



ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE TOWN OF DALTON MASSACHUSETTS FOR 2007

Population 2007 Census (As of December 31, 2007).....	6,902
Number of Registered Voters.....	4,149
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).....	\$14.76
Tax Rate (Fire District).....	\$.45
Total Tax Assessed (Town-Includes Personal Property).....	\$9,069,694
Total Tax Assessed (Fire District).....	\$276,515
Total Valuation.....	\$614,477,890
'08 Town Meeting.....	May 5, 2008 (7:00 p.m.)
'08 Town Election.....	May 12, 2008 (10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.)
'09 Town Meeting.....	May 4, 2009 (7:00 p.m.)
'09 Town Election.....	May 11, 2009 (10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.)

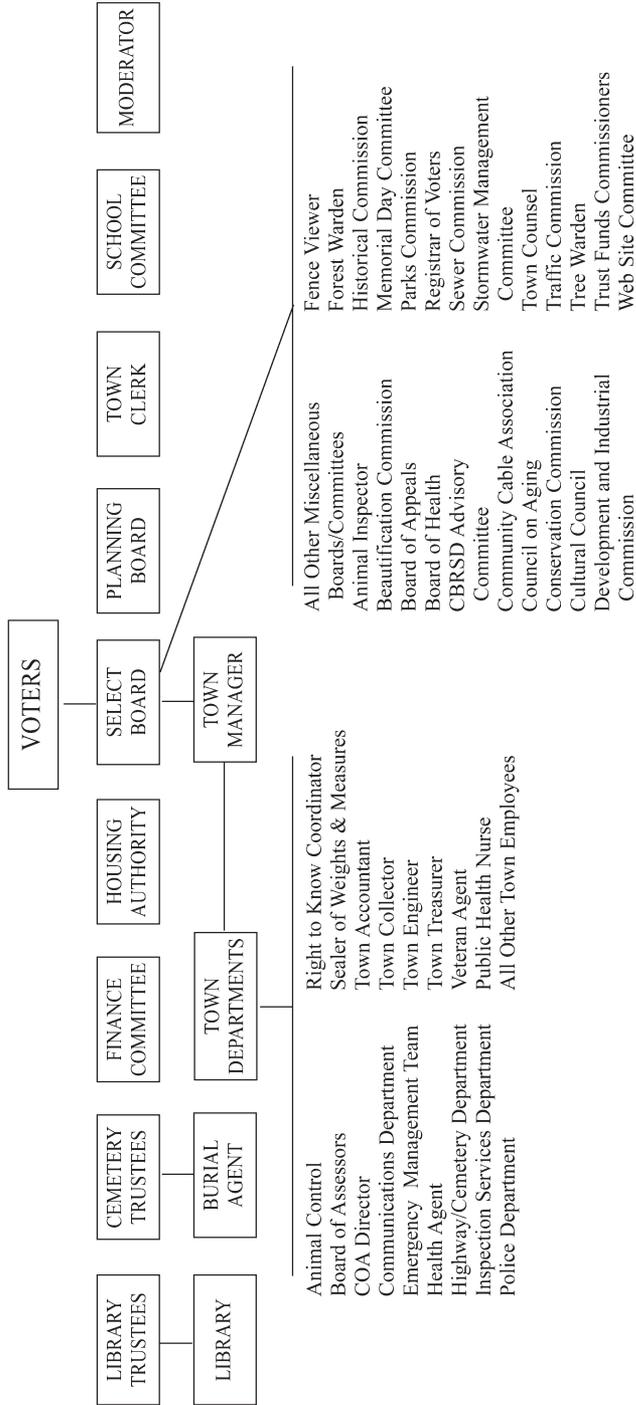
**Please bring this report with you to the May 5, 2008 Annual Town Meeting.
Please note time change to 7:00 p.m. for all Town Meetings.**

**For information regarding Town services, Community events and to view the
Town Meeting Calendar/Schedule, visit our website @ www.dalton-ma.gov**

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TOWN OF DALTON ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

	Term Expires		Term Expires
Select Board		Library Trustees	
(Term 3 Years)		(Term 3 Years)	
David E. Fairfield, Chair	2008	Kelly B. Marshall, Chair	2010
John F. Boyle, Vice Chair	2010	Judith L. Douville	2009
William E. Chabot.....	2010	Max Ehrlich	2008
Louisa M. Horth.....	2009	Robin A. Higgins	2010
Thomas S. Szczepaniak, Chair.....	2008	John Kittredge.....	2010
		Gail A. Pinna.....	2008
		Mark S. Rancourt.....	2009
		Joan M. Roy	2009
		Thomas L. Sedgwick	2008
Town Clerk		Planning Board	
(Term 3 Years)		(Term 5 Years)	
Barbara L. Suriner.....	2009	Louisa M. Horth, Chair.....	2008
		Richard F. Ladd.....	2011
		Zach R. McCain, III.....	2012
		Karen M. Quinn	2010
		Stuart T. Sargent, Jr.....	2009
Moderator		Finance Committee	
(Term 1 Year)		(Term 3 Years)	
Ronald J. Marcella, Sr.....	2008	Henry H. Williams III, Chair	2008
		George H. Bissell	2008
		William A. Drosehn, III	2010
		David E. Fairfield.....	2009
		Robert J. Fox	2009
		J. Michael Hoffman.....	2010
		Kurt Jalbert.....	2010
		Richard E. Lacatell.....	2008
		Domenico Suppappola	2009
Dalton Housing Authority			
(Term 5 Years)			
Kathleen M. Burke, Chair.....	2011		
Helen F. McGarry	2010		
Patricia A. Stottle	2008		
Katherine C. Wood.....	2012		
Robin A. Higgins (State Appointed)			
Cemetery Trustees			
(Term 3 Years)			
Marjorie E. Limburg, Chair	2008		
H. Edwin Cady.....	2010		
John P. Cooney.....	2009		

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS

(Appointments for one year unless stated otherwise)

Town Manager

Kenneth E. Walto (2010)

Administrative Assistant

Deborah J. Merry

Town Accountant

Sandra J. Albano (2010)

Town Collector

Jane A. Carman

Susan W. Wellspeak, Asst.

Town Treasurer

Sharon M. Messenger

Dawn M. Fahey, Asst.

Police Chief

John W. Bartels, Jr. (2008)

**Superintendent of Streets
Sewers, Cemeteries & Parks**
David E. Laviolette (2009)

ADA Committee
Mary E. Lamke, Acting Chair &
Municipal ADA Coordinator
Nancy E. Persson
3 Vacancies

Animal Control Officer
Michael L. McClay
Jeffrey W. Henault, Asst.

Assistant Town Clerk
Malia P. Windrow-Carlotto (2009)

BRPC Transportation Advisory Comm.
David E. Fairfield
Municipal Designee

Berkshire Retirement Advisory Board
Sharon M. Messenger

**Board of Appeals
(3 Years - Alternate, 1 Year)**
Anthony P. Doyle, Chair (2010)
Edward F. Gero (2008)
Stephen J. Psutka (2009)
Mary E. Lamke, Alt (2008)
Vacancy, Alternate (2008)

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

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

Board of Registrars (3 Years)
Elizabeth A. Erb, Chair (2010)
Doreen P. Aleshevich (2009)
Judith M. Ladd (2008)
Barbara L. Suriner (2009)

**Building Inspector/
Zoning Enforcement Officer**
Richard G. Haupt
Jerry A. Sargent, Alternate
John W. Bartels, Jr., Alt. ZEO

Burial Agent
H. Edwin Cady
John W. Bartels, Jr., Alternate
Daniel K. Casey, Veteran's Agent

Business Park Zoning Committee
David L. Kalib, Chair
Anthony P. Doyle
J. Michael Hoffman
Louisa M. Horth
Richard F. Ladd
Stephen A. Sears
Susan C. Vigeant
Ex-Officio members:
Richard G. Haupt
Kenneth E. Walto

**Cemetery Historic Preservation
Study Committee**
Louisa M. Horth, Chair
H. Edwin Cady
John P. Cooney
Gail A. Pinna
Bernard A. Smith
Thomas G. Smith

**Central Berkshire 7-Town
Municipal Advisory Committee**
William E. Chabot
Henry H. Williams, III

**Commissioner of Trust Funds
(3 Years)**
Ronald J. Marcella, Sr., Chair (2010)
Joseph S. Haddad (2009)
Ralph R. Johnson, Jr. (2008)

Conservation Commission (3 Years)

Robert W. Bishop, Jr., Chair (2010)
Thomas W. Baker (2010)
Esther T. Balardini (2008)
James S. Duffy (2009)
Edward F. Gero (2008)
Valerie A. Gero (2009)
Domenick F. Sacco (2009)

Constables

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

Council on Aging**(3 Years – Director, 1 Year)**

Susan P. Jacobs, Director
Anthony P. Doyle, Chair. (2009)
Judith M. Brooks (2008)
Marcia J. Brophy (2010)
Persis B. Caverly (2008)
Cora E. Cooney (2008)
Cynthia L. Costello (2008)
Helga C. Knappe (2009)
Joyce F. Lacatell (2010)
Mary E. Lamke (2008)
Marjorie M. Lillpopp (2010)
Maureen M. Mitchell (2010)
Thomas J. Murray (2010)
Richard A. Nicholas (2009)
Naomi K. Rauff (2008)
Vacancy (2010)

**Custodian of Property Taken
in Tax Title**

Sharon M. Messenger

Dalton Beautification Comm. (3 Years)

Annamarie Cicchetti, Chair (2010)
Mary Jane Caliento (2008)
Angela R. Dansereau (2010)
Dian D. Elser (2009)
Cynthia N. Reinhardt (2008)
Deborah D. Smith (2010)
Vacancy (2009)

**Dalton Community Cable
Association Representative**

Thomas J. Murray

Dalton Cable Advisory Comm.

J. Michael Hoffman, Chair
John J. Bates
David L. Kalib
John W. Ostresh
Domenico Suppappola

Dalton Cultural Council (3 Years)

Margaret G. Plumer, Chair (2009)
Kathleen A. Desmarais (2009)
James J. Ethier (2010)
Donald E. Harris, Jr. (2008)
Marjorie E. Limburg (2008)
Monica J. Montferret (2009)
Teresa B. Unwin (2010)

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

Kenneth E. Walto, Chair (2009)
Robert M. Alessio (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 (2012)

**Dalton Historical Commission
(3 Years)**

Louisa M. Horth, Chair (2009)
Mary Jane Caliento (2008)
Gail A. Pinna (2009)
Mary Ellen D. Shea (2010)
Mary A. Walsh (2008)
George D. White (2010)
Joyce M. White (2008)

Director of Communications

Michael J. Norton

**Emergency Mgmt. Dir. & Community
Emergency Response Coordinator**

Hubert T. White

Emergency Management Coordinator

Edward M. Fahey

Fence Viewer

Vacancy

Forest Warden

Richard D. Kardasen

Hazardous Waste Coordinator

James L. Noel

Housatonic River Restoration

Gov. Council Rep

Vacancy

Inspector of Animals

(State Appointed)

Michael L. McClay

Inspector of Plumbing

Stanley A. Greenleaf

Richard A. DeGiorgis, Alternate

Inspector of Wiring

John M. Broderick

Ronald A. Smith, Alternate

Brian M. Smith, Substitute Asst.

Licensing Board

Select Board

Librarian

Doris J. Lamica

Local Census Liaison

2010 Federal Census

Barbara L. Suriner

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

**Mobile Home Park Rent
Control Board (5 Years)
(Select Board members 3 Years)**

David E. Fairfield, Chair (2008)

John F. Boyle (2010)

William E. Chabot (2010)

Louisa M. Horth (2009)

Thomas S. Szczepaniak (2008)

Open Space Committee

Stuart T. Sargent, Jr., Chair

Peter B. Bacon

Thomas W. Baker

J. Dicken Crane

Daniel D. Filiault

Mary E. Lamke

Dominick F. Sacco

Mary A. Walsh

Vacancy

Parks Commission

Select Board

Planning Board, Associate

Vacancy

Police Matrons

Nancy L. Daniels

Melissa A. Phelps-Utter

Public Safety Official

Rudolph Gagliardi, II

Recording Secretary

Sarah J. Frankland

Esther T. Balardini, Alternate

Vacancy, Alternate

Regional Planning Commission

Stuart T. Sargent, Jr.

Richard F. Ladd, Alternate

Right to Know Coordinator

James L. Noel

Regional Transit Authority

David E. Fairfield

Kenneth E. Walto, Alternate

Sealer of Weights & Measures

Paul K. Vacchina

Sewer Commission

Select Board

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

Matthew T. Provencher

2 Vacancies

Stormwater Management Commission

James L. Noel, Chair (2010)

Timothy M. Allesio (2010)

Robert W. Bishop, Jr. (2008)

Llewellyn E. Clark (2010)

Edward F. Gero (2008)

Richard F. Ladd (2009)

Dennis Regan (2010)

Ex-Officio members:

Richard G. Haupt

David E. Laviolette

Town Counsel

Kopelman and Paige, P.C.

Traffic Commission

Daniel D. Filiault, Chair

John W. Bartels, Jr.

Richard F. Kaley

Adelard J. Nadeau

Edmund Strzepa

Richard D. Kardasen

Tree Warden

Peter B. Bacon

Veterans Agent

Daniel K. Casey

Waste Management Study Committee

Jennifer S. Gitlitz, Chair

Camillius B. Cachat, Jr.

Peter Cachat

Edward F. Gero

Vacancy

Web Site Committee (2 Years)

Frank W. McDonald, Chair (2009)

William E. Chabot (2009)

Louise H. Frankenberg (2009)

Kenneth E. Walto (2009)

Vacancy (2009)

SELECT BOARD

David E. Fairfield, Chairman

Looking back at the fiscal year 2007, it would seem that financially things could not be much worse. However, it would appear that Dalton is heading into what may be some of the most difficult times financially since the early 1990s, when the Town was forced to cut staff and hours of operation.

For years the town has been able to off-set the tax rate with free cash and other reserves. However, as the Town must try to level-fund its departments, due to the restraints of Proposition 2½, the ability for Dalton to generate new free cash is becoming increasingly more difficult.

This past year, new growth was one-third or less than that of years past. A sign that the national housing market's decline has had an impact here as well.

This dilemma is being met head on by the Select Board. The Board has looked at new ways to cut costs and generate new sources of income. The Board has asked for all town departments, as well as the Central Berkshire Regional School District to limit budget increases to between two to three percent (2%-3%). I am happy to report that yet again, the town has met this request and still continues to provide the essential services that Dalton residents have enjoyed throughout the years past. Without the dedication of the town of Dalton's department managers and exceptional staff, these results could not be attained.

The town residents have spoken out clearly as well, when at last year's annual town meeting, proposals for a new Library and Senior Center Project, to be constructed at the Old Dalton High were narrowly defeated. However, the Senior Center Building Committee is currently exploring different options including new locations as well as building possibilities.

Dalton has a number of road and bridge projects set to get underway. These improvements will take quite some time to complete and will make travel to and through Dalton a bit difficult, but in the end will be well worth the effort. Please remember to take it slow during the duration of these repairs.

I wish to thank the Select Board members, Thomas Szczepaniak, William Chabot, Louisa Horth and our newest member John Boyle. John was previously a member as well as chairman of the Dalton Select Board and offers many years of experience in which to draw upon. Also, this town would not be what it is without the tremendous efforts of all our town employees, elected officials and so many volunteer committee members whose tireless commitment often goes unnoticed. Yet, if we were to lose any of these vital services, Dalton would certainly be less appealing.

A special thanks to our Town Manager, Kenneth Walto who goes well beyond his duties and without his efforts, Dalton would not function as well as it does.

During the next few years, Dalton will be ever changing in its attempts to secure more state aid, new sources of growth, and the encouragement of new business development. All in an attempt to minimize the impact to its taxpayers and still maintain the quality of life and sense of community that for years Dalton residents have become accustomed to.

TOWN MANAGER

Kenneth E. Walto, Town Manager

After five years of planning, a proposal for a new library and senior center was submitted to the Annual Town Meeting on May 7th. The approximately \$15 million dollar proposal consisting of three components: a library, a senior center and an historical museum, was submitted as three articles to allow all or a portion of the project to go forward. The Town had been awarded a \$2.6 million dollar grant from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners and had reserved \$800,000 for the senior center. A two-thirds vote was required to approve the borrowing needed to construct the facility. While the measures for the library and senior center gained a majority of vote, neither was approved by two-thirds. No action was taken on the museum proposal as it was not intended as a “stand alone” structure. “Debt exclusion” ballot questions at the Annual Town Election on May 14th were also defeated.

Also, the Annual Town Meeting approved a Town operating budget of \$5,646,795 for the 2008 Fiscal Year. Expenditures increased by \$255,238 over the previous year. The Central Berkshire Regional School District FY 2008 school assessment of \$6,994,990 was also approved. The budget increase was \$368,700.

Town Revenues were projected to increase modestly by approximately \$13,000 a gain of 1.5%; and state aid increased by \$57,349 (3.8 %) primarily due to restoration of Lottery funding.

The town managed to stay under its proposition 2½ levy limit by utilizing a total of approximately \$1.0 million in reserves, free cash and other state reimbursements. Nonetheless, the budget required a tax increase of 4.2%.

The Select Board adopted a \$10 million dollar five-year capital plan in June. State and Federal sources will pay for approximately seventy-five percent of the projected expenses with the town making up the balance via debt, cash reserves and gifts. In June, the town approved \$294,536 to fund the Annual Element of the plan: \$234,000 is to be borrowed and \$60,536 was appropriated from the Capital Stabilization Fund.

Engineering and Right of Way acquisition for the reconstruction of South Street, completed in the fall of 2006, enabled Federal funding to be secured. The Commonwealth opened construction bids in the fall of 2007. JH Maxymillian was the low bidder at just under six million dollars. Construction is expected to commence in the spring of 2008. Housatonic Street design is approaching completion. Right of Way acquisition is expected to begin in 2008.

At the fall town meeting in November, \$1,110,000 was approved for the design, engineering and construction of exterior renovation and repairs to the Town Hall. These funds will be used primarily to replace roofs and windows and repair masonry. This is the first significant renovation undertaken in thirty years.

The Berkshire Regional Planning Commission continued its assistance to the town in order to comply with Federal mandates for storm water management. The November Town Meeting approved a storm water management by-law which seeks to prevent illicit (polluting) discharges into the storm water system.

In December, a new emergency communications center opened in the Police Department. The center was moved from the Fire Department and all new equipment was acquired with the help of the state.

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.

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 Seven was the fifth full year of operation for the commission.

During its fifth year, work continued on the creation of an Industrial Park. The Berkshire Regional Planning Commission is assisting the town in this effort. 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.

In April the state awarded \$3 million to Dalton and Pittsfield in order to reactivate the dormant rail siding into Ashuelot as part of a project to build a bio-diesel fuel production plant there.

In June, the Town Meeting accepted the provisions of Chapter 43D which creates an "Expedited Permitting" area on industrial parcels of land in I-1 or I-2 classifications in the target area between South Street and Hubbard Avenue. Subsequently in December, the state awarded the Town a \$90,000 "Smart Growth"

Technical Assistance Grant. That grant will be used to study traffic flows, study the re-organization of Town development agencies and do other legal work necessary to achieve expedited business permitting in the designated area. Also, Mass Development will work with the Town to create a special infrastructure financing district in the target area.

A business zoning committee was created to revise zoning in the target area. It is expected that a new zoning by-law will be brought forward for approval in 2008.

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.

I 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. Alessio	Augustus J. Schnopp, Jr.
Charles J. Dooley, Vice-Chair	William A. Suriner
Michael J. Ferry	Kenneth E. Walto, Chairman
David L. Kalib	William R. Wilson, Jr.
J. Michael Hoffman	Susan C. Vigeant
Stephen A. Sears	

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER & STATE ANIMAL INSPECTOR

Michael L. McClay

It has been another busy year for Animal Control issues. Along with my regular duties, there were four (4) dog bite cases and two (2) cat bite cases. Wildlife issues are increasing every year as we spend more time in their habitat. As the rabies problem still exists, I urge all residents to avoid close contact with any stray animals, domestic or wild. I also urge all residents to make sure that their pets are kept up-to-date with their rabies vaccinations as required by state law.

Please remember that all dogs over the age of six (6) months must be licensed. If you have any questions regarding domestic or wild animals, I can be reached by voicemail at 684-6111 Ext. 52. If you need immediate help, please call 684-0300. A copy of our animal control Bylaws can be found on the Town of Dalton website at www.dalton-ma.gov.

BOARD OF APPEALS

Anthony P. Doyle, Chairman

The Dalton Board of Appeals (also known 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 expires each year. Two alternate members may be appointed annually to one-year terms.

Dalton has a three-member board, which requires that all favorable decisions must be unanimous otherwise they are considered denied. Two alternate members are available to 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
Stephen Psutka, Vice-Chairman
Edward Gero, Clerk
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 by-laws.
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 2007 calendar year, the Board held nine public hearings. Five were hearings for special permits and two were hearings for variances and two were hearings for renewal of special permits previously issued by the Board.

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 the town hall and all meetings are open to the public.

DALTON BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Michael J. Britton, Chairperson

2008 brings to the Town several financial challenges. Both at home and at the municipal level budgets are getting tight.

The Town of Dalton is in a building slump. 2007 brought one (1) new dwelling and sees several new houses (developer owned) still for sale, and vacant land in a development not being purchased. Without development of new houses the town will not see new revenue, and will have to shift the burden onto the taxpayers who are seeing increases from all avenues. The big concern we as assessors have is the elderly (senior) home owners and to help them, changes were made to the elderly exemptions at Special Town Meeting this year. First the minimum age a person can seek the exemption has been lowered to 65 years on or before July 1st. Second the maximum income limits were raised to \$20,000 for a single person and \$30,000 annually if married. Lastly, the amount of savings or stocks and bonds was adjusted upward to \$40,000 if single and \$55,000 if married. So if you meet these guidelines or have questions please stop by or call the assessors office.

Unlike the national reported trends, the Berkshires and Western Massachusetts sales prices have not fallen or bottomed out. The real estate market has seen longer days on the market but not lower asking or selling prices. The Massachusetts General Law requires that property for taxation purposes be assessed at 100 % or full and fair market value. The Town has for the past two years been conservative and assessing at 94 % of market value. This is a percent of all sales for calendar years 2005 and 2006. The sales for 2007 show the same percentage. We are faced with the question, raise values now or wait to see if the market drops within the next year.

On State level again, we see little or no increases in state aid to help offset the rising cost of meeting the state requirements to run local government or educate our children. We do see a group trying to eliminate the Motor Vehicle Excise tax. The Town would stand to lose revenues on average of \$700,000.00 per year and see an increase in the tax rate of over \$1.00. Another bill that has been proposed is to change the 2.5 % allowed adjustment in the Town Budget to 1.0 % which means less money the town can raise, and more cost cutting and less services like police, fire, highway (road repair and maintenance). We will see more requests for borrowing and/or debt exclusions as is happening now to do repairs to the Town Hall. These repairs have been put off due to budget concerns like not raising the tax rate. The Assessor's would recommend calling your state representatives to encourage them to vote these things down.

Statistical Report for the year as follows:

Tax Levy Calculation	Fiscal 2007	Fiscal 2008
Total Amount to be Raised	\$ 13,375,983.58	\$ 13,608,111.82
Total Estimated Receipts and other Revenue Sources	\$ 4,789,760.00	\$ 4,538,418.17
Net Amount to be Raised by Taxes	\$ 8,586,223.58	\$ 9,069,693.65
Assessed Value of Real Property	\$605,943,795.00	\$614,477,890.00
	\$14.17	\$14.76

Fiscal Year	Town Tax Rate	Fire District Tax Rate	Valuations	Taxes to be Raised
2008	\$ 14.76	\$ 0.45	\$ 614,477,890.00	\$ 9,069,693.65
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

Number Assessed on Personal Estate	309
Number Parcels Assessed on Real Estate	2,691
Number Assessed on Farm Animal Excise	1
Number of Acres Land	13,467

Number of Dwellings (Family) Units	2008	2007	2006	2005
One Family	1,940	1,929	1,917	1,915
Two Family	176	182	184	183
Three Family	24	23	24	25
Multi - Family*	33	32	31	31
Condominiums	109	109	103	64
Mobile Homes**	40	40	40	40
Multiple Houses on Parcel	6	6	6	6
Total	2,328	2,321	2,305	2,264

* Multi-Family is 4 units and above

** Mobile Homes include Trailer Park (36)

Motor Vehicle Excise

Year	No. of Vehicles	Value	Abatements	Excise
2007	7,416	\$34,816,400.00	\$19,083.21	\$758,072.61
2006	7,285	\$33,534,900.00	\$20,519.90	\$743,046.80
2005	7,539	\$36,434,750.00	\$22,548.33	\$773,967.58
2004	7,427	\$34,981,850.00	\$20,497.55	\$759,067.92
2003	7,420	\$33,507,400.00	\$24,787.26	\$723,845.67
2002	7,180	\$29,122,450.00	\$17,573.91	\$660,850.59

Exemptions

Fiscal Yr.	No. Granted	Total
2008	73	\$32,250.00
2007	78	\$32,650.00
2006	74	\$27,775.00
2005	79	\$27,600.00
2004	93	\$32,175.00
2003	104	\$35,125.00

Real & Personal Property Abatements

FY	Amount Abated
2008	\$6,888.93
2007	\$10,257.87
2006	\$16,198.15
2005	\$30,605.18
2004	\$7,277.49
2003	\$4,751.66

TOWN MODERATOR

Ronald J. Marcella

I would like to report that during this past year 2007, an interesting event took place in Egremont, Massachusetts that challenged the way town meetings are conducted regarding non-registered voters of a town speaking at meetings.

Thomas Curnin, an attorney and Miriam Curnin, a former mayor of Larchmont, N. Y., brought a law suit against the town and several of its officials claiming "unlawful discrimination" against them. Their suit claimed they were denied a right to speak at the 2005 town meeting on issues important to them as taxpayers including a sewer project, a zoning law and a \$350,000.00 fire truck. They further alleged that at the annual meeting in June 2006 and during the special June meeting, proposals were voted on before Thomas Curnin and another non-voter had an opportunity to speak.

In December 2007 the Berkshire Eagle reported an article concerning the couple, whose legal address is in Larchmont, New York and are not registered voters in Egremont. The couple own a 120-acre residence on Shun Toll Road and are part time residents of Egremont. The article reported that two federal court rulings

have been handed down, the first, in April and the second in December, denying the couples injunction that would have allowed them to speak at town meetings.

U.S. District Court Judge Michael Posner in June of 2007 ruled that being a property owner and payment of taxes does not give non-voting members of the town a status equal to voting members when it comes to speaking at town meetings. Judge Posner also stated that Curnins' assertion that the town officials had engaged in so called "view point discrimination" while allowing voters to be heard and preventing non-voting members to speak was unfounded.

The Curnins appealed the decision to the First Circuit Court of appeals asserting Egremont's voters to be a legislative rulemaking body similar to the U.S. Congress.

The first and fourteenth amendments to the constitution prohibit town officials from arbitrarily restricting the free speech of people at town meetings.

On November 29, the Circuit Court ruled that town meeting is a legislative body in deliberation. The Curnins are not registered to vote in Egremont and therefore are not town meeting legislators. The First Amendment does not give non-legislators the right to speak at meetings of deliberative legislative bodies regardless of whether they own property or pay taxes.

Attorney Judith Knight, the Curnin's attorney, in filing a summary judgment motion in the U.S. Court hopes that the additional information will allow the court to consider a broader record. Judge Posner, who originally ruled on the case, said he didn't think the new information will affect the ruling in any way. Attorney Knight said the Curnins are waging a campaign to convince the town officials to reconsider non-voting residents a right to speak at town meetings.

Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 71 section 16b allows School Superintendents of regional school districts who are non-voters of a town within the district to speak at town meetings on matters relating to the regional school district budget. This statute supersedes any town bylaw that may be in effect regarding this subject.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

Anmarie Cicchetti, Chairperson

The Dalton Beautification Commission is celebrating its 6th year. Established in 2001 by the Dalton Select Board, the DBC was in response to interest expressed in the community that more might be done to enhance Dalton's Main Street. Currently, the DBC has created two large median gardens at the junctures of Main and North Street and at the median across from Wahconah Country Club. DBC has decorated the Main Street bridge with eight hay-trough baskets filled to overflowing and smaller displays at 707 Main Street, the entrance to South Street, the Dalton Library, and the entrance to the Dalton Cemetery.

The Commission is made up of seven members, volunteers appointed by the Select Board serve three-year terms. Current members are Mary Jane Caliento,

Chairperson Annmarie Cicchetti, Angela Dansereau, Susan DeBlasiis, Diane Elser, Secretary Deborah Smith, and Cynthia Reinhardt. The DBC's funding source is a small annual stipend from the town, which has been supplemented in the past by gifts from the Dalton Rotary, a grant from the Berkshire Garden Club, and donations from private citizens in the community.

Community support for the Commission's projects is most appreciated from compliments received by residents who enjoy the floral displays to the hands-on volunteers who assist with the most difficult tasks of preparing, transporting and planting spring/summer annuals to those citizens who join the DBC's weekly weeding party and who help in the removal of annuals and prepare the several gardens for winter.

The scope of the community effort is also evidenced by the generosity of the Dalton Fire Department who waters our larger gardens throughout the growing season, thus allowing the colorful displays to flourish. Additionally, the Dalton Highway Department has assisted in the initial preparation of the DBC's two, larger, median gardens and at 707 Main Street, and has helped with the annual storage of the baskets. Finally, the Mass Highway Department has been most helpful in cleaning the road areas surrounding our gardens, removing accumulated salt/sand deposits after winter's plowing activities and several years ago, painted the Main Street bridge.

The Dalton Beautification Commission has served cooperatively with the Downtown Development Review Committee's initiative to evaluate and to disburse funds to local businesses for improvements and exterior renovations, resulting overall in a more attractive Main Street. The DCB has also joined with the Council on Aging to provide benches along the main corridor to encourage exercise and to promote the enjoyment of public, outdoor areas. In 2006, through the efforts of St. Agnes' handymen and DBC volunteers, eleven teak benches—the design selected by the DBC—were placed at various locations along Main Street. In September, six additional benches will be added, all funded by local businesses and private donations.

The Dalton Beautification Commission's primary goal to add to the beauty of Dalton's Main Street seems not only to have succeeded by the evidence of more and more garden displays in private yards and businesses suggest a community-wide momentum. All of Dalton and the DBC's membership seem to have increased pride in Dalton's lovely, rural, New England setting, offering pleasure to inhabitants and visitors who travel through the community.

The DBC meets the first Tuesday of the month for planning and throughout the growing season for weekly maintenance of the planted areas, gathering Monday evenings at 6 PM at the Dalton United Methodist Church parking lot. All Dalton residents are welcomed to participate. Any questions may be directed to Commission members or to Annmarie Cicchetti at 684-3966.

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

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

In 2007, we conducted Special Registration Sessions prior to the May 7 Annual Town Meeting and the May 14 Annual Town Election; the June 25 and November 19 Special Town Meetings. Scheduled 2008 Special Registration Sessions will be held from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. on April 15, the last day to register to vote at the May 5 Annual Town Meeting and May 12 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 269 new voters plus address changes on existing active and inactive voters, checked 1,271 signatures for certification on the 4 Initiative Petitions/Public Policy Questions, 10 Nomination Papers in circulation in 2007; and deleted 234 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 12, 2008 Annual Town Election ballot will be available February 4 at the Town Clerk's office. The deadline for submission of papers to the Board of Registrars is 5:00 p.m. on March 24, 2008, 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 undistinguishable 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 online 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 William D. Striebel, Sr. of 322 Hinsdale Rd, #2 who was born December 03, 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, 2007 are as follows:

REGISTERED VOTERS:

Democrats	1,312	(29.68%)
Republicans	571	(12.92%)
Green-Rainbow	5	(0.11%)
Working Families	2	(0.05%)
*Inter. 3 rd Party	1	(0.02%)
*Libertarian	13	(0.30%)
*(Political Designation)		
Unenrolled (a/k/a Independent)	2,516	(56.92%)

TOTAL ACTIVE REGISTERED VOTERS	4,149
TOTAL INACTIVE REGISTERED VOTERS	<u>271</u>
TOTAL ALL REGISTERED VOTERS	4,420
TOTAL POPULATION	6,902

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 4PM 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.

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 regulations. 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 public nuisance complaints. 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.

PLUMBING & GAS INSPECTIONS

Stanley A. Greenleaf, Plumbing & Gas Inspector

Plumbing Permits Issued in 200762
Gas Permits issued in 200790
Total Plumbing & Gas permits issued in 2007 152

PLUMBING	GAS
Residential 47	Residential 71
Commercial 9	Commercial 14
Industrial..... 6	Industrial.....5

BUILDING INSPECTIONS DEPARTMENT

Richard G. Haupt, Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement Officer

There has been a considerable renovation and repair construction here in town this past year while the number of new house starts plummeted compared with the previous year. The total number of permits is down slightly from the previous year.

Year 2007 Permits Issued: 245 Declared Value: \$4,272,555

The breakdown of permits issued is as follows:

New Homes	2
Residential Additions and Remodeling	147
Accessory Buildings	14
Pools	2
Demolition	3
Commercial Additions and Renovations	21
Signs	11
Solid Fuel Appliances	31
Fences	12
Residential Garages	0
New Commercial Building	2

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

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

Cemetery Trustees

To the citizens of the Town of Dalton, we respectfully submit the following report for the calendar year 2007.

There were 59 burials in 2007, 26 memorial foundations poured, 7 flush markers installed, and 8 veterans' markers were put into place.

New lots were assigned to the following 12 families:

Helen Auger	John Farrell	Leo Lepotakis	Pauline Beauchemin
Warren Drew	Ruth Lebeau	Don Elser	Richard Kerans
Viola Blake	Pierce Hayes	David Byrd	Eileen O'Boyle

Again we thank the Highway & Cemetery Department 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.

The Historic Landscape Report & Gravestone/Monument Inventory/Assessment was completed by Martha Lyon Landscape Architecture, LLC, under contract with the Town. The report covers our three town cemeteries which are included in the National Register of Historic Places, that is, East Main Street Cemetery, Fairview Cemetery, and Main Street Cemetery. The report will now be used to guide the Town through the process of performing cemetery repairs and restorations, commencing with gravesite historic memorials which need our kind attention. Anyone who wishes to contribute to this important improvement work may do so to the Town of Dalton, Cemetery Repair Donation Account (historic preservation). We look forward to the work being under way in 2008.

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

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

Six dead trees were removed from Main Street Cemetery, in May.

A new Urn Garden sign was installed at Ashuelot Cemetery in the fall.

Roadway paving improvements were made at various times.

The northern portion of the iron fence along Curtis Avenue was cleaned and repainted by Eagle Scout Parker Williams and many helpers, a fine improvement.

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

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 Street 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.

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. The Commission has also been busy working on the regulations for the Scenic Mountain Act.

Membership on the Commission has been relatively stable in 2007. The Commission welcomes conservation-concerned citizens to attend monthly meetings. The Commission's monthly meetings are held 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
Valerie Gero
Domenick Sacco

Associate Members

Katherine Garcia
Margit Hotchkiss
Kelly Marshall

Statistics for 2007

Determinations of Applicability	6
Hearings for Notices of Intent	
Certificates of Compliance	4
Extension of Orders of Conditions	0
Field Site Inspections	30
Enforcement Orders	2
Request for Determination of Applicability	6
Wetland Violations	3
Emergency Permits	1

COUNCIL ON AGING

Susan Jacobs

The Council on Aging respectfully submits its report for Fiscal Year 2007. This department was kept busy with a number of issues including helping residents understand the seemingly endless changes in retiree health insurance programs, meeting requests for transportation, family assistance for aging parents/grandparents and the library/senior center project.

The defeat of the proposed Library/Senior Center/Historical Museum complex in May, 2007 sent the COA back to the drawing board. The COA board members are still committed to the development of a drop-in center for our community. Following the May votes and with the encouragement of the Town Manager and Select Board, the COA board formed a building committee to explore other options utilizing the \$800,000 set aside in March, 2000 for senior center space.

Statistical Overview: Of Dalton's general population, 1,471 are age 60 and over, or 21% of our total population. During this reporting period, the number of Dalton elders and non-elders receiving direct services totaled 902. Of those over age 60, 63% were women and 37% men. Forty-nine percent of those receiving services were age 75 or over.

Ninety-four residents utilized the COA Lift Van, taking 3,097 rides; sixty-four women participated in the Osteoporosis Prevention Exercise Classes 1,274 times and 49 people ate 1,026 meals at the Grace Church meal site. Fifty-seven folks had their taxes done by Dick Lacatell, AARP Tax Aide Volunteer, and 141 individuals/families saved money on their grocery bills through the monthly Serve Program. Almost 5,900 calls for general information were recorded, and Pattie Pero, our Outreach/Case Management and health insurance counselor held nineteen Medicare D informational programs for 314 people who were applying for the federal prescription insurance plan.

In addition to our town appropriation of \$95,108, our department received \$10,696 in grants (for staffing and computer software) and realized an additional \$15,963 from BRTA, Friends of the COA, donations and program income, all of which was used to provide services to our community.

COA Board: The policy-makers of the COA are the members of its 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, Thomas Murray and Maureen Mitchell.

The COA Board conducted an annual review of the **Strategic Plan** developed last year. Two of the goals related to the development of a senior center were the focus of much of the discussion. The seven page document includes a list of strategic goals and recommendations, and is available at the COA Office.

It is interesting to note that the number of residents age 50 to 59 (part of the looming "Boomer" population) totals 951. Studies done by AARP have shown

that the majority of those in this age group will “age in place,” not move out of the area after retirement. These additional numbers will certainly impact the short and long range planning of this department as we determine the types of programs and services most needed in the future. This past year, we met or spoke with approximately 225 folks in this age group, many of whom needed help providing care for an aging family member.

The Friends of the Dalton Council on Aging, Inc. launched Phase 2 of the “**Keep Dalton Walking**” program in the Spring of 2007 with the Dalton Lions Club sponsoring two more benches installed on Main Street along with others sponsored by the Dalton Travelers, the Community (smaller donations pooled for one bench) and one by the Friends of the DCOA.

COA board member, Naomi Rauff has headed up this project with the Friends and the town Beautification Committee. Currently, a total of fifteen benches are placed along Main Street for the convenience of folks walking along our beautiful main thoroughfare. All the installations were accomplished through the leadership of the St. Agnes’ Church Knights of Columbus Handyman Committee, and volunteers from the Dalton Beautification Committee, 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 Three of the “Keep Dalton Walking” project will take place this spring. Sites along North Street and other areas of town frequented by walkers have been identified. If you or someone you know would like to sponsor a bench, or would like to make a donation toward one, please contact Naomi through the COA Office.

The Friends also extend their thanks to the community for its growing support through the annual Friends Membership Mailing. Their 2007 drive generated memberships and donations of \$2390.

“**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, and Pattie attended monthly meetings getting updates on health insurance changes. I have attended trainings for Emergency Management, as well as regional and state-wide workshops for COA staff.

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 Assisted Living, HOME Program, AARP Tax Aide Program, Home Instead and an attorney for the Elder Law Week presentation in May.

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 2007 county-wide “Triad Safety Fair & Picnic” at the Dalton VFW on July 18th which featured speakers on Disaster Preparedness, AARP Safe Driver Program and Getting Organized, and a K-9 demonstration. This county-wide event is supported by our own Dalton Police

Dept., Sheriff's Dept. and Berkshire County DA's Office.

The **Veterans History Project** continues to be a very popular and visible program of the COA. Since our approval as a partner in the project in October, 2005, our all volunteer crew has submitted 49 interviews of local veterans to the Library of Congress in Washington, DC. Part of the Folk Life Center at the Library of Congress, the VHP was created by the US Congress and signed into law on October 27, 2000.

Interviews 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 and a veteran himself have been tireless in their efforts to preserve the stories of our local service men and women. Other volunteers include Tom Murray, Mary Lamke (also COA board members), Christina Faye and Ty Belanger. Featuring Dick Nicholas and this project in the Older Americans Month display of the Executive Office of Elder Affairs in May, 2007 was a wonderful tribute and highlight of the year. Please look for the "Veteran of the Week" program aired each Saturday at 11:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m. on channel 16.

If you would like to help, or know of a veteran with a story to tell, please call our office at 684-2000 or the studio at 684-4441.

Transportation: Local folks unable or unwilling to drive have been utilizing our COA Van service. In this reporting year, 3,259 rides were taken by 87 residents age 60 and over, and an additional 653 rides for seven disabled non-elders were recorded. Riders paid \$2 each way (\$2.25 as of Feb. 1, 2008) 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 who drive an average of 100 miles per day.

If you or someone you know here in Dalton needs this type of help, please call our office and ask for Bev or Sue. We require a minimum of 24 hours notice for scheduling.

Luncheons: Since the Dalton Senior Lunch program moved to the Guild Hall at Grace Church in February, 2006, attendance has remained steady. Staffed entirely by volunteers, the lunches are served each Monday and Thursday at noon. 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?

A special "Thank You" goes out to the Dalton Rotary, who presented a "Picnic in the Park" at the Pine Grove Park Pavilion for almost 50 Dalton seniors. Despite the chill of the day, the fun and fellowship in the Pavilion kept everyone there.

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.

Our first line of volunteers is of course the COA Board of Directors, who give so much to improve the quality of life here in Dalton. In computing the worth of these wonderful folks along with the rest of our dedicated helpers in dollars, the 4,201 hours of recorded volunteer time given this year has a value of almost \$40,000.

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.

COMMUNICATION CENTER

Michael Norton, Director

This year has been a very eventful one for the Communication Center; installation of the new E911 system and the relocation of the Communication Center from the Fire Station to the Police Station; along with the retirement in early 2008 of long time 11-7 dispatcher Christine LaBlanc after 20 years of dedicated service. Christine's retirement resulted in a new full time addition to the Communication Center staff. Geoff Powell, a Dalton Police Department reserve officer, has been hired as a full time dispatcher at the Communication Center.

The Communication Center handled over 20,000 calls this year, of which over 1,750 were 911 calls. The new E911 system has a mapping program which will show the dispatcher on a map of the area, the location of the caller. This is an important tool with the increasing number of cell phone calls received for emergency assistance. The Communication Center will be assisting the Dalton Emergency Management Team with the implementation of the new Alert Now system. The Alert Now system is a tool to be used to notify town residences of any type of emergency in town or to notify specific areas of town that may need to be evacuated. There will be an informational mailing in mid-march to all residence with more details about the Alert Now program.

I would like to thank the hard working and dedicated staff at the Communication Center for their efforts this year. It was a difficult year for everyone involved with the move and all the additional training required to get the new Communication Center up and running. Of course a special thanks to Christine LaBlanc for her many years of service to the Town of Dalton; she will be missed.

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 2006 our cultural council received 32 applications for support of a wide variety of projects. The following projects were approved for funding in an amount totaling \$4,154 for FY 2007:

Barrington Stage	KidsAct!
Berkshire Lyric Theatre	Concerts and Educational Program.
Craneville PTO	Authorfest II
Dalton Free Public Library	Performance for Summer Reading
Henderson, Steve	Jerry Atric - The Older I Get (a short play)
Hilltown Choral Society	Choral Music Performances
Jacobs, Susan	Veterans History Project
Jon, Ann	A 3-D Exploration of Sculpture
Lewis, Bernice	Sugar Hill Folk Festival
Mass Audubon Society	Housatonic River Watershed Education
Nessacus PTO	Bamidele Dancers & Drummers
New Artist Series Dalton CRA	Holiday Farm Music Festival-Celebrate Kids in the Arts
St. Agnes School, PASS	Old Sturbridge Village
St. Agnes School PTO	Tony Vacca - World Rhythms
Thomas, Bob	When the Animals Danced, Stories and Dances
Word Street	You Are Here, Volume II

Also the Dalton Cultural Council hosted an art exhibit between December 10-22, 2007, featuring photographs of art created by the Art Major students at Wahconah Regional High School during the "Sculpture Now" art project led by Ann Jon (partially funded by the DCC) were on display at the Dalton Free Library.

The current members of the Dalton Cultural Council are: Kathleen Desmarais, James Ethier, Michelle Furlong, Donald Harris, Marjorie Limburg, Monica Montferret, and Margaret Plumer, Chairperson, and Terry Unwin. Thank you for your continued support of cultural programs in our community.

DALTON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Doris Lamica, Library Director

During 2007, the voters of Dalton had the opportunity to decide if a new library should be constructed for the town. The Town had received a provisional grant of nearly \$2.7 million from the state in November of 2006. This project was the culmination of many years of planning and the work of many people. It began in 1996 with the first studies undertaken by the Dalton High Reuse Committee, continued with a Long Range Plan Committee in 2000, the Library Needs Committee formed in 2002, and a Designer Selection Committee in 2003. In 2005, a joint Building Committee for a new library, new senior center and a museum began to meet regularly and finalize the planning. The vote for funding of the project was brought before the Town in the spring but the necessary votes to secure the balance of funds for the project did not pass.

Currently we do not have an alternate plan and will work with our present space. It is unlikely that state funds for construction will become available in the near future. We are hoping that some of the physical problems of the current site – such as the constant leaking from the roof and through the bricks – will be addressed in the near future. At the end of the year, the Trustees voted to hire a library consultant to advise us on the best way to use our current space. Massive weeding of the collection is also underway. Many of the services and activities which could have been offered in a more spacious venue will be put on hold. We do plan to produce a new Long Range Plan in 2008 and will address how to optimize our resources to best identify and serve the library needs of the community.

This year 2007 marked the first full year we have been circulating on the CWMARS system – the library automated network for central and western Massachusetts. Many of our patrons are using the system to request materials from other libraries. This procedure is simple and can be done by the staff at the library or by patrons on their own computers. During FY-2007, we borrowed 2,169 items from other libraries for our patrons and loaned our 3,641 items to other libraries. Material is generally received within a few days as we receive delivery three times per week from the vans of the Western Massachusetts Regional Library System, a state funded agency. The Western Region also continues to supply our patrons with supplemental material such as large print books, books on tape and videos through visits of their bookmobile.

The Library website was changed in 2007 and is now part of the Dalton Town website. Thank you Louise Frankenberg for her work in making this change. You can reach the website through the Town of Dalton homepage or directly at : <http://dalton-ma.gov/library>.

Patrons had the opportunity during the year to participate in book discussion groups (held on the last Wednesday of the month from September through April), view a video series on “Ten Days that Unexpectedly Changed America”, welcome local author Bill Suriner at a book signing and hear Dr. Richard Greene give an inspiring talk on libraries and writing at the annual meeting of the Friends of the Library. We began circulating a collection of music CDs and we intend to expand this collection. A report of the circulation, attendance, Internet use and other statistical information is attached to this report for your information.

More than 160 children took part in the summer reading program “Catch the Beat at Your Library” during 2007. There was a separate program for those in Grade 7 and up and the chance for these students to receive a gift certificate from Barnes & Noble. The summer program concluded with an entertaining performance by singer/storyteller Mary Jo Maichack made possible by a grant from the Dalton Cultural Council. The Cultural Council also hosted a reception at the library for an art display by students from Wahconah. During the school year, the storytime program for pre-schoolers continued on Thursdays with the assistance of Wendy Provencher from the Central Berkshire Community Partnership.

The librarian attended the annual conference of the Massachusetts Library Association in the spring and heard sessions on book discussion groups, services for older adults and young adults, the digitalizing of archival collections and grant writing. She also participated in a workshop on library technology sponsored by the Gates Foundation.

The Friends of the Dalton Free Public Library, Inc. again financed many of our activities such as the summer reading program and materials such as books for the discussion groups, museum passes, and some daily newspapers. They held a very successful Book Sale and Silent Auction in the spring.

I want to thank all of the staff - Katherine Hoag, Lynn Bilotta, Gladys Lofink, Patricia Filiault, Jess Winnard, Elizabeth Davis, Scott Lynch and Helen Cultrera - for their work during the year. Thank you to members of the Library Board of Trustees, the Friends, and our volunteers - Christine Faye, Veronica Balardini, Gail Pinna and Betty Cullett for their assistance during the year. The support of the town manager Ken Walto and the Select Board are also appreciated. A special thank you to the members of the Building Committee who worked so hard on the building project.

Total circulation	47,149	Patrons using Internet	3,479
Book circulation	29,184	Total Library attendance (6 mos)	21,222
Periodical circulation	1,927	Book Count (as of 12/31/07)	43,083
Books on tape and CD circ.	2,432	Added	1,618
Videos and DVD circ.	12,889	Withdrawn	1,112
Music CDs (for 6 months)	296	Fines turned over to Town	\$2,919.56
CD-ROM circulation	198		
Museum Passes	223		

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 psychiatric services, out-patient therapy and residential and rehabilitation services.

Of the individuals served by the 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 124 individuals we are serving in Sheffield. 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 still 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 January 1, 2008. 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.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Richard D. Kardasen, Fire Chief

The year 2007 proved to be a very busy year for the members of the Dalton Fire Department. We responded to a total of 737 calls for service. Of these, 570 were medical related, 33 motor vehicle accidents and 20 structure fires. The remainder of the calls were responses to alarms, hazardous material incidents, mutual aid to neighboring towns and smoke and illegal burning investigations.

The fire department was fortunate to enlist 6 new members on the rolls this year. Of these, 5 have taken and passed the EMT course. They are a welcome addition to our ranks. Also, in 2007 the Fire Department celebrated a milestone anniversary of one of our members. Richard Olsted has been an active member of the Dalton Fire Department for 40 years.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the volunteers in the department. They spend untold hours in attending training exercises, Mass Fire Academy classes as well as volunteering in the community. I would also like to thank the local employers who allow our firefighter/EMT's to leave work to help their neighbors. Without them we would have more serious daytime staffing problems. I would also like to extend a thank you to the members of the police department who provide valuable assistance to us on a daily basis on EMS and fire calls.

FOREST WARDEN

Richard D. Kardasen, Forest Warden

In 2007 the Dalton Fire Department responded to nine brush fires. Most of these occurred during the spring open burning season when permitted fire got out of control. A reminder to citizens that open burning is allowed from January 15th to April 30th, only after obtaining a permit. Permits may be picked up Monday through Friday at the Fire District offices 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 am and 4 pm. 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 275 permits were issued.

The Fire Department was able to purchase wild land fire fighting gear for the firefighters through a matching grant with the DCR. This gear is designed specifically for grass and forest fires. It is much safer for firefighters than using their structural fire fighting equipment. We have also purchased a slide in pump and water unit for the Towns Emergency Management ATV. This allows for faster and safer access to remote areas with a needed water supply.

HOUSING AUTHORITY

Susan I. Gregory, Executive Director

Board of Commissioners:			Term Expires
Chairperson	Kathleen Burke	96 Curtis Avenue	2011
Vice Chairperson	Helen McGarry	293 High Street	2010
State Appointee	Pending		
Member	Kay Wood	E. Deming Street	2012
Member	Patricia Stottle	106 Tower Road	2008

Regular meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 6:30 PM at 293 High Street. 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/disabled and three-bedrooms for the 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 1st, 2006 to September 30, 2007. Our quarterly report dated **September 30, 2007** states the following:

Income	\$312,716
Expenses	\$304,155

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Louisa M. Horth, Chairman

This has been another busy year for the Historical Commission. We are continuing our work researching and preserving the Hoose House. We are in the process of researching grants for the project and have already received one from the Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism for \$10,000. We thank Rep. Denis Guyer who was instrumental in obtaining this grant for us. With this money we were able to hire a historical architect to help with the research on the house and the Hoose family. Our goal at this point is to have the property placed on the state and national register of historic places.

We had some very interesting speakers this year. In March, Mr. Kinsley Goodrich gave a slide presentation to the Commission on Berkshire County Trains and Trolleys. We were all enriched with the wealth of information he has collected over the years and kindly shared with us. In July, Mr. Harry Downs gave us a presentation on Dalton Veterans which he had produced with the help of students from Craneville School and American Legion Veterans. The patriotic footage was truly inspiring.

Gail Pinna again organized Dalton's part of the Heritage Trail Walk. The walk took place on Gulf Rd. in October. Historical Commission members chipped in to make the walk a success. The Commission appreciated all the help it received with both the clean up of Gulf Rd. and the walk itself. About 30 people attended the walk and fun was had by all.

We again participated in Dalton's annual "Light up the Holidays" night. We presented a display of "Then and Now" photographs in the lobby of T D Bank North for all to view. Bernie Smith placed his trivia questions along with the photos making it an educational project full of holiday fun.

The Commission received many donations this year to add to our "History of Dalton" collection. We have received many old photographs, business signs, postcards, and even a Dalton Civil War belt buckle. We wish to thank all those who have so generously donated, as it is very much appreciated by the Dalton Historical Commission. We have faith and hope that one day Dalton will be the proud owner of a Historical Museum so that all can enjoy the artifacts collected and donated over the years.

We were successful in selling our Dalton Calendars, postcards, and magnets this year at the town elections. Thank you to all who purchased from us and we look forward to seeing you at next year's election.

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

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.

The winter season was very busy for the Department. The Town roads were kept clear and safe as possible. The snow was removed as soon as possible and the roads were sanded to keep them clear and safe. The cemeteries remained open for winter burials. Variety Trucking, a private contractor, plowed the main sidewalks around our school areas.

The spring season is basically a clean-up and preparation season. All of the town streets are swept of sand and winter debris. The department uses its own sweeper and a private contractor to sweep the town's approximate 45 miles of road. The gravel roads are graded and reshaped in the spring to repair winter damage and to improve the drainage.

In the spring we are busy cleaning the cemeteries in preparation of Memorial Day observance. This past spring we were assisted by Sheriff Carmen Massimiano Community Service Program.

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.

The drainage system and sewer system are cleaned and flushed on a regular basis. The known problem areas of the systems are on a scheduled maintenance program to alleviate back-ups or flooding problems.

The department vehicles and equipment have a regular maintenance program in an attempt to eliminate breakdowns in emergency situations. This would include snow storms, sewer blockage, road washouts, tree damage, etc.

This years major project was Old Windsor Road. Location of culvert repair was just East of Johnson Road. Removal of the old stone culvert had to be carefully taken away with a live 30" water main and a live 8" sewer main that could not be disturbed. Work was performed by Petricca Construction Co. The entire culvert was replaced by a new concrete "Box Culvert" 6' by 4' by 44'. The road had to be closed down for this project for 3 weeks. I would like to give special thanks to everyone connected with this project: Dalton & Hinsdale Police Depts, Conservation Commission, Neighbors adjoining the culvert, Dufour Bus Co., and Tom Szczepaniak.

I would like to thank the Citizens of Dalton, the Select Board, the Town Manager, and all other town employees and boards for their co-operation, 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.

All Veterans graves were decorated with American Flags, thanks to the efforts of Dalton Troop 4 Boy Scouts of America, under the direction of Memorial Day Committeeman John Ellis and the Scout Master and directors of Troop 4. In addition, the third grade class of Craneville School, under the direction of Miss Favreau decorated Ashuelot Cemetery.

On Memorial Day, hundreds of patriotic Daltonians once again turned out for the annual Memorial Day observances which were dedicated to all service personnel currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces.

The town flag, carried by Katherine Lewis and Jamie Downer from grade 4 at Craneville School led the parade.

Wreath bearers were: Courtney Corbett, Matt Bourdon, Wyatt LaRochelle, Eric Kiem and Mathew Munn, students from Craneville School.

Music for the traditional parade was furnished by the excellent Nessacus Regional Middle School Band, led by Andrew Garcia. Line of march were Veterans of World War II, the Korean Conflict, and the Vietnam War, the Select Board, the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Fire Department, the Police Department, Boy Scouts, Campfire Girls, Cub Scouts, Deputy Sheriffs Association and the Nazarene Church Caravan.

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 Leland Plummer, Vice Commander of the Department of Massachusetts American Legion.

Others who participated in the program included John Cooney, Master of Ceremonies, Mary Elizabeth Bonnet and Peter Gillooly, speakers from Wahconah Regional High School and John Ellis, Chaplain of the American Legion. The Nessacus Regional Middle School Band played the "Star Spangled Banner" and a beautiful rendition of "America".

The American Legion Firing Squad fired a salute to the dead; Taps were played by Charles Sutter, and the Echo by Chris Manzella. Invocation and Benediction were given by Rev. Robert Jackson, Pastor of the Dalton United Methodist Church.

Special thanks are extended to all of the Dalton Residents and friends who honored us with their presence at the Memorial Day Services.

I would like to express my gratitude to all members of the Memorial Day Committee.

PLANNING BOARD

Louisa M. Horth, Chairperson

The Dalton Planning Board was formed in 1939 and 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 a five-year term 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 2007, the Board held 11 regular monthly meetings, a public hearing with the Dalton Tree Warden, a public hearing for the renewal of a special permit for Berkshire Concrete Corp., as well as 2 additional meetings to address specific issues.

The Board is presently developing Zoning Bylaw changes that will further protect the “curb appeal” of the properties in Dalton and help preserve the “small town” aspect of our town.

Congratulations to Zach McCain on his election to the Board this year. A special thanks to former Board member Thomas Burgner for his many years of service. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the present members of the Dalton Planning Board: Richard Ladd, Karen Quinn, and Stuart Sargent for their time and dedication this past year. I would also like to thank our Secretary, Bonnie Callaghan, for her continued support and assistance.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

John W. Bartels, Jr., Chief of Police

It seems that every year we have people come and go in our department. This past year was no exception. In April, after 24 years of service with our department, Officer Kevin L. Miller retired. His knowledge, wit and comradeship will be greatly missed. He was one of the pillars of our department. Best wishes, Kevin. In November Officer Ryan C. Lamb said goodbye in order to explore other opportunities. Good luck with your future endeavors, Ryan. We also had to say goodbye to the School Resource Officer position at Nessacus Regional Middle School. Although the Town was willing and able to fund its share of the position at the school, the Central Berkshire Regional School District felt it could not support their share of the officer’s funding. Thus, the position was cut and Officer Deanna Strout, who did a wonderful job in that position, came back to patrol operations and is now working the day shift. This lack of funding support from the school district created a cascading effect which put the town in a financial bind and, because of the limits of Proposition 2 ½, our department was forced to cut an officer’s position. This was accomplished by not hiring a replacement caused by Officer Miller’s retirement.

On a positive note, we were able to hire two reserve officers which brought our reserve officer ranks back to its proper level. The reserve officers work on a part time basis and fill in for fulltime officers when they take vacation or sick leave. The two individuals hired were Gregg J. Stefanik and Amy E. Shaughnessy. Officer Shaughnessy completed the reserve officer academy, and her field training with us, by September of 2007. She is doing a great job. Officer Stefanik was deployed to Iraq for the second time to serve his country. We expect him to return in May of 2008. We all wish him well and look forward to working with him.

After nearly three years of planning, the Dalton Communications Center moved from its location at the Dalton Fire Station, 20 Flansburg Ave., into our Police Station. With the help of funds appropriated from the town and approximately \$50,000 in grant funding the project was completed on December 20, 2007. The center is furnished with state of the art equipment and will serve our community in an extremely efficient manner over many years to come. Communications Director Michael J. Norton and his staff are a welcome addition to Police and Town Hall operations. Welcome!

Another state of the art addition to our department was the installation of two Mobile Data Terminals (MDT's) into two of our primary cruisers. This was done with the help of nearly \$30,000 of Homeland Security grant funding as well as another \$15,000 of capital funding from the Town. The two mobile computers have already proven to be a fantastic crime fighting tool by allowing us to access a wealth of county, state and national information at the touch of a button. The MDT's, along with the new Communications Center, have catapulted us into the 21st century.

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 Regional Special Response Team. 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. Jonathan Bishop and Ptl. Geoffrey Powell
School Resource Officer Program	Ptl. George Adams III (WRHS)
Dalton Police Bike Patrol	Ptl. John Thibodeau, Ptl. John Marley, Ptl. Deanna Strout and Ptl. James Scace
Regional Special Response Team	Ptl. John Thibodeau and Ptl. Christopher Furlong

This year our department applied for and received grant funding that not only assisted us in running the programs previously mentioned, but will allow additional patrols and the purchase of needed equipment during the upcoming calendar year. In November we received a grant from the Executive Office of Public Safety, Governor's Highway Safety Bureau, of \$7,500 for the purpose of additional cruiser patrols directed at enforcement of impaired driving, seatbelt use and aggressive driving. At the completion of these directed patrols, September 2008, we will be allowed to use \$3,000 of this grant money to purchase highway safety equipment such as speed enforcement devices. 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 Executive Office of Public Safety, as part of the Municipal Police Department Renovation Program, a grant for \$23,750 in order to purchase an emergency generator. This generator will power all the operations in our police station, as well as the Town Hall and Library. This is a welcome addition to our operations. We have been without an emergency generator of any sort for nearly 20 years.

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 Jeffrey E. Coe, James A. Scace and Geoffrey D. Powell. This year's recipient was Officer Geoffrey D. Powell. Officer Powell was honored with this award at a gathering of the Association on January 19, 2008. This award was presented to Officer Powell for his actions in the early morning hours of June 26, 2007. At this time Officer Powell was involved in a life or death struggle with a suspect armed with a revolver at the front door of our Police Station. Instead of confronting the suspect with his duty weapon he chose to disarm him in a hand to hand confrontation and save this person's life. Neither he, his partner Officer Deanna L. Strout, nor the suspect were injured during the confrontation. His heroic actions saved lives and are without a doubt commendable. Congratulations!

As in 2006, 2007 was a very busy year for us in the Police Department. We all had to deal with several violent incidents, a lack of the services usually given to us by the School Resource Officer at Nessacus Regional Middle School and the one less fulltime officer on our force. In light of all this diversity, I appreciate all the hard work and dedication each officer put forth 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 2007 Statistics

Business and Non 911 Calls:	7,384
Intrusion Alarm Calls:	273
911 Calls:	743
Incidents:.....	431
Arrests:.....	253
Motor Vehicle Stops:	1,575
Motor Vehicle Accidents:.....	133
Motor Vehicle Citations Issued:.....	867
Citation Fines Received (FY 06):	\$22,435
Parking Tickets Issued:	162
Parking Fines Collected:.....	\$2,030
Firearm Permits Issued:.....	267
Firearm Permit Fees Received:.....	\$5,462
Fines Received (Junk Car, False Alarms, Youth Tobacco)	\$579

Please visit us on our website, www.daltonpolice.org, or email us at, infor@daltonpolice.org. Our webmaster is Officer Gerald J. Cahalan, Jr.

As a side note, the Route 8 bridge reconstruction project (the two bridges located from Nessacus Regional Middle School to the Dalton - Hinsdale town line) and the South St. reconstruction project are starting January of 2008 and March of 2008, respectively. The Route 8 project will last approximately 600 days and the South St. project will last approximately 900 days. Both projects will employ vehicle detours. Unfortunately there will be delays. Should anyone experience any adverse problem during the course of these two projects it is requested you let our department know. We will then address the issue. Thank you.

INSPECTOR OF WIRING

John M. Broderick, Inspector

January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007

Service Work.....	39
Additions.....	60
New Houses	4
Furnaces	5
Industrial/Commercial	15
Security Systems.....	7
Swimming Pools/Hot Tubs	2
Total permits issued	132

SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES

Paul K. Vacchina, Sealer

In compliance with Chapter 98 Section 37 as amended by Chapter 295 of the Acts of 1998 Section 37. 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.

A municipality that does not report to the director in the manner prescribed in this section shall not be eligible to retain any revenues generated by the municipality as a result of imposing civil citations as provided in Section 29A.

<i>Test measures for Gas Pumps</i>	<i>Number of Each</i>	<i>Last Date of Certification</i>
5 Gallons	1 each	2003
<i>Scales</i>	<i>Sealed</i>	
Cap Over 10,000 lbs	1	
100-5,000 lbs	7	
Under 100 lbs	5	
<i>Automatic Liquid Measuring Devices</i>	<i>Sealed</i>	
Gasoline	52	

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.

SHADE TREE DEPARTMENT

Peter B. Bacon, Tree Warden

The Shade Tree Department has reached a milestone this past year with the planting of 16 trees to reach 150 total trees planted in the past 10 years. This department has been level funded for several years with the majority of monies being spent on prunings and removals. We decided to switch tree planting from these accounts to a capital account of its own for tree planting only. This will guarantee that tree planting will have available funds when needed. It is planned to increase this account from year to year to offset the dwindling state grant money that was counted on in the past. Grants will still be sought after but I am not optimistic.

I would like to thank the Highway Department, led by Superintendent Dave Lovellette for their assistance in the removal of several large trees that the power company took down for the town. The power company does assist the town in hazard tree removals when they pose a risk to their equipment. It does save several thousand dollars per year that this department would otherwise have to pay for removals.

I would also like to thank Administrative Assistant Debby Merry for her help in keeping this department running efficiently. The Tree Wardens position is part time and Debby is a vital link for residents wishing to contact this department.

Dalton was awarded Tree City USA designation for the seventh year. Our Arbor Day activity for this past year was the planting of a flowering pear tree to the back entrance of Greenridge Park. Boy Scout Troop 12 planted this tree. The cleaning up of this pathway was part of an Eagle Scout project organized by Will Schmidt.

A total of 15 hazardous trees were removed and over twenty-five were pruned. Several residents took advantage of splitting the cost of stump removal. If you have had a town tree recently cut down and would also be willing to split the costs of removal please contact this department and I will explain how it works.

TOWN ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

Sandra J. Albano, Town Accountant

I am pleased to submit the 31st Annual Report of the Town Accountant for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2007.

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 retired in June 2007 after 20 years of service to the Town of Dalton. Vicki's integrity, hard work and determination to get the job done, helped this office run smoothly. Vicki, congratulations on your retirement!!!

I also would like to welcome Dawn Fahey to the Office of the Treasurer and Accountant who joined us after Vicki retired. Dawn has brought some valuable skills into this department. She is learning very quickly, is a hard worker and I look forward to working with her on the many challenges this department faces.

The next year this department will face some new challenges. Some of my goals will be to stream line our accounting systems by setting up written policies and procedures. At a meeting, recently, we learned about SAS 112, a statement on Auditing Standards that our auditors will be enforcing during the next audit of FY08. The SAS 112 statement states the auditors need to determine if the Town has:

- 1: Well documented polices and procedures related to accounting and financial reporting
- 2: Effective segregation of duties
- 3: Effective review and reconciliation
- 4: Effective information technology controls

FY2009 will be very busy.

Schedule 1: Combined Balance Sheet, June 30, 2007

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary	Account	Totals
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Trust & Agency	Long Term Debt	
ASSETS						
Cash and Cash Equivalents	2,412,938	128,174	1,096,882	2,271,439		5,909,433
Receivables						
Property Taxes	134,810					134,810
Excise Taxes	67,588					67,588
Tax Liens	227,524					227,524
Departmental	1,257					11,407
User Charges	17,728	10,150				17,728
Less: Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts	(94,133)					(94,133)
Tax Foreclosures	119,032					119,032
Due From Other Governments	-	300,195	36,751			336,946
Due From Other Agencies	25					25
Due From Other Funds	-			211,787		211,787
Amount to be Provided for the Payment of Debt	-				1,305,103	1,305,103
Total Assets:	2,886,769	438,519	1,133,633	2,483,226	1,305,103	8,247,250
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY						
Liabilities:						
Vendor Warrants Payable	53,430	1,812		365		55,607
Payroll Warrants Payable	-					-
Accrued Payroll	39,890	1,408				41,298
Accrued Employer Taxes	421					421
Employee Withholdings	16,809					16,809
Due to Other Governments	-			6,987		6,987
Due to Other Funds	211,787					211,787

Schedule 1: Combined Balance Sheet, June 30, 2007

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary	Account		Totals
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Fund Type	Long Term Debt	Memorandum Only	
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY (continued)							
Due to Other Agencies	48			5,091			5,139
Undistributed Receipts	455						455
Unclaimed Items	660						660
Prepaid Highway Excavation Fees	900						900
Deferred Revenue							
Property Taxes	40,677						40,677
Tax Liens	227,524						227,524
Tax Foreclosure	119,032						119,032
Other	86,724	310,345	36,751				433,820
BANS Payable	-	-	-	-			-
Performance Bond Deposits	-			40,000			40,000
Bond Indebtedness	-				1,305,103		1,305,103
Total Liabilities:	798,357	313,565	36,751	52,443	1,305,103		2,506,219
Fund Equity:							
Reserved for Encumbrances	135,748		140,931				303,630
Reserved for Expenses	705,000	26,951		247,697			952,697
Reserved for Extraordinary/Unforseen	60,000						60,000
Reserved Receipts for Appropriation		22,164					22,164
Reserved for Nonexpendable Trust Principal	-			125,100			125,100
Undesignated	1,187,664	75,839	955,951	2,057,986			4,277,440
Total Fund Equity	2,088,412	124,954	1,096,882	2,430,783			5,741,031
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity:	2,886,769	438,519	1,133,633	2,483,226	1,305,103		8,247,250

Schedule 1 - A
Special Revenue Funds
Fund Equity for the Year Ended June 30, 2007

	Balance 7/1/06	Revenues	Prior Year Corrections	Transfers In	Expenses	Transfers Out	Balance 6/30/07
Animal Kennel Donations	55	-	-	-	-	-	55
Beautification Commission Donations	1,018	-	-	-	336	-	682
CATV Local Broadcasting	-	78,865	-	-	78,865	-	-
Cemetery Vandalism Restitution	383	-	-	-	-	-	383
COA Formula Grant	3,672	8,996	-	-	8,505	-	4,163
COA Gifts/Donations/Programs	1,127	3,724	-	-	2,610	-	2,241
COA Hilltown Outreach	153	-	-	-	-	-	153
COA Incentive Grant	107	1,700	-	-	1,700	-	107
COA Transportation Fund	10,576	10,893	-	-	13,749	-	7,720
Community Development Block Grant	1,860	57,215	-	-	59,075	-	-
Community Policing Grant	12,103	45,600	-	-	52,690	2,000	3,013
Community Septic Mgt.	18,000	-	-	-	-	-	18,000
Composting Bin Grant	494	-	-	-	-	-	494
COPS in School Federal Grant	(17,177)	69,456	-	-	52,279	-	-
Cultural Council	2,129	4,135	-	-	2,887	-	3,377
Cultural Council Donations	486	412	-	-	119	-	779
Dalton Papers	3,205	40	-	-	-	-	3,245
DARE Program Receipts	-	75	-	-	50	-	25
Dog License Revolving	3,000	14,039	-	-	735	13,304	3,000
Drug Task Force Byrne Grant	4,228	15,830	-	2,000	17,758	-	4,300
Electric Inspections Revolving	1,665	6,800	-	-	5,750	-	2,715
Extended Polling Hours	-	847	-	-	-	847	-
Gov's Hghwy Sfty Bureau Grants	(1,765)	7,620	-	-	6,667	-	(812)
Grave Digging OT Revolving	4,482	2,270	-	-	1,516	-	5,236
Highway Chapter Funds	1	192,525	-	-	192,525	-	1
Historical Commission	2,597	1,442	-	-	449	-	3,590
Insurance Claims Under \$10,000	-	3,584	-	-	3,584	-	-
Legal Advertising Revolving	2,071	1,480	-	-	987	-	2,564
Library Donations	8,784	3,650	-	-	3,353	-	9,081
Library Incentive Grant	14,404	12,077	-	-	6,803	-	19,678
MA Releaf Grant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous Non-Recurring Grants/Gifts (10,109)	42,617	-	-	-	44,038	-	(11,530)
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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Planning Board Engineering Follow-Up	4,874	-	-	-	1,400	-	3,474
Plumbing Inspections Revolving	-	8,130	-	-	7,635	-	495
Police Dept Local Gifts	1,709	-	-	-	480	-	1,229
Police Outside Detail	1,922	53,458	-	-	54,670	-	710
Police Vest Grant	(340)	1,065	-	-	725	-	-
Receipts Reserved for Appropriation	-	21,664	-	-	-	-	21,664
Records Preservation Project	592	-	-	-	-	-	592
Skateboard Park Donations	1,841	-	-	-	-	-	1,841
Small Cities Grant Recapture	8,671	-	-	-	-	-	8,671
Wetlands Protection Fund	-	1,705	-	-	791	-	914
Total Fund Equity	89,922	671,914	-	2,000	622,731	16,151	124,954

* Receipt of \$812 received from State on July 25, 2007

* Receipt of \$12,500 received from State on August 14, 2007.

* STM Vote Appropriation from Receipts Reserved for \$22,164. This deficit will be covered with departmental budget in FY08

Schedule 1-B: Capital Projects Fund Equity for The Year Ended June 30, 2007

	Balance 07/01/06	Revenues	Transfers		Expenses	Transfer Out	Fund Equity Balance 6/30/07	Grant Revenues Anticipated	Temporay Borrowing Issued	Projects Authorized	
			In	Out						Not Complete	Complete
Capital Projects - Departmental	32,715	121,028	-	-	78,994	-	74,749	-	-	-	640,149
Library/Senior Ctr. Design	35,000	9,075	-	-	44,075	-	-	-	-	-	574,325
COA Senior Center	800,000	-	-	-	-	-	800,000	-	-	-	800,000
Curtis/John Street Project	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Landfill Closure	148,281	-	-	-	-	-	148,281	-	-	-	148,281
South Street Project	208,023	-	-	-	128,630	-	79,393	-	-	-	254,393
Housatonic Street Project*	(34,550)	34,550	-	-	5,541	-	(5,541)	5,541	-	-	56,209
	1,189,469	164,653	-	-	257,240	-	1,096,882	5,541	-	-	2,473,357

*State Reimbursement of \$5,541.30 for PWED Grant received 08/09/07

**Schedule 1-C: Trust and Agency Funds
Fund Equity and Liabilities for the Year Ended June 30, 2007**

Fund Equity:	Balance 7/1/06	Receipts	Due from Others	Transfers In	Expenses	Transfers Out	Fund Equity Balance 06/30/07
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
EXPENDABLE TRUSTS:							
Cemetery	51,163	4,054	-	-	15,136	-	40,081
Library	145,685	10,214	-	-	50	-	155,849
School	64,942	4,680	-	-	-	-	69,622
Local Law Enforcement	594	947	-	-	1,069	-	472
	262,384	19,895	-	-	16,255	-	266,024
STABILIZATION FUNDS:							
General Stabilization	222,069	6,876	-	-	-	21,103	207,842
Capital Stabilization	1,255,052	47,805	201,787	-	-	12,000	1,492,644
Litigation Stabilization	233,944	10,854	-	-	-	-	244,798
	1,711,065	65,535	201,787	-	-	33,103	1,945,284
Pension Reserve Fund	80,220	4,155	10,000	-	-	-	94,375
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	2,178,769	89,585	211,787	-	16,255	33,103	2,430,783

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

	Balance 07/01/06	Receipts	Due from Others	Transfers In	Disbursements	Transfers Out	Balance Due to Others 6/30/07
Liabilities:							
AGENCY FUNDS:							
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	-	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES	6,344	365,703	-	-	325,887	-	46,160
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity:	2,595,072	436,827	500,340	10,000	328,746	988,565	2,224,928

**Schedule 2: General Fund Revenues, Budget to Actual
For the Year Ended, June 30, 2007**

	FY07 Estimated	FY07 Actual	Variance FY07 Budget To FY07 Actual
<u>SEWER OFFSET RECEIPTS</u>			
Sewer Late Fees #4245		2,435	
Sewer User Fees FY07, #4246-07		521,426	
Sewer User Fees FY06, #4246-06		5,148	
Sewer Lien Fees #4247		9,174	
Sewer Hook-Up Charges #4467		2,000	
Pinegrove PILOT in Place of Sewer, #4181		1,932	
Hinsdale Sewer Bill #4746		60,502	
	<u>570,487</u>	<u>602,617</u>	<u>32,130</u>
<u>ESTIMATED LOCAL RECEIPTS:</u>			
<u>Motor Vehicle Excise, #4150</u>			
2003 & Prior		2,118	
2004		2,376	
2005		7,334	
2006		105,156	
2007		599,704	
	<u>623,800</u>	<u>716,688</u>	<u>92,888</u>
<u>Other Excise,</u>			
Farm Animal Excise #4162		123	
Classified Forest Land #4163		-	
Forest Products Tax #4164		-	
	<u>273</u>	<u>123</u>	<u>(150)</u>
<u>Penalties & Interest on Taxes & Excise:</u>			
Interest & Penalties on Taxes #4171		23,743	
Interest & Penalties on Tax Titles #4172		5,674	
Interest & Penalties on Sewer User #4173		-	
Interest & Penalties on Other A/R #4174		780	
Income & Expense Penalties Added to Tax #4190		2,250	
	<u>15,000</u>	<u>32,447</u>	<u>17,447</u>
<u>Payment in Lieu of Taxes</u>			
Trailer Park Fees #4165		4,608	
Pmts in Lieu of Taxes #4180		1,161	
	<u>4,000</u>	<u>5,769</u>	<u>1,769</u>
<u>Other Charges for Services</u>			
Board of Appeals #4373		370	
Planning Board #4374		210	
Zoning #4375		170	
Sealer of Wghts/Measures #4466		830	
	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,580</u>	<u>380</u>

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

	FY07 Estimated	FY07 Actual	Variance FY07 Budget To FY07 Actual
<u>Fees</u>			
Registry of Motor Vehicles #4175		5,200	
Municipal Lien Fees #4321		5,050	
Bad Check Fees #4330		340	
Alarm Fees #4331		1,315	
Default Warrant Removal Fee #4332		-	
Collector Late Fees Ch40 S21E #4333		10	
Duplicate Bill Fee #4382		1,023	
Communication Center Fees #4810		18,817	
Fees - Pole Hearings #4376		-	
Highway Excavation Fees #4377		1,200	
	21,100	32,955	11,855
<u>Departmental Revenue Schools #4370</u>	57,901	57,902	1
<u>Departmental Revenue Cemetery #4378</u>	23,500	34,986	11,486
<u>Other Departmental Revenue</u>			
Town Clerk - Street List #4371		60	
Town Clerk - Other #4372		317	
Assessors Maps #4383		344	
Assessors' Infor Requests/auth #4384		493	
Dalton Fire District Tax Reimb. #4811		19,000	
Photocopies #4391		437	
Town Maps #4393		21	
Recycled Goods #4329		10,038	
School Census #4841		6,430	
Charge for Bid Specs #4380		-	
Bicentennial Sales #4394		2	
Police Reports #4397		545	
Police - Outside Detail Admin Fee #4398		2,735	
Town Collector Miscellaneous #4844		-	
	15,980	40,422	24,442
<u>Licenses & Permits</u>			
All Alcohol Licenses #4411		4,700	
Beer & Wine Licenses #4413		475	
All Other Alcohol Licenses #4414		1,500	
Raffle Permits #4455		60	
Cable TV Franchise #4458		1,179	
Building Permits #4460		16,134	
Health Agent Receipts #4462		3,490	
Police Pistol Permits #4473		5,025	
Other Licenses & Permits #4499		3,410	
	34,500	35,973	1,473

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

	FY07 Estimated	FY07 Actual	Variance FY07 Budget To FY07 Actual
<u>Fines and Forfeits</u>			
Motor Vehicle Fines #4694		22,435	
District Court Restitution #4698		2,335	
Parking Fines #4771		2,030	
Library Fines #4772		2,740	
Unlicensed Dog Fines #4773		7,476	
Police Fines #4774		890	
Youth Tobacco Fines #4776		223	
Other Fines		89	
	27,000	38,218	11,218
<u>Investment Income</u>			
Earnings on Investment #4820		136,985	
	80,000	136,985	56,985
<u>Miscellaneous Recurring</u>			
Miscellaneous Revenue #4840		2,016	
Miscellaneous State Revenue #4699		-	
	-	2,016	2,016
<u>Miscellaneous Non-Recurring</u>			
Miscellaneous Revenue #4840		5,707	
Miscellaneous State Revenue #4699		547	
Miscellaneous Federal Revenue #4540		-	
Workman's Comp Refund #4843		47,357	
Sales of Surplus Inventory #4815		-	
		53,611	53,611
TOTAL ESTIMATED LOCAL RECEIPTS:	904,254	1,189,675	285,421
<u>CHERRY SHEET REVENUE: (NET OF CHERRY SHEET OFFSETS)</u>			
Exemptions: Vets, Blind & Srvg. Spouse #4617	4,750	12,450	7,700
Elderly Persons #4616	13,554	12,048	(1,506)
State Owned Land #4611	36,202	36,202	-
School Aid (Ch70) #4621	177,549	177,549	-
Regional Transportation #4637	-	32,578	32,578
Police Career Incentive #4661	37,853	37,333	(520)
Veterans Benefits #4667	-	-	-
Lottery, Beano, Charity #4671	1,232,841	1,232,841	-
Additional State Aid #4670	-	-	-
Highway Fund #4672	-	-	-
	1,502,749	1,541,001	38,252
TOTAL GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS	2,977,490	3,333,293	355,803

**Schedule 3: General Fund Appropriations, Expenditures and Encumbrances
For the Year Ended June 30, 2007**

Dept #	Department Title	Total Final Budget Including FY06 Carry Forwards	Salary Expended	Vendor Payments Expended	Year End Department Balance	Amt. Encum- bered or Carried Forward to FY07	Closing Entries	Unencumbered Balance
114	Moderator	436	317	-	119	-		119
122	Select Board	21,700	16,500	3,565	1,635	-		1,635
123	Town Manager	117,963	107,963	5,237	4,763	-		4,763
131	Finance Committee	175	-	165	10	-		10
132	Reserve Fund	8,893	-	-	8,893	-		8,893
133	Prior Year Bills	25,608	20,966	2,671	1,971	-		1,971
135	Accountant	42,435	36,275	6,107	53	-		53
138	Group Purchasing	400	-	400	-	-		-
139	Town Audit	13,500	-	13,500	-	-		-
141	Assessors	95,904	80,319	14,969	616	-		616
142	Triennial Revaluation	4,010	-	4,010	-	-		-
143	Town Re-Mapping	-	-	-	-	-		-
145	Treasurer	49,764	36,781	7,597	5,386	25		5,361
146	Town Collector	60,222	50,166	8,356	1,700	-		1,700
151	Town Counsel	57,700	-	57,700	-	-		-
152	Telephone	16,600	-	12,438	4,162	-		4,162
154	Recording Secretary	3,570	3,570	-	-	-		-
155	Interdepartmental Clerks	41,144	41,096	-	48	-		48
157	Computer	7,650	-	5,007	2,643	-		2,643
158	Postage Meter	15,692	-	15,533	159	-		159
159	Tax Title Foreclosures	5,000	-	1,072	3,928	2,000		1,928
161	Town Clerk	61,327	58,937	830	1,560	169		1,391
162	Elections	12,768	5,311	3,846	3,611	40		3,571
163	Board of Registrars	6,216	2,258	1,592	2,366	-		2,366
171	Conservation	1,875	-	1,410	465	-		465
175	Planning Board/Board of Appls	19,008	18,558	65	385	-		385
182	Development & Industrial Commission	1,000	-	883	117	-		117

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

Dept # Department Title	Total Final Budget		Vendor		Year End		Closing Entries	Unencumbered Balance
	Including FY06 Carry Forwards	Salary Expended	Payments Expended	Department Balance	Amt. Encumbered or Carried Forward to FY07			
191 Old Dalton High Maintenance	8,700	563	7,034	1,103	-	-	1,103	
195 Town Report	6,650	-	5,919	731	-	-	731	
196 Town Hall	107,547	36,992	62,476	8,079	4,103	-	3,976	
197 Central Supplies	20,464	-	18,239	2,225	337	-	1,888	
210 Police Department	907,686	823,526	79,422	4,738	2,447	-	2,291	
222 Communications	164,360	157,613	1,656	5,091	-	-	5,091	
240 Building Inspector	36,133	34,008	1,450	675	-	-	675	
244 Weights and Measures	1,374	1,149	-	225	-	-	225	
247 Meat & Cattle	1,082	1,082	-	-	-	-	-	
292 Animal Control	19,902	16,834	2,809	259	-	-	259	
293 Traffic Commission	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	
294 Forest Warden	3,288	1,872	953	463	-	-	463	
295 Emergency Management	10,023	3,008	1,552	5,463	3,200	-	2,263	
296 Tree Warden	18,093	1,809	16,275	9	-	-	9	
310 CBRSD	6,626,290	-	6,510,334	115,956	-	-	115,956	
320 Vocational Education	260,008	-	233,781	26,227	-	-	26,227	
401 Town Engineer	12,810	-	10,353	2,457	2,446	-	11	
420 Highway	426,013	293,124	101,347	31,542	557	-	30,985	
423 Snow and Ice	138,711	25,244	113,467	-	-	-	-	
424 Street Lights	80,475	-	79,180	1,295	-	-	1,295	
433 Landfill Closure	13,000	-	9,659	3,341	-	-	3,341	
434 Transfer Station	39,297	1,490	33,150	4,657	-	-	4,657	
440 Sewer	20,250	12,341	3,064	4,845	2,030	-	2,815	
449 Sewer Treatment	650,954	-	625,522	25,432	18,131	-	7,301	
510 Cemetery	95,349	71,968	19,616	3,765	900	-	2,865	
510 Health Agent/Board	24,762	23,071	1,494	197	-	-	197	
522 Visiting Nurse Association	11,582	-	11,582	-	-	-	-	
523 Berkshire Mental Health	2,000	-	-	2,000	2,000	-	-	
541 Council on Aging	90,418	82,692	6,009	1,717	-	-	1,717	

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

Dept #	Department Title	Total Final Budget Including FY06		Salary Expended	Vendor Payments Expended		Year End Department Balance		Closing Entries	Unencumbered Balance
		Carry Forwards			Expended		Balance	Forward to FY07		
543	Veterans Services	16,187		5,887	1,886	8,414	-			8,414
591	Berkshire Regional Planning	4,172		-	4,171	1	-			1
610	Library	162,478		115,380	47,020	78	-			78
630	CRA - Parks Programs	57,717		-	57,717	-	-			-
650	Parks Maintenance	39,432		21,851	13,412	4,169	700			3,469
691	Historical Commission	717		-	717	-	-			-
692	Memorial Day	1,970		-	370	1,600	-			1,600
693	Cultural Activities	1,530		-	1,530	-	-			-
710	Maturing Debt and Interest	441,944		-	441,898	46	-			46
710	Transfer to Capital Project Fund	-		-	-	-	-			-
820	State Assessments	46,637		-	43,881	2,756	-			2,756
911	Retirement	330,882		-	326,599	4,283	-			4,283
913	Unemployment Insurance	9,000		-	6,169	2,831	-			2,831
914	Health Insurance	711,640		-	658,817	52,823	-			52,823
915	Life Insurance	8,472		-	8,167	305	-			305
916	Town Share - Medicare	25,000		-	24,713	287	-			287
919	Fringe Benefits	16,580		6,977	748	8,855	-			8,855
930	FY97 Vote - Capital Projects	1,861		-	1,583	278	278			-
932	FY00 Vote - Capital Projects	-		-	-	-	-			-
932	FY02 Vote - Capital Projects	35,976		-	3,454	32,522	32,522			-
932	FY03 Vote - Capital Projects	36,040		-	4,140	31,900	31,900			-
932	FY06 Vote - Capital Projects	12,900		-	12,677	223	223			-
932	FY07 Vote - Capital Projects	69,846		-	36,319	33,527	31,740	1,787		-
941	Court Judgments & Claims	3,000		-	21	2,979	-			2,979
945	Town Insurance Coverage	157,393		-	152,686	4,707	-			4,707
950	Trust Fund Commissioners	229		-	-	229	-			229
998	Transfer to Pension Reserve Fund 84	10,000		-	-	10,000	-	10,000		-
TOTAL:		12,689,385		2,217,498	9,971,991	499,896	135,748	11,787		352,361

Schedule 4: Schedule of Bond Indebtedness for the Year Ended June 30, 2007

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	500,000
Inside Debt Limit:					
Capital Projects Bonded FY03	3.05%	5/1/2003	5/1/2008	502,053	100,000
Capital Projects Bonded FY06	4.35%	6/16/2006	6/15/2011	746,850	575,000
Capital Projects Bonded FY07	4.04%	6/15/2007	6/15/2012	130,103	130,103
Total:					1,305,103

Authorized and Unissued Debt	Date	Amount	Retired	Bond Issued	Rescinded Revoted	Unissued
Road Projects	6/21/1999	750,000	225,000	525,000	-	-
Capital Projects Departmental FY03	6/24/2002	324,000	-	237,053	86,947	-
Capital Projects Departmental FY04	6/30/2003	364,000	-	231,607	132,393	-
Capital Projects Departmental FY04	3/22/2004	700,000	-	125,675	-	574,325
Capital Projects Departmental FY05	6/28/2004	128,200	-	97,825	26,070	4,305
Capital Projects Departmental FY05	9/27/2004	10,400	-	3,994	6,406	-
Capital Projects Departmental FY06	6/27/2005	267,500	-	161,564	12,153	93,783
Capital Projects Departmental FY07	6/26/2006	153,600	-	121,028	1,300	31,272
Capital Projects Departmental FY07	10/23/2006	200,000	-	-	-	200,000
Capital Projects Departmental FY08	6/25/2007	436,040	-	-	-	436,040
Total Authorized and Unissued Debt		3,333,740	225,000	1,503,746	263,969	1,339,725

**Schedule 5: Analysis of General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance
For the Year Ended June 30, 2007**

Balance, 7/1/06		1,546,272
Adjustments:		
Completed Capital Projects Back to Stabilization	(1,787)	
ATM Vote 05/02/06 Transfer to Pension Reserve not yet transferred	<u>(10,000)</u>	
		(11,787)
Open:		
Reserve for Encumbrances and Carry Forwards	(135,749)	
Reserve for FY08 Expenses	(55,000)	
Reserve for FY08 Expenses	(650,000)	
FB Reserved For Extraordinary/Unforeseen - FY07 Spending Voted STM 10/23/06	(39,080)	
FB Reserved For Extraordinary/Unforeseen - FY08 Spending Voted STM 05/07/07	<u>(60,000)</u>	
		(939,829)
Close:		
Dog Licenses over \$3,000 (Special Revenue)	13,304	
Unused Extended Polling Grant	847	
Appropriated Reserve for Extraordinary and Unforeseen - Current Year	37,000	
Undesignated Overlay Surplus	2,080	
Other Financing Sources	33,103	
Other Financing Uses	(200,000)	
Prior Year Reserve for Encumbrances and Carry Forwards	220,630	
Prior Year Reserve for Expenses	655,000	
Prior Year Reserve for Capital Expense	200,021	
Expenditures	(12,189,489)	
Revenues	<u>11,820,512</u>	
		593,008
Ending Balance June 30, 2007		<u>1,187,664</u>

TREASURER'S REPORT

Sharon M. Messenger, Town Treasurer

I am pleased to submit my annual report for Fiscal 2007. It has been a very busy year in our office with many new challenges and changes.

Victoria Sedgwick, a dedicated employee of twenty years has decided to retire. It was a difficult decision for her as she truly enjoyed her work and many of her co-workers. She did a wonderful job in the Treasurer's office, always very dedicated and hard working. I thank Vicki from the bottom of my heart and I wish her a "Happy and Healthy Retirement."

I would like to welcome Dawn Fahey as my new Assistant Treasurer. Dawn is a very professional and again a very dedicated employee. She is an excellent addition to my office and I look forward to working with her in the years to come.

GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES

Personal Property Taxes 2007	172,314.45
Personal Property Taxes Prior Years	709.67
Real Estate Taxes 2007	8,186,762.89
Real Estate Taxes Prior Years	85,294.74
Motor Vehicle Taxes 2007	599,704.35
Motor Vehicle Taxes 2006	105,156.08
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes Prior Years	11,828.36
Farm Animal 2007	122.50
Roll Back Tax Revenue 2007	11,834.97
Income Expense Penalty Added to Taxes	2,250.00
Interest and Penalties on Taxes	23,743.00
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	9,199,721.01

TAX LIENS RECEIVABLES

Tax Liens	30,301.85
Interest and Penalties	5,674.43
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	35,976.28

STATE RECEIPTS (CHERRY SHEET)

Transportation Vocational Students	32,578.00
State Owned Land	36,202.00
Abatements, Blind, Surv. Sp, Veterans	12,450.00
Elderly Persons	12,048.00
Lottery, Beano, Charity	1,232,841.00
Police Career Incentive	37,333.24
School Aid (Chapter 70)	177,549.00
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	1,541,001.24

STATE COMMONWEALTH OF MA. RECEIPTS

Extended Polling Hours	847.00
Council on Aging Incentive	1,700.00
Arts Cultural Council Grant	4,000.00
Community Policing Grants	45,600.00
Council on Aging Formula Grant	8,996.00
Traffic Enforcement Grant	7,620.27
Grant Revenue Housatonic St.	34,549.50
Library Incentive Grant	12,077.31
Police Vest Grant	1,065.00
Motor Vehicle Fines	22,435.00
Highway Chapter Money	192,524.93
Miscellaneous State Revenue	546.82
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	331,961.83

FEDERAL REVENUE

Community Development Block Grant	57,214.62
In Lieu of Taxes	1,161.00
Cops in Schools	69,455.78
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	127,831.40

OTHER GOVERNMENTAL REVENUE

Receipts Drug Task Force	15,829.67
Communications Center Services	18,817.44
Berkshire District Court Restitution	2,335.00
Hinsdale Sewer Services	60,502.00
Miscellaneous Grants	42,617.05
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	140,101.16

GENERAL GOVERNMENT- CHARGES FOR SERVICES/FEES

Cops in Schools CBRSD Share	57,901.51
Youth Tobacco Fines	222.50
Registry of Motor Vehicle Charges	5,200.00
Trailer Park Fees	4,608.00
Sewer Late Fees	2,435.00
Sewer User Fee 2007	521,425.82
Sewer User Fees Prior years	5,148.12
Sewer Liens 2007	8,167.38
Sewer Liens Prior years	1,006.94
Municipal Lien Fees	5,050.00
Bad Check Fees	340.00
Alarm Monitoring Fees	1,315.00
Sale of Street Lists	60.00
Highway Excavation Fees	1,200.00
Cemetery Charges	34,986.00
Assessors Maps	344.00
Police Reports	545.00
Police Outside Detail Administration Fee	2,735.02
Cable TV. Franchise Fee	1,179.00
Sewer Hook-up Charges	2,000.00
Library Fines	2,740.43
Unlicensed Dog Fines	7,476.00

Police Fines	890.00
Recycled Goods	10,037.91
Parking Fines	2,240.00
Duplicate Bill Charges	1,022.58
Assessors Info. Request/Author.	493.00
Miscellaneous Fines	89.00
Dalton Fire District	19,000.00
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	699,858.21

GENERAL GOVERNMENT- LICENSES/PERMITS

Interest and Penalties Other	780.47
Pilot Sewer Pine Grove Manor	1,931.67
Planning Board	210.00
Zoning Board /Zoning By-Laws	170.00
Conservation Commission	1,705.00
Alcohol Licenses	4,700.00
Beer and Wine Licenses	475.00
All other Alcohol Licenses	1,500.00
Raffle Permits	60.00
Building Permits	16,134.29
Health Agent	3,490.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	830.00
Police Pistol Permits	5,025.00
Board of Appeals Postage	370.00
All other Licenses and Permits	3,410.00
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	40,791.43

MISCELLANEOUS GENERAL REVENUE

Police Cruiser Reimbursement	21,664.00
Council on Aging-Van Receipts	10,892.85
Council on Aging Gifts/Donations	3,724.33
Photo Copies	165.69
Town Clerk Other	317.37
Town Maps	21.00
Bicentennial Sales	2.00
Grave Digging Overtime	2,270.00
Library Copier	271.00
Misc. Training Reimbursement	2,016.00
Library Donations	3,650.00
School Census	6,430.28
Miscellaneous Revenue	5,706.65
Historical Donations	1,442.50
Insurance Claims under \$10,000.00	3,584.00
Dalton Papers	40.00
Cultural Council Donations	412.00
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	62,609.67

AGENCIES

Workers Compensation Refund	47,357.14
Warner Cable TV. Franchise	78,864.63
Fees/Warrants	7,570.00
Dog Licenses	14,038.92
Legal Advertising	1,480.00
Plumbing Inspections	8,130.00
Electrical Inspections	6,800.00
Deputy Collector Fees	13,875.00
Police Outside Detail	53,457.50
Law Enforcement Trust	926.11
Fees Retained by Town Collector	8,355.00
Fees Retained by Town Clerk	10,589.12
Dare Program Receipts	75.00
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	251,518.42

EARNINGS ON INVESTMENTS

General Funds	136,984.64
Local Law Enforcement	21.14
Capital Stabilization Int.	47,804.93
Litigation Stabilization Int.	10,854.41
Stabilization Funds	6,876.46
Pension Reserve Funds	4,154.95
Arts Cultural Council	135.62
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	206,832.15
TOTAL ALL RECEIPTS 2007	<hr/> 12,638,202.80 <hr/>

TRUST FUNDS

ARTS CULTURAL COUNCIL

Balance June 30, 2006	\$1,964.34	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts Grant	\$4,000.00	
Warrants FY 2007	\$(2,887.00)	
Interest Earned FY 2007	\$127.11	
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Balance June 30, 2007		\$3,204.45

ARTS CULTURAL COUNCIL MATCHING FUNDS

Balance June 30, 2006	\$164.49	
Warrants FY 2007		
Interest Earned FY 07	\$8.51	
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Balance June 30, 2007		\$173.00

PENSION TRUST FUNDS

Balance June 30, 2006	\$80,220.16	
Town Meeting Transfer from General Fund		
Town Meeting Approval Transfer to General Fund		
Interest Earned FY 07	\$4,154.95	
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Balance June 30, 2007		\$84,375.11

GENERAL FUND STABILIZATION TRUST

Balance June 30, 2006	\$122,014.95	
Transfers In Special Town Meeting	\$100,053.80	
Transfers Out Special Town Meeting	\$(21,103.00)	
Interest Earned FY 2007	\$6,876.46	
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Balance June 30, 2007		\$207,842.21

CAPITAL FUND STABILIZATION TRUST

Balance June 30, 2006	\$879,765.28	
Transfers In Special Town Meeting	\$375,286.30	
Transfers Out Special Town Meeting	\$(12,000.00)	
Interest Earned FY 2007	\$47,804.93	
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Balance June 30, 2007		\$1,290,856.51

LITIGATION FUND STABILIZATION TRUST

Balance June 30, 2006	\$208,944.31	
Transfers In Special Town Meeting	\$25,000.00	
Transfers Out Special Town Meeting		
Interest Earned FY 2007	\$10,854.41	
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Balance June 30, 2007		\$244,798.72

PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS

Non-Expendable Funds	\$60,000.00	
Receipts	\$500.00	
Expendable Funds	\$54,945.00	
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		\$115,445.00

INTEREST Balance June 30, 2006	\$90,240.09	
Interest Income FY 07	\$10,214.01	
Transfers Out	\$(50.00)	
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		\$100,404.10

Balance June 30, 2007 **\$215,849.10**

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

Non-Expendable Funds	\$35,100.00	
Expendable Funds	\$2,955.00	
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		\$38,055.00

Interest Balance June 30, 2006	\$48,208.02	
Warrants FY 07	\$(10,182.60)	
Interest Income FY 07	\$4,054.41	
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		\$42,079.83

Balance June 30, 2007 **\$80,134.83**

SCHOOL TRUST FUNDS

Non-Expendable Funds	\$30,000.00	
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		\$30,000.00

Interest Balance June 30, 2006	\$64,941.55	
Interest Income FY 07	\$4,679.93	
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		\$69,621.48

Balance June 30, 2007 **\$99,621.48**

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

Balance June 30, 2006	\$593.69	
Interest	\$21.14	
Receipts	\$926.11	
Warrants	\$(1,069.01)	
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Balance June 30, 2007 **\$471.93**

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; 61 Business Certificates; 0 Professional Registrations; 1,217 dog licenses; 192 fish and game licenses; 7 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 February 1, and a \$25 per dog Failure to License fine after April 1. In 2007, owners paid fines for 145 unlicensed dogs, 35 unrestrained dogs, 33 dogs and cats not vaccinated against rabies, 15 citations for failure to attach tag, 2 nuisance barking fines, 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 43 birth, 98 death and 12 marriage records contributing to the basis for the Commonwealth's central vital registration system. In addition, we processed 12 Intentions of Marriage, issuing Marriage Licenses for same; and issued 498 certified copies of births, deaths and marriages in 2007, 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 all of our legislation into a numbered and stylized document that is easily located and read. When this effort is completed in 2008, citizens will be able to access the Code via the Town website 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 for her dedicated performance over the last five years. I also want to express gratitude to former employees Jean M. Gingras and Victoria M. Sedgwick for coming out of retirement to assist us occasionally when the need arises. They are warm, friendly, sensitive and hardworking, and we are fortunate to have all three. Please also let me take this opportunity to thank the citizens of Dalton for their continual support.

DOG LICENSES ISSUED/FINES COLLECTED

Males	102
Neutered Males	457
Females	89
Spayed Females	528
Commercial Kennel	1
Multiple Pet Permit (3 – 4 Dog Permits)	13
Multiple Pet Permit (2 – 5 Dog Permits)	15
Multiple Pet Permit (1 – 6 Dog Permit)	12
Transfer Licenses	1
Total 2007 Dog Licenses Issued	1,217
Total Number Late Fees Assessed	232
Total License/late Fee Amount Paid To Town Treasurer	\$ 13,621.15
Total Animal Control/Police Fines, Court Fees &	
Misc. Paid To Town Treasurer	\$ 8,434.66
TOTAL AMOUNT PAID TO TOWN TREASURER	\$ 22,055.81

VITAL STATISTICS

Births	43
Deaths	98
Marriages	12

FISH & WILDLIFE LICENSES ISSUED

Resident Fishing	33
Resident Minor Fishing Ages 15-17	4
Resident Fishing Age 65-69 (HALF PRICE)	7
Resident Fishing Handicapped/Over 70 (FREE)	16
Non-Resident Fishing	5
Non-Resident Fishing (3 Day)	2
Duplicate Fishing	0
Trapping	2
Resident Citizen Hunting	10
Resident Citizen Hunting Age 65-69 (HALF PRICE)	0
Non-Resident Hunting (Big Game)	0
Non-Resident Hunting (Small Game)	2
Resident Minor Hunting Age 15-17	1
Resident Citizen Sporting	44
Resident Citizen Sporting Age 65-69 (HALF PRICE)	8
Resident Sporting Age 70 & over (FREE)	47
Duplicate Sporting	0
Archery Stamp	25
Primitive Firearms Stamp	34
Waterfowl Stamp	1
Wildlands Conservation Stamp – Resident	127
Wildlands Conservation Stamp – Non-Resident	6
Total Number of Licenses/Stamps Issued	419
Amount Paid to MA Division Fisheries & Wildlife	\$ 4,196.00

BIRTHS RECORDED IN THE TOWN OF DALTON FOR THE YEAR 2007

Alfonso, Evan Tyler	LaFleur, Andrew Thomas
Boland, Lila Kimberly	Lafleur, Vaughn Nicholas
Budimir, Emma Lisa	Larkin, Audrey Marion
Casella, Dakota Annabelle	Lasher, Brockton James
Colombari, Eve Lily	Maisonneuve, Bellaneicey Florence
Coughlin, Ethan William	Palmer, Ian Gregory
Deblois, Emily Louise	Rabuse, James Edward
DiCicco, Jack David	Reardon, Ella Antoinette
Faulconer, Madison Rose	Reichers, Isabella Jeane
Gero, Alexis Ann	Robb, Colby Aaron
Gianacopoulos, Ava Lila	Scalise, Ella Marie
Howard, Charles David	Silfer, Elise Nicole
Kendig, Lloyd Francis	Smith, Conner Michael
Kisselbrock, Kara Jean	Tempone, Benjamin Collier
TOTAL 43 (includes sixteen impounded birth records not listed above)	

DEATHS RECORDED IN THE TOWN OF DALTON FOR THE YEAR 2007*

Albert, Ruth W.	Estes, Bernice J.	Near, Nancy E.
Baldwin, Louise Marie	Farrell, John Edward	Neureuter, Howard
Bartley, Dorothy C.	Fornicella, Joseph A.	Niles, Doris E.
Beauchemin, Pauline A.	Forrester, Gary Ainley	O'Boyle, Eileen F.
Blake, Viola M.	Frankenberg, John A.	Oles, Jr., Harold G.
Blowe, Frank Alfred	Gepfert, Mary Ann	Pannozzo, Antionette Evelyn
Book, Bernice -	Girard, David Alfred	Pelkey, David Urban
Bradbury, Allan Rossman	Griffin, Evelyn B.	Perron, Sophie A.
Brady, Patricia Mary	Hall, Patricia	Pierone, Donald E.
Brett, Mary Ann	Harrison, Jacqueline	Pivoro, Mary Rose
Byrd, David C.	Hartford, Mabel ---	Powell, George D.
Carpinello, Fernanda ---	Hayes, Pierce Joseph Jr.	Premierlani, R. Alma
Cehowski, John E.	Hickey, William Joseph	Prendergast, John A.
Cicchinelli, Luciel F.	Hobson, George G. III	Robert, Irene
Clark, Christine L.	Hoster, Valerie A.	Rocca, Robert C.
Conner, Charles E.	Houser, Catherine J.	Rosenhein, Eleanor P.
Cooney, Shaun P.	Hunt, James A., Sr.	Ryan, Mary Agnes
Costi-Gardieff, Dina	Kerans, Richard W.	Schnopp, Lillian Grace
Cotton, John E.	Kirby, Alice ---	Shepardson, Charlotte J.
Cowdrey, Robert Vincent	Kirchner, Congetta M.	Snowden, Frances Kunagunda
Crosier, Bruce M.	Kittle, Mabel Elizabeth	St. Germain, Stefana
Croughwell, Anna A.	LaFleur, Donald Napoleon	Stepanian, Margaret K.
Cukor, Peter	Lamountain, Katherine Sarah	Stevens, Rosalie B.
Cuthbertson, William J.	Lepotakis, Leo ---	Stoddart, Eleanor F.
Danforth, James Richard	Lyman, Donald Francis	Strong, Timothy Michael
Darrow, Beverly A.	Majchrowski, Walter Victor	Sumliner, Sandra-Lee
DeBonis, Michael T.	Malone, Agnes M.	Thompson, Zilpha M.
Dennett, John ---	Martel, Paul A., Sr.	Turner, John J.
Dill, Francesa	Maruk, Peter	Wagner, Lillian M.
Divola, Mildred	Miersma, Mary Jane	Wary, Gilda Geltrude
Drew, Warren Alger	Miller, Frank E.	Wehry, John Henry
Elser, Donn Clement, Jr.	Mott, Allan Sanders	Whitestone, W.S. Peter
Emery, William E.	Munson, Rose Anne	

TOTAL - 98

*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, CMMC

Real Estate, Personal Property, Fire District, and Fire District Personal Property Tax bills are due semi-annually; the first half in November or December, depending on the setting of the tax rate. The taxpayer has 30 days from the date of issue to apply for abatement. The second half is due May 1st. If bills are not paid in full by May 1st, a \$5.00 late fee and 14% interest per annum is added. If that amount is not paid within 14 days, the Tax Title process begins. Fifteen parcels were taken in FY 2007.

Personal Property and Fire District Personal Property delinquencies are resolved in Small Claims Court when necessary. More often than not, the notification of a court date prompts the taxpayer to settle the bill. I am happy to report that in FY 2007, all bills were paid without court action.

Motor Vehicle bills are due 30 days from the date of issue. After that, a \$5.00 late fee and 12% interest per annum is added. If that amount is not paid within 14 days, the bill is forwarded to the Deputy Collector. For each step of the collection process, additional fees and interest accumulate, culminating in marking at the Registry of Motor Vehicles for \$20.00. Marking at the Registry prevents renewal of license and registration.

Sewer bills are due Oct. 1st and April 1st. If not paid by the due date, a \$5.00 late fee and interest of 14% per annum is added. If the late bill is not paid, the entire amount is added to the next year's Real Estate Tax bill as a Sewer Lien.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding any of the bills, please call our office. Assistant Collector Sue Wellspeak or I will be glad to assist you. My thanks to Sue for her professionalism, dedication and ready smile; it's a pleasure to work with her.

Taxes	FY	Balance 6/30/2006	Commitment	Abatement	Exemption	Credit Balance	Refunds	Received	Tax Title	Balance 6/30/2007
Real Estate	2007		\$8,412,264.62	\$5,965.61	\$33,825.00		\$13,218.86	\$8,199,981.75	\$51,998.03	\$133,713.09
Sewer Lien	2007		\$10,359.86					\$8,167.38	\$1,098.30	\$1,094.18
Water Lien	2007		\$57.83					\$57.83		\$-
I&E Lien	2007		\$2,450.00					\$2,250.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Real Estate	2006	\$110,501.14					\$97.70	\$85,392.44	\$25,206.40	\$(0.00)
Sewer Lien	2006	\$1,305.43						\$1,006.94	\$298.49	\$-
Water Lien	2006									\$-
Personal Prop.	2007		\$173,960.33	\$549.38				\$172,314.45		\$1,096.50
Personal Prop.	2006	\$744.71		\$35.04			\$24.91	\$734.58		\$-
Farm	2007		\$122.50					\$122.50		\$-
Forest										\$-
Motor Vehicle	2007		\$653,366.39	\$13,503.80			\$5,300.08	\$605,004.43		\$40,158.24
Motor Vehicle	2006	\$38,122.87	\$81,776.12	\$6,933.82			\$5,817.08	\$110,973.16		\$7,809.09
Motor Vehicle	2005	\$11,404.66	\$265.63	\$275.61		\$150.62	\$155.19	\$7,639.64		\$4,060.85
Motor Vehicle	2004	\$6,394.43						\$2,376.28		\$4,018.15
Motor Vehicle	2003	\$4,428.68						\$738.86		\$3,689.82
Motor Vehicle	2002	\$1,754.58						\$237.81		\$1,516.77
Motor Vehicle	2001	\$2,444.07						\$303.34		\$2,140.73
Motor Vehicle	2000	\$2,793.43						\$474.48		\$2,318.95
Motor Vehicle	Previous	\$2,025.95	\$363.76					\$363.76		\$2,025.95
Totals		\$181,919.95	\$9,334,987.04	\$27,263.26	\$33,825.00	\$150.62	\$24,613.82	\$9,198,139.63	\$78,701.22	\$203,742.32
Fire District	2007		\$273,073.68	\$193.61	\$-	\$-	\$2,390.50	\$268,521.72	\$1,641.80	\$5,107.05
Fire District	2006	\$3,732.05			\$-	\$-		\$3,306.71	\$425.34	\$0.00
Fire Personal	2007		\$5,647.35	\$17.83	\$-	\$-	\$7.45	\$5,593.41		\$43.56
Fire Personal	2006	\$24.45		\$1.16	\$-	\$-		\$23.29		\$-
Totals		\$3,756.50	\$278,721.03	\$212.60	\$-	\$-	\$2,397.95	\$277,445.13	\$2,067.14	\$5,150.61

Other Than Taxes Collected FY 2007

Account/Account Number	FY Balance 6/30/2006	Commitments	Abatements	Refunds	Received	To Lien	Balance 6/30/2007
Police Detail 246R	2007 \$13,702.50	\$49,905.00	\$-	\$-	\$53,457.50	\$10,150.00	
Admin Fee 4398	2007 \$96.00	\$2,849.02			\$2,735.02	\$210.00	
Sewer User 4246	2007 \$-	\$538,959.94	\$900.00	\$975.88	\$522,401.70	\$16,634.12	
Sewer User 4246	2006 \$14,544.72	\$-	\$510.00		\$5,148.12	\$ (0.00)	
Sewer Late Fee 4245	2007 \$-	\$2,435.00			\$2,435.00	\$-	
Cemetery 4378	2007 \$115.00	\$35,226.00	\$115.00		\$34,986.00	\$240.00	
Other Interest 4174	2007 \$-	\$780.47			\$780.47	\$-	
Interest 4171	2007 \$-	\$23,743.00			\$23,743.00	\$-	
Returned Checks 4330	2007 \$-	\$200.00			\$200.00	\$-	
Late Fee Other 4333	2007 \$-	\$10.00			\$10.00	\$-	
Interest FD 4171	2007 \$-	\$682.07			\$682.07	\$-	
Demand Fees 247D	2007 \$-	\$8,295.00			\$8,295.00	\$-	
Warrant Fees 251D	2007 \$-	\$7,550.00			\$7,550.00	\$-	
Deputy Fees 251R	2007 \$-	\$13,875.00			\$13,875.00	\$-	
Escrow Fees 2512381	2007 \$-	\$1,674.00			\$1,674.00	\$-	
RMV Fees 4175	2007 \$-	\$5,200.00			\$5,200.00	\$-	
Municipal Liens 4321	2007 \$-	\$5,050.00			\$5,050.00	\$-	
Trailer Park Fees 4165	2007 \$-	\$4,608.00			\$4,608.00	\$-	
Sewer Hook-up 4467	2007 \$-	\$2,000.00			\$2,000.00	\$-	
Highway Excavation 4377	2007 \$-	\$1,050.00			\$1,050.00	\$-	
Alarms Comm. Ctr. 4331	2007 \$-	\$1,360.00	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$1,360.00	\$-	
Sel.Bd.Comm.Ctr. 4810	2007 \$-	\$18,817.44			\$18,817.44	\$-	
Hinsdale Sewer 4746	2007 \$13,003.00	\$47,499.00			\$60,502.00	\$-	
Fire Dist Reimb 4811	2007 \$9,000.00	\$10,000.00			\$19,000.00	\$-	
Int.MM Acct. 4820	2007 \$-	\$6,312.83			\$6,312.83	\$-	
Pinegrove Sewer 4181	2007 \$-	\$1,931.67			\$1,931.67	\$-	
Dup.Bill Charge 4382	2007 \$-	\$1,022.58			\$1,022.58	\$-	

Prep/Post Ad	247-400-0	2007	\$-	\$40.00	\$1,570.00	\$11,834.97	\$8,886.60	\$27,234.12
Prep/Post Ad	247R	2007	\$-	\$30.00				
Clerk Census	4841	2006	\$-	\$3,123.08				
Clerk Census	4841	2004	\$-	\$3,307.20				
Rollback Tax	4125	2007	\$-	\$11,834.97				
Totals			\$50,461.22	\$809,371.27	\$1,020.88	\$823,162.65		

Taxes Collected		\$9,198,139.63
Fire District Collected		\$277,445.13
Other Collected		\$823,162.65
Total Collected FY 2007		\$10,298,747.41

POSTAGE REPORT

Jane A.Carman

July 1,2006 through June 30,2007

Postage Expenses

Maintenance Agreement	\$ 649.00	July 1, 2006 Meter Balance	\$ 618.73
Reset Charges	28.50	Deposits	14,300.00
Meter Rental	768.00	Total Postage Available	14,918.73
Postage	13,912.92	Postage used FY 2007	12,098.72
Pre-sort mailing Permit	160.00	Balance June 30, 2007	\$2,820.01
Total Expenses	\$15,518.42		

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:

- 263 Individuals were served at health promotion clinics in the year 2007
- Clinics were held at 5 different sites (the town hall, community house, and the 3 senior housing sites)
- 108 flu shots were given
- 2 pneumococcal shots were given
- Education of Triad Picnic attendees regarding the three types of tick borne illnesses was offered.

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

- 2 Campylobacter
- 1 Salmonellosis
- 1 Shiga toxin producing organism
- 2 Pertussis
- 4 Invasive Strep , group B

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.

Health Promotion Clinics													
	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Unduplicated	no meal												
Male		1	1		1	1					1	1	6
Female	16	5		1	2	1	1				5	1	32
Total	16	6	1	1	3	2	1	3			6	2	41
Number of visits	16	16	27	28	27	29	25	22	24	27	7	15	263
Number of clinics	5	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	6	5	60
Number of clinic hours	8.5	3	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	10.5	8	94
Travel/Set-up	4	2.75	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	5	4	47.8
													0
Blood pressure >140/90	3	3	9	8	8	8	7	7	4	4		5	66
													0
Blood Sugar screened				2	4	3	1	2	2	1	1		16
2hr. after eating >140				1	1	2		1	1				6
random > 200					1								1
cholesterol screening													0
Instruction													0
Medication	5	5	6	17	26	23	22	15	12	3		1	135
Diet	3	2	3	6	4	5	3	6	9	5	2	5	53
Disease	7	2	4	7	10	10	13	3	7	2	1	1	67
Life Style	2		4	5	2				1				14
Referral													0
Primary Care physician	1	2	4		3	3	3	5	1			2	24
Tobacco Treatment													0
Nutritionist	1												1
Fasting Blood Work				1	1	2		2					6
Diabetes Specialist					2								2
Pulmonary Rehab Services													0
Early Intervention Cardiac Care				1									1
Skilled nursing													0
Mammogram													0
Colonoscopy													0
Blood Pressure Recheck	6	6	9	8	11	13	19	13	6	4		11	106
													0
Communicable disease Follow up and Reporting													0

VETERAN'S SERVICE

Daniel K. Casey, VSO

During calendar year 2007, the following activity occurred:

One WELCOME HOME BONUS award was applied for a returning veteran from the Iraqi War.

Five AID AND ATTENDANCE applications were sent to the V.A. for their approval for two World War II veterans and three for widows of World War II veterans.

Two GI Insurance applications were processed and sent to the V.A.

Four Veterans' footmarker applications were processed and sent to the V.A.

One Vietnam era veteran was on Chapter 115, financial aid, for a period of 6 months.

Five DD214's were applied for.

The WELCOME HOME BONUS BILL entitles qualified veterans of the Iraqi and Afghanistan Wars to be compensated.

Eligibility Requirements

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

Application forms along with other VA forms are available at my office on Thursdays, 4 pm to 6 pm and Fridays, 1 pm to 3 pm.

IN MEMORIAM

Donald F. Lyman (Korea)	Richard W. Kerans (WWII)
Walter V. Majchrowski (WWII)	James R. Danforth (Korea)
Bruce M. Crosier (WWII)	Joseph P. Muraca (Vietnam)
Robert V. Cowdrey (WWII)	Allan R. Bradbury (WWII)
John H. Wehry (Korea)	Franklin A. Polly Jr. (WWII)
John E. Farrell (Korea)	Walter F. Conant Jr. (Korea)
William Hickey (WWII)	Pierce J. Hayes Jr. (Korea)
Leo Lepotakis (WWII)	

DALTON WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Dalton Waste Management Committee was reactivated in 2005 to encourage more recycling in the Town, especially by residents who contract for private refuse collection. Acting in an advisory capacity the Committee reports to the Board of Health with any recommendations or suggestions regarding the handling of solid waste and recyclables in the Town.

The Committee consists of four volunteer members. Public meetings are typically held at 3:30PM on the final Wednesday of each month in the Callahan Room at Town Hall. Current members of the board are Chairperson Jenny Gitlitz, Cam Cachet, Ed Gero, and Pete Cachet.

The Committee has worked to enable the Town transfer station to accept recyclables from private trash haulers with customers in Dalton, so that all Town residents may have the opportunity to recycle conveniently. Private trash haulers are required to offer their customers recycling services according to state law.

Several grants from the State Department of Environmental Protection have been awarded to assist the Committee in evaluating operational choices and in raising public awareness about the importance of recycling.

WEB SITE COMMITTEE

Frank McDonald, Chairman

Over 10,000 visitors have seen dalton-ma.gov for 2007. While most of the visitors were from the United States there have also been visits from around the world. Visitors will find information on the many committees and boards of the town. Downloadable forms are available for several departments. Local information is also available through links. I would like to thank all of the members of our Web site Committee –Robert Fox, William Chabot, Ken Walto and our Webmaster Louise Frankenberg who has done an amazing job setting up and maintaining the Web site from the beginning. Please take a moment to explore the dalton-ma.gov site to gain information about our town and its area in which we live.

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

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*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. 36
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. 7:00 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.

2008 ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION BALLOT

Barbara L. Suriner, Town Clerk

To Choose and Elect the Following Town Officers:
(May 12, 2008 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