	\$ 1,790

Web Committee meetings are held irregularly as needed and are open to the public; meeting times are posted in the Town Hall.

Current Committee members: Frank W. McDonald, Chair; Louise H. Frankenberg, Webmaster; William E. Chabot, Recording Secretary; Robert J. Fox, Denis E. Guyer, Timothy G. Kiely, Kenneth E. Walto