

# ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE TOWN OF DALTON MASSACHUSETTS FOR 2008

Population 2008 Census (As of December 31, 2008).....	6,962
Number of Registered Voters.....	4,574
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).....	\$15.00
Tax Rate (Fire District).....	\$.65
Total Tax Assessed (Town-Includes Personal Property).....	\$9,265,487
Total Tax Assessed (Fire District).....	\$401,504
Total Valuation.....	\$617,699,156
'09 Town Meeting.....	May 4, 2009 (7:00 p.m.)
'09 Town Election.....	May 11, 2009 (10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.)
'10 Town Meeting.....	May 3, 2010 (7:00 p.m.)
'10 Town Election.....	May 10, 2010 (10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.)

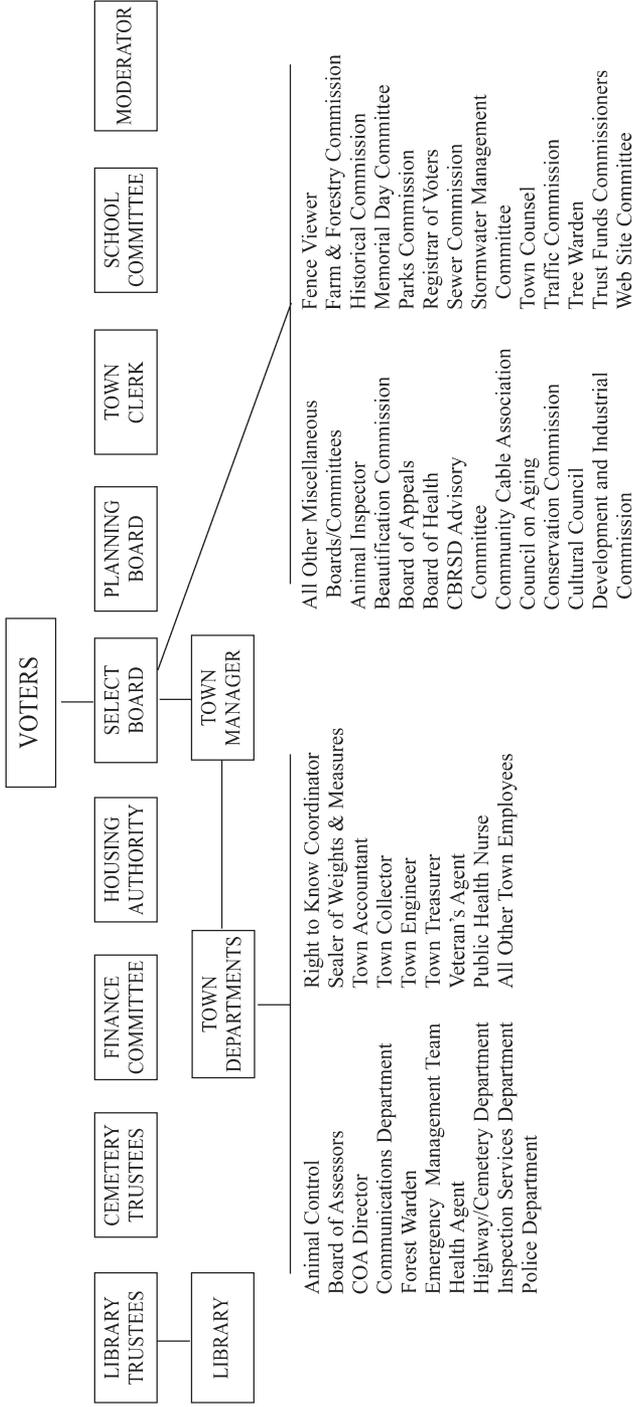
**Please bring this report with you to the May 4, 2009 Annual Town Meeting.  
Please note time change to 7:00 p.m. for all Town Meetings.**

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

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# TOWN OF DALTON ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



## ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

	Term Expires		Term Expires
<b>Select Board</b> (Term 3 Years)		<b>Library Trustees</b> (Term 3 Years)	
John F. Boyle, Chair.....	2010	John Kittredge, Chair.....	2010
William E. Chabot, Vice Chair .....	2010	Judith L. Douville .....	2009
Louisa M. Horth.....	2009	Robin A. Higgins .....	2010
Stuart T. Sargent, Jr. ....	2011	Diana M. Hamilton (App't) .....	2009
Thomas S. Szczepaniak .....	2011	Gail A. Pinna.....	2011
		Mark S. Rancourt.....	2009
<b>Town Clerk</b> (Term 3 Years)		Joan M. Roy.....	2009
Barbara L. Suriner.....	2009	Barbara P. Kalib (App't) .....	2009
		Max Ehrlich .....	2011
<b>Moderator</b> (Term 1 Year)		<b>Planning Board</b> (Term 5 Years)	
Ronald J. Marcella, Sr.....	2009	Louisa M. Horth, Chair.....	2013
		Richard F. Ladd.....	2011
<b>Dalton Housing Authority</b> (Term 5 Years)		Zach R. McCain, III.....	2012
Kathleen M. Burke, Chair.....	2011	Karen M. Quinn .....	2010
Helen F. McGarry .....	2010	Stuart T. Sargent, Jr.....	2009
Patricia A. Stottle .....	2013		
Katherine C. Wood.....	2012	<b>Finance Committee</b> (Term 3 Years)	
Robin A. Higgins (State Appointed)		Henry H. Williams III, Chair .....	2011
<b>Cemetery Trustees</b> (Term 3 Years)		George H. Bissell .....	2011
Marjorie E. Limburg, Chair .....	2011	William A. Drosehn, III .....	2010
H. Edwin Cady.....	2010	David E. Fairfield.....	2009
John P. Cooney.....	2009	Robert J. Fox.....	2009
		J. Michael Hoffman.....	2010
		Kurt Jalbert.....	2010
		Richard E. Lacatell.....	2011
		Domenico Suppappola.....	2009

## APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS

(Effective July 1, 2008 - Serving 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

Jodi L. Hollingsworth, Asst.

### Town Treasurer

Sharon M. Messenger

Dawn M. Fahey, Asst.

### Police Chief

John W. Bartels, Jr. (2011)

**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**  
Laura L. Maffuccio (2009)

**BRPC Transportation Advisory Comm.**  
Thomas S. Szczepaniak  
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 (2011)  
Stephen J. Psutka (2009)  
Mary E. Lamke, Alt (2009)  
Vacancy, Alternate (2009)

**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 (2011)

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

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

**Cemetery Historic Preservation  
Study Committee**  
Louisa M. Horth, Chair  
H. Edwin Cady  
Mary Jane Caliento  
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. (2011)

**Conservation Commission (3 Years)**  
Robert W. Bishop, Jr., Chair (2010)  
Thomas W. Baker (2010)  
Esther T. Balardini (2011)  
James S. Duffy (2009)  
Edward F. Gero (2011)  
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 (2011)  
Marcia J. Brophy (2010)  
Persis B. Caverly (2011)  
Cora E. Cooney (2011)  
Cynthia L. Costello (2011)  
Helga C. Knappe (2009)  
Joyce F. Lacatell (2010)  
Mary E. Lamke (2011)  
Marjorie M. Lillpopp (2010)  
Maureen M. Mitchell (2010)  
Thomas J. Murray (2010)  
Richard A. Nicholas (2009)  
Naomi K. Rauff (2011)  
Vacancy (2009)  
Vacancy (2010)

**Custodian of Property Taken  
in Tax Title**

Sharon M. Messenger

**Dalton Beautification Comm. (3 Years)**

Annamarie Cicchetti, Chair (2010)  
Mary Jane Caliento (2011)  
Angela R. Dansereau (2010)  
Dian D. Elser (2009)  
Deborah D. Smith (2010)  
Nicole M. Swegel (2009)  
Vacancy (2011)

**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)**

Donald E. Harris, Jr., Chair (2011)  
Kathleen A. Desmarais (2009)  
James J. Ethier (2010)  
Marjorie E. Limburg (2011)  
Monica J. Montferret (2009)  
Teresa B. Unwin (2011)  
John C. Williams (2009)

**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 (2013)  
David L. Kalib (2013)  
Donald R. Rochelo (2010)  
Augustus J. Schnopp, Jr. (2013)  
Stephen A. Sears (2011)  
William R. Wilson, Jr. (2010)  
Susan C. Vigeant (2012)

**Dalton Historical Commission  
(3 Years)**

Louisa M. Horth, Chair (2009)  
Mary Jane Caliento (2011)  
Gail A. Pinna (2009)  
Mary Ellen D. Shea (2010)  
Mary A. Walsh (2011)  
George D. White (2010)  
Joyce M. White (2011)

**Director of Communications**

Michael J. Norton

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

Hubert T. White

**Emergency Management Coordinator**

Edward M. Fahey

**Expedited Permitting Committee  
(serving until completion)**

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

**Farm and Forestry Commission**

Jessie Robertson-Dubois (2009)  
J. Dicken Crane (2011)  
Stuart T. Sargent (2011)

**Fence Viewer**

James R. Bacon

**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.

**Insurance Advisory Committee  
(no terms of expiration)**

Victoria M. Sedgwick  
Richard A. Nicholas, Jr.  
Christopher J. Furlong  
Jonathan Bishop  
Dennis Burke  
Rudolph Gagliardi II  
Michael O'Bryan  
Gabrielle Taglieri  
*Ex-Officio members:*  
Sandra J. Albano  
Sharon M. Messenger

**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)**

John F. Boyle, Chair (2010)  
William E. Chabot (2010)  
Louisa M. Horth (2009)  
Stuart T. Sargent, Jr. (2011)  
Thomas S. Szczepaniak (2011)

**Open Space Committee**

Stuart T. Sargent, Jr., Chair  
Thomas W. Baker  
J. Dicken Crane  
Daniel D. Filiault  
Mary E. Lamke  
Dominick F. Sacco  
Mary A. Walsh  
2 Vacancies

**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**

John F. Boyle  
Kenneth E. Walto, Alternate

**Sealer of Weights & Measures**

Paul K. Vacchina

**Senior Center Building**

**Feasibility Study Committee**

Thomas S. Szczepaniak, Chair  
Anthony P. Doyle  
Sarah J. Frankland  
Mary E. Lamke  
Gail A. Pinna  
Irwin T. Renak  
Augustus J. Schnopp

**Sewer Commission**

Select Board

**Skateboard Park Committee**

Thomas S. Szczepaniak, Chair  
Mark J. Hall  
Robert J. Mozzi  
Matthew T. Provencher  
Brett M. Farrell

**Stormwater Management Commission**

James L. Noel, Chair (2010)  
Timothy M. Alessio (2010)  
Robert W. Bishop, Jr. (2010)  
Llewellyn E. Clark (2010)  
Edward F. Gero (2009)  
Richard F. Ladd (2011)  
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  
Barry R. Smith

**Tree Warden**

Peter B. Bacon

**Waste Management Study Committee**

Jennifer S. Gitlitz, Chair  
Camillius B. Cachat, Jr.  
Peter Cachat, III  
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

A continuing deterioration of Dalton's financial situation remains the top priority of the Select Board. A perfect storm of the inability to raise additional revenue, reduced state aid and a deteriorating economy have placed the town's ability to deliver services in an extremely tenuous position.

In fiscal 2009, the town held its operating budget to a 2 % or less increase. But after town meeting action, the Select Board was forced to make an additional \$250,000 in cuts to the town operational budget. This process was accomplished by raising fees, and further reducing departmental budgets, as a result, several full-time positions were eliminated and services were curtailed.

The location of a Senior Center continues to be a divisive issue. The Senior Center Building Committee, after lengthy deliberations recommended a town owned site at the corner of Field and High Street to build a newly constructed facility. Initial estimates indicated construction and years of operating costs could be absorbed by the \$800,000 earmarked for this project in 2000. Several local businesses and citizens have volunteered their services in an effort to defray costs.

Meanwhile the Dalton Youth Center building on South Carson Avenue, adjacent to the Town Hall became available to the Town of Dalton. In the interest of fairness, thoroughness, and the desire to assess a new opportunity, it was decided to evaluate both locations for a Senior Center. As I write this report a Feasibility Study Committee is concluding its deliberations and is expected to soon make a recommendation to the Select Board.

In spite of financial limitations, the Town of Dalton, with the assistance of grants, state funds and borrowing was able to undertake several capital improvement projects in 2008. Some of these caused great inconvenience to residents.

- A total rebuild of South Street, a two-year project, expected to be completed in 2009.
- Two bridges on route 8, the expected reconstruction of 2 years was actually completed in less than 1 year.
- Town Hall renovations were begun in 2008 with expected completion in 2009.
- Several smaller projects, such as the Cleveland Road bridge, street repaving and side walk improvements were initiated.
- The Dalton Water District recently began repairs to the dam located at Windsor Reservoir, although not a direct expenditure to the town of Dalton, water rate payers partially subsidize this project.

We are grateful to residents bordering these projects for their cooperation and patience during the disruptive construction activity.

During 2008, in the interest of creating economic development opportunity, the town passed a by law allowing an expedited permitting process for industrial

zoned property in the Hubbard Avenue area. Currently there are plans for the location of energy producing facilities on these properties.

Another positive economic development is the re-location of Sinicon Plastics Company, from Pittsfield, to a site on Housatonic Street, in a building formerly known as 'OP8'. The prospect of 30-35 jobs and the rehabilitation of the property should serve Dalton well. Town Manager, Kenneth E. Walto and his economic development team, worked diligently to lure this business to Dalton. Their efforts have added considerably to Dalton's viability as business friendly.

A special thanks to the Dalton Civic Arts Committee and all the volunteers and businesses who contributed to "Christmas in Dalton", a truly festive event that embraced the community with a spirit of Holiday enchantment. A new addition to the celebration was a "Santa's Workshop", located at the old 'Hard Hat' building on Daly Avenue. The three-day event, geared toward our younger citizens proved to be a spectacular success.

I wish to thank fellow Board members, William E. Chabot, Louisa Horth, Thomas Szczepaniak and Stuart Sargent, for their contributions and co-operation in addressing the many issues confronting the town. I particularly would like to welcome our newest member to the Board, Stu Sargent. Stu brings a great deal of energy, insight and perspective to our deliberations.

In order to keep the wheels of government functioning, a town must have a strong base of dedicated and professional employees, volunteers and elected officials. Dalton is truly fortunate to have such a group working for the best interests of the community. We thank them for their commitment and continuing efforts.

Ken Walto, our Town Manager, and Debby Merry, his Administrative Assistant, provide support, information and staff for the Select Board. We thank them for their efforts which enable the Select Board to function in a well-informed and professional manner.

In an effort to alleviate the town's financial burden, the Select Board, in 2009, will make every effort to secure additional funding through State aid, Federal grants and will foster an economic climate to encourage business to locate here. Specifically the Board has prepared a list of capital projects for consideration in President Obama's economic stimulus package. State Representative Denis E. Guyer, who has been instrumental in securing funding for many Dalton projects, will work with Mass. Lt. Governor Murray to coordinate the advancement of our priorities.

2008 can be characterized as a year of consolidation and retrenchment for Dalton government. We are hopeful that 2009 will allow us to stabilize our financial position and move toward the goal of providing the best possible delivery of services while maintaining the essence of our community life.

## TOWN MANAGER

**Kenneth E. Walto, Town Manager**

In January, a Special Town Election approved debt exclusion for exterior renovations and repairs to the Town Hall. A debt exclusion means that the payments of principle and interest are in addition to the taxation limits imposed by Proposition 2 ½. This vote was subsequent to a Special Town Meeting in November of 2007 which authorized borrowing up to \$1,110,000 to fund the project. Town Hall has not been significantly renovated in more than thirty years. These funds will be used to replace roofs and windows and repair masonry. It is the second phase of the renovation plan. Construction began in June with completion expected in the spring of 2009. David J. Tierney Jr. is the General Contractor and Barry Architects is providing design and construction supervision services. Phase I, completed in December of 2007, created a new emergency communications center in the Police Department. A general interior renovation is planned for phase III. It will be done when sufficient funding is available.

The reconstruction of South Street commenced in the spring, and will take two full construction seasons to complete. The six million dollar project is being undertaken by the Commonwealth on behalf of the Town.

Planning for the reconstruction of Housatonic Street was reactivated in the fall. Design is 75% complete. The Town is designing the project, but the state will do the actual construction, perhaps within the next two years using a second round of economic stimulus money.

Fiscally, 2008 was a difficult year requiring a significant cut back in town expenditures and services due to the passage of the Central Berkshire Regional School District Budget. The Town's budget was not actually settled until a Special Town Meeting in September reduced the Annual Town Meeting appropriations. A Town operating budget of \$5,718,635 along with a total Central Berkshire Regional School District budget of \$7,409,384 was approved at the ATM; \$246,618 of the school's operating budget was contingent on a Proposition 2 ½ override. That override failed at the Annual Town Election on May 12<sup>th</sup>. However, Dalton was required to fund the CBRSD budget as the other towns in the district approved it; and if five of the seven towns approve the budget, it must be funded.

The amount of the failed override was eliminated from the Town's operating budget, a cut of nearly 5%. Over the summer, a cut back plan was prepared which affected nearly every department. Positions were eliminated in the Police Department, Highway Department, Town Hall and Library. Public Health Nursing services were significantly curtailed as was funding for recreation programs provided by CRA. Transfer Station fees were doubled; and retirees contributions to health insurance were increased.

In June, the Select Board adopted an \$11 million dollar five-year capital plan. 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. Subsequently in June, Town Meeting approved \$28,500.00 to fund the Annual Element of the Capital Improvement Program from the Capital

Stabilization Fund. The Town also allowed the \$800,000.00 reserved for a Senior Center at the Old Dalton High School to be used for expenses related to the development of a Senior Center at any location.

A Senior Center Feasibility Study Committee was established to select a designer to study at least two locations for a new facility.

I thank the town's employees whose continued dedication and cooperation, even amidst cutbacks, 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 Administrative Assistant who 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."

During its sixth 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 almost \$800,000 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 of 2007, 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. Unfortunately that project may not materialize due to the recession and banking crisis which has frozen credit.

In June of 2007, 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 of that year, the state awarded the Town a \$90,000 “Smart Growth” Technical Assistance Grant.

That grant is being used for various purposes related to creating growth at the site: Clough Harbor & Associates is being retained to study traffic flows around the site including Hubbard Avenue and South Street. The MMA Consulting Group will study re-organization of Town development agencies necessary to achieve expedited business permitting in the designated area. Kopelman and Paige, Town Counsel, will do any legal work related to the project. Also, Mass Development will work with the Town to create a special infrastructure financing district in the target area.

A business zoning sub-committee, created to revise zoning in the target area, developed a new by-law for the district which was approved by a Special Town meeting in September. Known as a “Planned Industrial Development District”, the by-law significantly increases those business and industrial uses that can be approved quickly via a site plan review instead of a special permit.

Also, at a June Special Town meeting, the town approved its first ever Tax Increment Financing agreement for Sinicon Plastics which purchased the former General Electric Ordnance building on West Housatonic Street and is moving from rented space on West Housatonic Street in Pittsfield. The Commission played a vital role in attracting this business to Dalton and structuring the deal. It will continue to play an oversight role with any such agreements.

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

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

**Michael L. McClay**

The year 2008 has seen an increase in animal issues, both domestic and wild. Dog bite cases have increased with children being bitten more frequently. Most of these children were bitten by their own family pet. Small children should always be supervised when around any domestic animal. The numbers of wildlife in the area is also increasing causing more conflicts with people. Avoid any direct contact with wild animals if possible. Rabies is still prevalent in the area and all mammals are susceptible to being rabid. Do not try to trap problem wildlife yourself. There are strict state laws regarding trapping regulations and it is illegal in Massachusetts to relocate any wildlife. This means you can not remove wildlife from your property and relocate them to another area. The illegal killing of wildlife is also strictly enforced.

As a reminder to Dalton residents state law requires that all dogs 6 months of age or older must be vaccinated for rabies and be licensed through the town. State law also requires all cats over the age of 6 months to be vaccinated for rabies. A copy of Daltons animal control bylaws can be found on the Town of Daltons web site.

I can be reached on my business phone at 684-6111 ext 52 or by calling the Dalton police at 684-0300. I can also be reached by e- mail at [aco@daltonpolice.org](mailto:aco@daltonpolice.org).

# 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.

There is one vacancy on the Board for an alternate member.

Current Board members are:

Anthony P. Doyle	Chairman
Stephen J. Psutka	Vice Chairman
Edward F. Gero	Clerk
Mary E. Lamke	Alternate

The recording secretary is Bonnie L. 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 the Zoning Administrator, in accordance with MGLA, Chapter 40A, section 13.

During the 2008 calendar year, the Board held seven public hearings. Five were hearings for special permits and one hearing was for a variance and one hearing was for an Administrative Appeal.

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

The Dalton Board of Assessors as advised by the State Department of Revenue continues to do yearly interim adjustments to property valuation. These interim reviews allow adjustments to be made to values of properties based on market sales. The Fiscal 2009 review showed values at 97 % of fair and full cash value. Through new growth the taxable value of the town increased by \$ 3,221,269 most of this increase was in personal property valuation. The single family residences increased by \$ 706,900 or 2 tenths percent over last year due to 3 new single family parcels. Conversely from 2007 to 2008 when we saw an increase of \$ 5,086,800 or 1.2 % due to 11 new single family dwellings and other new growth. We continue seeing market prices of homes exceeding our assessed values. Unlike the national media continues to say real estate values have dropped in Western Massachusetts and Berkshire County real estate values are actually remaining stable or have leveled off.

As being reported in the news, local aid from Boston has been cut and further cuts are coming in Fiscal Year 2010. For Fiscal Year 2008 the Town had to raise \$ 13,608,111.82, between estimated receipts and other revenue \$ 4,538,418.17 was subtracted which left \$ 9,069,693.65 to be raised by the real and personal property tax levy. In Fiscal Year 2009 the amount to be raised rose by \$ 214,887.04 to \$ 13,822,998.86 and estimated receipts and other revenue increased by \$ 19,093.03 which increased the amount to be raised by real and personal property to \$ 9,265,487.39 or an increase of \$ 195,793.74 over last year. With these decreases in local aid and local receipts it means an increase in the amount to be raised by real and personal property tax levy which lead to an increase in the tax rate.

Michael J. Britton, M.A.A., R.M.A.

Frances M. Broderick, M.A.A

Mary D. Blake, Assessor/Clerk

## Tax Rate Summary

	FY2009	FY2008	FY2007	08-09	07-08
<b>Amounts to be raised</b>					
Appropriations from Town Meeting	\$ 13,705,574.47	\$ 13,471,382.17	\$ 13,238,442.00		
Cherry Street Offset	\$ 12,256.00	\$ 11,941.00	\$ 11,642.00		
Abatements and Exemptions	\$ 69,697.39	\$ 79,906.65	\$ 79,262.58		
State and County Charges	\$ 35,471.00	\$ 44,882.00	\$ 46,637.00		
<b>Total Amount to be Raised</b>	<b>\$ 13,822,998.86</b>	<b>\$ 13,608,111.82</b>	<b>\$ 13,375,983.58</b>	<b>\$ 214,887.04</b>	<b>\$ 232,128.24</b>
<b>Estimated receipts and other revenue sources</b>					
Estimated Receipts - State Cherry Street	\$ 1,600,531.00	\$ 1,572,240.00	\$ 1,514,391.00		
Estimated Receipts Local					
Local receipts not allocated	\$ 952,374.00	\$ 917,500.00	\$ 904,254.00		
Offset receipts	\$ 658,368.00	\$ 578,937.00	\$ 570,487.00		
<b>Revenue sources appropriated for particular purposes</b>					
Free Cash	\$ 313,829.18	\$ 314,180.17	\$ 715,125.00		
Other Avail. Funds	\$ 426,236.29	\$ 455,561.00	\$ 485,503.00		
<b>Other revenue sources appropriated specifically to reduce tax rate</b>					
Free Cash	\$ 560,000.00	\$ 650,000.00	\$ 600,000.00		
Overlay Surplus	\$ 46,173.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -		
<b>Total estimated receipts and other revenue sources</b>	<b>\$ 4,557,511.47</b>	<b>\$ 4,538,418.17</b>	<b>\$ 4,789,760.00</b>		
Total amount to be raised	\$ 13,822,998.86	\$ 13,608,111.82	\$ 13,375,983.58		
Total estimated receipts and other revenue sources	\$ 4,557,511.47	\$ 4,538,418.17	\$ 4,789,760.00		
<b>Total amount to be raised from real and personal property tax levy</b>	<b>\$ 9,265,487.39</b>	<b>\$ 9,069,693.65</b>	<b>\$ 8,586,223.58</b>		
Total Real and Personal Property Valuation	\$617,699,159.00	\$ 614,477,890.00	\$ 605,943,795.00		
Tax Rate	\$ 15.00	\$ 14.76	\$ 14.17		

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

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

<b>Tax Levy Calculation</b>	<b>Fiscal 2007</b>	<b>Fiscal 2008</b>
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

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

	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
One Family	1,943	1,940	1,929
Two Family	173	176	182
Three Family	24	24	23
Multi - Family*	24	24	24
Condominiums	109	109	109
Mobile Homes**	11	12	11
Nine plus Family	5	5	5
Rooming & Boarding	4	4	4
Congregate	1	1	1
Total	2,294	2,295	2,288

\* Multi-Family is 4 units and above

\*\* Mobile Homes include Trailer Park

**Motor Vehicle Excise**

<b>Year</b>	<b>No. of Vehicles</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Abatements</b>	<b>Excise</b>
2008	7,818	\$37,411,000.00	\$17,864.73	\$790,199.78
2007	7,416	\$34,816,400.00	\$20,818.79	\$758,072.61
2006	7,285	\$33,354,900.00	\$20,519.90	\$743,046.80

**Real & Personal Property Abatements**

<b>FY</b>	<b>Amount Abated</b>
2008	\$8,702.05
2007	\$6,514.99
2006	\$10,257.87

# TOWN MODERATOR

**Ronald J. Marcella**

I would like to explain and possibly answer some questions about Town Meetings.

The following is a brief outline of how we conduct our Annual and special Town Meetings in Dalton. For those who wish to have more comprehensive information I suggest they research Secretary of the Commonwealth William Francis Galvin's Citizen's Guide to Town meetings at [www.sec.state.ma.us/cis/cistwn/twinidx.htm](http://www.sec.state.ma.us/cis/cistwn/twinidx.htm)

Each town in the Commonwealth has a unique way of running a Town Meeting, based on its bylaws or charter. Customs and traditions are sometimes written down and sometimes not and are unique to one town and not another.

Following is a list of questions and answers that I have taken from Secretary William Francis Galvin web page; Citizen's Guide to Town Meetings. I have kept my text to Open Town Meeting, the form used by Dalton.

An open Town Meeting means that all of Dalton's voters may vote on all matters.

Town meeting as I have reported before is the purest form of democratic governing. In use for over 300 years and still today.

A town is determined as having less than 12,000 inhabitants and cannot become a city. Those with more may opt to become a city. Towns with less than 6,000 inhabitants must have an open Town Meeting. Towns with more than 6,000 inhabitants may opt for either form of Town Meeting at their discretion. Most but not all towns have Town Meetings. A few towns are governed by town councils. In sum, no cities have Town Meeting and most towns do have Town Meetings.

A Town Meeting is both an event and an entity. As an event, it is a gathering of a town's eligible voters, and is referred to as the Town Meeting. As an entity, it is the legislative body for towns in Massachusetts, and is referred to simply as 'Town Meeting.'" So you may say I went to the Town Meeting. Town Meeting approved the budget.

Annual Town Meetings, unless otherwise provided by special law or charter, must be held in February, March, April or May. The Select Board may delay the annual meeting, but it must be completed by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Additional Town Meetings are called special meetings and may be held as often during the year as necessary.

In general the Select Board calls a special Town Meeting however two hundred registered voters or 20% of the total number of registered voters, whichever is less, may request a special Town Meeting. The special Town Meeting must be held no later than 45 days after the Select Board receives the request.

Items to be decided at Annual and special Town Meetings are presented to the voters on a warrant also known as a warning, by the Select Board, listing the time, place and is the meeting agenda 7 days prior to the Annual Town

Meeting and at least 14 days before a special meeting. The items to be discussed are listed as articles on the warrant. Appropriations for each town function or department may be in separate articles. Or one article on the warrant may propose appropriation for all necessary town expenses.

Town Meetings decide three major things:

It sets the salaries for the elected officials.

It votes to appropriate money to run the town.

It votes on the town's local statutes, which are called by-laws.

Town's Meeting's action is not valid unless the subject was listed on the warrant. Several unrelated items may be considered at either meeting in addition to those listed from amending zoning laws to the purchase of a new police cruiser.

A Moderator's job is to run the Town meeting and declare the outcome of all voice and paper ballot votes.

Dalton elects its Moderator, and other elected officials, during the Town Election held one week after the Town Meeting, for a term of one year.

## **BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION**

The year 2008 was a great one for the Dalton Beautification Commission. Our seventh year as an organization, the growing season went smoothly: the weather was cooperative, offering a perfect mix of sunshine and rain, helping to sustain gorgeous blooming gardens along Dalton Main Street, from early spring through an extended autumn season.

The transition into early spring weather was made even more welcome by the appearance of yellow daffodils; bright, red tulips; blue, lovely allium and purple hyacinths, all blooming in the DBC's median gardens, roadside planting spaces fronting the Main Street Cemetery, at South Street's entrance and at the 707 Main Street location. The Commission has planted additional bulbs at some of the aforementioned locations so that the coming spring will bring even more color.



The DBC's preparation, transportation and planting of annuals was helped by the addition of community volunteers---Wahconah Regional High School students, who augmented the core of seven Commission members in this joyful, hands-on effort, completed the week after Memorial Day. The Dalton Highway Department assisted by returning the hay-trough baskets from their winter storage, to decorate the Benjamin-Muraca Memorial Bridge. These baskets were filled with a selection of colorful geraniums, petunias, and sweet potato vine. The backdrop of the Housatonic River again made these lovely displays particularly attractive. (A brief episode of vandalism in June to these baskets was unfortunate, with some plantings missing, presumably tossed into the river, but through the generosity of Blossoming

Acres, the missing flowers were replaced at no cost.) The DBC's library boxes were quite spectacular, with a variety of shade-loving coleus.

The DBC will sponsor in the spring of 2009 an educational presentation by the Housatonic Valley Association's Dennis Regan. The program will present in a fun, interactive way practical information that will hopefully inspire a love for the river and encourage future stewardship. Additionally, the Dalton Historical Commission and Dalton Free Public Library have expressed interest in joining the DBC in supporting the efforts of the Housatonic Valley Association through this program.

The Dalton Beautification Commission again thanks local businesses for ongoing support, donating or selling, at a reduced cost, the necessary supplies, enabling our programs to continue. Thanks to L P Adams, Burgner's Farm, Holiday Farm, the Farmer's Market, Jaeschke's Fruit and Flowers, as well as, the community volunteers that assist during the particularly busy periods of planting and end of season activities.

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 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 (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 2008, we conducted Special Registration Sessions prior to the January 7 Special Town Election, the March 4 Presidential Primary; the May 5 Annual Town Meeting and the May 12 Annual Town Election; the June 23 and September 22 Special Town Meetings; and prior to the September 16 State Primary and November 4 Presidential/State/School Election. Prior to the three major elections, the Board also held assisted voting sessions for the elderly and disabled voters at Craneville Place, Sugar Hill and Curtis Manor. Scheduled 2009 Special Registration Sessions will be held from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. on April 14, the last day to register to vote at the May 4 Annual Town Meeting and May 11 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 523 new voters plus address changes on existing active and inactive voters, checked several thousand signatures for certification on the many Initiative Petitions/Public Policy Questions and Nomination Papers in circulation in 2008; and deleted 392 inactive (moved or deceased) 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 11,

2009 Annual Town Election ballot will be available February 2 at the Town Clerk's office. The deadline for submission of papers to the Board of Registrars is 5:00 p.m. on March 23, 2009, 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 belongs to William D. Stribel, 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, 2008 are as follows:

REGISTERED VOTERS:

Democrats	1,387	(30.32%)
Republicans	558	(12.20%)
Green-Rainbow	4	( 0.09%)
Working Families	7	( 0.15%)
*Libertarian	5	( 0.11%)
*(Political Designation)		
Unenrolled (a/k/a Independent)	2,613	(57.13%)

TOTAL ACTIVE REGISTERED VOTERS	4,427
TOTAL INACTIVE REGISTERED VOTERS	<u>147</u>
TOTAL ALL REGISTERED VOTERS	4,574
TOTAL POPULATION	6,962

## BOARD OF HEALTH

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

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 2008 ..... 68  
Gas Permits issued in 2008 ..... 108  
Total Plumbing & Gas permits issued in 2008 ..... 176

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### PLUMBING

Residential ..... 48  
Commercial ..... 8  
Industrial ..... 12

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### GAS

Residential ..... 98  
Commercial ..... 7  
Industrial ..... 3

# BUILDING INSPECTIONS DEPARTMENT

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

Despite the economic down turn, there has been considerable renovation and repair construction here in town this past year and a surprising number of new homes. The total number of permits is up slightly from the previous year. Declared value of work is almost exactly the same as in 2007.

**Year 2007          Permits Issued: 250          Declared Value: \$4,238,508**

The breakdown of permits issued is as follows:

New Homes	6
Residential Additions and Remodeling	129
Accessory Buildings	17
Pools	5
Demolition	9
Commercial Additions and Renovations	27
Signs	9
Solid Fuel Appliances	37
Fences	10
Residential Garages	1
New Commercial Building	0

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 2008.

There were 62 burials in 2008, 11 memorial foundations were poured, 13 flush markers installed, and 13 veterans' markers were put into place.

New lots were assigned to the following 12 families:

Marjorie Heisler	Armand A. Couture	Robert E. Schnopp	Dennis J. Wendling
Newton Palmer	Marilyn E. Skowron	David R. Powell	Charles Treat
Rose Marie Gresser	Joanne Kurpiel	John D. Donovan	Richard D. Chapman
Russell W. Howard	Irving Radwich	Michael A. Taylor, Sr.	Francis A. Marcella, Sr.
Walter J. Card	Bernice B. Steele		

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 and Esther Balardini's valuable assistance in burial and memorial planning and in record keeping.

Springtime included a series of saddening and sorrowful weeks when the Department's talented and valuable Administrative Assistant, Hazel Turner was stricken with health problems which forced her away from her work. To our dismay, Hazel died on May 22, 2008, ending 22 years of devoted service to Dalton residents and others. She remains in our hearts and memories.

Esther Balardini was selected to be the new Administrative Assistant for the Highway/Cemetery Department. She started her daily work on July 1, 2008. She has used her grace and talents to well serve the public needs since then.

The Historic Landscape Report & Gravestone/Monument Inventory/Assessment as completed by Martha Lyon Landscape Architecture, LLC, under contract with the Town, will be used to plan improvements to our three Town Cemeteries which are included in the National Register of Historic Places. That is, East Main St. Cemetery, Fairview Cemetery, and Main St. Cemetery.

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

One dead tree was removed from Main St. Cemetery and four from Ashuelot Cemetery.

An additional water service pipe and three standpipes were installed at Main Street Cemetery to improve water service for use by visitors and our department. Roadway paving improvements were made at various times.

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

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

It is the hope of the Cemetery Trustees that future department budgets will not be reduced, so that their service to the public can be maintained at a fine level.

# CONSERVATION COMMISSION

**Robert Bishop, Chairman**

The past year has been relatively quiet for the Conservation Commission. There was little construction being done that encroached into wetland areas this past year. There is an increased citizen awareness of both the need to protect the environment and the function of the Commission.

The Commission was busy working on the regulations for the Scenic Mountain Act. The Scenic Mountain Act was approved by the Department of Recreation and Conservation in November, 2008.

Membership on the Commission has been relatively stable in 2008. 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 at Town Hall.

## Commission Members

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

## Associate Members

Margit Hotchkiss  
Cheryl Rose

## Statistics for 2008

Determinations of Applicability	2
Hearings for Notices of Intent	0
Certificates of Compliance	3
Extension of Orders of Conditions	1
Field Site Inspection	10
Enforcement Orders	2
Request for Determination of Applicability	2
Wetland Violations	2
Emergency Permits	2

# COUNCIL ON AGING

**Susan Jacobs, Director**

The Council on Aging respectfully submits its report for fiscal year 2008. Our office is located in the Dalton CRA at 400 Main Street, and is open Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 4:30 PM.. Staffed by full time Director, Susan “Sue” Jacobs, full time office assistant, Beverly “Bev” Benoit, part time Outreach/Wellness and SHINE Counselor, Patricia “Pattie” Pero and Van Drivers Clarence Green, Robert Faye, Clyde Decorie and MacKenzie Tarjick, our goals are to identify community needs, coordinate existing services or develop new ones in response identified needs. An additional goal is to inform the community at large about all this through educational programs and our quarterly newsletter, “The Silver Banner” which can now be found on the Dalton town website at [www.dalton-ma.gov](http://www.dalton-ma.gov).

Health insurance counseling is an important part of what Pattie does as a SHINE (Serving Health Information Needs of Elders) Counselor. Residents call her with questions on Medicare D, Prescription Advantage and the myriad of options under retiree plans and Medicare supplemental policies. In addition to health insurance counseling, Pattie also does Outreach (home visits to residents new to town or new to the 60+ group), family counseling and monthly Wellness programs. Since she works only two days/week, we recommend calling ahead to make an appointment with her.

Bev oversees the transportation program, and manages our corps of 90+ volunteers and the services they provide. She is generally the first person you will meet if you call or stop in at the office, and she can provide a wide range of information on the programs and services of our department.

**Statistical Overview:** Of Dalton’s general population, 1,691 are age 60 and over, or almost 24% of our total population. This increase of 220 from last year’s numbers represents the leading edge of our “Boomer” generation, and we can expect growth in this group every year. During this period, we documented a total of 973 Dalton elders and non-elders (families as well as disabled residents) who received direct services through our office. Of those over age 60, 61% were women and 39 % were men. Forty-three percent of those receiving services were age 75 and over.

**Funding:** In addition to our town appropriation of \$95,108, our department received \$10,072 in grants (for staffing and computer software), and realized an additional \$15,296 from BRTA, Friends of the COA, donation and program income, all of which was used to provide services to our residents.

**COA Board:** Members on the COA Board of Directors are appointed to three-year terms by the Select Board. They set the policies of the COA, as well as actively participate in many programs. During this reporting period, membership included Anthony Doyle, Chairman; Judith Brooks, Vice Chairman; Joyce Laca-tell, Clerk; Cynthia Costello, Treasurer; Helga Knappe, Naomi Rauff, Marjorie Lillpopp, Marcia Brophy, Persis Caverly, Cora Cooney, Mary Lamke, Maureen Mitchell, Richard Nicholas and Thomas Murray. Meetings are posted and open to

the public, and are held on the second Wednesday of each month (with the exception of August) at 6:30 PM in the CRA large conference room.

**Programming:** A variety of educational, social and volunteer opportunities are available through the COA. These include:

- **Lunch Program** on Monday and Thursday in the Guild Hall at Grace Church. Meals are served at noon and reservations must be made at least 24 hours ahead.
- **Veterans History Project** collects the stories of men and women from all branches of the military services as well as civilians who supported the armed forces. Interviews are filmed in the studios of the Dalton Community Cable Assoc. on Park Avenue.
- **Exercise Classes** are held on Tuesday and Thursday at the CRA: Tuesday at 10 AM, 12:30 and 6:30 PM, and Thursday at 10 AM.
- **Lift Van Service** is available Monday through Thursday from 8 AM to 3 PM. This door-to-door service is available for Dalton residents age 60 and older and anyone who is handicapped. We require 24 hours notice for scheduling.
- **Dalton Travelers** is led by volunteers, Jim & Catherine Rivers who schedule several trips each year. Sign-ups for all trips are announced in the Community Notes column of the Berkshire Eagle.
- **LIFE (Living is For the Elderly) Group** meets every other week at Craneville Place for conversation, refreshments and often a sing-along.
- **Triad** is a community policing initiative between seniors, law enforcement and service providers whose goal is to increase the safety of elders through education and crime prevention. Dalton Triad meets at the third Wednesday of each month at 1 PM at the Dalton VFW.
- **Serve** is a community-building program which has been active in Dalton since 1995. For \$26 and 2 hours of community service, a person/family can purchase a food package (all name brand meats and fresh fruits and vegetables) valued at \$35-40. The monthly distribution is held at the First Congregational Church.
- **Sunday Lunch** is also served at the First Congregational Church at 1 PM each week. (See the Monday Bulletin Board in the Berkshire Eagle for more information). This program and its participating host groups have been serving our community for 17 years. This free meal provides an opportunity to be with friends on what many folks call the longest day of the week.
- **AARP Tax Assistance** is a priceless service. Volunteer preparer, Dick Lacatell dedicated 14 afternoons to prepare the returns of 69 local residents (an increase of 14 over last year).
- **Bridge** (and now Mah-Jongg) groups meet weekly. These social programs are a popular option for folks wanting to participate in a mentally challenging activity.

**Volunteer Programs:** Without our volunteers, this department would be unable to accomplish all that it does. These wonderful people support with their time and talents all of the programs listed above. Our volunteers also help us in the office and assist at town hall with the annual report and large mailings.

**The Friends of the Dalton COA** was formed in 1987 and has a history of supporting COA activities. Each May, they plan and present a Recognition Event for the volunteers who give so much of their time to serve our community. In addition, they help support the quarterly COA newsletter, “The Silver Banner,” and contribute to the annual Holiday Party.

Additional information on all programs and services of the Council on Aging is available by contacting our office at 684-2000, by email at [dcoa@bcn.net](mailto:dcoa@bcn.net), or visiting our office at 400 Main Street in the Dalton CRA building.

## COMMUNICATION CENTER

**Michael Norton, Director**

The Communication Center has completed its first year in its new home at the Police Station. Thanks to everyone involved in the design and building of the new Communication Center they did an excellent job. All town residence should remember that if you need any type of emergency service that you can go to the Communication Center 24/7/365, we are located in the lower level of the Town Hall building at the Police Station, on South Carson Ave., the doors are locked during non-business hours but are monitored by a camera and can be unlocked by the dispatcher on duty with a button located at the dispatchers work station. There is a call box located on the left hand door to the Police Station which can be activated by pushing the call button which will connect directly to the dispatcher on duty. One major change in the operations of the Communication Center is the fact that we now enter all calls into the Police Dept IMC logging system; this makes it much easier and quicker for the police officers to do their log at the end of the shift. The IMC system combines multiple related calls into one call which is reflected in the number of calls handled for the year; our calls handled total of 14,599 appears to be down from previous years but is a result of the new logging system rather than a decrease in calls. We also handled 1,597 911 calls in 2008. We have one new full time dispatcher this year, reserve police officer Geoff Powell is now working full time as a dispatcher. The Communication Center received a state 911 grant in 2008 for \$112,318 this will result in a sizeable portion of the Communication Center budget being returned to the town. We will again be receiving a state grant for 2009 which should be for an amount close to \$115,000. Have a safe 2009.

# 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. The Massachusetts Cultural Council has overseen the Local Cultural Council Program since 1990. MCC receives funding from an annual state appropriation. Each year, the MCC distributes funds to LCCs; in turn, LCCs make grants to schools, organizations and individuals in their communities. These funds are paid to successful applicants on a reimbursement basis.

Distributions to each LCC are based on a local aid formula devised by the state. The formula takes into account population and property values, and is weighted to give larger distributions to poorer communities. In October of 2007 our cultural council received 28 applications for support of a wide variety of projects. The following projects were approved for funding in an amount totaling \$4,200 for FY 2008:

Barrington Stage Company	KidsAct!
Berkshire Lyric Theatre	Concerts and Educational Program
Richard Clark	And Now Mark Twain
Community Access to the Arts	Annual Performance
Angelina Dubourg	200 Copies of Berkshire County's Kidsville News
Ruth Harcovitz	Singer Performance
Hilltown Choral Society	Music Performance
IS183 Art School	Making Art Together
Ann Jon	Sculpture Now in the Village
John Root	Senior Citizen Musical Program
St. Agnes School	PASS Boston Museum of Science
St. Agnes School	PASS Velveteen Rabbit at the Colonial Theatre
The Berkshire Talking Chronicles	Children's Programming

The members of Dalton Cultural Council want to acknowledge and especially thank Margaret Plumer and Kathleen Desmarais for the many productive years that they served on the council.

The current members of the Dalton Cultural Council are: James Ethier; Donald Harris, Chairperson; Marjorie Limburg; Monica Montferret; Terry Unwin and John Williams. Thank you for your continued support of cultural programs in our community.

# DALTON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

**Doris Lamica, Library Director**

The year of 2008 was a challenging one for the Dalton Free Public Library as extensive repair work was conducted on the outside of the building, a hiring freeze was in effect for part of the year and the library's budget was cut. The building project included long needed work such as a new roof, cleaning and repointing the bricks and the installation of new windows. As the year ended, the work on the project was still ongoing. As with many large undertakings, there were numerous problems and the library had several leaks which resulted in damage to the carpet and woodwork, the destruction of about \$1500.00 worth of books and ceiling tiles falling down. There was also a problem with brick dust infiltrating the building. The library was closed for several days while the wet carpet was dried and cleaned. Getting into the library often proved a puzzle for patrons as the entrance available could change from day to day. There was also less parking available to the public as town hall employees could not park in the lot behind the town hall and the construction workers also parked in the area. The cleaned brickwork and brownstone now show the beautiful architectural features of the building. The end of leaks is hopefully anticipated and energy efficient windows will be a great improvement. The Library Trustees will use funds that were a gift from the estate of Winthrop Murray Crane 3<sup>rd</sup> to have ductless split system air conditioning units installed in the library.

The library was closed on Fridays for several months during the hiring freeze while the Town dealt with the budget shortfall caused when the override failed to pass. Although the library budget was cut, we were able to open again on Fridays at the end of the year. The reduced hours and building problems did lower our circulation totals slightly from the previous year although we did have more people using the Internet. A compilation of the statistics for 2008 follows at the end of this report.

On a more positive note, we made great progress in weeding the book collection with the help of a number of volunteers. A large part of the video collection and books on tape were eliminated to make more room for DVDs and books on CD. The Library Trustees hired the consultant Sondra Vandermark who had previously worked with us on the Library Building Program to conduct a space study and offer advice on how to best utilize our current space. Some changes have been made and we will continue to deal with this challenge. The card catalog in the children's room was removed and it is expected that the adult catalog will soon be eliminated as it is no longer up to date. With the help of volunteers Veronica Balardini and Christina Faye, nearly all the data entry has been completed for our online catalog.

Special acquisitions to the library during the year were portraits of Byron Weston and his wife Julia and a grandfather's clock from Donald Weston of California. The clock was made in Dalton about 1806 by Asa Hall and was originally owned by Isaiah Weston who started a woolen mill in Dalton in 1815. Donald Weston wanted to return the clock to its birthplace and it is currently in

the library between the two large windows and running well.

During the year the library offered a video series on ancient civilizations, sponsored a lecture with the Dalton Historical Commission by Carole Owens on local Berkshire history, and with the Council on Aging presented a performance by Richard Clark as Mark Twain. This last program was funded by the Dalton Cultural Council. Local author Ruth Bass was the guest speaker at the annual meeting of the Friends of the Library in May. The book group met monthly, except for the summer months and December, and the books discussed this past year included "Ethan Frome," "Sarah's Daughter" by Ruth Bass, "The Camel Bookmobile," "Three Cups of Tea," and "The Friday Night Knitting Club." The discussions are generally held on the last Wednesday of the month and all are invited to attend.

For the children, the preschool storytime continued during the school year. The summer reading program "Wild Reads at Your Library" attracted over 100 children. The summer program concluded with a performance of magician Debbie O'Carroll made possible by the Dalton Rotary Club.

The Friends of the Library had another busy year with the book sale, silent auction and a raffle which raised money for the library. Funds from the Friends were used to purchase prizes, craft supplies and videos for the summer reading club, books for the book group, newspaper subscriptions, museum passes, fees for speakers and other library materials. Officers for 2008 to 2009 are: President – Kathleen Desmarais, Vice President – Christina Faye, Secretary – Veronica Balardini, Treasurer – Dian Elser, Membership Chair – Christine Derby, Members-at-large – Nancy Gardner, Marjorie Lillpopp and Phyllis Strzepa, and Past President – Patricia Nixon. Judith Douville serves on the Executive Board as a representative of the Library Trustees.

The year 2008 marked some changes in the library staff. Lynn Bilotta retired after twelve years and Elizabeth Davis left to attend college. Barbara Kubli who had worked here in the early 1980's helped out for part of the year. Helen Cultrera rejoined us after previously working here for a short time when I broke my arm (the second time). Kimberly Gwilt and Lynn Herzig joined our staff during the year. Thank you to all of them and the veterans – Katherine Hoag, Gladys Lofink and Patricia Filiault for their work and putting up with many inconveniences this year.

Thank you also to Wendy Provencher and Betty Cullett for their contributions to our storytime program and to the many volunteers who helped with data entry and discarding – Chris French, Chris Faye, Ronny Balardini, Ellen Kelly, Dian Elser, Chris Derby, Pat Nixon and Kathy and George Desmarais. A special thank you to the janitors Tim Daniels and Zachary Pierce who helped us with the many leaks, broken pipes, brick dust, boiler problems and more this challenging year. I want to also express my appreciation to Trustees John Kittredge, Judith Douville, Robin Higgins, Mark Rancourt, Max Ehrlich, Joan Roy, Gail Pinna, Diana Hamilton and Barbara Kalib and thank Kelly Marshall and Thomas Sedgwick who left the Board after many years of service. The help of Town Manager Ken

Walto and Administrative Assistant Debbie Merry during this eventful year was also greatly appreciated.

Total circulation	44,082	Patrons using Internet	3,540
Book circulation	26,068	Book Count (as of 12/31/08)	41,178
Periodical circulation	1,892	Added	1,443
Books on tape and CD circ.	2,507	Withdrawn	3,348
Videos and DVD circ.	12,743	Fines turned over to Town	\$3,019.92
Music CDs (for 6 months)	601		
CD-ROM circulation	99		
Museum Passes	170		

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

**Hubert White, Emergency Management Director**

The mission of Emergency Management is to develop and coordinate programs and plans that protect the public from events ranging from natural disasters to man made biological hazards.

Emergency management works closely with many local and regional agencies to coordinate response and recovery programs in the event of any large-scale emergency.

There are several things residents can do to prepare themselves for an event. Keep all prescriptions in one place so you could retrieve them in a hurry if you had to be relocated for a period of time.

Residents can help themselves by being prepared before an event occurs. During a major disaster, emergency workers may not be able to reach everyone right away. In some cases it may be over 24 hours for help to arrive. Having a family plan will ensure your safety and comfort during difficult times.

A few items every family should have on hand are: a manual can opener, some canned, non perishable foods, bottled water, flashlight and extra batteries, first aid kit and pet food if you have a pet.

Dalton has an emergency notification system in place where we can notify residents with information regarding their well being and safety. All landline phone numbers are included in our database, regardless of your phone provider. Cell phones numbers are not included, however we can add your cell phone number if you wish. Please go to Dalton's web site at: <http://www.dalton-ma.gov> and click on the Emergency Management link under town services. Follow the directions to e-mail your information. Be sure to include your residential address with your cell phone number. If you don't have access to a computer, you may call our dispatch center, 684-0020 and the dispatcher will take your information.

I would like to thank the members of Dalton's Emergency Management Team who meet regularly during the year, making sure the residents of Dalton are protected from large-scale hazards.

## **FARM AND FORESTRY COMMISSION**

**Beth Salvatore-LeBeau, Vice-Chairman**

The Town of Dalton has formed a new Farm and Forestry Commission which consists of 5 board members and 2 alternate members. We, the newly formed board, would like to introduce ourselves to the citizens of the town of Dalton.

Jesse Robertson-Dubois, Chairman

Beth Salvatore-LeBeau, Vice Chairman

Peter Cachat

J. Dicken Crane

Shaun Garvey

Stuart Sargent , Jr., Alternate Member

Dina LaBeau, Alternate Member

This commission was formed to develop a working relationship with municipal boards and staff so as to understand the roles, authorities and regulations and to help agricultural uses and allow related activities to function in harmony with the community.

The bylaw emphasizes the right to farm as consisting of a minimum acreage requirement of 5 acres or more. Parcels of land shall be used for the primary use of commercial agriculture. Commercial is defined as follows: minimum acreage requirement, gross sales and program payment requirement, specified under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 61A, Section 3, 4, 5, & 6. Chapter 61B Classification and Taxation of Recreational Land-non commercial, 5 acres or more, natural, wild , open or pasture condition used for recreational purpose excluding horse racing, dog racing or any sport normally undertaken in a stadium, gymnasium or similar structure. For further reference on the bylaws can be found at [www.Massagfarm.org](http://www.Massagfarm.org).

The Farm and Forestry Commission will meet the third Thursday of every month excluding June, July, and August, unless one is required.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Richard D. Kardasen, Fire Chief**

The call volume of the Dalton Fire Department continues to rise. During 2008 the Department responded to 750 calls. This is an increase of 13 more calls than last year. The department responded to 24 structure fires and 551 medical related calls. The remaining calls were classified as accidental alarms, motor vehicle accidents, and calls for service.

In 2008 the Dalton Fire Department received a federal grant for \$107,000.00 for the replacement of our turnout gear and breathing apparatus. Without this grant this type of replacement would not have been possible. All members of the department now wear NFPA compliant gear for their safety.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the department. They spend untold hours not only responding to calls but in attending training, Fire Academy classes as well as volunteering in the community. I would also like to express my gratitude to local employers who allow our firefighter/EMT's to leave work and help their neighbors. The Dalton Police Department is also to be thanked for the valuable assistance that they provide to us on a daily basis.

## **FOREST WARDEN**

**Richard D. Kardasen, Forest Warden**

In 2008 the Dalton Fire Department responded to eleven brush fires. Most of these occurred during the spring open burning season when permitted fire got out of control. The Department also responded on a number of mutual aid calls to our neighboring towns for out of control fires. A reminder to citizens that open burning is allowed from January 15th to April 30<sup>th</sup>, only after obtaining a permit at the Fire Station. Permits may be picked up in the Fire District Treasurers office Monday through Friday. 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 4pm. Depending upon weather conditions permits may not be issued on certain days. Brush is the only material that is allowed to be burned. No demolition materials may be burned. Last year 211 permits were issued.

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

## HISTORICAL COMMISSION

**Mary Jane Caliento, Chairman**

Dalton is two and a quarter centuries old. Its pages of history are rich with toil and courage of generations. But two and a quarter centuries is along while, and figures that move through those early pages have mist of time around them. We have records that are incomplete, and memories are fading. Thus we keep and treasure all Dalton's history books, ledgers, scrapbooks, pictures, and memorabilia.

In August Mr. Neil Larson, Historic Architect, came to evaluate the Hoose house on Gulf Rd. He determined that the house was constructed around 1835. It's framing system, a combination of timber and sawn members, is typical of mid 19<sup>th</sup> century period, when traditional methods of joined timber construction in New England was evolving to one utilizing pre-sawn lumber connected by nails. It retains virtually all the original components of its framing and surface finishes. New siding, roof shingles on the exterior and gypsum board on the interior conceals but have not removed authentic historic fabric. We are in the process of having the house listed on the National and State Register and this will also make it eligible to be on the Upper Housatonic Valley Heritage Trail. In September members of the Commission cleaned out personal belongings left in the house.

We were happy to be able to give a huge amount of information to Mr. Chris Stankiewicz for a report he was writing about the Hoose House for college. We would also like to thank Stuart Sargent for all his help with winterizing the house.

Dr. Carol Owens was a guest speaker for us and the Dalton Library as co-sponsors Her topic was her book on Berkshire Cottages.

In May we went to East Over Resort to view their Civil War Museum, which is the best museum on the Civil War in the North.

Member Louisa Horth makes historic calendars and post cards which we sell to help defray the cost of framing maps, pictures, and book bindings. We appreciate your buying our products as it helps the Commission with expenses.

Gail Penna, Bernard Smith, and Thomas Smith hung Thomas Smith's pictures of the three historic cemeteries in the Town Hall.

Mrs. Gail Penna once again organized the Heritage Walk on October 4<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Bernard Smith keeps Dalton history alive with his trivia questions about Dalton, which he places at various locations about Dalton.

The Commission has a viewer up and running so anyone can view the old Village Press or the Dalton News Records on micro-film.

We wish to thank all who donated to our collection and a special thanks to all members of our Dalton Historical Commission as we continue to search for a suitable location to display your treasures.

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 for motorists. 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 approximately 45 miles of road. The gravel roads are graded and reshaped in the spring to repair from winter damage and to improve the drainage capabilities.

In the spring we are busy cleaning the cemeteries in preparation of the Memorial Day observance.

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 any 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 blockages, road washouts, tree damage, etc.

This year's major project was the reconstruction of South Street. This is an extensive and ongoing project. This project will be completed over a two year construction season. Much work was done to widen the road, lower the grade and update utilities along this roadway. I thank the residents of this area for their patience.

This year the Highway/Cemetery Department lost a valuable team member, Hazel Turner. Hazel was the administrative assistant to the Highway/Cemetery Superintendent. Hazel passed away in May 2008. The Department's thoughts and condolences are with her family.

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

## MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE

**James J. McClure, Chairman**

Once again, Dalton had a successful program in observance of Memorial Day, dedicated to all military personnel serving in the U.S. Armed Forces.

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

On Memorial Day, hundreds of patriotic Daltonians once again turned out for the annual Memorial Day observances and Parade down Main Street, to the Main Street Cemetery.

Music for the parade was provided by the Wahconah Regional High School Band led by Bryan Robuse.

Co-Marshalls from the parade were Francis MacDonald, Vice-Commander of the Department of Massachusetts American Legion and State Representative Denis E. Guyer of the Berkshire 2<sup>nd</sup> District.

After the parade, the customary Memorial Day services were held at the mound of the unknown dead in the Main Street Cemetery. The main speaker was Vice-Commander Frances MacDonald of the American Legion. Others who participated in the program included Master of Ceremonies, John Cooney, Wahconah High School orators, Katryn Reed, and Parker Williams. Wahconah Regional High School Band led by Bryan Rabuse, Dalton Fire Department, Berkshire County Deputy Sheriff's Association, Dalton Select Board, Town Manager, Dalton Girl Scouts, Blue Birds, Brownies, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, the Nazarene Church Caravan, Rev. Bryan Lamberton of the Berkshire First Church of the Nazarene gave the invocation and benediction. The Dalton American Legion Post 155 Firing Squad fired a salute to the dead followed by taps and echo by Jared DeFoe and William Henderson of the Wahconah Regional High School Band.

The Dalton Veterans of War Post 955 provided a Color Guard, and flag carriers and wreath bearers were Grade 3 students from Craneville School.

Special thanks are extended to the members of the Memorial Day Committee for all their diligent efforts in making the day a success and especially to residents and friends who honored us with their presence.

## **PLANNING BOARD**

**Richard F. Ladd, Chairman**

The Dalton Planning Board was formed in 1939 and is primarily responsible for issues involving land uses such as subdivision construction as well as division of land. The Board is also responsible for updating the Dalton Zoning Bylaws. The current quality of life and the “look” of Dalton is a tribute to the hard work by the many residents who have donated their time and talents by serving as members of the Dalton 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. The Board is currently seeking an associate member. This position would be an excellent way for a resident to serve the Town and learn how the Planning Board operates.

In 2008, the Planning Board held twelve regular monthly meetings, three public hearings associated with zoning bylaw changes or additions, and six public hearings associated with special permit applications. Several Zoning Bylaw changes associated with swimming pools, fences and drive-up facilities were made. In addition, bylaws which created a Planning Industrial Development District were presented to the public at a Town Meeting and were accepted by the voters. (The Planned Industrial Development District committee worked for over a year to develop the bylaws associated with this district. Many thanks to David Kalib who chaired this committee, to Tom Matuszko of the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission who assisted the committee, and all the members of this committee who donated their time to this important work.)

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the current members of the Planning Board: Louisa Horth, Karen Quinn, Stuart Sargent Jr. and Zack McCain for their time and dedication this past year. Also, thank you to our Administrative Secretary, Bonnie Callaghan, for her continued support and assistance.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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

The year 2008 proved to be a challenging year with regard to funding and personnel issues. It was also a time of great change and notoriety.

This year we regrettably said goodbye to the School Resource Officer position at Wahconah Regional High 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 their funds designated for this position would be better put to use by creating a position of Dean of Students at Wahconah. As a result, the position was cut and Officer George W. Adams III, who did a wonderful job in that position, as well when at Nessacus Regional Middle School in years past, came back to patrol operations and is now working the day shift. Subsequently, this put a complete end to Dalton’s School Resource Officer Program. Over the years the program proved to be an invaluable Community Policing tool and an asset to the smooth

operations of our department.

As in the previous year the cutting of the School Resource Officer, coupled with the increased spending of the Central Berkshire Regional School District and the restrictions placed upon our Town by Proposition 2 ½, we were again asked to cut our already lean budget by approximately 7%. To do this and avoid the laying off of an officer we needed to come up with some unique ways to cut back on our spending. Due to the innovative thinking and outstanding work done by Officer Jeffrey E. Coe of our department, we were able to secure funding from the office of our District Attorney, David Capeless, to allow officer Coe to work on a temporary full-time basis for the Berkshire County Drug Task Force. The work he has been able to do has not only benefited the county as a whole, but has removed a number of drug dealers off Dalton's streets. His hard work has been greatly appreciated.

Unfortunately, layoffs and the cut back of services which our department provides to the town were not avoided. A most noticeable change was the doing away of School Crossing Guards at Nessacus Regional Middle School and St. Agnes School. With this we said goodbye to Patricia Filiault and Jacqueline Galardi. Both did an outstanding job while they were here and they will be missed.

In August of this year we welcomed back Officer Gregg Stefanik after his year long deployment with the United States Army in Iraq. Gregg quickly assumed duties with our department by attending the Basic Reserve Officer Class in Springfield, Massachusetts. He graduated the Basic Reserve Police Academy in December and it is expected he will start his field training in February of 2009. He should assume regular duty in the Spring. Welcome back Gregg!

In my previous Annual Report to the Town I mentioned the move of the Dalton Communications Center from the Dalton Fire Department to our station. The move in December 2007 went extremely well and their presence in our station is greatly appreciated and has improved our ability to serve our community as well as increased our general operational efficiency by 100%. I would like to thank Communications Director, Michael Norton, and his staff for all they have done and for all they do for us each and every day. It is hard to imagine what our operations would be like if they were not here.

This year, on December 8, 2008, Officer Geoffrey D. Powell was awarded the Trooper George L. Hanna, Jr. award for bravery for his part in disarming an armed suspect, and subsequently saving the suspect's life, on June 26, 2007, at the front door to our station. This disgruntled man was armed with a 44 caliber handgun and threatened to do harm to Officer Powell and to himself. Officer Powell put his own life on the line by struggling with the suspect while at the same time neutralizing the handgun to prevent its firing and then radioing for the assistance of his patrol partner, Officer Deana L. Strout. Once Officer Strout arrived on the scene the suspect was disarmed of the handgun as well as several large hunting knives. This person has since been convicted and imprisoned. I congratulate Officer Powell on receiving his award and commend both officers for their actions on that fateful morning.

The Dalton Police Department continues to work with the community through a variety of programs such as Triad, Dare, Dalton Police Explorer Post #240, 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:

<b>Triad</b>	Sgt. Lawrence Higgins and Ptl. John Thibodeau
<b>Dare</b>	Sgt. Lawrence Higgins and Ptl. Deanna Strout
<b>Dalton Police Explorer Post # 240</b>	Ptl. Jonathan Bishop and Ptl. Geoffrey Powell
<b>Dalton Police Bike Patrol</b>	Ptl. John Thibodeau, Ptl. John Marley, Ptl. Deanna Strout and Ptl. James Scace
<b>Regional Special Response Team</b>	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 December 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 2009, we will be allowed to use \$3,000 of this grant money to purchase highway safety equipment. Also, in December, our department received \$34,747, from the Executive Office of Public Safety, Community Policing Funding, in order to support various programs and organizations in our community. This amount was less than last year by \$11,000 due to budgetary cuts made by our governor. Some of the organizations which will benefit from this grant 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.

For the past five 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 for Officer George W. Adams III and Officer Jonathan R. Bishop. This year’s recipient was Officer Jonathan R. Bishop. Jon was nominated for this honor due to his never ending support of all the officers on this department. He did this in many ways. One of which was through his work as their union president. Most

notable however, was that Officer Bishop became a model for other officers on the department due to his high standard of professionalism and quality of work during a year when his position as a patrolman was in constant jeopardy of elimination due to the town's continual fiscal dilemma. Instead of sitting back and feeling sorry for himself, he showed to everyone that he had a job to do as a police officer and a duty to serve the citizens of the Town of Dalton. He accomplished both of these tasks to the highest degree. Although he is the least senior of officers on our department, he was a leader during the past year and he lead by example. Congratulations Jon well deserved.

As in 2007, 2008 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 Wahconah Regional High School and one less fulltime officer on our force. In light of all this diversity we were able to persevere. I truly 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. Once again, a special thanks to my administrative assistant, Rebecca Whitaker, for her help, dedication and hard work. I would be at a loss without her help. 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: .....	8,787
Intrusion Alarm Calls: .....	90
911 Calls: .....	1080
Incidents:.....	486
Arrests:.....	247
Motor Vehicle Stops: .....	1,128
Motor Vehicle Accidents:.....	132
Motor Vehicle Citations Issued:.....	732
Citation Fines Received (FY 06): .....	\$20,225
Parking Tickets Issued: .....	188
Parking Fines Levied: .....	\$2,235
Firearm Permits Issued: .....	99
Firearm Permit Fees Received:.....	\$2,200
Fines Received (Town By-Law Violations).....	\$1,275

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

## RECREATION

### **John Corliss, Director of Community Services**

During the past 12 months, it has been our privilege to serve more than 1,500 children and adults from Dalton and surrounding towns with more than 150 recreational, social, cultural and educational programs. We are grateful for the many hours of volunteer service our members have given and we are proud of our professional staff who work so hard on your behalf.

Just as we celebrate this level of service, we are experiencing challenges that will likely affect our ability to provide such a wide range of programs going forward.

It will come as no surprise that the cost of providing our programs and services is increasing at the same time that our traditional sources of revenue are being severely impacted by the current economic crisis. Since 2007 we have experienced a 42% reduction in our funding. The Dalton CRA is a business—a non-profit—yet still a business. We need to match our expenses as closely as we can to our income.

Because opportunities for increasing our income are limited, we have had to turn additional attention to our expenses. We have already eliminated one position, our professional staff and part time workers have taken a 10% salary cut. We are now taking a long hard look at the programs and services we will be able to offer in a fiscally responsible manner.

We enthusiastically welcome your input as we continue this process. We also will be calling on our members to take on an even greater level of volunteer service to help fill needs where paid staff is not possible. Are you aware that the CRA provides over 150 recreational programs and activities for our community?

All our efforts are focused on fulfilling our mission, which is to *provide the community with recreational, cultural, social and educational activities in a safe, healthy and welcoming environment. We are an independent, dynamic organization striving to meet the ever-changing needs of the community.*

We have faced difficult times before, and we have survived through hard work, fiscal discipline, and loyalty of our stakeholders. We will do so once again.

# INSPECTOR OF WIRING

John M. Broderick, Inspector

January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008

Service Work.....	43
Additions.....	23
New Houses.....	4
Furnaces.....	31
Industrial/Commercial.....	8
Security Systems.....	8
Swimming Pools/Hot Tubs.....	2
<b>Total permits issued.....</b>	<b>119</b>

## SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES

Paul K. Vacchina, Sealer

For period commencing January 1, 2008 and ending December 31, 2008 inclusive. 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</i>	<i>Number of Each</i>	<i>Last Date</i>
<i>for Gas Pumps</i>		<i>of Certification</i>
5 Gallons	1 each	2003
<i>Scales</i>	<i>Sealed</i>	
Cap Over 10,000 lbs	6	
<i>Automatic Liquid</i>		
<i>Measuring Devices</i>	<i>Sealed</i>	
Gasoline	52	

## TRAFFIC COMMISSION

**Daniel D. Filiault, Chairman**

The Dalton Traffic Commission was founded by the Board of Selectmen in the early 1970's as an advisory board to provide input to the Town on matters pertaining to vehicular and pedestrian traffic within the town of Dalton. The Commission which consists of 5 volunteers from the Community and the Chiefs of the Police and Fire Departments meets monthly to review applications for construction, businesses and other matters that could affect the ability of the citizens to travel safely within the town. For the past few years the Commission has had only six members and we are actively seeking a volunteer who is willing to work with us to better our community. The Traffic Commission is deeply grateful to the many committees and Boards within the community and the citizens of Dalton for their support. If there are any questions, problems or requests a citizen may have, please contact the Traffic Commission c/o Select Board / Town Managers Office Town Hall 462 Main Street Dalton, Mass. 01226.

## SHADE TREE DEPARTMENT

**Peter B. Bacon, Tree Warden**

The Shade Tree Department has had a quiet year with a total of 17 hazard trees removed and 23 trees were pruned.

I would like to thank the Highway Department, led by Superintendent Dave Laviolette for their assistance again 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 eighth year. Our Arbor Day activity for this year was the planting of two Princeton Elms in front of the CRA. This was the Dalton Beautification Commissions idea and I was glad to help out. These trees are 90% disease resistant. I would like to thank Annmarie Cicchetti and the commission members for keeping them watered all year.



# TOWN ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

**Sandra J. Albano, Town Accountant**

I am pleased to submit the 32nd Annual Report of the Town Accountant for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2008.

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

FY2008 was a very challenging year. It was work as usual until the Town found itself over the levy limit when planning for the FY09 Budget during the second half of the year. When all was said and done, we faced going into FY09 cutting \$250,000. out of the town budget in order to balance the budget. The hard work and determination of all those involved enabled the tax rate to be set, in a timely manner.

FY2009 is in full swing. We all have been thankful to see gasoline, diesel, and oil come down in price. The books have closed, our Free Cash has been certified coming in at about \$1,000,000. Every year we appropriate \$665,000 of free cash to balance the next fiscal years budget. Capital Stabilization is appropriated \$100,000 of it every year for new projects.

That leaves only \$235,000 available for budget deficits that may occur due to emergencies or to return back to fund balance for FY2010. FY2010 Budgeting has begun and we face another year of budget cuts in anticipation of the shortfall of revenue from the State.

I also would like to thank Dawn Fahey for all her hard work in the Treasurer's and Accountant's office. Dawn has brought some valuable skills into this department, and is a hard worker. I look forward to working with her on the many challenges this department faces.

## Schedule 1: Combined Balance Sheet, June 30, 2008

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary	Account	Totals
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Fund Type Trust & Agency	Group Long Term Debt	Memoran- dum Only
<b>ASSETS</b>						
Cash and Cash Equivalents	2,149,704	427,283	991,261	2,255,681		5,823,929
Receivables						
Property Taxes	126,313					126,313
Excise Taxes	83,585					83,585
Tax Liens	164,174					164,174
Departmental	1,522	10,771				12,293
User Charges	22,209					22,209
Less: Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts	(87,082)					(87,082)
Tax Foreclosures	131,977					131,977
Due From Other Governments	-	372,357	31,209			403,566
Due From Other Agencies	25					25
Due From Other Funds	-			100,983		100,983
Amount to be Provided for the Payment of Debt	-				1,122,667	1,122,667
<b>Total Assets:</b>	<b>2,592,427</b>	<b>810,411</b>	<b>1,022,470</b>	<b>2,356,664</b>	<b>1,122,667</b>	<b>7,904,639</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b>						
<b>Liabilities:</b>						
Vendor Warrants Payable	53,762	2,487		588		56,837
Payroll Warrants Payable	-					-
Accrued Payroll	49,917	3,782		130		53,829
Accrued Employer Taxes	572					572
Employee Withholdings	17,244					17,244
Due to Other Governments	-			525		525
Due to Other Funds	100,983					100,983

## Schedule 1: Combined Balance Sheet, June 30, 2008

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Type	Account Group	Totals
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Trust & Agency	Long Term Debt	Memorandum Only
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY (continued)</b>						
Due to Other Agencies	(66)			10,932		10,866
Undistributed Receipts	455					455
Unclaimed Items	659					659
Prepaid Highway Excavation Fees	700					700
Deferred Revenue						
Property Taxes	39,231					39,231
Tax Liens	164,174					164,174
Tax Foreclosure	131,977					131,977
Other	107,316	383,128	31,209			521,653
BANS Payable	-	-	294,000		-	294,000
Performance Bond Deposits	-			5,000		5,000
Bond Indebtedness	-				1,122,667	1,122,667
<b>Total Liabilities:</b>	<b>666,924</b>	<b>389,397</b>	<b>325,209</b>	<b>17,175</b>	<b>1,122,667</b>	<b>2,521,372</b>
<b>Fund Equity:</b>						
Reserved for Encumbrances	141,734	10,417	41,722		-	193,873
Reserved for Expenses	625,000			205,326	-	830,326
Reserved for Extraordinary/Unforeseen	46,173					46,173
Reserved Receipts for Appropriation						
Reserved for Nonexpendable Trust Principal						
Undesignated	1,112,596	410,597	655,539		125,100	-
<b>Total Fund Equity</b>	<b>1,925,503</b>	<b>421,014</b>	<b>697,261</b>	<b>2,339,489</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,187,795</b>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Fund Equity:</b>	<b>2,592,427</b>	<b>810,411</b>	<b>1,022,470</b>	<b>2,356,664</b>	<b>1,122,667</b>	<b>7,904,639</b>

**Schedule 1 - A**  
**Special Revenue Funds**  
**Fund Equity for the Year Ended June 30, 2008**

	Balance 7/1/07	Revenues	Prior Year Corrections	Transfers In	Transfers Expenses	Transfers Out	Balance 6/30/08
Animal Kennel Donations	55	-	-	-	42	-	13
Beautification Commission Donations	682	250	-	-	179	-	753
CATV Local Broadcasting	-	81,352	-	-	81,352	-	-
Cemetery Repair Donations	-	10,000	-	-	-	-	10,000
Cemetery Vandalism Restitution	383	-	-	-	-	-	383
COA Formula Grant	4,163	9,282	-	-	10,169	-	3,276
COA Gifts/Donations/Programs	2,241	2,263	-	-	1,604	-	2,900
COA Hilltown Outreach	153	-	-	-	-	-	153
COA Incentive Grant	107	790	-	-	-	-	897
COA Transportation Fund	7,720	11,645	-	-	18,815	-	550
Community Development Block Grant	-	23,901	-	-	8,207	-	15,694
Community Policing Grant	3,013	45,600	-	-	34,949	4,000	9,664
Community Septic Mgt.	18,000	-	-	-	-	-	18,000
Composting Bin Grant	494	-	-	-	-	-	494
COPS in School Federal Grant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cultural Council	3,377	4,133	-	-	2,454	-	5,056
Cultural Council Donations	779	-	-	-	-	-	779
Dalton Papers	3,245	-	-	-	-	-	3,245
DARE Program Receipts	25	50	-	-	75	-	-
Dog License Revolving	3,000	24,972	-	-	570	24,402	3,000
Drug Task Force Byrne Grant	4,300	11,314	-	4,000	13,130	-	6,484
Electric Inspections Revolving	2,715	6,910	-	-	6,610	-	3,015
Extended Polling Hours	-	453	-	-	450	3	-
Gov's Hwy Sfty Bureau Grants	(812)	2,053	-	-	3,663	-	(2,422)*
Grave Digging OT Revolving	5,236	1,645	-	-	1,277	-	5,604
Highway Chapter Funds	1	102,823	-	-	95,118	-	7,706
Historical Commission	3,590	1,062	-	-	261	-	4,391
Insurance Claims Under \$10,000	-	3,036	-	-	2,564	-	472
Legal Advertising Revolving	2,564	1,050	-	-	1,293	-	2,321
Library Donations	9,081	2,530	-	-	2,749	-	8,862
Library Incentive Grant	19,678	10,340	-	-	4,108	-	25,910
MA Releaf Grant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous Non-Recurring Grants/Gifts (11,530)	158,786	-	-	-	47,342	-	99,914
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	3,474	-	-	-	-	-	3,474
Plumbing Inspections Revolving	495	6,330	-	-	6,825	-	-
Police Dept Local Gifts	1,229	10	-	-	368	-	871
Police Outside Detail	710	116,602	-	-	115,508	-	1,804
Police Vest Grant	-	750	-	-	750	-	-
Receipts Reserved for Appropriation	21,664	153,391	-	-	21,664	-	153,391
Records Preservation Project	592	-	-	-	-	-	592
Skateboard Park Donations	1,841	-	-	-	-	-	1,841
Small Cities Grant Recapture	8,671	8,352	-	-	-	-	17,023
Wetlands Protection Fund	914	1,361	-	-	475	-	1,800
<b>Total Fund Equity</b>	<b>124,954</b>	<b>803,036</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>482,571</b>	<b>28,405</b>	<b>421,014</b>

\* Receipt of \$632 on July 11, 2008, \$890 on July 29, 2008, \$900 on August 25, 2008 received from State.

## Schedule 1-B: Capital Projects Fund Equity for The Year Ended June 30, 2008

	Balance 07/01/07	Revenues	Transfers In	Expenses	Transfer Out	Fund Equity Balance 6/30/08	Grant Revenues Anticipated	Tempoary Borrowiung Issued	Projects Authorized Not Complete
Capital Projects - Departmental *	74,749	112,222	-	378,081	-	(191,110)	-	202,040	262,069
Capital Projects - Debt Excluded *	-	-	-	73,534	-	(73,534)	-	91,960	1,036,465
Library/Senior Ctr. Design	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	574,325
COA Senior Center	800,000	-	-	-	-	800,000	-	-	800,000
Landfill Closure	148,281	-	-	-	-	148,281	-	-	148,281
South Street Project	79,393	101,843	-	167,612	-	13,624	-	-	86,781
Housatonic Street Project*	(5,541)	5,541	-	-	-	-	-	-	56,209
	1,096,882	219,606	-	619,227	-	697,261	-	294,000	2,964,130

\*Temporary Borrowing of \$294,000. was issued on June 26, 2008.

**Schedule 1-C: Trust and Agency Funds  
Fund Equity and Liabilities for the Year Ended June 30, 2008**

<b>Fund Equity:</b>	Balance 7/1/07	Receipts	Due from Others	Transfers In	Expenses	Transfers Out	Fund Equity Balance 06/30/08
<b>NON-EXPENDABLE TRUSTS:</b>							
Principal - Cemetery	35,100	-	-	-	-	-	35,100
Principal - Library	60,000	-	-	-	-	-	60,000
Principal - School	30,000	-	-	-	-	-	30,000
	125,100	-	-	-	-	-	125,100
<b>EXPENDABLE TRUSTS:</b>							
Cemetery	40,081	2,945	-	-	2,107	-	40,919
Library	155,849	8,316	-	-	75	-	164,090
School	69,622	3,866	-	-	-	-	73,488
Local Law Enforcement	472	1,033	-	-	1,090	-	415
	266,024	16,160	-	-	3,272	-	278,912
<b>STABILIZATION FUNDS:</b>							
General Stabilization	207,842	8,995	-	-	-	-	216,837
Capital Stabilization	1,492,644	54,446	100,983	-	-	292,697	1,355,376
Litigation Stabilization	244,798	10,594	-	-	-	-	255,392
	1,945,284	74,035	100,983	-	-	292,697	1,827,605
Pension Reserve Fund	94,375	3,497	-	10,000	-	-	107,872
<b>TOTAL FUND EQUITY</b>	<b>2,430,783</b>	<b>93,692</b>	<b>100,983</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>3,272</b>	<b>292,697</b>	<b>2,339,489</b>

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

	Balance 07/01/07	Receipts	Due from Others	Transfers In	Disbursements	Transfers Out	Balance Due to Others 6/30/08
<b>Liabilities:</b>							
<b>AGENCY FUNDS:</b>							
Dalton Fire District	365	280,426	-	-	276,320	-	4,471
Deputy Collector Fees	5,995	14,654	-	-	13,685	-	6,964
Parking Clerk Fees	10	60	-	-	55	-	15
Performance Bond Deposits	40,000	-	-	-	35,000	-	5,000
Town Clerk Fees	(1,049)	11,866	-	-	10,817	-	-
Town Collector Fees	135	15,090	-	-	15,025	-	200
State Share of Gun Permit Receipts	6,987	11,125	-	-	17,587	-	525
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>52,443</b>	<b>333,221</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>368,489</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17,175</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Equity:</b>	<b>2,483,226</b>	<b>426,913</b>	<b>100,983</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>371,761</b>	<b>292,697</b>	<b>2,356,664</b>

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

	FY08 Estimated	FY08 Actual	Variance FY08 Budget To FY08 Actual
<u>SEWER OFFSET RECEIPTS</u>			
Sewer Late Fees #4245		2,290	
Sewer User Fees FY07, #4246-07		4,339	
Sewer User Fees FY08, #4246-08		582,044	
Sewer Lien Fees #4247		11,326	
Sewer Hook-Up Charges #4467		2,000	
Pinegrove PILOT in Place of Sewer, #4181		1,937	
Hinsdale Sewer Bill #4746		54,163	
	<u>578,937</u>	<u>658,099</u>	<u>79,162</u>
<u>ESTIMATED LOCAL RECEIPTS:</u>			
Motor Vehicle Excise, #4150			
2003 & Prior		701	
2004		1,301	
2005		2,779	
2006		22,115	
2007		136,211	
2008		616,471	
	<u>623,800</u>	<u>779,578</u>	<u>155,778</u>
<u>Other Excise,</u>			
Farm Animal Excise #4162		-	
Classified Forest Land #4163		-	
Forest Products Tax #4164		-	
	<u>120</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(120)</u>
<u>Penalties &amp; Interest on Taxes &amp; Excise:</u>			
Interest & Penalties on Taxes #4171		24,461	
Interest & Penalties on Tax Titles #4172		31,543	
Interest & Penalties on Sewer User #4173		-	
Interest & Penalties on Other A/R #4174		-	
Income & Expense Penalties Added to Tax #4190		100	
	<u>15,000</u>	<u>56,104</u>	<u>41,104</u>
<u>Payment in Lieu of Taxes</u>			
Trailer Park Fees #4165		4,608	
Pmts in Lieu of Taxes #4180		1,147	
	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,755</u>	<u>755</u>
<u>Other Charges for Services</u>			
Board of Appeals #4373		405	
Planning Board #4374		1,600	
Zoning #4375		330	
Sealer of Wghts/Measures #4466		815	
	<u>1,200</u>	<u>3,150</u>	<u>1,950</u>

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

	FY08 Estimated	FY08 Actual	Variance FY08 Budget To FY08 Actual
<u>Fees</u>			
Registry of Motor Vehicles #4175		5,100	
Municipal Lien Fees #4321		5,250	
Bad Check Fees #4330		520	
Alarm Fees #4331		1,275	
Default Warrant Removal Fee #4332		75	
Collector Late Fees Ch40 S21E #4333		-	
Duplicate Bill Fee #4382		1,003	
Communication Center Fees #4810		20,297	
Private Hauler Recycling Fee #4335		452	
Highway Excavation Fees #4377		1,900	
	<u>21,100</u>	<u>35,872</u>	<u>14,772</u>
<u>Departmental Revenue Schools #4370</u>	<u>64,000</u>	<u>64,221</u>	<u>221</u>
<u>Departmental Revenue Cemetery #4378</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>41,625</u>	<u>11,625</u>
<u>Other Departmental Revenue</u>			
Town Clerk - Street List #4371		40	
Town Clerk - Other #4372		22	
Assessors Maps #4383		249	
Assessors' Infor Requests/auth #4384		175	
Dalton Fire District Tax Reimb. #4811		-	
Photocopies #4391, 4392		510	
Town Maps #4393		75	
Recycled Goods #4329		15,931	
School Census #4841		3,323	
Charge for Bid Specs #4380		-	
Bicentennial Sales #4394		-	
Police Reports #4397		581	
Police - Outside Detail Admin Fee #4398		1,718	
Town Collector Miscellaneous #4844		204	
	<u>15,880</u>	<u>22,828</u>	<u>6,948</u>
<u>Licenses &amp; Permits</u>			
All Alcohol Licenses #4411		5,350	
Beer & Wine Licenses #4413		300	
All Other Alcohol Licenses #4414		1,500	
Raffle Permits #4455		70	
Cable TV Franchise #4458		1,175	
Building Permits #4460		20,165	
Health Agent Receipts #4462		3,005	
Police Pistol Permits #4473		3,725	
Other Licenses & Permits #4499		3,340	
	<u>34,400</u>	<u>38,630</u>	<u>4,230</u>

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

	FY08 Estimated	FY08 Actual	Variance FY08 Budget To FY08 Actual
<u>Fines and Forfeits</u>			
Motor Vehicle Fines #4694		20,255	
District Court Restitution #4698		8,695	
Parking Fines #4771		1,870	
Library Fines #4772		3,361	
Unlicensed Dog Fines #4773		7,254	
Police Fines #4774		245	
Youth Tobacco Fines #4776		500	
Other Fines		133	
	<u>27,000</u>	<u>42,313</u>	<u>15,313</u>
<u>Investment Income</u>			
Earnings on Investment #4820		91,802	
	<u>80,000</u>	<u>91,802</u>	<u>11,802</u>
<u>Miscellaneous Recurring</u>			
Miscellaneous Revenue #4840		-	
Miscellaneous State Revenue #4699		-	
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>Miscellaneous Non-Recurring</u>			
Miscellaneous Revenue #4840		11,210	
Miscellaneous State Revenue #4699		5,706	
Miscellaneous Federal Revenue #4540			
Workman's Comp Refund #4843			
Sales of Surplus Inventory #4815		50	
		<u>16,966</u>	<u>16,966</u>
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED LOCAL RECEIPTS:</b>	<u>917,500</u>	<u>1,198,844</u>	<u>281,344</u>
<u>CHERRY SHEET REVENUE: (NET OF CHERRY SHEET OFFSETS)</u>			
Exemptions: Vets, Blind & Srvg. Spouse #4617	10,350	12,875	2,525
Elderly Persons #4616	12,048	13,554	1,506
State Owned Land #4611	40,644	40,644	-
School Aid (Ch70) #4621	203,607	203,607	-
Regional Transportation #4637	-	37,675	37,675
Police Career Incentive #4661	38,978	39,573	595
Veterans Benefits #4667	-	131	131
Lottery, Beano, Charity #4671	1,254,672	1,254,672	-
Additional State Aid #4670	-	-	-
Highway Fund #4672	-	-	-
	<u>1,560,299</u>	<u>1,602,731</u>	<u>42,432</u>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS</b>	<u>3,056,736</u>	<u>3,459,674</u>	<u>402,938</u>

**Schedule 3: General Fund Appropriations, Expenditures and Encumbrances  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2008**

Dept #	Department Title	Total Final Budget Including FY07 Carry Forwards	Salary Expended	Vendor Payments Expended	Year End Department Balance	Amt. Encum- bered or Carried Forward to FY09	Closing Entries	Unencumbered Balance
114	Moderator	449	330	-	119	-	119	
122	Select Board	21,700	16,483	2,346	2,871	-	2,871	
123	Town Manager	121,639	112,438	6,789	2,412	2,000	412	
131	Finance Committee	180	-	169	11	-	11	
132	Reserve Fund	19,264	-	-	19,264	-	19,264	
133	Prior Year Bills	1,022	821	195	6	-	6	
135	Accountant	44,415	37,905	5,922	588	-	588	
138	Group Purchasing	400	-	400	-	-	-	
139	Town Audit	-	-	-	-	-	-	
141	Assessors	97,662	80,575	16,958	129	-	129	
142	Triennial Revaluation	-	-	-	-	-	-	
143	Town Re-Mapping	-	-	-	-	-	-	
145	Treasurer	52,705	38,806	5,565	8,334	-	8,334	
146	Town Collector	63,756	52,506	9,254	1,996	-	1,996	
151	Town Counsel	34,000	-	33,303	697	-	697	
152	Telephone	16,500	-	13,348	3,152	600	2,552	
154	Recording Secretary	3,772	3,731	-	41	-	41	
155	Interdepartmental Clerks	43,000	37,514	-	5,486	-	5,486	
157	Computer	7,650	-	3,644	4,006	792	3,214	
158	Postage Meter	16,492	-	16,249	243	-	243	
159	Tax Title Foreclosures	7,000	-	-	7,000	2,000	5,000	
161	Town Clerk	64,051	60,948	2,054	1,049	155	894	
162	Elections	9,898	4,832	3,442	1,624	-	1,624	
163	Board of Registrars	6,541	1,795	2,510	2,236	-	2,236	
171	Conservation	2,025	-	924	1,101	-	1,101	
175	Planning Board/Board of Appls	22,061	21,586	233	242	-	242	
182	Development & Industrial Commission	1,010	-	1,010	-	-	-	

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

Dept # Department Title	Total Final Budget Including FY07 Carry Forwards	Salary Expended	Vendor Payments Expended	Year End Department Balance	Amt. Encumbered or Carried Forward to FY09	Closing Entries	Unencumbered Balance
191 Old Dalton High Maintenance	12,000	1,124	9,448	1,428	-		1,428
195 Town Report	6,650	-	6,146	504	-		504
196 Town Hall	127,594	44,844	80,787	1,963	762		1,201
197 Central Supplies	14,162	-	13,657	505	-		505
210 Police Department	924,106	830,676	73,866	19,564	4,268		15,296
222 Communications	170,149	168,066	2,057	26	-		26
240 Building Inspector	38,090	35,535	1,236	1,319	-		1,319
244 Weights and Measures	1,420	1,195	-	225	-		225
247 Meat & Cattle	1,123	1,123	-	-	-		-
292 Animal Control	22,814	18,013	2,939	1,862	195		1,667
293 Traffic Commission	1	-	-	1	-		1
294 Forest Warden	3,452	2,209	29	1,214	-		1,214
295 Emergency Management	9,950	3,150	1,680	5,120	1,700		3,420
296 Tree Warden	17,275	1,881	15,388	6	-		6
310 CBRSD	6,994,990	-	6,994,989	1	-		1
320 Vocational Education	331,202	-	298,095	33,107	-		33,107
401 Town Engineer	10,447	-	5,897	4,550	2,090		2,460
420 Highway	432,763	322,768	109,574	421	-		421
423 Snow and Ice	224,241	33,340	190,215	686	-		686
424 Street Lights	78,875	-	78,350	525	-		525
433 Landfill Closure	13,400	-	9,759	3,641	-		3,641
434 Transfer Station	43,664	1,549	32,309	9,806	2,025		7,781
440 Sewer	22,279	8,156	8,420	5,703	-		5,703
449 Sewer Treatment	637,318	-	612,459	24,859	11,479		13,380
491 Cemetery	97,495	75,929	20,974	592	-		592
510 Health Agent/Board	25,828	24,498	1,116	214	-		214
522 Visiting Nurse Association	11,929	-	11,929	-	-		-
523 Berkshire Mental Health	4,060	-	4,060	-	-		-
541 Council on Aging	95,108	86,275	5,810	3,023	-		3,023

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

Dept #	Department Title	Total Final Budget		Vendor		Year End		Closing	Unencumbered
		Including FY07	Carry Forwards	Salary	Payments	Department	Amt. Encum-bered or Carried Forward to FY09		
				Expended	Expended	Balance	Balance		
543	Veterans Services	16,423		6,123	884	9,416	9,416		9,416
591	Berkshire Regional Planning	4,276		-	4,275	1	1		1
610	Library	168,684		114,566	49,107	5,011	2,032		2,979
630	CRA - Parks Programs	59,456		-	59,456	-	-		-
650	Parks Maintenance	41,353		26,138	14,947	268	268		268
691	Historical Commission	727		-	649	78	78		78
692	Memorial Day	1,970		-	1,646	324	324		324
693	Cultural Activities	1,530		-	1,530	-	-		-
710	Maturing Debt and Interest	504,640		-	456,887	47,753	47,753		47,753
820	State Assessments	44,882		-	35,447	9,435	9,435		9,435
911	Retirement	348,806		-	348,806	-	-		-
913	Unemployment Insurance	9,000		-	467	8,533	8,533		8,533
914	Health Insurance	717,093		-	651,396	65,697	93		65,604
915	Life Insurance	8,472		-	6,674	1,798	1,798		1,798
916	Town Share - Medicare	27,100		-	26,403	697	697		697
919	Fringe Benefits	16,580		5,042	1,150	10,388	10,388		10,388
930	FY97 Vote - Capital Projects	278		-	-	278	278		278
932	FY02 Vote - Capital Projects	32,522		-	15,083	17,439	17,439		-
932	FY03 Vote - Capital Projects	31,900		-	6,130	25,770	25,770		-
932	FY06 Vote - Capital Projects	223		-	223	-	-		-
932	FY07 Vote - Capital Projects	117,276		-	67,959	49,317	48,334		983
932	FY08 Vote - Capital Projects	20,000		-	-	20,000	20,000		-
941	Court Judgments & Claims	3,000		-	-	3,000	3,000		3,000
945	Town Insurance Coverage	172,800		-	168,663	4,137	4,137		4,137
950	Trust Fund Commissioners	229		-	-	229	229		229
998	Transfer to Pension Reserve Fund 84	10,000		-	-	10,000	10,000		10,000
	TOTAL:	13,388,797		2,282,470	10,633,286	473,041	141,734	11,261	320,046

### Schedule 4: Schedule of Bond Indebtedness for the Year Ended June 30, 2008

Description	Interest Rate	Month/ Year Issued	Maturity Date	Final Amount Due	Original Amount Due	Outstanding
Outside Debt Limit:						
Landfill Closure	5.27%	12/15/1996	1/15/2012	1,500,000	1,500,000	400,000
Inside Debt Limit:						
Capital Projects Bonded FY03	3.05%	5/1/2003	5/1/2008	502,053	502,053	-
Capital Projects Bonded FY06	4.35%	6/16/2006	6/15/2011	746,850	746,850	405,000
Capital Projects Bonded FY07	4.04%	6/15/2007	6/15/2012	130,103	130,103	103,603
Capital Projects Bonded FY08	4.15%	6/26/2008	6/15/2009	214,064	214,064	214,064
<b>Total:</b>						<b>1,122,667</b>
Temporary Borrowing Issued						
Capital Projects BAN		6/26/2008	10/09/08	294,000	294,000	294,000
Authorized and Unissued Debt	Date	Amount	Bond Issued	Retired Rescinded	Unissued	
Road Projects	6/21/1999	750,000	525,000	225,000	-	
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	97,955	26,070	4,175	
Capital Projects Departmental FY05	9/27/2004	10,400	3,994	6,406	-	
Capital Projects Departmental FY06	6/27/2005	267,500	166,162	12,153	89,185	
Capital Projects Departmental FY07	6/26/2006	153,600	122,562	1,300	29,738	
Capital Projects Departmental FY07	10/23/2006	200,000	101,842	-	98,158	
Capital Projects Departmental FY08	6/25/2007	234,000	105,960	-	128,040	
Capital Projects Departmental FY08	6/25/2007	202,040	202,040	-	-	
Capital Projects Departmental FY08	11/19/2007	1,110,000	91,960	-	1,018,040	
<b>Total Authorized and Unissued Debt</b>		<b>4,443,740</b>	<b>2,011,810</b>	<b>490,269</b>	<b>1,941,661</b>	

**Schedule 5: Analysis of General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2008**

Balance, 7/1/07		1,187,664
Adjustments:		
Completed Capital Projects Back to Stabilization	(983)	
		(983)
Open:		
Reserve for Encumbrances and Carry Forwards	(141,734)	
Reserve for FY09 Expenses	(625,000)	
FB Reserved For Extraordinary/Unforeseen - FY09 Spending Voted STM 05/05/07	(46,173)	
		(812,907)
Close:		
Dog Licenses over \$3,000 (Special Revenue)	24,402	
Unused Extended Polling Grant	3	
Appropriated Reserve for Extraordinary and Unforeseen - Current Year	60,000	
Other Financing Sources	292,697	
Other Financing Uses	(110,000)	
Prior Year Reserve for Encumbrances and Carry Forwards	135,748	
Prior Year Reserve for Expenses	705,000	
Expenditures	(12,915,756)	
Revenues	12,546,728	
		738,822
Ending Balance June 30, 2008		1,112,596

# TREASURER'S REPORT

**Sharon M. Messenger, Town Treasurer**

I am pleased to submit my annual report for Fiscal 2008. It has been a very busy year in our office with many new challenges and changes. We have completed the reporting requirements for the GASB 45 Actuarial Valuation and Review of Other Post Employment Benefits. We also have several foreclosed properties and hope to have an auction of these properties in the late spring or early summer.

I would like to thank my Assistant Treasurer, Dawn Fahey for all of her help during the past year, she is a very dedicated and hard working person.

## **GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES**

Personal Property Taxes 2008	177,636.04
Personal Property Taxes Prior Years	1,096.50
Real Estate Taxes 2008	8,693,132.24
Real Estate Taxes Prior Years	114,291.69
Motor Vehicle Taxes 2008	616,471.18
Motor Vehicle Taxes 2007	136,210.53
Motor Vehicle Taxes Prior Years	26,896.13
Income Expense Penalty Added to Taxes	100.00
Interest and Penalties on Taxes	24,461.10
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	<b>9,790,295.41</b>

## **TAX LIENS RECEIVABLES**

Tax Liens	100,896.59
Interest and Penalties	31,543.41
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	<b>132,440.00</b>

## **STATE RECEIPTS (CHERRY SHEET)**

Transportation Vocational Students	37,675.00
State Owned Land	40,644.00
Abatements, Blind, Surv. Sp, Veterans	12,875.00
Elderly Persons	13,554.00
Lottery, Beano, Charity	1,254,672.00
Police Career Incentive	39,573.31
School Aid (Chapter 70)	203,607.00
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	<b>1,602,600.31</b>

## **STATE COMMONWEALTH OF MA. RECEIPTS**

Small Cities Recapture	8,352.00
Extended Polling Hours	453.00

Council on Aging Incentive	790.00
Arts Cultural Council Grant	4,000.00
Community Policing Grants	41,600.00
Council on Aging Formula Grant	9,282.00
Traffic Enforcement Grant	2,052.60
Grant Revenue Housatonic St.	5,541.30
Library Incentive Grant	10,339.68
Veteran's Benefits	131.00
Police Vest Grant	750.00
Motor Vehicle Fines	20,255.00
Highway Chapter Money	102,822.86
Miscellaneous State Revenue	5,706.14
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	<b>212,075.58</b>

**FEDERAL REVENUE**

Community Development Block Grant	8,776.60
In Lieu of Taxes	1,147.00
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	<b>9,923.60</b>

**OTHER GOVERNMENTAL REVENUE**

Receipts Drug Task Force	15,314.19
Communications Center Services	20,296.76
Berkshire District Court Restitution	8,695.00
Hinsdale Sewer Services	54,163.00
Miscellaneous Grants	158,786.22
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	<b>257,255.17</b>

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

Cops in Schools CBRSD Share	64,221.14
Youth Tobacco Fines	500.00
Registry of Motor Vehicle Charges	5,100.00
Trailer Park Fees	4,608.00
Sewer Late Fees	2,290.00
Sewer User Fee 2008	582,043.69
Sewer User Fees Prior years	4,338.62
Sewer Liens 2008	10,232.16
Sewer Liens Prior years	1,094.18
Municipal Lien Fees	5,250.00
Bad Check Fees	520.00
Alarm Monitoring Fees	1,275.00
Sale of Street Lists	40.00
Highway Excavation Fees	1,900.00
Cemetery Charges	41,625.00
Assessors Maps	249.00
Police Reports	581.00
Police Outside Detail Administration Fee	1,717.63
Cable TV. Franchise Fee	1,175.50
Sewer Hook-up Charges	2,000.00
Library Fines	3,361.01
Unlicensed Dog Fines	7,253.50
Police Fines	244.75
Recycled Goods	15,931.41

Parking Fines	1,930.00
Duplicate Bill Charges	1,002.50
Assessors Info. Request	175.00
Miscellaneous Fines	133.50
Default Warrant Removal Fee	75.00
Private Hauler Recycling Fee	452.38
Wetland Protection Fund	1,360.95
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	<b>762,680.92</b>

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT- LICENSES/PERMITS**

Pilot Sewer Pine Grove Manor	1,936.89
Planning Board	1,600.00
Zoning Board /Zoning By-Laws	330.00
Alcohol Licenses	5,350.00
Beer and Wine Licenses	300.00
All other Alcohol Licenses	1,500.00
Raffle Permits	70.00
Building Permits	20,164.75
Health Agent	3,005.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	815.00
Police Pistol Permits	3,725.00
Board of Appeals Postage	404.60
All other Licenses and Permits	3,340.00
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	<b>42,541.24</b>

**MISCELLANEOUS GENERAL REVENUE**

Beautification Committee Donations	250.00
Cemetery Repair Donations	10,000.00
Insurance Reimbursement Over \$20,000	153,390.76
Council on Aging Van Receipts	11,645.25
Council on Aging Gifts/Donations	2,263.00
Photo Copies	297.46
Town Clerk Other	22.26
Town Maps	75.00
Grave Digging Overtime	1,645.00
Library Copier	213.00
Misc. Training Reimbursement	2,940.00
Library Donations	2,530.00
School Census	3,323.16
Miscellaneous Revenue	8,270.45
Historical Donations	1,062.43
Insurance Claims under \$10,000.00	3,035.85
Sale of Surplus Inventory	50.00
Town Collector Miscellaneous	203.80
Police Local Gifts/Friends	10.00
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	<b>201,227.42</b>

**AGENCIES**

Warner Cable TV. Franchise	81,352.59
Fees/Warrants	6,745.00
Dog Licenses	24,971.65
CDBG Program Pay Back	14,697.20
CDBG Program Pay Back Interest	426.95
Legal Advertising	1,050.00
Plumbing Inspections	6,330.00
Electrical Inspections	6,910.00
Deputy Collector Fees	13,708.24
Police Outside Detail	116,602.50
Law Enforcement Trust	1,008.00
Fees Retained by Town Collector	8,345.00
Fees Retained by Town Clerk	11,041.73
Dare Program Receipts	50.00
Reimbursement For Overpayment	823.87
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	<b>294,062.73</b>

**EARNINGS ON INVESTMENTS**

General Funds	91,801.77
Local Law Enforcement	25.27
Capital Stabilization Int.	54,446.50
Litigation Stabilization	10,593.07
General Stabilization	8,994.90
Pension Reserve Funds	3,497.02
Arts Cultural Council	132.57
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	<b>169,491.10</b>
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<b>TOTAL ALL RECEIPTS FY 2008</b>	<b>13,474,593.48</b>

## TRUST FUNDS

### ARTS CULTURAL COUNCIL

Balance June 30, 2007	\$3,204.45	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts Grant	\$4,000.00	
Warrants FY 2008	\$(2,454.00)	
Interest Earned FY 2008	\$126.12	
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<b>Balance June 30, 2008</b>		<b>\$4,876.57</b>

### ARTS CULTURAL COUNCIL MATCHING FUNDS

Balance June 30, 2007	\$173.00	
Interest Earned FY 2008	\$6.45	
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<b>Balance June 30, 2008</b>		<b>\$179.45</b>

### PENSION TRUST FUNDS

Balance June 30, 2007	\$84,375.11	
Town Meeting Transfer from General Fund	\$20,000.00	
Interest Earned FY 2008	\$3,497.02	
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<b>Balance June 30, 2008</b>		<b>\$107,872.13</b>

### GENERAL FUND STABILIZATION TRUST

Balance June 30, 2007	\$207,842.21	
Interest Earned FY 2008	\$8,994.90	
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<b>Balance June 30, 2008</b>		<b>\$216,837.11</b>

### CAPITAL FUND STABILIZATION TRUST

Balance June 30, 2007	\$1,290,856.51	
Transfers In Special Town Meeting	\$201,787.09	
Transfers Out Special Town Meeting	\$(292,697.00)	
Interest Earned FY 2008	\$54,446.50	
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<b>Balance June 30, 2008</b>		<b>\$1,254,393.10</b>

### LITIGATION FUND STABILIZATION TRUST

Balance June 30, 2007	\$244,798.72	
Interest Earned FY 2008	\$10,593.07	
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<b>Balance June 30, 2008</b>		<b>\$255,391.79</b>

### PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS

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

INTEREST Balance June 2007	\$100,404.10	
Interest Income FY 2008	\$8,316.14	
Transfers Out	\$(75.23)	
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		<b>\$108,645.01</b>

**Balance Library Trust Fund June 30, 2008** **\$224,090.01**

**CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS**

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

Interest Balance June 30, 2007	\$42,079.83	
Warrants FY 2008	\$(7,060.50)	
Interest Income FY 2008	\$2,945.18	
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		<b>\$37,964.51</b>

**Balance Cemetery Trust June 30, 2008** **\$76,019.51**

**SCHOOL TRUST FUNDS**

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

Interest Balance June 30, 2007	\$69,621.48	
Interest Income June 30, 2008	\$3,866.17	
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		<b>\$73,487.65</b>

**Balance School Trust June 30, 2008** **\$103,487.65**

**LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT**

Balance June 30, 2007	\$471.93	
Receipts FY 2008	\$1,008.00	
Expenditures FY 2008	\$(1,090.66)	
Interest Income FY 2008	\$25.27	
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**Balance Local Law June 30, 2008** **\$414.54**

## MATURING DEBT AND INTEREST SCHEDULE FY 2008

Type of Issue	Date Issued	Original Amount	Principal Paid	Date Due	Interest Paid	Remaining Principal
15 yr. Landfill Closure	12/15/96	\$1,500,000.00	\$1,100,000.00	7/15/07 1/15/08	26,100.00	\$400,000.00
<b>Balance as of June 30, 2008</b>						
Capital Projects FY 03 Highway Projects	5/1/04 5/1/04	\$135,000.00 \$165,000.00	\$135,000.00 \$165,000.00	5/1/08 5/1/08	\$1,372.50 \$1,677.50	\$186,000.00 \$150,000.00 \$69,000.00
Capital Projects FY 06 Highway Projects Library/Senior Center	6/16/06 6/16/06 6/16/06	\$380,250.00 \$250,000.00 \$116,600.00	\$194,250.00 \$100,000.00 \$47,600.00	6/16/08 6/16/08 6/16/08	\$12,293.64 \$8,699.36 \$4,019.50	\$186,000.00 \$150,000.00 \$69,000.00
Capital Projects FY 07 Library/Senior Center	6/15/07 6/15/07	\$121,028.00 \$9,075.00	\$24,650.30 \$1,849.70	6/15/08 6/15/08	\$5,324.96 \$399.58	\$96,377.70 \$7,225.30
Capital Projects FY 08	6/26/08	\$214,064.44				\$214,064.44
Town Hall Renovations Temporary Borrowing	6/26/08	\$294,000.00				\$294,000.00

# 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 supervises and serves on 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 and maintains the Town Code.

In addition to the above, this office processed many legal claims as well as preparing search requests and certified documents for same. We issued 62 Cemetery Department Burial Permits; 47 Business Certificates; 1 Professional Registration; 1,186 dog licenses; 179 fish and game licenses and 63 stamps; 6 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 regardless of when the census is mailed out; with a \$10 late fee effective February 1, and a \$25 per dog Failure to License fine after April 1. Dog licensing information along with the form to license by mail is available on the Town website. In 2008, owners paid fines for 161 unlicensed dogs, 34 unrestrained dogs, 33 dogs and cats not vaccinated against rabies, 6 citations for failure to attach tag, 1 nuisance barking fines, in addition to holding fees and miscellaneous fines. Thirteen cases were filed at District Court which adds an additional charge of \$25 to cover the cost of preparing these court cases.

As local Registrar of Vital Statistics, registering all vital events occurring within the community and those events occurring elsewhere to local residents, we recorded and preserved 54 birth, 77 death and 15 marriage records contributing to the basis for the Commonwealth's central vital registration system. In addition, we processed 16 Intentions of Marriage, issuing Marriage Licenses for same; and issued 442 certified copies of births, deaths and marriages in 2008, 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, both at Town Hall and on the Town website. 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, completed the arduous project of codifying our general and permanent records. Codification is the collection and organization of all our legislation into a numbered and stylized document that is easily located and read. Citizens can now access the Code via a link on the Town's website 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". With three national elections, two town elections and the loss of a half-time position, our schedule did not permit any records to be preserved in 2008 but, time permitting; I hope to be able to resume this important effort in 2009.

As always, I extend sincere appreciation to my staff, Assistant Town Clerk Malia Windrow Carlotto who resigned in the fall to accept a position as Pittsfield's Assistant City Clerk; and to Laura L. Maffuccio who replaced her as my Assistant. 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 all are warm, friendly, sensitive and hardworking, and the Town is fortunate to have such dedicated people willing to serve their community. Please also let me take this opportunity to thank the citizens of Dalton for their continual support which is very much appreciated.

## **DOG LICENSES ISSUED/FINES COLLECTED**

Males	101
Neutered Males	464
Females	84
Spayed Females	533
Commercial Kennel	1
Multiple Pet Permit (3 – 4 Dog Permits)	12
Multiple Pet Permit (3 – 5 Dog Permits)	15
Multiple Pet Permit (2 – 6 Dog Permit)	12

Transfer Licenses	1
Total 2008 Dog Licenses Issued	1,223
Total Number Late Fees Assessed	232
Total License/Late Fee Amount Paid To Town Treasurer	\$ 24,987.23
Total Animal Control/Police Fines, Court Fees & Misc. Paid To Town Treasurer	\$ 6,502.74
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT PAID TO TOWN TREASURER</b>	<b>\$ 31,489.97</b>

**VITAL STATISTICS**

Births	54
Deaths	77
Marriages	15

**FISH & WILDLIFE LICENSES ISSUED**

Resident Fishing	36
Resident Minor Fishing Ages 15-17	4
Resident Fishing Age 65-69 (HALF PRICE)	7
Resident Fishing Handicapped/Over 70 (FREE)	15
Non-Resident Fishing	5
Non-Resident Fishing (3 Day)	0
Duplicate Fishing	0
Trapping	1
Resident Citizen Hunting	14
Resident Citizen Hunting Age 65-69 (HALF PRICE)	2
Non-Resident Hunting (Big Game)	0
Non-Resident Hunting (Small Game)	2
Resident Minor Hunting Age 15-17	2
Resident Citizen Sporting	42
Resident Citizen Sporting Age 65-69 (HALF PRICE)	4
Resident Sporting Age 70 & over (FREE)	45
Duplicate Sporting	1
Archery Stamp	24
Primitive Firearms Stamp	36
Waterfowl Stamp	3
Wildlands Conservation Stamp – Resident	127
Wildlands Conservation Stamp – Non-Resident	7
Total Number of Licenses/Stamps Issued	419
<b>Amount Paid to MA Division Fisheries &amp; Wildlife</b>	<b>\$ 4,126.50</b>

**BIRTHS RECORDED IN THE TOWN OF DALTON FOR THE YEAR 2008**

Howard, William Frederick	Ehrlich, Ben
Hagmaier, Aidan Michael	McComish, John Stephen
Sayers, Isabel Morgan	Doyle, Anna Elizabeth
McCarthy, Madison Genevieve	Crocker, Christopher Thomas
Hinkley, Michael O'Brien	Mullally, Bryce Douglas

Heath, Dylan Scott	Mullally, Austin Joseph
Poplaski, Wade Travis, Jr.	Green, Andrew Mcewan
McLaughlin, Samuel Joseph	Kenyon, Dean Michael
Broderick, Rose Frances Mary	Quiles, Roman Francis
Broderick, Rebecca Joy	Kotelnicki, Griffin James
Martin, Natylee Marie	Kaley, Samantha Louise
Vincelette, Caroline Elizabeth	Darby, Norrin Shannon
Aldrich, Natalie Elizabeth	Flatley, Jace Thomas
Boden, Jack David	Bremner, Ava Jane
Davis, Claire Marie	Farley, Gracey Jude
TOTAL 54 (includes twenty four impounded birth records not listed above)	

**DEATHS RECORDED IN THE TOWN OF DALTON FOR THE YEAR 2008\***

Fairfield, Eugene C.	Wendling, Dennis J.	Ano, Marjorie A.
Gleason, Eleanor A.	Gallego, Jessie E.	Horth, James H. Jr.
Maccini, Nancy Jane	Smith, Raymond Kellogg Jr.	Kirby, William E.
Iwanowicz, Helen P.	Campbell, Beatrice Ruth	Bartels, John Whitman Sr.
Mitchell, Marjorie Catherine	Palmer, Newton Lewis	DiCicco, George H.
Martin, Lucien Gregory	Beauchemin, Robert Edward	Clark, Mary T.
Downing, Elizabeth Mae	Fink, Alice ---	Trager, Daniel Pierce
Fugman, William Jr.	Kurpiel, Jo-Ann ---	Cooper, Richard K.
Steele, Bernice B.	Dempsey, Mary Carolyn	Persson, Allan H.
Furlong, Elizabeth E.	Taylor, Michael Andrew Sr.	Storms, Helen M.
Brennan, Ethel H.	Bischoff, William H.	Miles, Pauline A.
Skowron, Marilyn Elaine	Parker, Katherine Frances	McCall, Janet Maureen
Carpenter, Anita Louise	Janas, Stephanie H.	Falcon, Gloria
Chapman, Richard Donald	Waite, Clifton ---	Howard, Russell Wreath
Harris, Nathan	Card, Walter Joseph	Courtoure, Armand Arthur
Dupuis, Charles H.	Latourelle, Anita ---	Robinson, Madeline L.
Harrison, Eleanor Mary	Blatt, Sylvia J.	Powell, David R.
Ogden, George Barton	Janas, Theodore E.	Stevenson, Irene Margaret
Groux, Lloyd Henry	Mottironi, Vilma D.	Fournier, Lillian Gertrude
Imrie, William F.	Rice, Janice Rose	Briggs, Elaine Marie
Maynes, Martha E.	Cebula, Helen Marion	DiCaprio, Joseph U.
Adams, Donald S.	Lancto, Margaret D.	Quillard, Irene H.
Marcella, Francis Anthony Sr.	Clark, Edwin Oscar	Heisler, Marjorie B.
Farrell, Carol Ann	Reinhardt, Albert Denison Jr.	Jensen, Poul O.
Ward, Mary Ellen	Bentley, Leona Mae	Martin, Gary
Elworthy, William J. Jr.	Daoust, Antoinette M.	

**TOTAL - 77**

\*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 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 an 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.

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 2008, 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 October 1st and April 1st. If not paid by the due date, a \$5.00 late fee and interest at 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 questions regarding any of the bills, please call our office. Assistant Collector Jodi Hollingsworth or I will be glad to assist you. My thanks to Jodi for her professionalism, dedication, and ready smile; it is a pleasure to work with her.

Please see charts for Collections

Taxes	FY	Balance 6/30/2007	Commitment	Abatement	Exemption	Credit Balance	Refunds	Received	Tax Title	Balance 6/30/2008
Real Estate	2008		\$8,888,377.21	\$8,290.70	\$32,250.00		\$30,971.97	\$8,724,104.21	\$34,883.79	\$119,820.48
Sewer Lien	2008		\$14,059.08					\$10,232.16	\$1,576.45	\$2,250.47
Real Estate	2007	\$133,713.09					\$105.43	\$114,397.12	\$16,197.73	\$3,223.67
Sewer Lien	2007	\$1,094.18						\$1,094.18		\$-
Id&E Lien	2007	\$100.00						\$100.00		\$-
Personal Prop.	2008		\$181,316.14	\$411.35			\$86.79	\$177,722.83		\$3,268.75
Personal Prop.	2007	\$1,096.50						\$1,096.50		\$-
Farm	2008		\$122.50							\$122.50
Fire District	2008		\$270,993.68	\$252.80			\$4,406.61	\$269,633.03	\$939.77	\$4,574.69
Fire District	2007	\$5,107.05					\$80.52	\$4,492.26	\$601.40	\$93.91
Fire Personal	2008		\$5,528.06	\$12.55			\$3.32	\$5,434.97		\$83.86
Fire Personal	2007	\$43.56						\$43.56		\$-
Motor Vehicle	2008		\$684,518.77	\$17,864.73			\$6,428.71	\$622,899.89		\$50,182.86
Motor Vehicle	2007	\$-	\$116,630.16	\$7,314.99			\$5,333.28	\$141,543.81		\$13,262.88
Motor Vehicle	2006	\$7,809.09		\$1,230.30			\$599.98	\$22,714.95		\$3,627.52
Motor Vehicle	2005	\$4,060.85		\$565.94		\$150.62	\$789.89	\$3,418.74		\$2,634.08
Motor Vehicle	2004	\$4,018.15						\$1,300.94		\$2,717.21
Motor Vehicle	2003	\$3,689.82						\$432.10		\$3,257.72
Motor Vehicle	2002	\$1,516.77						\$119.27		\$1,397.50
Motor Vehicle	2001	\$2,140.73						\$32.50		\$2,108.23
Motor Vehicle	2000	\$2,318.95						\$41.25		\$2,277.70
Motor Vehicle	1999	\$2,025.95						\$28.75		\$1,997.20
Motor Vehicle	1998	\$-	\$-					\$46.88		\$-
Sewer User	2008		\$602,701.89	\$700.00			\$351.96	\$582,395.65		\$19,958.20
Sewer User	2007	\$16,634.12		\$45.00				\$4,338.62	\$12,250.50	\$-
Acct#		\$-						\$-	\$1,255.00	\$345.00
Cemetery	4378	\$240.00	\$42,185.00				\$205.00	\$41,030.00		\$-
Police Detail	246R	\$10,150.00	\$117,223.75					\$116,602.50		\$10,771.25
Admin Fee	4398	\$210.00	\$1,619.63					\$1,717.63		\$112.00
Recycle Fee	4335	\$-	\$452.38					\$452.38		\$-
Trailer Park	4165	\$-	\$4,608.00					\$4,608.00		\$-
Sewer Hook-up	4467	\$-	\$2,000.00					\$2,000.00		\$-
Street Excavation	4377	\$-	\$700.00					\$700.00		\$-
Alarms Com. Ctr.	4331	\$-	\$1,275.00					\$1,275.00		\$-
SB Com. Ctr.	4810	\$-	\$20,296.76					\$20,296.76		\$-
Hinsdale Sewer	4746	\$-	\$54,163.00					\$54,163.00		\$-
Pinegrove Sewer	4181	\$-	\$1,936.89					\$1,936.89		\$-
Clerk Census	4841	\$-	\$3,323.16					\$3,323.16		\$-
Totals		\$236,127.05	\$11,035,160.28	\$36,688.36	\$32,250.00	\$150.62	\$49,363.46	\$10,935,769.49	\$67,704.64	\$248,087.68

**Other Monies Collected FY2008 - Town Collector**

Type	Acct#	Amount
Sewer Late Fees	4245	\$2,290.00
Ad Reimbursement	4844	\$203.80
Interest	4171	\$24,461.10
Returned Checks	4330	\$400.00
Interest FD	4171	\$822.44
Demand Fees	247D	\$8,345.00
Warrant Fees	247W	\$6,685.00
Deputy Fees	251R	\$13,708.24
Escrow Fees	2512381	\$946.00
RMV Fees	4175	\$5,100.00
MLC	4321	\$5,250.00
Interest MM	4820	\$5,948.46
Duplicate bills	4382	1,002.50
Ads before Title	247R	60.00
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>\$75,222.54</b>

**POSTAGE REPORT****Jane A.Carman**

July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008

**Postage Expenses**

Maintenance Agreement	\$ 729.00	July 1, 2007 Balance	\$ 2,820.01
Reset Charges	19.00	Deposits	11,000.00
Meter Rental	768.00	Total Postage Available	13,820.01
Postage	14,557.50	Postage used FY 2008	11,033.15
Pre-sort Permit	175.00	Balance June 30, 2008	\$2,786.86
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$16,248.50</b>		

## VETERAN'S SERVICE

Daniel K. Casey, VSO

2008 was a busier than normal year for my office. Six graveside markers, 5 bronze and 1 granite, were ordered, three "Welcome Home Bonus" applications were applied for, two Aid and Attendance applications were sent to the V.A. for approval, one DD214 was requested due to the original either being misplaced or lost. Two veterans, one a WWII VET was awarded an increase in his service connected disability compensation, and a Vietnam veteran was awarded compensation due to a health condition related to Agent Orange exposure.

One Gulf War Vet was on C115 Assistance for five months until she was able to return to work.

It is imperative that veterans applying for Social Security bring their DD214's to the Social Security office when applying. If you served in the military from 1957 through 1977, you are credited with \$300 in additional earnings for each calendar quarter in which you received active duty basic pay.

\$1200 additional earnings for a four year enlistment or \$600 for a two year enlistment.

Those that have lost or misplaced their DD214's, notify me and I will process the necessary paperwork for a replacement.

### IN MEMORIAM

#### *World War II*

Lucien G Martin	Robert E Crosier Sr.
Newton L Palmer	Robert E Beauchemin
Francis A Marcella Sr.	W.S. Peter Whitestone
James H Horth Jr.	Irving Radwich
John W Bartels Sr	Marvin P Magnin
Allan H Persson	Russell W Howard
David R Powell	

#### *Korea*

John S O'Brien	Walter J Card
Dennis J Wendling	Arman A Couture

#### *Vietnam*

Michael T Smith	John D Donovan
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#### *Gulf War*

Shaun P Cooney

## WEB SITE COMMITTEE

**Frank McDonald, Chairman**

Dalton's website continues to attract visitors from near and far. Over 10,000 visited the town website during the year. Visitors were from the local area and as far as New Delhi India.

The month of June showed 911 visitors to the site. I invite all residents to visit the site and gain information on the various town boards and committees and their functions.

I would like to thank Louise Frankenberg for continuing to update the website and to Kenneth Walto and William Chabot for serving on the Website Committee.

Visit your town website at <http://www.dalton-ma.gov>.

# 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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# 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.**

## 2009 ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION BALLOT

**Barbara L. Suriner, Town Clerk**

To Choose and Elect the Following Town Officers:  
(May 11, 2009 Annual Town Election)

- |                               |             |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| (1) Member(s)-Select Board    | For 3 Years |
| (1) Town Clerk                | 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) Library Trustee           | For 2 Years |
| (1) Library Trustee           | For 1 Year  |
| (3) Members-Finance Committee | For 3 Years |