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2009 Annual Report Dalton, Massachusetts



**ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
TOWN OF DALTON
MASSACHUSETTS
FOR 2009**

Population 2009 Census (As of December 31, 2009).....	6,911
Number of Registered Voters.....	4,560
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).....	\$15.80
Tax Rate (Fire District).....	\$.65
Total Tax Assessed (Town-Includes Personal Property).....	\$9,723,323
Total Tax Assessed (Fire District).....	\$400,010
Total Valuation.....	\$615,400,197

- '10 Town Meeting..... May 3, 2010 (7:00 p.m.)
- '10 Town Election..... May 10, 2010 (10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.)
- '11 Town Meeting..... May 2, 2011 (7:00 p.m.)
- '11 Town Election..... May 9, 2011 (10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.)

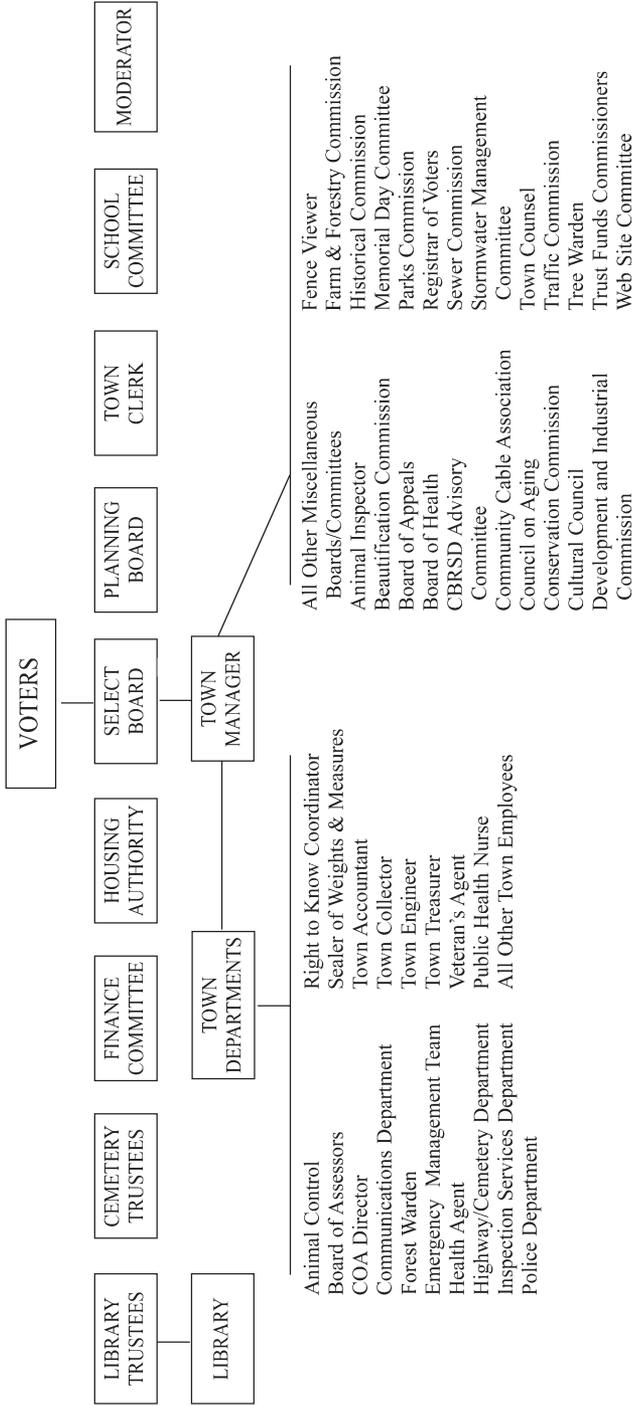
**Please bring this report with you to the May 3, 2010 Annual Town Meeting.
Please note time change to 7:00 p.m. for all Town Meetings.**

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

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TOWN OF DALTON ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

Term
Expires

Select Board
(Term 3 Years)

John F. Boyle, Chair..... 2010
 Louisa M. Horth, Vice Chair..... 2012
 William E. Chabot..... 2010
 Thomas S. Szczepaniak 2011
 Stuart T. Sargent, Jr. (Resnd Nov).. 2011

Town Clerk
(Term 3 Years)

Barbara L. Suriner..... 2012

Moderator
(Term 1 Year)

Ronald J. Marcella, Sr..... 2010

Dalton Housing Authority
(Term 5 Years)

Kathleen M. Burke, Chair..... 2011
 Judith A. Conroy (appointed)..... 2010
 Patricia A. Stottle 2013
 Katherine C. Wood..... 2012
 Camillus Cachat (State Appointed)

Cemetery Trustees
(Term 3 Years)

H. Edwin Cady, Chair 2010
 John P. Cooney 2012
 Marjorie E. Limburg 2011

Term
Expires

Library Trustees
(Term 3 Years)

John Kittredge, Chair 2010
 Judith L. Douville 2012
 Max Ehrlich 2011
 Barbara P. Kalib 2010
 Gail A. Pinna 2011
 Mark S. Rancourt 2012
 Anne M. Ronayne (appointed)..... 2010
 Joan M. Roy 2012
 Stephanie Shafiroff (appnted) 2011

Planning Board
(Term 5 Years)

Richard F. Ladd, Chair 2011
 Louisa M. Horth..... 2013
 Zack R. McCain, III 2012
 Karen M. Quinn 2010
 Stuart Sargent Jr(Resnd Nov) 2014

Finance Committee
(Term 3 Years)

Henry H. Williams III, Chair 2011
 George H. Bissell 2011
 William A. Drosehn III 2010
 David E. Fairfield..... 2012
 J. Michael Hoffman..... 2010
 Vacancy 2010
 David L. Kalib 2012
 Richard E. Lacatell..... 2011
 Domenico Suppappola 2012

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.(2012)

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

David E. Laviolette (2012)

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 (2012)

BRPC Transportation Advisory Comm.

Thomas S. Szczepaniak,
Municipal Designee (TAP)

John F. Boyle,
Municipal Representative (MPO)

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 (2012)

Mary E. Lamke, Alt. (2010)

Vacancy, Alt. (2010)

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 (2012)

Judith M. Ladd (2011)

**Building Commissioner/
Zoning Enforcement Officer**

Richard G. Haupt

Jerry A. Sargent, Alt.

John W. Bartels, Jr., Alt. ZEO

Burial Agents

H. Edwin Cady

John W. Bartels, Jr., Alt.

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 (2012)

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 (2012)

Edward F. Gero (2011)

Valerie A. Gero (2012)

Domenick F. Sacco (2012)

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
Judith M. Brooks (2011)
Marcia J. Brophy (2010)
Persis B. Caverly (2011)
Cora E. Cooney (2011)
Cynthia L. Costello (2011)
Gordine A. Galusha (2012)
Joyce F. Lacatell (2010)
Mary E. Lamke (2011)
Marjorie M. Lillpopp (2010)
Mary R. Martinelli (2012)
Mark Meunier (2012)
Maureen M. Mitchell (2010)
Jean K. Poopor (2010)
Ralph W. Young (2012)
Vacancy (2012)

**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)
Deborah D. Smith (2010)
Nicole M. Swegel (2012)
Meryl Thompson (2012)
Jean K. Poopor (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)
James J. Ethier (2010)
Marjorie E. Limburg (2011)
Monica J. Montferret (2012)
Teresa B. Unwin (2010)
John C. Williams (2012)
Darlene G. Masengo (2012)

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

Kenneth E. Walto, Chair (2014)
Robert M. Alessio (2011)
Charles J. Dooley (2014)
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)**

Mary A. Walsh, Chair (2011)
George D. White, V Chair (2010)
Mary Jane Caliento (2011)
Louisa M. Horth (2012)
Gail A. Pinna (2012)
Mary Ellen D. Shea (2010)
Joyce M. White (2011)

Dalton Redevelopment Authority

Charles J. Dooley
David L. Kalib
Stephen A. Sears
Kenneth E. Walto

**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
(after 1, 2 & 3 yr appts) (3 Years)**

Jessie A Robertson-Dubois, Chair (2012)
Beth A Salvatore-LeBeau, V. Chair (2011)
Peter Cachat (2010)
J. Dicken Crane (2011)
Shaun M. Garvey (2010)
Dina L. LaBeau, Alt. (2010)
Vacancy Alt. (2010)

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, Alt.

Inspector of Wiring

John M. Broderick
John M. Broderick, Jr., Asst.
Ronald A. Smith, Alt.
Brian M. Smith, Substitute Asst.

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

Victoria M. Sedgwick
Richard A. Nicholas, Jr.
Christopher J. Furlong
Jonathan Bishop
Dennis Burke
Rudolph Gagliardi II
Gabrielle Taglieri
Vacancy
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
William E. Chabot
Robert J. Dassat
John H. Ellis
James D. Slater
Corey A. White
George D. White
Vacancy

**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 (2012)
Thomas S. Szczepaniak (2011)
Stuart T. Sargent, Jr. (Rsnd Nov) (2011)

Sewer Commission

Select Board

Open Space Committee

Thomas W. Baker
J. Dicken Crane
Daniel D. Filiault
Mary E. Lamke
Dominick F. Sacco
Mary A. Walsh
3 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, Alt.
Debra A. Wagner, Alt.

Regional Planning Commission

Richard F. Ladd, Alt.
Zack McCain, Alt.

Regional Transit Authority

John F. Boyle
Kenneth E. Walto, Alt.

Right to Know Coordinator

James L. Noel

Sealer of Weights & Measures

Paul K. Vacchina

Senior Center Building Committee

George Morrell, Chair
Mary E. Lamke, Vice Chair
Susan Jacobs, Clerk
Robert P. Dean
George A. Finn
Maureen Mitchell
Irwin T. Renak
Thomas S. Szczepaniak
Carol A. Morrison, Alternate

Skateboard Park Building Committee

Thomas S. Szczepaniak, Chair
Mark J. Hall
Matthew T. Provencher
2 Vacancies

Stormwater Management Commission

James L. Noel, Chair (2011)
Timothy M. Alessio (2010)
Robert W. Bishop,Jr(Consv Rep)(2010)
Llewellyn E. Clark (2010)
Edward F. Gero(Brd Health Rep)(2010)
Richard F. Ladd(Plan Brd Rep)(2011)
Dennis Regan (2012)
Ex-Officio members:
Richard G. Haupt(Bldg Insp Rep)
David E. Laviolette(Hghway Rep)

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
Jeffrey E. Coe, PD Designee
Barry R. Smith, FD Rep

Tree Warden

Peter B. Bacon

Veterans Agent

Daniel K. Casey

Waste Management Study Committee

Jennifer S. Gitlitz, Chair
Camillius B. Cachat, Jr.
Peter J. Cachat, II
Edward F. Gero
Vacancy

Web Site Committee (2 Years)

Frank W. McDonald, Chair (2011)
William E. Chabot (2011)
Kenneth E. Walto (2011)
Vacancy (2011)

Voluntary Web Master

Louise H. Frankenberg (2010)

SELECT BOARD

John F. Boyle, Chairman

In spite of reductions in state aid, a faltering economy, and local budget constraints, the Select Board was able to advance several capital projects and initiatives that will lead to an enhanced quality of life in our community.

After a decade of indecision, continuing debate, and ever occurring options, the town voters on Sept. 28th, at a special town meeting, evaluated all viable proposals and overwhelmingly voted to build a free standing Senior Center on town owned property at Field and High Street. This action required a subsequent town wide ballot to exclude part of the financing from the levy limit. This vote was held on November 16th and passed by a 3 to 1 margin. Consequently, the proposed Senior Center is in the final stages of design and expected to go out to bid in late winter, with a construction schedule to begin and be completed in 2010.

Other significant projects that were advanced by the Select Board in 2009.

- Completion of the Town Hall renovations, Phase I.
- Provided for expansion of Ashuelot Street Cemetery
- Completed South Street reconstruction (almost)
- Completed renovations of the two bridges on Route 8 in the eastern section of town.

(Petitioned the state legislature to designate the bridge located on the Dalton-Hinsdale town line as the Lt. Michael J. Casey bridge. Lt. Casey was casualty in the Vietnam War and at times his family resided in both Dalton and Hinsdale. The Board felt the designation of this bridge was a unifying commemoration of Lt. Casey's sacrifice.)

- Select Board recommendation and Special Town meeting approval established a Dalton Redevelopment Authority to deal with Brownfield remediation and economic development.
- Repaved many streets including a major resurfacing of Grange Hall Road.
- Auctioned off excess town property resulting in receipts of between \$90,000 and \$114,000.
- Subdivided the "Hoose" Property located at the corner of High Street and Gulf Road.
Part of this property will be retained for town use, while the remaining parcel may be sold.
- We are informed by the Water District that renovations to the dam at Windsor Reservoir are nearing completion.
- Select Board member Stuart Sergeant resigned in November of 2009. A special election will be conducted to fill the remainder of his term. In order to avoid the cost of a special election, the Board voted to conduct this election in conjunction with the Annual Election on May 10th 2010.

Although the town has been able to resolve many issues and completed several projects, there remains unfinished work. Among these are:

- Disposition of the “Old Dalton High” building.
- Brownfield remediation
- Town Hall Renovations-Phase II
- Potential refurbishing of the “Hoose” house as a historical entity.
- Utilization of vacated industrial buildings
- Continuing upgrade of our infrastructure, roads, sewers, and sidewalks.

I wish to thank fellow Board members, Bill Chabot, Louisa Horth, and Tom Szczepaniak for their contributions and co-operation in addressing the many issues confronting the town. The ideal of a dedicated and cohesive board being necessary for the development and implementation of public policy, is one we all strive for. Members of the current Dalton Select Board exemplify the standard of open government, honest debate and professionalism. It is a privilege to serve with them.

A little noted upgrade of Dalton’s bond rating, from A to AA, by Standard & Poor’s Rating Services, occurred in 2009. This upgrade, comparable to one’s personal credit score, allowed the town to borrow at lower rates, thereby saving Dalton \$80,000 to \$100,000 on a recent bond issue for the Town Hall renovations. In addition the upgraded bond rating assigned to Dalton is an indicator of the strong financial management of Dalton’s fiscal affairs.

There are many parties responsible for our sound financial position, who deserve credit for this strong rating. First among them would be Ken Walto and his financial management team, the Finance Committee, the Select Board and all department heads who contribute to this effort.

State representative Denis Guyer has indicated he will not seek re-election to the 2nd Berkshire District seat. Representative Guyer’s strong efforts on behalf of rural communities, regional school districts, and municipal issues for the 22 communities he represented in Boston, is much appreciated by his constituency. We thank you Denis for your dedication and commitment to Dalton and wish you well in all future endeavors.

A viable and functioning municipal government 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. Ken Walto’s expertise in economic development, budget forecasting, and municipal management have well served the Town and the Select Board.

In an effort to alleviate the town’s financial burden, the Select Board in 2010, will make every effort to secure additional funding through State Aid, Federal grants, and will foster an economic climate encouraging businesses to locate here.

Specifically the Board has prepared a list of capital projects for consideration in President Obama's second economic stimulus package. State Representative Denis Guyer, has been instrumental in securing funding for many Dalton projects and continues to work with the town to advance its priorities.

2009, while a year of accomplishment in many areas, continued to see financial pressure on the town operating budgets. We are optimistic 2010 will have seen the worst of the downturn behind us, thereby allowing your town government to continue to provide the level of services the citizens of Dalton are accustomed to.

TOWN MANAGER

Kenneth E. Walto, Town Manager

Two Thousand Nine was a year dominated by the renovation of the Town Hall and the reconstruction of South Street.

Exterior renovations and repairs to the Town Hall, begun in June of 2008, continued through the winter and were substantially completed in May. Town Hall has not been significantly renovated in more than thirty years. Roofs and windows were replaced; and the masonry was cleaned and repaired, allowing the public to see the building as it looked in 1892. David J. Tierney Jr. was the General Contractor and Barry Architects provided design and construction supervision services. Minor building repairs remain to be completed. Landscaping and new signage will be undertaken in the spring of 2010. The Town Clock is also being repaired for reactivation in the spring of 2010. A general interior renovation is planned when sufficient funding becomes available.

Reconstruction of South Street continued through the spring and into the late fall. The first half of the street from Main to Pine Crest received final pavement. Construction will resume in the spring and be complete by the end of the summer. The six million dollar project is being undertaken by the Commonwealth on behalf of the Town.

Planning for the reconstruction of Housatonic Street, reactivated in the fall of 2008, is 75% complete. The Town is designing the project, but the state will do the actual construction, as funding becomes available under the Transportation Improvement Program.

Fiscally, 2009 was a stable year following the retrenchment of 2008, that included a mid year state aid reduction of as well. At the Annual Town Meeting in May, an operating budget of \$5,755,928 was approved. In addition, an appropriation of \$57,800 was approved for recreation and leisure time activities. A total Central Berkshire Regional School District budget of \$7,375,633 was approved. Surprisingly, the requested appropriation was actually \$33,751 less than the previous year.

Also in May, the Town was rated by Standard & Poor's for the purpose of issuing \$1,552,372 in General Obligation Bonds principally for the renovation of Town Hall. I am pleased to report that the Town achieved an outstanding rating

of AA resulting in the bonds being sold with an average interest rate of 3.78%. Standard & Poor's noted that, "management will continue to make the necessary adjustments to produce balanced operations as it has historically demonstrated despite budgetary challenges...The Town currently maintains a very strong reserve position, which, in our view, should provide near-term flexibility to manage through the economic recession." Credit for this achievement belongs to the financial management team consisting of the Treasurer, Accountant, Collector and Assessors supported by the Finance Committee and Select Board. I especially want to thank Town Treasurer, Sharon Messenger and Town Accountant, Sandra Albano, both of whom did extraordinary work to prepare for the rating session and complete the bond sale.

In June, the Select Board adopted a \$14 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 \$97,000 to fund the Annual Element of the Capital Improvement Program; \$89,500 via borrowing and \$7,500 from the Capital Stabilization Fund.

The Senior Center Feasibility Study Committee completed its work and presented an analysis of locating the Senior Center at either the Youth Center or the Old Dalton High site to a Special Town Meeting in September. That Town Meeting voted to build a new structure at the Old Dalton High site and approved an additional \$512,000 borrowing to supplement the \$770,000 being held in reserve for the new center. A subsequent Special Town Election in November approved a debt exclusion of the \$512,000 assuring the financing.

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 the last 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. 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 could be subdivided in up to seven lots of varying sizes. That site, however, is hampered by poor access onto either Hubbard Avenue or South Street. The second site is the former Beloit plant acquired by Crane and Company and now known as Ashuelot Park; 35 acres could be redeveloped into eight lots and the former manufacturing plant of 273,000 square feet could also be redeveloped into 221,000 square feet of industrial space and 52,000 square feet of office space.

Work under a \$90,000 "Smart Growth" Technical Assistance Grant was completed for these sites. Clough Harbor studied traffic flows including Hubbard Avenue and South Street. The MMA Consulting Group analyzed re-organization of Town development agencies necessary to achieve expedited business permitting. SK Design prepared an analysis of the southerly site. EDM studied the reuse of the Beloit plant. Town Counsel began legal work related to permitting the project. Mass Development will work with the Town to create a special infrastructure financing district in the target area.

At a June Special Town Meeting, the town approved the creation of the Dalton Redevelopment Authority, a special purpose economic development agency established to re-develop Brownfield sites. Subsequently, four members of the DIC, agreed to act as members of the Authority. The Authority is working in cooperation with the DIC to clean-up two business sites: L.P. Adams and Berkshire Motor Car.

Sinicon Plastics, which purchased the former General Electric Ordnance building on West Housatonic Street, moved from rented space on West Housatonic Street in Pittsfield with the assistance of a Tax Increment Financing Agreement. The Commission played a vital role in attracting this business to Dalton. 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. Special thanks are due to Administrative Secretary, Bonnie Callaghan, who has served as Recording Secretary for the Commission since its inception.

Members of the Commission,

*Members serving on Redevelopment Authority

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

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER & STATE ANIMAL INSPECTOR

Michael L. McClay

During the past year 264 citations for failure to license, 130 citations for failure to vaccinate for rabies, and 51 citations for failure to restrain were issued to residents of Dalton. There were 19 cases turned over to District Court for collection. There were 16 dogs and 23 cats quarantined for possible exposure to rabies. There were 5 dogs and 2 cats quarantined for attacks on people. There was 1 confirmed case of a rabid raccoon and 2 confirmed rabid skunks last year. Rabies will continue to be a problem for our area and all residents are reminded that all dogs over the age of 6 months of age must be vaccinated for rabies and licensed in Dalton. State Law also requires all cats over the age of 6 months must also be vaccinated for rabies.

Coyotes are increasing in numbers in our area and can be a threat to smaller domestic pets. All dogs should be monitored when outside and cats should remain indoors as much as possible. Residents are reminded that trapping wild animals in your yard is not recommended as many of these animals may be sick or cause injury to you. Relocating wildlife is illegal in Massachusetts.

The Town of Dalton animal control bylaws can be found in the Town of Dalton website. I can be reached by leaving a message at 684-6111 ext 52 or by calling the police department at 684-0300.

BOARD OF APPEALS

Anthony P. Doyle, Chairman

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

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

Current Board members are:

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

The recording secretary is Bonnie L. Callaghan.

There is one vacancy on the Board for an Alternate.

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 2009 calendar year, the Board held six public hearings. Four were hearings for special permits, one hearing was for a variance and one hearing was for the renewal of a special permit previously issued by the Board.

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

DALTON BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Dalton Board of Assessors, as required by the State Department of Revenue, started the Tri – annual adjustment to property valuation. This review allows for adjustments to be made to values of properties based on market sales that occurred between January 1, and December 31, 2008. The taxable value of the Town decreased by \$3,254,492, this decrease showed in all major classes of property valuation. The single family residences decreased by \$ 7,200 from Fiscal Year 2009 to 2010, unlike from Fiscal Year 2008 to 2009 when we saw an increase of \$ 706,900. Unlike the national media who was stating that real estate values have dropped, Western Massachusetts and Berkshire County real estate values actually remained stable or leveled off during 2008.

In Fiscal Year 2008 the Town had to raise \$ 13,608,111.82, between estimated receipts and other revenue, \$ 9,069,693.65 was to be raised by the real and personal property tax levy. In Fiscal Year 2009 the amount to be raised increased by \$ 214,887.04 to \$ 13,822,998.86, between estimated receipts and other revenue decreasing this increased the amount to be raised by real and personal property to \$ 9,265,487.39. In Fiscal Year 2010 the amount to be raised increased by \$ 100,440.48 to \$ 13,923,439.44 and estimated receipts and other revenues decreased which again increased the amount to be raised by real and personal property to \$ 9,723,323.12. Due to decreases in local aid and local receipts the amount to be raised by real and personal property taxes needs to increase, which leads 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

Fiscal Year	Town Tax Rate	Fire District Tax Rate	Valuations	Taxes to be Raised
2010	\$ 15.80	\$ 0.65	\$ 615,400,197.00	\$ 9,723,323.12
2009	\$ 15.00	\$ 0.65	\$ 617,699,159.00	\$ 9,265,487.39
2008	\$ 14.76	\$ 0.45	\$ 614,477,890.00	\$ 9,069,693.65
2007	\$ 14.17	\$ 0.46	\$ 605,943,795.00	\$ 8,586,223.58
2006	\$ 16.45	\$ 0.54	\$ 507,430,837.00	\$ 8,347,237.27
2005	\$ 17.64	\$ 0.51	\$ 447,111,318.00	\$ 7,887,043.56
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

Statistical Report for the year as follows:

Tax Levy Calculation	Fiscal 2009	Fiscal 2010
Total Amount to be Raised	\$ 13,822,998.86	\$ 13,923,439.44
Total Estimated Receipts and other Revenue Sources	\$ 4,557,511.47	\$ 4,200,116.32
Net Amount to be Raised by Taxes	\$ 9,265,487.39	\$ 9,723,323.12
Assessed Value of Real Property	\$617,699,159.00	\$615,400,197.00
	\$15.00	\$15.80

Number Assessed on Personal Estate	356
Number Parcels Assessed on Real Estate	2,692
Number of Acres Land	13,467

Number of Dwellings (Family) Units

	2010	2009	2008	2007
One Family	1,948	1,943	1,940	1,929
Two Family	166	173	176	182
Three Family	24	24	24	23
Multi - Family*	32	33	33	32
Condominiums	109	109	109	109
Mobile Homes**	40	40	40	40
Total	2,319	2,322	2,322	2,315

* Multi-Family is 4 units and above

** Mobile Homes include Trailer Park (36)

Motor Vehicle Excise

Year	No. of Vehicles	Value	Abatements	Excise
2009	7,591	\$34,207,250.00	\$16,560.39	\$733,003.00
2008	7,746	\$36,471,900.00	\$30,271.54	\$779,578.00
2007	7,416	\$34,816,400.00	\$19,083.21	\$758,072.61
2006	7,285	\$33,534,900.00	\$20,519.90	\$743,046.80
2005	7,539	\$36,434,750.00	\$22,548.33	\$773,967.58
2004	7,427	\$34,981,850.00	\$20,497.55	\$759,067.92
2003	7,420	\$33,507,400.00	\$24,787.26	\$723,845.67
2002	7,180	\$29,122,450.00	\$17,573.91	\$660,850.59

Exemptions

Year	No. Granted	Total Abated Amount
2010	77	\$37,200.00
2009	74	\$34,150.00
2008	73	\$32,250.00
2007	78	\$32,650.00
2006	74	\$27,775.00
2005	79	\$27,600.00
2004	93	\$32,175.00
2003	104	\$35,125.00

Real & Personal Property Abatements

FY	Amount Abated
2010	TBD
2009	\$11,237.75
2008	\$6,888.93
2007	\$10,257.87
2006	\$16,198.15
2005	\$30,605.18
2004	\$7,277.49
2003	\$4,751.66

TOWN MODERATOR

Ronald J. Marcella

Well the very long journey is finally over. I must extend my congratulations to all those people who through their diligent and unwavering support for a Dalton Senior Center finally prevailed.

Recently, during my research of the history of town meetings in New England, I came upon an article written by Jeremy Perkins a teacher and scholar on small town government.

New England Town Meetings long touted as the purest and most democratic form of government and direct democracy, has Colonial roots but may be in danger of loosing support.

The town meeting is as ingrained into the New England image as the local sheriff, pot luck dinners, and church on Sundays. Long used as an open forum, where anyone can have a say, to discuss and vote on issues such as school budgets, local zoning, and road repair it is loosely based on a democratic practice developed in Athens around 400 B.C and has represented small town government in New England for over 300 years.

Although the town meeting is often thought of as a purely new England convention it is worth noting that two cantons in Switzerland still practice a 700 year tradition of direct democracy called the “Landsgemeinde,” which means, open-air assembly. This assembly is similar to our meetings, except it is held outside in the open air, with up to 6,000 participants and can prove to be quite an ordeal votes are often estimated. But the energizing and empowering effect of participating in active legislation carries the same Colonial fire.

The first recorded gathering of voters in America took place in Dorchester, MA in 1633. According to the Dorchester Athenaeum online, a Town Meeting Square tablet commemorates the approximate location of the meeting house, which was also used as a school. The outcome of this historic first was the townsmen, by vote, agreed to meet at regular intervals to see to the “good and well ordering of the affairs of the Plantation.”. Soon after, the greater Boston area had begun adopting the process.

Today’s town meetings are eerily similar to the ones held 300 years ago, Claims Christopher Collier, in a New York Times article by Charlotte Libov. To emphasize why the Connecticut State Historian adds, “it’s obviously the most democratic form of government one can imagine. “It’s the closest to the people, it involves the largest number of people, it’s the most open.”

“One man, one vote” is often the mantra of town meeting proponents, and that one vote still carries a significant amount of weight.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

The Dalton Beautification Commission, now in its ninth year, was established by the Dalton Select Board in 2001, responding to expressed community interest that more could be done to enhance the public open spaces of our town, particularly along Dalton's Main Street.

Since its inception, the DBC has created two large median gardens at the intersections of Main and North Streets and Main and Old Windsor Road. Smaller gardens are located at 707 Main Street and at the corner of South and Main Streets. Additionally, eight, flower-filled, hay trough baskets adorn the Benjamin – Muraca Bridge, spanning the historic Housatonic River



by Weston's Pond, providing a lovely backdrop for this annual display. At the entrance to the Main Street cemetery, daffodils and tulips, planted by the DBC, are an early display of color, welcoming spring.

This year the DBC replaced two planters on the steps of the Dalton Public Library, thanks to the generous donation and craftsmanship of carpenter, Stuart Sargent, now filled with variegated coleus. Also new in 2009---at the request of the Community Recreation Association---are two small gardens and a planter, which now adorn the walkway into the CRA.

On September 5th, the DBC had pots of chrysanthemums for sale at the community wide Crafts/Flea Market held at the CRA. Displayed on the steps, the mums made a colorful New England autumn scene. These plants, generously donated by Paul and Maureen Mitchell, were sold out by day's end.

The DBC, working with the Select Board and Barry Architects, along with Peter Bacon, Town Tree Warden, developed a plan for the landscaping at the completion of Dalton's Town Hall renovation project. Replacement of the aging crabapple trees with flowering dogwood and Red Bud will take place in October with plans for additional, smaller planting scheduled for the spring of 2010.

The main funding source for the Dalton Beautification Commission is a small stipend from the town, supplemented by donations from private citizens. Also, local businesses have assisted---generously donating necessary materials or discounting purchases: L.P. Adams, Burgner's Farm, Holiday Farm, Whitney's Farm and Jaeschke's Fruits and Flowers. The Dalton Highway Department has provided space for the winter storage of the hay trough baskets and the Dalton Volunteer Fire Department has generously watered throughout the summer months the DBC's median gardens. The DBC thanks the Dalton Restaurant for its displaying the DBC's informational poster. The help from so many sources has truly made the efforts of the DBC a community wide endeavor.

The Dalton Beautification Commission is a seven-member commission of volunteers appointed by the Dalton Select Board. Current members include Mary Jane Caliento, Chairperson Annmarie Cicchetti, Angela Dansereau, Jean Poopor, Secretary Deborah Smith, Nicole Swegel and Meryl Thomson.

Community support for the projects is appreciated. The DBC is pleased by the many compliments from residents who express their enjoyment of the floral displays. The objectives of the DBC could not be met without the hands-on volunteers who assist in the labor intensive activities of preparing, transporting and planting the spring and summer annuals, to those who participate in the weekly weeding party and the volunteers who assist in the removal of annuals and preparing the planting sites for winter.

The DBC meets the first Tuesday of the month for planning with weekly maintenance throughout the growing season, meeting Monday evenings at 6 PM at the parking lot of the Dalton United Methodist Church. All Dalton residents are welcome to join us. For further information, please call the Dalton Town Hall at 684-6111 or Annmarie Cicchetti at 684-3966.

We would like to remind residents to please return your Annual Census Forms that were mailed out early January. If any residents did not receive or have misplaced their forms, we urge you to call the Town Clerk's office at 684-6111 x15 or 16. Census info can be taken over the phone or forms can be printed for completion from our website, dalton-ma.gov, Town Hall, Town Clerk, Census. The Annual Census serves to maintain residency and voting lists as well as to protect school enrollments and verify current enrollment as payment cannot be authorized for any student that is not listed as a resident. Local censuses also establish proof of residency necessary for certain other municipal privileges, such as cemetery rights, veterans benefits and reduced tuition rates at State universities and community colleges. Failure to respond to the census may result in removal from the Active Voter list under Federal Law.

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.

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The distinction of being Dalton's oldest living resident belongs to William D. Striebel, Sr. of 322 Hinsdale Rd, #2 who was born December 03, 1908.

Statistical figures as of December 31, 2009 are as follows:

REGISTERED VOTERS:

Democrats	1,396	(30.59%)
Republicans	542	(11.88%)
Libertarian	4	(0.09%)
*Green-Rainbow	3	(0.07%)
*(Political Designation)		
Unenrolled (a/k/a Independent)	2,618	(57.37%)

TOTAL ACTIVE REGISTERED VOTERS	4,309
TOTAL INACTIVE REGISTERED VOTERS	<u>254</u>
TOTAL ALL REGISTERED VOTERS	4,563
TOTAL POPULATION	6,911

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.

The Board of Health recently ran a series of H1N1 flu clinics and immunized almost 1000 residents. The clinics were funded through a state grant.

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. For information on residential pesticide/herbicide use in Dalton please see our web site at www.dalton-ma.gov.

PLUMBING & GAS INSPECTIONS

Stanley A. Greenleaf, Plumbing & Gas Inspector

Plumbing Permits Issued in 2009 75
Gas Permits issued in 2009 83
Total Plumbing & Gas permits issued in 2009 158

PLUMBING

Residential 41
Commercial 9
Industrial 25

GAS

Residential 75
Commercial 7
Industrial 1

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 amount of commercial work. The total number of permits is down from the previous year. Declared value of work is up quite a bit from 2008.

Year 2009 Permits Issued: 232 Declared Value: \$6,401,367

The breakdown of permits issued is as follows:

New Homes	2
Residential Additions and Remodeling	154
Accessory Buildings	10
Pools	3
Demolition	9
Commercial Additions and Renovations	27
Signs	3
Solid Fuel Appliances	16
Fences	5
New Commercial Building	3

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

Amy Cripps, Cemetery Dept. Administrative Assistant

There were 57 burials in 2009, Seven memorial foundations were poured, 12 flush markers installed, and 12 veterans' markers were put into place.

New lots were assigned to the following 10 families:

Philip Schnopp	Mildred Maynes	Nancy Pero	Joan Kardasan
Elizabeth Johnson	Vincent Donovan	Virginia Eastwood	Judith Cahalan
Richard Filio	Helen Teichert		

The employees of the Highway and Cemetery Departments work constantly to maintain the town's cemeteries.

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

Roadway paving improvements were made to all cemeteries at various times throughout the year.

Monthly Trustees meetings were held on the second Wednesday of each month at the Main Street Cemetery office. These are public meetings and anyone wishing to speak with the Trustees is invited to attend.

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.

Winter decorations should be removed by April 15th and Summer decorations should be removed by October 15th.

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 completed 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 2009. 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

Cheryl Rose

Statistics for 2009

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

COUNCIL ON AGING

Susan P. Jacobs, Director

The Council on Aging respectfully submits its report for fiscal year 2009. 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. The population of residents age 60 and over is recorded at 1691, or just over 24% of Dalton's general population.

During this reporting period, the staff and volunteers of the COA met or exceeded many of the goals set at the beginning of the year. Staff included full time Director, Susan Jacobs; Clerical Assistant, Beverly Benoit; Outreach/Wellness Counselor, Patricia Pero, and Van Drivers Clarence Green, Clyde Decorie, Robert Faye and MacKenzie Tarjick.

Outreach & SHINE Counseling: 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 Wellness programs. Since she works only two days/week, we recommend calling ahead to make an appointment with her. During this fiscal year, Pattie recorded 455 SHINE counseling sessions; 462 case management appointments, 85 Outreach visits, and another 85 Wellness Assessment/Educational visits.

Funding: In addition to our town appropriation of \$97,125, our department received \$9,282 in a state grant (for staffing, newsletter support and computer software), and realized an additional \$18,311 from BRTA, donation and program income, and BRTA reimbursements, 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 Lacatell, Clerk; Cynthia Costello, Treasurer; Helga Knappe, Marjorie Lillpopp, Marcia Brophy, Persis Caverly, Cora Cooney, Mary Lamke and Maureen Mitchell. Resigning during the year were Naomi Rauff and Tom Murray who were succeeded by Mark Meunier and Gordine Galusha. Meetings are posted and open to the public, and are held on the second Wednesday of each month (with the exception of August) at 6:00 PM in the Crane Room at Town Hall.

Transportation and Volunteer Programs Bev was the overseer of the transportation program, scheduling 2,072 rides for 73 residents age 60 and over, plus 333 rides for nine handicapped residents under age 60. She also managed our corps of 90+ volunteers and the services they provided. Our first line of volunteers is the members of the COA Board of Directors. All of these folks are active in one or more of our programs such as Triad, Serve, Senior Lunch (Monday & Thursday), Sunday Lunch, health clinics, social and recreational programs such

as Bridge and Mahjongg; Veterans History Project; LIFE nursing home visits and intergenerational activities with the schools. If you would like more information on becoming a COA Volunteers, please call to request an application.

Programming: Additional programs and services include:

- **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.
- **AARP Tax Assistance** is a priceless service. Volunteer preparers, Dick Lacatell and Joann Monk prepared the returns of 73 residents from Dalton and the central Berkshire area (an increase of 4 over last year).
- **Bridge and Mahjongg** groups meet weekly. These social programs are a popular option for folks wanting to participate in a mentally challenging activity.

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, or visiting our office at 400 Main Street in the Dalton CRA building. Go to the Town Web Site at www.dalton-ma.gov for more information, including the quarterly publication of the Silver Banner and updates on the progress of the Dalton Senior Center.

COMMUNICATION CENTER

Gabrielle Taglieri, Director

The Dalton Communication Center has completed its 2nd year at the Police Station. During this past year we have logged 17,446 calls, an increase of almost 3,000 entries from last year. 1,654 of those calls were 911 and 1,045 were walk-ins to the Police Station. The Communications Center again received a state 911 grant in 2009 for \$127,936 to offset operating costs. We are able to receive this grant based on being a regional 911 dispatch center that handles 911 calls for the Towns of Dalton, Hinsdale, and Windsor. We will again be receiving a grant for 2010 for an amount close to \$125,000. In the past year Michael Norton has retired as the Communications Director, but has stayed with us as a reserve dispatcher to help fill open shifts, except during golf season. Also at the end of 2009 Geoff Powell has left the full time position to work for the Dalton Police Dept. full time. Personnel will be hired in the upcoming 2010 year to fill these positions, and we wish both Mike & Geoff sunny days and quiet nights. All town residents should remember that if you need any type of emergency services that you can go to the Communications 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. There is a call box located on the left door to the Police Station which can be activated by pushing the call button. This will directly connect you to the dispatcher on duty.

CULTURAL COUNCIL

Donald E. Harris, Jr., 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 2008 our cultural council received 30 applications for support of a wide variety of projects. The following projects were approved for funding in an amount totaling \$4,085 for FY 2009:

Barrington Stage Company	Youth Theatre
Berkshire Environmental Education Program	
Richard Clark	And Now Mark Twain
Community Access to the Arts	Annual Performance
	Sprout Touring Film Festival
Craneville PTO	Odaiko Taiko Drumming
Dalton CRA	A Visit from Santa
Dan Fox	Traditional Jazz Concert/Dance
Susan Jacobs	Veterans History Project
Bernice Lewis	Sugar Hill Folk Festival
Nessacus PTO	Cultural Enrichment Programs
John Root	Senior Citizen Musical Program
St. Agnes School	To Kill a Mockingbird, BSC
Voice for Change, Inc	A Christmas Carol
Wahconah Regional High School	PASS, Romeo & Juliet, Shakespeare & Co.

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

We are actively seeking volunteers who is willing to work with us to better our community. Please contact Chairman Donald Harris for more information.

DALTON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Doris Lamica, Library Director

The year 2009 marked a busy year for the Dalton Free Public Library as the building project wound down and things returned to normal by the end of the year. Patrons were happy to have parking spaces available and the statistics for the library reflected the increase in use. Compared to 2008 total circulation increased by 2100 – a 5% growth; borrowing of the museum passes increased 70%; Internet use was up 40% as we added more computers for public use. During FY-2009 the library loaned 6922 items to other libraries and received 4257 items from other libraries for our patrons. The overall book count decreased as we continued with the weeding project. A compilation of the statistics for 2009 follows at the end of this report.

The new windows installed during the building project have helped to improve fuel usage and new shades were purchased with library trust fund interest. A new air conditioning system made possible by a gift from the estate of Winthrop Murray Crane 3rd was installed after the summer so has yet to be tested. Some new furniture was purchased and we did some rearranging. The library still needs some ceiling tiles replaced, repairs to the entryway, painting the walls and a new carpet to replace our 35 year old worn and rippled one.

During the year we increased the size of our collections of DVDs and books on CD and withdrew the remaining VHS tapes and books on tape. A grant from the Crane Foundation allowed us to start a small collection of playaways which are recorded books that do not require any hardware to play. An era ended when the card catalog (which was then several years out of date) was removed.

Activities during the year included a celebration of Lincoln's 200th birthday with a video on his life and a big cake, a video series on American authors in March and movies on Native Americans in conjunction with a series on PBS in April. The Senior Breakfast Club visited for a tour of the library and enjoyed the film "Young at Heart." The monthly book group continued on the last Wednesday of the month and particularly enjoyed "Dreams from my Father" by Barack Obama, "The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society" by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows and "Loving Frank" by Nancy Horan. The library has multiple copies of the books the group has read over the past few years and any group may borrow them.

The storytime for preschool children in conjunction with Wendy Provencher from the Central Berkshire Partnership continued on Thursdays with the help of the St. Agnes first graders who read stories and helped the younger children with craft activities. One hundred and forty three children took part in the summer reading program "Starship Adventure at Your Library."

The Friends of the Library had another successful year with two book sales, a silent auction, a bake sale and publishing two newsletters. The support of the Friends enables the library to offer programs and materials which it could not otherwise afford. Officers for 2009 to 2010 are President – Kathleen Desmarais, Vice President – Christina Faye, Secretary – Veronica Balardini, Treasurer – Dian

Elser, Membership Chair – Cynthia French, Members-at-large – Nancy Gardner, Marjorie Lillpopp and Janet Claffie, and Past President – Patricia Nixon. Judith Douville serves on the Executive Board as a representative of the Library Trustees. The Friends would love to have more members and would welcome others to become actively involved in the group.

The difficult economic situation was evident in several areas. Besides increased use of the library which is typical during hard economic times, the state aid to the library was cut by one third. We depend on state aid to supplement our budget from the Town. The bookmobile from the Western Massachusetts Regional Library System which loans us materials for our patrons went out of business in December. The future of the regional library systems looks bleak for FY-2011 and our local Western Region will probably not exist. We depend on the Region for delivery of materials borrowed from other libraries, supplementary collections, a cooperative purchasing program, workshops and advice.

The library did receive a number of gifts during the year. Donald Weston, our benefactor who gave us the portraits of Byron Weston and his wife and the grandfather’s clock passed away and a number of donations were given to the library in his name. The Trustees decided to name the reading area where the clock is located the “Weston Reading Room” and a plaque has been hung there. The library also received a bequest from the estate of Stefana St. Germain and donations in memory of Catherine Lampron, a former employee of the library and Christine Derby. David and Linda Mungo and John Kelly from Kelly’s Package Store also gave gifts to the library. We thank all of these people for their support.

We said goodbye to trustees Diana Hamilton and Robin Higgins who served many years on the Board. Anne Ronayne and Stephanie Shafiroff joined our other Board members – John Kittredge, Judith Douville, Mark Rancourt, Gail Pinna, Joan Roy, Max Ehrlich and Barbara Kalib.

Thank you to the Trustees, the Friends, volunteers Ellen Kelly and Becky Abbott and all those who helped with the book sale, the staff – Katherine Hoag, Gladys Lofink, Helen Cultrera, Patricia Filiault, Kimberly Gwilt, and Lynn Herzig and the janitors Zachary Pierce and Tim Daniels for their work and support during the year.

Total circulation	46,127	Patrons using Internet	4,971
Books	28,526	Book Count (as of 12/31/09)	39,224
Periodicals	1,643	Added	1,968
Books on tape and CD	2,507	Withdrawn	4,606
Playaways	23	Fines turned over to Town	\$2,868.83
Videos and DVDs	12,685		
CD-ROMs	67		
Music CDs	588		
Computer games	6		
Museum Passes	232		

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.

Dalton has an emergency notification system in place where we can notify residents with important 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.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Richard D. Kardasen, Fire Chief

The Dalton Fire Department responded to a total of 653 calls in 2009. The breakdown of calls includes 437 medical calls and 216 structures fires, false alarms, hazardous material responses and mutual aid to neighboring communities.

The Fire Department is made up of 35 dedicated men and women. We have recently recruited five new firefighter / EMT's. These members are currently undergoing extensive training. We are also fortunate to have four current members enrolled in the Massachusetts Fire Academy and are expected to graduate in June 2010.

The Dalton Fire Department was very fortunate to receive a donation of a 1972 American LaFrance ladder truck from the City of Pittsfield. The members of the department are involved in ongoing training with this 100' ladder. The truck is expected to undergo some body work in the spring to repair rusted cabinets.

I would like to thank the members of the department for their countless hours that they spend in training, responding to calls and volunteering in the community. I would especially like to thank the spouses and children of the firefighter / EMT's for their support. Without their support we would not have the dedicated members that we have.

FOREST WARDEN

Richard D. Kardasen, Forest Warden

In 2009 the Dalton Fire Department was very fortunate to have responded to a minimum number of brush and forest fires. The calls that we responded to were requests for assistance from our neighboring communities. Most of these occurred during the spring open burning season when permitted fire got out of control. A reminder to citizens that open burning is allowed from January 15th to April 30th, only after obtaining a permit 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 240 permits were issued.

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

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Mary A. Walsh, Chairman

Once again, it has been an exciting and historic year for the Dalton Historical Commission. Our main goal remains to protect and preserve our local artifacts as well as our many historic sites.

We have had several historical books repaired and rebound in order to preserve our historical library of books. We wish to thank Vita Mott of Great Barrington for her hard work in accomplishing this.

In October, David Pierce gave a wonderful presentation on the history of railroads. Thank you to Mary Bartlett for organizing this special event.

We have been successful in selling our Dalton calendars, magnets, postcards, trivia booklets, and even a pamphlet on the Hoose House at our elections. Thank you to Louisa Horth for compiling the calendars and postcards and to Bernie Smith for well thought-out trivia booklets. Thanks to all who have purchased items from us. Be sure to look for us as we strive to have items of interest for you at the next election.

We are pleased and excited that the National Register nomination for the Hoose House in Dalton, Massachusetts (corner of Gulf Road and High Street) has been scheduled for consideration by the State Review Board on Wednesday, March 10, 2010 at the Massachusetts Historical Commission, Boston. Our preservation historical consultant Neil Larson will be present in defense of reasons why the Hoose House should be nominated for the National Register of Historic Places, which is the Federal government's official list of historic properties worthy of preservation. Listing in the National Register provides recognition and assists in preserving our town's heritage. Once it passes on a state level, the nomination will be sent to Washington, and within forty-five days, we should receive confirmation passing on a federal level. Mary Jane Caliento and the commission have worked in achieving this recognition. You may recall back on September 14, 2005, the Cranesville Historic District was nominated, passing on a state and federal level.

Briefly on Hoose House history, in 1863 Edward House was a farmer with the 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry Regiment (African-American heritage). There are five references to the underground railway in the Berkshire Hills Monthly from 1901-1905, and three more with unknown sources.

We are always receptive to anyone who is interested in becoming a member or an associate. We meet every second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Crane Room, located in the Town Hall. Our meetings adhere to the Massachusetts open meeting laws, and anyone is welcome to attend.

Members: *Chairman - Mary A. Walsh*
Vice Chairman - George White
Secretary - Gail Pinna
Treasurer - Joyce White

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.

Completion of Grange Hall Road culminates a very successful year of department projects. Cleanup after a severe ice storm and extensive drainage work makes Grange Hall a much brighter and safer roadway. The ice storm caused extensive damage to trees on Grange Hall Road and Washington Mountain Road. There were washouts caused by over 5 inches of rain to Dalton Division Road, Kirchner Road, Reservoir Road and South Street. Also High Street had to be closed at the Field Street Extension intersection. The Highway crews cleaned up trees and branches all over Town as well as gravel and sand that washed up after the storm. The Town received compensation for storm damage through MEMA and FEMA.

A new catch basin cleaner has improved the maintenance of our storm water systems. From May to November catch basins, drop inlets and cleanouts are routinely cleaned out and repaired as needed. Other new additions are a new 5-ton dump truck with plow and sander and a 2-1/2 ton dump truck with a plow that is used to tow the sewer flusher trailer. We also purchased a used street sweeper that the Highway crew uses from March through November. Street sweeping used to be contracted out but is done completely in house now. An air compressor that is used for street excavations and breaking through frost for winter burials was also purchased.

Spring and fall cleanups went very well. Leaves are picked up and put into compost piles. The Cemetery and Parks Departments use two trac vacs to pick up leaves that help to break down leaves for compost.

Street sweeping begins in March and we ask everyone to put sand and debris in a wind row rather than piles so the sweeper can pick it up without assistance from a payloader.

The South Street is scheduled to be completed by August 2010.

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 the weather cooperated and Dalton had a successful program in observance of Memorial Day, which was dedicated to all military personnel currently 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, and Craneville School Grade 3 students.

On Memorial Day, hundreds of patriotic Daltonians once again turned out for the annual Memorial Day observances honoring the Veterans of all wars who have given their lives for their country.

Music for the traditional parade was furnished by the excellent Nessacus Regional Middle School Band led by Andrew Garcia. In the line of march were Veterans of World War II, the Korean Conflict, and the Vietnam War, the Select Board, the Town Manager, the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Fire Department, the Police Department, Boy Scouts, Campfire Girls, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, and the Deputy Sheriff's Association.

Memorial wreaths were carried by Craneville Elementary School students Cassie Tobler, Rachel Fox, Jenna Topping, and Liz Cachat.

The town banner provided by the Dalton Historical Commission was carried by Suzanne Stanfanik, and Jesse Downer.

After the parade, the customary Memorial Day services were held at the mount of the unknown dead in the Main Street Cemetery. The main speaker was John Lenotte, Department Vice Cmdr. of the American Legion. A student Kathryn Reed from Wahconah Regional also spoke. Others who participated in the program included John Cooney, Master of Ceremonies and John Ellis, Chaplain of the American Legion.

Nessacus Regional Middle School Band played the "star Spangled Banner" and a beautiful rendition of "America".

The American Legion Firing Squad fired a salute to the dead. Taps were played by Christian Pickwell.

Invocation and Benediction by Rev. Christopher Malatesta pastor of the St. Agnes Catholic Church.

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

I would like to express my gratitude to all members of the Memorial Day Committee who contribute to make Memorial Day so meaningful.

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.

Last year was a busy year for the Planning Board primarily due to special permit applications and a subdivision application. In 2009, the Board held thirteen (regular) meetings, seven public hearings associated with special permit applications, two meetings dedicated to deliberations associated with special permits, and two executive sessions. Although some of these meetings were held on the same night, a great deal of our available time was devoted to these issues. The Board has a long term goal to update to Dalton Zoning Bylaws and the Subdivision regulations so that these documents better serve the residents of Dalton. Some existing Bylaws should be revised to correct deficiencies and new Bylaws need to be written which will address new subjects such as wind power electrical generation facilities. The Board has devoted a great deal of time and effort in the past to address Zoning Bylaw update issues and I am hopeful that we will have the opportunity in 2010 to continue this important work.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the current members of the Planning Board: Louisa Horth, Karen Quinn, Zack McCain, and Ed Gero for their time and dedication. 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 2009, as always, was a time of great change and notoriety. We said good bye and hello to officers and we prepared for the yet another military deployment.

After 34 years of public service to the Town of Dalton, 32 of which were with the Dalton Police Department, we sadly said farewell to Sergeant Lawrence R. Higgins. During his years with us he served in many capacities; Patrolman, Sergeant, Acting Chief of Police, Safety Officer, Dare Officer, Triad Officer, Training Officer and Field Training Coordinator. He was a mentor and a friend to all. Larry was honored for his years of service at a celebration in September of 2009. That night awards were given, laughs were had and tears were shed. It was a night of honoring a person who had served his community so well for so long. Congratulations Larry, you will be missed.

As a result of Sgt. Higgins' leaving there was the need to promote an Officer from our Full-Time Officer ranks to the rank of Police Sergeant. The process took nearly a year starting with the candidates studying for the Sergeant's exam and culminating with the interviewing of all the prospective candidates. When all was said and done, Officer Jeffrey E. Coe was appointed and promoted to the rank of Sergeant on August 10, 2009. Jeff is a thirteen year veteran of our department; ten of which he has been a full-time officer. He is extremely hard working and a very proactive officer. He is a leader. I look forward to working with him in the years to come.

As previously stated, we again prepared ourselves for one in our ranks to leave in order to serve our country. For the second time in slightly more than four years, Officer Christopher J. Furlong has been ordered to deploy to Afghanistan starting in January of 2010. Officer Furlong is a Captain in the United States Army National Guard and commands a company of approximately 180 men and women. It is expected that Chris will come back to our ranks in February 2011. It is with sadness that we see him leave, but it is with pride that we see him serve. He is a role model for all of us. Our thoughts and prayers go with him for a safe return.

As with any action there is a reaction. With the lack of full-time personnel, the promotion of Officer Coe to Sgt. as well as the military deployment of Officer Furlong coupled with the prospect of an officer's family leave in 2010, it was evident that there was a need to fill the gaps in order to maintain a proper level of patrol officers on a shift and at the same time minimize the need for officer's overtime. With this in mind, during the months which followed November of 2009, Officer Geoffrey D. Powell was promoted from the rank of a Permanent Reserve Police Officer to that of a Temporary Full-Time Police Officer. Geoff has been in this position once before, several years ago, and I have no doubt he will serve with distinction once again. He is a very dedicated and respected officer. In addition to Officer Powell's promotion two individuals were appointed as Permanent Reserve Police Officers. Those two individuals are David J. Bartels

and Brett J. Henault. Both David and Brett are beginning their extensive training to be police officers on our department and it is hoped they will be ready for full duty in May 2010. Welcome David and Brett!

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:

Triad	Sgt. Jeffrey Coe and Ptl. Jonathan Bishop
Dare	Ptl. Deanna Strout
Dalton Police Explorer Post # 240	Ptl. Jonathan Bishop and Ptl. Geoffrey Powell
Dalton Police Bike Patrol	Ptl. John Thibodeau, Ptl. John Marley, Ptl. Deanna Strout and Ptl. James Scace
Regional Special Response Team	Ptl. John Thibodeau, Ptl. Christopher Furlong and Ptl. James A. Scace

This year our department applied for and received grant funding that will allow additional patrols and the purchase of needed equipment during the upcoming calendar year. In November we received a grant from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, Governor's Highway Safety Bureau, of \$8,400 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 2010, we will be allowed to use \$3,000 of this grant money to purchase highway safety equipment. Earlier in the year we applied for and received from the United States Department of Justice a grant in the amount of \$11,624. This is a multipurpose grant which allows police departments to use the funds in a number of ways. We chose to use the above funds over a period of 4 years to replace our aging computer work stations and Mobile Data terminals. In contrast, due to our Governor's 9C cuts, our department lost our earmarked Community Policing grant from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security. This grant allowed us to support various programs and organizations in our community. The grant was decreased last year by \$11,000 also due to budgetary cuts made by our governor. This year's cut amounted to \$34,600. Some of the organizations which had benefited 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 had been able to promote programs involving traffic safety patrols, underage drinking prevention and a variety of associated school programs. Although we will be unable to donate to

the organizations mentioned above as we have in years past, it is my intention to continue officer supported programs such as Dare, Triad, Dalton Police Explorer Post and driver education as long as the department's general funding holds out.

For the past seven 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 Sergeant Jeffrey E. Coe and Officer Christopher J. Furlong. This year's recipient was Officer Furlong. Chris was awarded this honor for his proactive approach to policing in our town as well as being a very active officer in the areas of arrests, motor vehicle citations and investigations. Among all the events he was involved in during the past year, he is credited with virtually single handedly coming upon, recognizing the parties involved and the later locating and arresting the perpetrators of a motor vehicle break in at the Wahconah Falls parking lot this past summer. This was a clear example of proactive police work and the use of outstanding investigative skills. Officer Furlong is well deserving of this award. He continually demonstrates that he is an asset to our community and our department. Congratulations Chris, job well done.

As always 2009 was a very busy year for us in the Police Department. I truly appreciate all the hard work and dedication that 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. Even more so is the work we did as a team. Many of our investigations utilized the assistance of a number of our officers from all of our shifts working together as a team with a common goal. In each instance the investigation proceeded flawlessly. Also, a special thanks to my administrative assistant, Rebecca Whitaker, for her help, dedication and hard work. I would be at a loss without her. It is an honor for me to work with, and for, such a distinguished group of professionals.

Dalton Police Department 2008 Statistics

Business and Non 911 Calls:	13,520
Intrusion Alarm Calls:	221
911 Calls:	889
Incidents:.....	465
Arrests:.....	225
Motor Vehicle Stops:	1,528
Motor Vehicle Accidents:.....	155
Motor Vehicle Citations Issued:.....	1077
Citation Fines Received:	\$20,495
Parking Tickets Issued:	90
Parking Fines Levied:	\$1,890
Firearm Permits Issued:	35
Firearm Permit Fees Received:.....	\$1,275
Fines, Misc. (e.g. Court, By-Law, Accident)	\$3,588

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

INSPECTOR OF WIRING

John M. Broderick, Inspector

January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009

Service Work.....	34
Additions.....	47
New Houses	4
Furnaces	23
Industrial/Commercial	12
Security Systems.....	9
Swimming Pools/Hot Tubs	3
Photo Volt-A/C Systems	3
Total permits issued	135

SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES

Paul K. Vacchina, Sealer

For period commencing January 1, 2009 and ending December 31, 2009 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	2009
<i>Scales</i>	<i>Sealed</i>	
Under 100 lbs	9	
5,000-10,000 lbs	6	
<i>Automatic Liquid</i>		
<i>Measuring Devices</i>	<i>Sealed</i>	
Gasoline	48	

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.

SHADE TREE DEPARTMENT

Peter B. Bacon, Tree Warden

The Shade Tree Department has had a routine year with a total of 15 hazard trees removed and 22 trees pruned. It also shared in the cost of removing 9 stumps from town trees. Due to budget constraints this department offers a shared cost of stump removal from trees taken down by the town.

I would like to thank the Highway Department, led by Superintendent Dave Lovellette for their assistance again in the removal of trees that Western Mass. Electric Co. 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. The highway Department also plays an important role in storm related clean up regarding trees.

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 ninth year. Our Arbor Day activity for this year was the planting of a Princeton Elm on Main St. near the fountain at the CRA. The tree was planted and donated by the Campbell family in memory of their mother Bee. These trees are 90% disease resistant. I would like to thank the Campbell family for their efforts to enhance the beauty of Main St.

TOWN ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

Sandra J. Albano, Town Accountant

I am pleased to submit the 33rd Annual Report of the Town Accountant for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2009.

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

FY09 was financially a very difficult year for Dalton. In the first half of the year the Town faced budget cuts of about \$225K in order to balance the budget and set the tax rate. On the revenue side the Town lost \$131K of State Aid. In FY09 Town Meeting appropriated \$715,000. of Free Cash to balance the FY10 Budget. The Town's levy capacity has diminished even though the overall FY10 budget increase was less than 2%. The FY09 books have been closed and Free Cash has been certified at \$613,985. for use in FY10. This is the lowest certification in the last 15 years.

The Town's levy capacity is still an issue for the FY11 Budget process. All departments are working hard to level fund expenditures and find ways to decrease spending. Non Property Tax related revenues need increase to help offset the reduction in Free Cash, that in the past has balanced the budget.

I 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 in this department.

Schedule 1: Combined Balance Sheet, June 30, 2009

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary	Account	Totals
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Trust & Agency	Long Term Debt	
ASSETS						
Cash and Cash Equivalents	1,856,505	441,495	1,332,298	2,185,335		5,815,633
Receivables						
Property Taxes	180,064					180,064
Excise Taxes	61,834					61,834
Tax Liens	191,441					191,441
Departmental	4,811	26,355				31,166
User Charges	27,201					27,201
Less: Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts	(111,391)					(111,391)
Tax Foreclosures	131,977					131,977
Due From Other Governments	25	366,125	21,620			387,770
Due From Other Agencies	-					-
Due From Other Funds	-			112,240		112,240
Amount to be Provided for the Payment of Debt					2,340,726	2,340,726
Total Assets:	2,342,467	833,975	1,353,918	2,297,575	2,340,726	9,168,661
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY						
Liabilities:						
Vendor Warrants Payable	66,583	2,715	17,635	4,737		91,670
Payroll Warrants Payable	-					-
Accrued Payroll	59,389	17,454		2,240		79,083
Accrued Employer Taxes	851					851
Employee Withholdings	16,852					16,852
Due to Other Governments						-
Due to Other Funds	102,240			10,000		112,240

Schedule 1: Combined Balance Sheet, June 30, 2009

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Type	Account Group	Totals
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Trust & Agency	Long Term Debt	Memorandum Only
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY (continued)						
Due to Other Agencies	207			7,607		7,814
Undistributed Receipts	395					395
Unclaimed Items	660					660
Prepaid Highway Excavation Fees	950					950
Deferred Revenue						-
Property Taxes	68,673					68,673
Tax Liens	191,441					191,441
Tax Foreclosure	131,977					131,977
Other	93,846	392,480	21,620			507,946
BANS Payable	-					-
Performance Bond Deposits	-					-
Bond Indebtedness					2,340,726	2,340,726
Total Liabilities:	734,064	412,649	39,255	24,584	2,340,726	3,551,278
Fund Equity:						
Reserved for Encumbrances	133,931					276,600
Reserved for Expenses	719,500	72,252	70,417	262,303		981,803
Reserved for Extraordinary/Unforeseen	-					-
Reserved for Payment of Excluded Debt	29,571					29,571
Reserved for Nonexpendable Trust Principal						125,100
Undesignated	725,401	349,074	1,244,246	1,885,588		4,204,309
Total Fund Equity	1,608,403	421,326	1,314,663	2,272,991	-	5,617,383
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity:	2,342,467	833,975	1,353,918	2,297,575	2,340,726	9,168,661

Schedule 1 - A
Special Revenue Funds
Fund Equity for the Year Ended June 30, 2009

	Balance 7/1/08	Revenues	Prior Year Corrections	Transfers In	Expenses	Transfers Out	Balance 6/30/09
Animal Kennel Donations	13	-	-	-	-	-	13
Beautification Commission Donations	753	320	-	-	172	-	901
CATV Local Broadcasting	-	91,297	-	-	91,297	-	-
Cemetery Repair Donations	10,000	-	-	-	-	-	10,000
Cemetery Vandalism Restitution	383	-	-	-	-	-	383
COA Formula Grant	3,276	6,006	-	-	8,552	-	730
COA Gifts/Donations/Programs	2,900	5,525	-	-	2,309	-	6,116
COA Hilltown Outreach	153	-	-	-	-	-	153
COA Incentive Grant	897	-	-	-	7	-	890
COA Transportation Fund	550	11,446	-	-	6,854	-	5,142
Community Development Block Grant	15,694	259	-	367	-	-	16,320
Community Policing Grant	9,664	32,747	-	-	26,211	-	16,200
Community Septic Mgt.	18,000	-	-	-	-	-	18,000
Composting Bin Grant	494	-	-	-	-	-	494
COPS in School Federal Grant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cultural Council	5,056	4,365	-	-	5,280	-	4,141
Cultural Council Donations	779	-	-	-	-	-	779
Dalton Papers	3,245	-	-	-	-	-	3,245
DARE Program Receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dog License Revolving	3,000	23,144	-	-	219	22,925	3,000
Drug Task Force Byrne Grant	6,484	45,764	-	-	44,369	-	7,879
Electric Inspections Revolving	3,015	5,870	-	-	6,890	-	1,995*
Extended Polling Hours	-	906	-	-	890	16	-
Gov's Hghwy Sfty Bureau Grants	(2,422)	6,559	-	-	5,669	-	(1,532)
Grave Digging OT Revolving	5,604	3,860	-	-	2,126	4,838	2,500
Highway Chapter Funds	7,706	6,254	-	-	6,254	-	7,706
Historical Commission	4,391	777	-	-	-	-	5,168
Insurance Claims Under \$10,000	472	3,292	-	-	486	-	3,278
Legal Advertising Revolving	2,321	2,714	-	-	2,286	-	2,749
Library Donations	8,862	1,535	-	-	1,140	-	9,257
Library Incentive Grant	25,910	12,864	-	-	7,827	-	30,947
MA Releaf Grant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous Non-Recurring Grants/Gifts	99,914	25,500	-	-	3,889	-	121,525
Municipal Recycling Program Grant	614	-	-	-	-	-	614
Parks Maintenance Revolving	40	-	-	-	-	-	40
Planning Board Deposits-BCC Cnslt	2,100	-	-	-	-	-	2,100
Planning Board Deposits-Earth Removal	-	6,000	-	-	6,000	-	-
Planning Board Deposits-PineCrest	350	-	-	-	-	-	350
Planning Board Deposits-SilverMaple	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Planning Board Engineering Follow-Up	3,474	-	-	-	-	-	3,474
Plumbing Inspections Revolving	-	10,615	-	-	10,615	-	-
Police Dept Local Gifts	871	-	-	-	252	-	619
Police Outside Detail	1,804	190,829	-	-	189,683	-	2,950
Police Vest Grant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Receipts Reserved for Appropriation	153,391	-	-	-	-	-	153,391
Records Preservation Project	592	-	-	-	-	-	592
Skateboard Park Donations	1,841	-	-	-	-	-	1,841
Small Cities Grant Recapture	17,023	1,661	-	-	-	-	18,684
State 911 Comm Dept Incentive Grant	-	69,907	-	-	112,358	-	(42,451)*
Wetlands Protection Fund	1,800	85	-	-	742	-	1,143
Total Fund Equity	421,014	570,101	-	367	542,377	27,779	421,326

*GHSB Grant - Receipt of \$632.90 on 08/08/09 and \$900 on 08/24/09 from State

*State 911 Grant - Receipt of \$42,451 on 08/20/09 from State

Schedule 1-B: Capital Projects Fund Equity for The Year Ended June 30, 2009

	Balance 07/01/08	Revenues	Transfers In	Expenses	Transfer Out	Fund Equity Balance 6/30/09	Grant Revenues Anticipated	Tempoary Borrowiung Issued	Projects Authorized Not Complete
Capital Projects - Departmental	(191,110)	344,215	-	4,614	-	148,491	-	-	316,991
Capital Projects - Debt Excluded	(73,534)	1,110,000	-	905,846	-	130,620	-	-	130,620
Library/Senior Ctr. Design	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
COA Senior Center	800,000	-	-	-	-	800,000	-	-	800,000
Landfill Closure	148,281	-	-	-	-	148,281	-	-	148,281
South Street Project	13,624	73,157	-	18,095	-	68,686	-	-	68,686
Housatonic Street Project	-	34,589	-	16,004	-	18,585	6,415	-	40,205
	697,261	1,561,961	-	944,559	-	1,314,663	6,415	-	1,504,783

**Schedule 1-C: Trust and Agency Funds
Fund Equity and Liabilities for the Year Ended June 30, 2009**

Fund Equity:	Balance 7/1/08	Receipts	Due from Others	Transfers In	Expenses	Transfers Out	Fund Equity Balance 06/30/09
NON-EXPENDABLE TRUSTS:							
Principal - Cemetery	35,100	-	-	-	-	-	35,100
Principal - Library	60,000	-	-	-	-	-	60,000
Principal - School	30,000	-	-	-	-	-	30,000
	125,100	-	-	-	-	-	125,100
EXPENDABLE TRUSTS:							
Cemetery	40,919	2,355	-	-	1,043	-	42,231
Library	164,090	5,605	-	-	4,830	-	164,865
School	73,488	2,599	-	-	-	-	76,087
Local Law Enforcement	415	3	-	-	329	-	89
	278,912	10,562	-	-	6,202	-	283,272
STABILIZATION FUNDS:							
General Stabilization	216,837	3,859	2,112	-	-	-	222,808
Capital Stabilization	1,355,376	21,959	100,128	-	-	205,326	1,272,137
Litigation Stabilization	255,392	4,545	-	-	-	-	259,937
Sewer Stabilization	-	-	10,000	-	-	-	10,000
	1,827,605	30,363	112,240	-	-	205,326	1,764,882
Pension Reserve Fund	107,872	1,865	-	-	-	-	109,737
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	2,339,489	42,790	112,240	-	6,202	205,326	2,282,991

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

	Balance 07/01/08	Receipts	Due from Others	Transfers In	Disbursements	Transfers Out	Balance Due to Others 6/30/09
Liabilities:							
<u>AGENCY FUNDS:</u>							
Dalton Fire District	4,471	402,504	-	-	406,588	-	387
Deputy Collector Fees	6,964	16,237	-	-	15,804	-	7,397
Parking Clerk Fees	15	215	-	-	215	-	15
Performance Bond Deposits	5,000	-	-	-	5,000	-	-
Town Clerk Fees	-	11,797	-	-	11,797	-	-
Town Collector Fees	200	16,060	-	-	13,825	-	2,435
State Share of Gun Permit Receipts	525	3,825	-	-	-	-	4,350
TOTAL LIABILITIES	17,175	450,638	-	-	453,229	-	14,584
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity:	2,356,664	493,428	112,240	-	459,431	205,326	2,297,575

**Schedule 2: General Fund Revenues, Budget to Actual
For the Year Ended, June 30, 2009**

	FY09	FY09	Variance FY09
	Estimated	Actual	Budget To FY09 Actual
<u>SEWER OFFSET RECEIPTS</u>			
Sewer Late Fees #4245		2,300	
Sewer User Fees FY08, #4246-08		6,049	
Sewer User Fees FY09, #4246-09		642,221	
Sewer Lien Fees #4247		14,575	
Sewer Hook-Up Charges #4467		1,500	
Pinegrove PILOT in Place of Sewer, #4181		-	
Hinsdale Sewer Bill #4746		52,628	
	<u>658,368</u>	<u>719,273</u>	<u>60,905</u>
<u>ESTIMATED LOCAL RECEIPTS:</u>			
Motor Vehicle Excise, #4150			
2003 & Prior		634	
2004		246	
2005		323	
2006		1,263	
2007		9,756	
2008		123,112	
2009		597,669	
	<u>623,800</u>	<u>733,003</u>	<u>109,203</u>
<u>Other Excise</u>			
Farm Animal Excise #4162		123	
Classified Forest Land #4163		-	
Forest Products Tax #4164		-	
	<u>-</u>	<u>123</u>	<u>123</u>
<u>Penalties & Interest on Taxes & Excise:</u>			
Interest & Penalties on Taxes #4171		23,282	
Interest & Penalties on Tax Titles #4172		5,177	
Interest & Penalties on Sewer User #4173		-	
Interest & Penalties on Other A/R #4174		-	
Income & Expense Penalties Added to Tax #4190		-	
	<u>12,000</u>	<u>28,459</u>	<u>16,459</u>
<u>Payment in Lieu of Taxes</u>			
Trailer Park Fees #4165		4,608	
Pmts in Lieu of Taxes #4180		2,583	
	<u>5,000</u>	<u>7,191</u>	<u>2,191</u>
<u>Other Charges for Services</u>			
Board of Appeals #4373		550	
Planning Board #4374		600	
Zoning #4375		340	
Sealer of Wgths/Measures #4466		700	
	<u>1,050</u>	<u>2,190</u>	<u>1,140</u>

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

	FY09 Estimated	FY09 Actual	Variance FY09 Budget To FY09 Actual
<u>Fees</u>			
Registry of Motor Vehicles #4175		5,600	
Municipal Lien Fees #4321		4,875	
Bad Check Fees #4330		425	
Alarm Fees #4331		-	
Default Warrant Removal Fee #4332		150	
Collector Late Fees Ch40 S21E #4333		-	
Duplicate Bill Fee #4382		510	
Communication Center Fees #4810		21,224	
Private Hauler Recycling Fee #4335		216	
Highway Excavation Fees #4377		2,500	
	<u>18,700</u>	<u>35,500</u>	<u>16,800</u>
<u>Departmental Revenue Schools #4370</u>	<u>59,000</u>	<u>59,049</u>	<u>49</u>
<u>Departmental Revenue Cemetery #4378</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>35,670</u>	<u>5,670</u>
<u>Other Departmental Revenue</u>			
Town Clerk - Street List #4371		80	
Town Clerk - Other #4372		18	
Assessors Maps #4383		644	
Assessors' Infor Requests/auth #4384		50	
Dalton Fire District Tax Reimb. #4811		20,000	
Lanesborough ACO Reimb. #4337		2,114	
Photocopies #4391, 4392		417	
Town Maps #4393		15	
Recycled Goods #4329		15,261	
School Census #4841		3,476	
Charge for Bid Specs #4380		-	
Bicentennial Sales #4394		-	
Police Reports #4397		773	
Police - Outside Detail Admin Fee #4398		8,415	
Town Collector Miscellaneous #4844		-	
	<u>23,494</u>	<u>51,263</u>	<u>27,769</u>
<u>Licenses & Permits</u>			
All Alcohol Licenses On Premise #4411		5,400	
Beer & Wine Licenses #4413		200	
All Other Alcohol Licenses Off Premise #4414		2,000	
Raffle Permits #4455		70	
Cable TV Franchise #4458		1,165	
Building Permits #4460		27,296	
Health Agent Receipts #4462		2,625	
Police Pistol Permits #4473		1,275	
Other Licenses & Permits #4499		7,090	
	<u>33,240</u>	<u>47,121</u>	<u>13,881</u>

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

	FY09 Estimated	FY09 Actual	Variance FY09 Budget To FY09 Actual
<u>Fines and Forfeits</u>			
Motor Vehicle Fines #4694		20,495	
District Court Restitution #4698		2,615	
Parking Fines #4771		1,890	
Library Fines #4772		2,367	
Unlicensed Dog Fines #4773		4,584	
Police Fines #4774		200	
Youth Tobacco Fines #4776		-	
Other Fines		-	
	<u>29,300</u>	<u>32,151</u>	<u>2,851</u>
<u>Investment Income</u>			
Earnings on Investment #4820		34,027	
	<u>80,000</u>	<u>34,027</u>	<u>(45,973)</u>
<u>Miscellaneous Recurring</u>			
Miscellaneous Revenue #4840		81	
Miscellaneous State Revenue #4699		-	
	<u>1,000</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>(919)</u>
<u>Miscellaneous Non-Recurring</u>			
Miscellaneous Revenue #4840		69,287	
Miscellaneous State Revenue #4699			
Miscellaneous Federal Revenue #4540			
Workman's Comp Refund #4843			
Premium/Accrued Interest on Bonds #4930		465	
	<u>35,790</u>	<u>69,752</u>	<u>33,962</u>
TOTAL ESTIMATED LOCAL RECEIPTS:	<u>952,374</u>	<u>1,135,580</u>	<u>183,206</u>
<u>CHERRY SHEET REVENUE: (NET OF CHERRY SHEET OFFSETS)</u>			
Exemptions:Vets,Blind & Srvg. Spouse #4617	12,450	12,788	338
Elderly Persons #4616	13,554	10,542	(3,012)
State Owned Land #4611	43,579	43,579	-
School Aid (Ch70) #4621	218,598	218,598	-
Regional Transportation #4637	-	-	-
Police Career Incentive #4661	42,875	37,769	(5,106)
Veterans Benefits #4667	2,547	1,423	(1,124)
Lottery, Beano, Charity #4671	1,088,076	1,132,409	44,333
General Fund Supplemental	166,596	-	(166,596)
Highway Fund #4672	-	-	-
	<u>1,588,275</u>	<u>1,457,108</u>	<u>(131,167)</u>
TOTAL GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS	<u>3,199,017</u>	<u>3,311,961</u>	<u>112,944</u>

**Schedule 3: General Fund Appropriations, Expenditures and Encumbrances
For the Year Ended June 30, 2009**

Dept #	Department Title	Total Final Budget Including FY08 Carry Forwards	Salary Expended	Vendor Payments Expended	Year End Department Balance	Amt. Encum- bered or Carried Forward to FY10	Closing Entries	Unencumbered Balance
114	Moderator	437	337	-	100	-	100	
122	Select Board	19,800	16,500	2,339	961	-	961	
123	Town Manager	125,903	116,353	8,803	747	-	747	
131	Finance Committee	185	-	173	12	-	12	
132	Reserve Fund	12,417	-	-	12,417	-	12,417	
133	Prior Year Bills	2,158	-	2,158	-	-	-	
135	Accountant	45,434	38,674	5,961	799	-	799	
138	Group Purchasing	400	-	400	-	-	-	
139	Town Audit	16,500	-	16,500	-	-	-	
141	Assessors	106,917	82,542	13,213	11,162	7,500	3,662	
142	Triennial Revaluation	12,000	-	7,250	4,750	4,750	-	
143	Town Re-Mapping	-	-	-	-	-	-	
145	Treasurer	72,815	39,489	27,827	5,499	-	5,499	
146	Town Collector	64,337	49,120	8,240	6,977	857	6,120	
151	Town Counsel	35,000	-	34,876	124	-	124	
152	Telephone	17,100	-	13,642	3,458	-	3,458	
154	Recording Secretary	4,032	2,978	-	1,054	85	969	
155	Interdepartmental Clerks	25,469	25,134	-	335	-	335	
157	Computer	8,442	-	5,443	2,999	-	2,999	
158	Postage Meter	16,800	-	16,124	676	-	676	
159	Tax Title Foreclosures	4,500	-	-	4,500	-	4,500	
161	Town Clerk	65,827	62,858	2,206	763	114	649	
162	Elections	13,398	5,152	4,632	3,614	-	3,614	
163	Board of Registrars	8,614	4,973	1,997	1,644	250	1,394	
171	Conservation	2,025	-	1,866	159	-	159	
175	Planning Board/Board of Appls	22,501	22,021	247	233	-	233	
182	Development & Industrial Commission	1,010	-	744	266	-	266	

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

Dept # Department Title	Total Final Budget Including FY08 Carry Forwards	Salary Expended	Vendor Payments Expended	Department Balance Year End	Amt. Encumbered or Carried Forward to FY10	Closing Entries	Unencumbered Balance
191 Old Dalton High Maintenance	12,000	711	5,175	6,114	-		6,114
195 Town Report	6,650	-	6,161	489	-		489
196 Town Hall	123,775	46,911	72,104	4,760	1,000		3,760
197 Central Supplies	13,592	-	13,122	470	429		41
210 Police Department	878,334	795,081	68,210	15,043	1,655		13,388
222 Communications	163,324	82,693	20	80,611	-		80,611
240 Building Inspector	38,611	36,375	1,011	1,225	-		1,225
244 Weights and Measures	1,444	1,219	200	25	-		25
247 Meat & Cattle	1,148	1,148	-	-	-		-
292 Animal Control	22,353	18,141	1,867	2,345	-		2,345
293 Traffic Commission	-	-	-	-	-		-
294 Forest Warden	3,496	1,471	-	2,025	-		2,025
295 Emergency Management	8,593	2,463	1,636	4,494	-		4,494
296 Tree Warden	17,609	1,919	13,426	2,264	2,250		14
310 CBRSD	7,409,384	-	7,408,044	1,340	-		1,340
320 Vocational Education	318,667	-	304,851	13,816	742		13,074
401 Town Engineer	10,090	-	4,015	6,075	805		5,270
420 Highway	416,062	314,853	96,092	5,117	800		4,317
423 Snow and Ice	167,090	18,809	147,504	777	-		777
424 Street Lights	83,234	-	82,466	768	-		768
433 Landfill Closure	14,000	-	10,436	3,564	-		3,564
434 Transfer Station	19,000	2,118	2,787	14,095	-		14,095
440 Sewer	20,250	8,624	6,217	5,409	-		5,409
449 Sewer Treatment	649,596	-	592,300	57,296	4,889		52,407
491 Cemetery	72,775	51,353	18,120	3,302	1,902		1,400
510 Health Agent/Board	26,630	23,361	929	2,340	-		2,340
522 Visiting Nurse Association	6,168	-	6,168	-	-		-
523 Berkshire Mental Health	2,101	-	2,101	-	-		-
541 Council on Aging	97,129	87,398	6,945	2,786	-		2,786

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

Dept #	Department Title	Total Final Budget		Vendor		Year End		Closing	Unencumbered
		Including FY08	Carry Forwards	Salary	Payments	Department	Amt. Encum-bered or Carried Forward to FY10		
				Expended	Expended	Balance	Balance		Balance
543	Veterans Services	16,545		6,245	6,604	3,696	3,696		3,696
591	Berkshire Regional Planning	4,383		-	4,382	1	1		1
610	Library	168,525		109,581	49,129	9,815	9,815		9,815
630	CRA - Parks Programs	56,165		-	56,165	-	-		-
650	Parks Maintenance	41,050		24,027	12,719	4,304	1,650		2,654
691	Historical Commission	600		-	139	461	461		-
692	Memorial Day	1,970		-	1,116	854	-		854
693	Cultural Activities	2,280		-	2,061	219	-		219
710	Maturing Debt and Interest	383,020		-	382,900	120	-		120
820	State Assessments	35,471		-	35,611	(140)	-		(140)
911	Retirement	339,555		-	335,688	3,867	-		3,867
913	Unemployment Insurance	9,000		-	-	9,000	-		9,000
914	Health Insurance	708,532		-	634,535	73,997	-		73,997
915	Life Insurance	8,472		-	5,223	3,249	-		3,249
916	Town Share - Medicare	31,798		-	25,077	6,721	-		6,721
919	Fringe Benefits	16,580		2,133	1,135	13,312	-		13,312
932	FY02 Vote - Capital Projects	25,770		-	3,372	25,770	21,018		4,752
932	FY03 Vote - Capital Projects	17,439		-	3,456	14,067	11,955	2,112	-
932	FY06 Vote - Capital Projects	3,584		-	-	128	-	128	-
932	FY07 Vote - Capital Projects	12,000		-	1,991	12,000	12,000	-	-
932	FY08 Vote - Capital Projects	52,750		-	20,000	50,759	49,819	-	940
	FY09 Vote - Capital Projects	28,500		-	3,000	8,500	8,500	-	-
941	Court Judgments & Claims	3,000		-	-	3,000	-		3,000
945	Town Insurance Coverage	179,675		-	178,573	1,102	500		602
950	Trust Fund Commissioners	229		-	-	229	-		229
998	Transfer to Pension Reserve Fund 84	-		-	-	-	-		-
TOTAL:		13,454,019		2,102,765	10,806,424	544,830	133,931	2,240	408,659

Schedule 4: Schedule of Bond Indebtedness for the Year Ended June 30, 2009

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	300,000
Inside Debt Limit:						
Capital Projects Bonded FY06	4.35%	6/16/2006	6/15/2011	746,850	746,850	240,000
Capital Projects Bonded FY07	4.04%	6/15/2007	6/15/2012	130,103	130,103	77,103
Capital Projects Bonded FY08	4.15%	6/26/2008	6/15/2009	214,064	214,064	171,251
Capital Projects Bonded FY09	Various	6/1/2009	6/30/2019	240,332	240,332	240,332
Capital Projects Bonded FY09	Various	6/1/2009	6/30/2023	1,312,040	1,312,040	1,312,040
Total:						2,340,726

Authorized and Unissued Debt	Date	Amount	Bond Issued	Retired Rescinded Revoted	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	26,245	4,000
Capital Projects Departmental FY05	9/27/2004	10,400	3,994	6,406	-
Capital Projects Departmental FY06	6/27/2005	267,500	166,162	26,338	75,000
Capital Projects Departmental FY07	6/26/2006	153,600	144,737	8,863	-
Capital Projects Departmental FY07	10/23/2006	200,000	200,000	-	-
Capital Projects Departmental FY08	6/25/2007	234,000	225,960	8,040	-
Capital Projects Departmental FY08	6/25/2007	202,040	202,040	-	-
Capital Projects Departmental FY08	11/19/2007	1,110,000	1,110,000	-	-
Capital Projects Departmental FY09	6/29/2009	89,500	-	-	89,500
Total Authorized and Unissued Debt		4,533,240	3,270,183	1,094,557	168,500

**Schedule 5: Analysis of General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance
For the Year Ended June 30, 2009**

Balance, 7/1/08		1,112,596
Adjustments:		
Completed Capital Projects Back to Stabilization	(2,240)	
Prior Year CDBG Grant Interest to the Proper Fund	(367)	
Prior Year Overwithheld Training Reimb. Refunded	(397)	
		(3,004)
Open:		
Reserve for Encumbrances and Carry Forwards	(133,931)	
Reserve for FY09 Expenses	(719,500)	
FB Reserved Payment of Excluded Debt	(29,571)	
		(883,002)
Close:		
Dog Licenses over \$3,000 (Special Revenue)	22,925	
Unused Extended Polling Grant	16	
Cemetery OT over \$2,000 (Special Revenue)	4,838	
Auditor Adj. FY06 & FY07 MA Rehab Receipts	75	
Other Financing Sources	205,326	
Other Financing Uses	(100,000)	
Prior Year Reserve for Encumbrances and Carry Forwards	141,734	
Prior Year Reserve for Expenses	625,000	
Prior Year Reserve for Extraordinary/Unforseen	46,173	
Expenditures	(12,909,189)	
Revenues	12,461,913	
		498,811
Ending Balance June 30, 2009		725,401

TREASURER'S REPORT

Sharon M. Messenger, Town Treasurer

I am pleased to submit my annual report for Fiscal 2009. It has been a very busy year in our office with many new challenges and changes.

We held our first auction on foreclosed properties in December 2009, and it was very successful. There were seven properties up for bid and all but one was sold. The total sale price for all properties was \$89,000.00.

I would like to thank my Assistant Treasurer, Dawn Fahey for all of her hard work and dedication throughout the past year.

GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES

Personal Property Taxes 2009	205,814.99
Personal Property Taxes Prior Year	3,268.75
Real Estate Taxes 2009	8,811,382.27
Real Estate Taxes Prior Years	100,852.08
Motor Vehicle Taxes 2009	597,668.77
Motor Vehicle Taxes 2008	123,111.91
Motor Vehicle Taxes Prior Years	12,222.79
Interest and Penalties on Taxes	23,281.89
Farm Animal	122.50
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	9,877,725.95

TAX LIENS RECEIVABLES

Tax Liens	28,633.27
Interest and Penalties	5,177.20
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	33,810.47

STATE RECEIPTS (CHERRY SHEET)

State Owned Land	43,579.00
Abatements, Blind, Surv. Sp, Veterans	12,788.00
Elderly Persons	10,542.00
Lottery, Beano, Charity	1,132,409.00
Police Career Incentive	37,768.85
School Aid (Chapter 70)	218,598.00
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	1,455,684.85

STATE COMMONWEALTH OF MA. RECEIPTS

Small Cities Recapture	1,660.62
Extended Polling Hours	906.00
911-Dept. Support and Incentive	69,906.82
Arts Cultural Council Grant	4,300.00
Community Policing Grants	32,747.20
Council on Aging Formula Grant	6,006.55

Traffic Enforcement Grant	6,559.81
Grant Revenue Housatonic St.	9,589.20
Library Incentive Grant	12,864.08
Veteran's Benefits	1,423.00
Motor Vehicle Fines	20,495.00
Highway Chapter Money	6,253.84
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	172,712.12

FEDERAL REVENUE

Community Development Block Grant	5.46
In Lieu of Taxes	2,583.00
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	2,588.46

OTHER GOVERNMENTAL REVENUE

Dalton Fire District	20,000.00
Receipts Drug Task Force	45,764.22
Communications Center Services	21,223.86
Berkshire District Court Restitution	2,615.00
Hinsdale Sewer Services	52,628.00
Miscellaneous Grants	3,500.00
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	145,731.08

GENERAL GOVERNMENT- CHARGES FOR SERVICES/FEEES

Lanesborough ACO Shared Expense	2,114.02
Cops in Schools CBRSD Share	59,048.96
Registry of Motor Vehicle Charges	5,600.00
Trailer Park Fees	4,608.00
Sewer Late Fees	2,300.00
Sewer User Fee 2009	642,220.52
Sewer User Fees Prior Year	6,049.48
Sewer Liens 2009	12,739.89
Sewer Liens Prior years	1,835.50
Municipal Lien Fees	4,875.00
Bad Check Fees	425.00
Sale of Street Lists	80.00
Highway Excavation Fees	2,500.00
Cemetery Charges	35,670.00
Assessors Maps	643.50
Police Reports	772.85
Police Outside Detail Administration Fee	8,414.89
Cable TV. Franchise Fee	1,164.50
Sewer Hook-up Charges	1,500.00
Library Fines	2,367.33
Unlicensed Dog Fines	4,583.50
Police Fines	200.25
Recycled Goods	15,261.35
Parking Fines	2,105.00
Duplicate Bill Charge	509.92
Assessors Info. Request	50.00
Miscellaneous Fines	133.50
Default Warrant Removal Fee	150.00
Private Hauler Recycling Fee	216.33
Wetland Protection Fund	85.00
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	818,090.79

GENERAL GOVERNMENT- LICENSES/PERMITS

Earth Removal	6,000.00
Planning Board	600.00
Zoning Board /Zoning By-Laws	340.00
Alcohol Licenses	5,400.00
Beer and Wine Licenses	200.00
All other Alcohol Licenses	2,000.00
Raffle Permits	70.00
Building Permits	27,295.90
Health Agent	2,625.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	700.00
Police Pistol Permits	1,275.00
Board of Appeals Postage	550.00
All other Licenses and Permits	7,090.00

54,145.90**MISCELLANEOUS GENERAL REVENUE**

Beautification Committee Donations	320.00
Premium Accrued Interest from Bond Sale	464.75
Miscellaneous Gifts	22,00.00
Council on Aging Van Receipts	11,446.25
Council on Aging Gifts/Donations	5,525.00
Photo Copies	227.56
Town Clerk Other	18.43
Town Maps	15.00
Grave Digging Overtime	3,860.00
Library Copier	189.00
Misc. Training Reimbursement	530.00
Library Donations	1,534.95
School Census	3,476.34
Miscellaneous Revenue	68,838.43
Historical Donations	777.00
Insurance Claims under \$10,000.00	3,292.18

122,514.89**AGENCIES**

Warner Cable TV. Franchise	91,297.19
Fees/Warrants	7,425.00
Dog Licenses	23,144.02
CDBG Program Pay Back Interest	253.42
Legal Advertising	2,714.00
Plumbing Inspections	10,615.00
Electrical Inspections	5,870.00
Deputy Collector Fees	15,804.00
Police Outside Detail	190,828.75
Fees Retained by Town Collector	8,635.00
Fees Retained by Town Clerk	11,797.30

368,383.68

EARNINGS ON INVESTMENTS

General Funds	34,027.42	
Local Law Enforcement	3.07	
Capital Stabilization	21,958.96	
Litigation Stabilization	4,545.59	
General Stabilization	3,859.15	
Pension Reserve Funds	1,864.36	
Arts Cultural Council	64.81	
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		66,323.36
TOTAL ALL RECEIPTS FY 2009		<hr/> 13,117,711.55

TRUST FUNDS

ARTS CULTURAL COUNCIL

Balance June 30, 2008	\$4,876.57	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts Grant	\$4,300.00	
Warrants FY 2009	\$(5,280.20)	
Interest Earned FY 2009	\$61.82	
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Balance June 30, 2009		\$3,958.19

ARTS CULTURAL COUNCIL MATCHING FUNDS

Balance June 30, 2008	\$179.45	
Interest Earned FY 2009	\$2.99	
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Balance June 30, 2009		\$182.44

PENSION TRUST FUNDS

Balance June 30, 2008	\$107,872.13	
Transfer from General Fund		
Interest Earned FY 2009	\$1,864.36	
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Balance June 30, 2009		\$109,736.49

GENERAL FUND STABILIZATION TRUST

Balance June 30, 2008	\$216,837.11	
Interest Earned FY 2009	\$3,859.15	
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Balance June 30, 2009		\$220,696.26

CAPITAL FUND STABILIZATION TRUST

Balance June 30, 2008	\$1,254,393.10	
Transfers in Special Town Meeting	\$100,982.96	
Transfers out Special Town Meeting	\$(205,326.00)	
Interest Earned FY 2009	\$21,958.96	
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Balance June 30, 2009		\$1,172,009.02

LITIGATION FUND STABILIZATION TRUST

Balance June 30, 2008	\$255,391.79	
Interest Earned FY 2009	\$4,545.59	
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Balance June 30, 2009		\$259,937.38

PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS

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

Interest Balance June 2008	\$108,645.01	
Interest Income FY 2009	\$5,605.40	
Transfers Out	\$(4,829.70)	
		\$109,420.71

Balance Library Trust Fund June 30, 2009 **\$224,865.71**

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

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

Interest Balance June 30, 2008	\$37,964.51	
Warrants FY 2009	\$(1,043.76)	
Interest Income FY 2009	\$2,355.01	
		\$39,275.76

Balance Cemetery Trust June 30, 2009 **\$77,330.76**

SCHOOL TRUST FUNDS

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

Interest Balance June 30, 2008	\$73,487.65	
Interest Income June 30, 2009	\$2,598.99	
		\$76,086.64

Balance School Trust June 30, 2009 **\$106,086.64**

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

Balance June 30, 2008	\$414.54	
Receipts FY 2009		
Expenditures FY 2009	\$(328.76)	
Interest Income FY 2009	\$3.07	
		\$88.85

Balance Local Law June 30, 2009 **\$88.85**

MATURING DEBT AND INTEREST SCHEDULE FY 2009

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	\$1,200,000.00	7/15/07 1/15/08	21,000.00	\$300,000.00 \$300,000.00
Balance as of June 30, 2009						
Capital Projects FY 06	6/16/06	\$380,250.00	\$286,250.00	6/16/07	\$8,091.24	\$94,000.00
Highway Projects	6/16/06	\$250,000.00	\$150,000.00	6/16/07	\$6,526.00	\$100,000.00
Library/Senior Center	6/16/06	\$116,600.00	\$70,600.00	6/16/07	\$3,000.27	\$46,000.00 \$240,000.00
Capital Projects FY 07	6/15/07	\$121,028.00	\$49,300.60	6/16/08	\$4,240.81	\$71,727.40
Library/Senior Center	6/15/07	\$9,075.00	\$3,699.40	6/16/08	\$317.73	\$5,375.60 \$77,103.00
Capital Projects FY 08	6/26/08	\$214,064.44	\$42,812.90		\$4,910.70	\$171,251.54
Town Hall Renovations	6/26/08	\$294,000.00	\$294,000.00	10/9/08	\$1,926.27	\$1,110,000.00
Temporary Borrowing	10/9/08	\$1,127,652.00	\$1,127,652.00	6/9/09	\$18,643.84	\$202,040.00
Town Hall Renovations	6/1/09	\$1,110,000.00				\$98,157.00
Communications Center	6/1/09	\$202,040.00				\$142,175.00
Roads	6/1/09	\$98,157.00				
Capital Projects	6/1/09	\$142,175.00				\$1,552,372.00

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. New Ethics and Open Meeting laws enacted this year requires all employees, volunteers and vendors to receive a transcript of the new law yearly and to also take an online test prior to April 2 and every two years thereafter. The statute requires the Town Clerk to be responsible for distributing copies of said law to all employees, volunteers and vendors, collecting sign-off sheets from each yearly; and also receiving, filing and maintaining copies of all test certificates which must be retained for six years.

In addition to the above, this office processed many legal claims as well as preparing search requests and certified documents for same. We issued 59 Cemetery Department Burial Permits; 29 Business Certificates and 5 Discontinuance of Business Certificates; 1,229 dog licenses; 160 fish and game licenses and 55 stamps; 5 permits for raffles and bazaars; along with other various state licenses and permits. Chapter 40, Section 21D requires the Town Clerk to collect District Court fines for noncriminal disposition, not limited to but including Animal Control, Junk Car, False Alarm, Snow and Ice Removal, Alcoholic Beverages, Town Parks Playground, Failure to Pay Municipal Charges & Bills, Zoning, Noise Control, Smoking, Hawkers and Peddlers, Uniform Numbering System of Dwellings Bylaws and Board of Health Youth Possession Regulation violations. Under the Animal Control Bylaw adopted December, 1993, dog licenses are due January 1 of each year 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 2009, owners paid 337 late fees, 112 fines for unlicensed dogs, 25 unrestrained dogs, 20 dogs and cats not vaccinated against rabies, 5 citations for failure to attach tag, in addition to holding fees and miscellaneous fines. Twenty 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 39 birth, 77 death and 12 marriage records contributing to the basis for the Commonwealth's central vital registration system. In addition, we processed 12 Intentions of Marriage, issuing Marriage Licenses for same; and issued 512 certified copies of births, deaths and marriages in 2009, as well as notarizing or certifying a multitude of documents.

At the recommendation of the Registry of Vital Records and the United States Department of State, we will no longer be printing the individual names from vital records in the Town Report. This will help to protect the privacy of individuals as well as help to curb identity theft.

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.

In conjunction with General Code, we completed the arduous project of codifying the Town's Bylaws, Regulations, General Law Acceptances and Special Acts which was accepted at the June, 2008 Special Town Meeting. Codification is the collection and organization all of our legislation into a numbered and stylized document that is easily located and read. The Town Clerk is responsible for maintaining and updating the Code with all subsequently enacted and adopted legislation. Citizens can now access the Dalton Code via a link on the Town's website, dalton-ma.gov, which also contains lists and telephone numbers of Town Officers, the Board and Committee Meeting Calendar, Rules and Regulations of various Town Boards, Town Meeting and Election Warrants and Minutes, Ethics Legislation, obtain forms; as well as obtain a multitude of other information relative to the Town and Berkshire County.

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". Unfortunately, with two State elections, two Town elections and the loss of a half-time position, our schedule did not permit any records to be preserved in 2008 or 2009 but, time permitting; I hope to be able to resume this important effort in 2010.

As always, I extend sincere appreciation to my Assistant, Laura L. Maffuccio and also want to express gratitude to former employee Jean M. Gingras for coming

out of retirement to assist us occasionally when the need arises. They both 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	114
Neutered Males	447
Females	79
Spayed Females	546
Commercial Kennel	1
Multiple Pet Permit (4 – 6 Dogs)	(Dogs) 42
Transfer Licenses	0
Total 2009 Dog Licenses Issued	1,229
Total Number Late Fees Assessed	337
Total License/Late Fee Amount Paid To Town Treasurer	\$ 25,118.73
Total Animal Control/Police Fines, Court Fees &	
Misc. Paid To Town Treasurer	\$ 6,570.26
TOTAL AMOUNT PAID TO TOWN TREASURER	\$ 31,688.99

VITAL STATISTICS

Births	39
Deaths	77
Marriages	12

FISH & WILDLIFE LICENSES ISSUED

Resident Fishing	28
Resident Minor Fishing Ages 15-17	5
Resident Fishing Age 65-69 (HALF PRICE)	6
Resident Fishing Handicapped/Over 70 (FREE)	15
Non-Resident Fishing	2
Non-Resident Fishing (3 Day)	2
Duplicate Fishing	1
Trapping	0
Resident Citizen Hunting	13
Resident Citizen Hunting Age 65-69 (HALF PRICE)	0
Non-Resident Hunting (Big Game)	0
Non-Resident Hunting (Small Game)	0

Resident Minor Hunting Age 15-17	1
Resident Citizen Sporting	39
Resident Citizen Sporting Age 65-69 (HALF PRICE)	5
Resident Sporting Age 70 & over (FREE)	42
Duplicate Sporting	18
Archery Stamp	18
Primitive Firearms Stamp	35
Waterfowl Stamp	2
Wildlands Conservation Stamp – Resident	156
Wildlands Conservation Stamp – Non-Resident	4
Total Number of Licenses/Stamps Issued	374
Amount Paid to MA Division Fisheries & Wildlife	\$ 3,557.50

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 2009, no one was taken to court.

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 6/30/2008	Commitment	Abatement	Exemption	Refunds	Received	Liened	Receipts to Treas	Tax Title	Balance 6/30/2009
Real Estate	2009		\$9,059,523.57	\$9,097.15	\$36,050.00	\$11,160.49	\$8,822,542.76			\$27,223.50	\$175,770.65
Sewer Lien	2009		\$15,997.55			\$12,739.89	\$2,075.50			\$1,168.10	\$2,089.56
Water Lien	2009		\$440.00			\$207.50	\$232.50				\$232.50
Real Estate	2008	\$119,820.48				\$97,628.41	\$19,920.51			\$19,920.51	\$2,271.56
Sewer Lien	2008	\$2,250.47				\$1,835.50	\$414.97				\$-
Real Estate	2007	\$3,223.67				\$3,223.67	\$-				\$-
I&E Lien	2009					\$205,894.64	\$-				\$-
Personal Prop.	2009	\$3,268.75	\$208,077.45	\$240.60	\$79.65	\$3,268.75	\$2,021.86				\$2,021.86
Personal Prop.	2008		\$41.00			\$122.50	\$41.00				\$41.00
Farm	2009		\$122.50			\$388,296.92	\$-				\$-
Fire District	2009		\$392,585.85	\$394.26		\$4,044.93	\$8,590.40			\$1,105.48	\$8,590.40
Fire District	2008	4,547.69				\$93.91	\$186.70			\$343.06	\$186.70
Fire District	2007	\$93.91				\$8,937.04	\$-				\$-
Fire Personal	2009	\$83.86	\$9,016.73	\$10.43		\$83.86	\$76.16				\$76.16
Fire Personal	2008					\$83.86	\$-				\$-
Motor Vehicle	2009	\$50,182.86	\$636,433.48	\$103,546.44		\$601,286.23	\$28,410.076				\$28,410.076
Motor Vehicle	2008	\$13,262.88	\$94,734.37	\$11,985.17		\$131,598.66	\$9,820.15				\$9,820.15
Motor Vehicle	2007	\$3,627.52	\$3,483.54	\$1,020.51		\$10,767.54	\$5,970.13				\$5,970.13
Motor Vehicle	2006	\$2,634.08				\$1,263.04	\$2,364.48				\$2,364.48
Motor Vehicle	2005	\$2,717.21				\$323.24	\$2,310.84				\$2,310.84
Motor Vehicle	2004	\$3,257.72				\$245.62	\$2,471.59				\$2,471.59
Motor Vehicle	2003	\$2,108.23				\$245.21	\$3,012.51				\$3,012.51
Motor Vehicle	2002	\$2,108.23				\$316.46	\$1,081.04				\$1,081.04
Motor Vehicle	2001	\$2,277.70				\$6.25	\$2,101.98				\$2,101.98
Motor Vehicle	2000	\$1,997.20				\$25.00	\$2,252.70				\$2,252.70
Motor Vehicle	1999		\$42.19			\$42.19	\$1,997.20				\$1,997.20
Motor Vehicle	1998		\$668,346.42	\$1,246.64		\$642,775.68	\$24,879.26				\$24,879.26
Sewer User	2009	\$19,958.20		\$1,246.64		\$6,049.48	\$-				\$-
Sewer User	2008	\$345.00				\$35,825.00	\$350.00	\$13,908.72			\$350.00
Cemetery	2009	\$10,771.25	\$206,412.50	\$20.00		\$190,828.75	\$26,355.00				\$26,355.00
Police Detail	2009	\$112.00	\$9,933.89			\$8,414.89	\$1,631.00				\$1,631.00
Admin Fee	2009	\$54.60	\$158.73			\$160.13	\$-				\$-
Recycle Fee	2009		\$4,608.00			\$4,608.00	\$-	\$53.20			\$-
Trailer Park	2009		\$21,223.86			\$21,223.86	\$-				\$-
SB Com. Ctr.	2009		\$52,628.00			\$52,628.00	\$-				\$-
Hinsdale Sewer	2009		\$20,000.00			\$20,000.00	\$-				\$-
FD Reimb.	2009		\$3,476.34			\$3,476.34	\$-				\$-
Clerk Census	2009		\$2,580.00			\$2,580.00	\$-				\$-
Cemetery OT	2009		\$2,114.02			\$2,114.02	\$-				\$-
Lanesboro A C	2009		\$11,447,667.49	\$34,349.40	\$36,050.00	\$30,539.38	\$11,285,523.87	\$13,908.72	\$53.20	\$50,175.62	\$306,288.34
Totals		\$248,142.28	\$11,447,667.49	\$34,349.40	\$36,050.00	\$30,539.38	\$11,285,523.87	\$13,908.72	\$53.20	\$50,175.62	\$306,288.34

Other Monies Collected FY2009 - Town Collector

Type	Acct#	Amount
Sewer Late Fee	4245	\$2,300.00
Interest	4171	\$23,281.89
Returned Checks	4330	\$400.00
Interest FD	4171	\$1,047.97
Demand Fees	247D	\$8,635.00
Warrant Fees	247W	\$7,425.00
Deputy Fees	251R	\$15,804.00
Escrow Fees	2381	\$433.00
RMV Fees	4175	\$5,600.00
MLC	4321	\$4,875.00
Interest MM	4820	\$1,897.49
Duplicate Bills	4382	\$509.92
Hinsdale Calibration	1791	\$775.00
Sewer Hook-up	4467	\$1,500.00
Trench Permit	4377	\$1,300.00
Wood Chips	4840	\$1,720.00
TOTALS		\$77,504.27

POSTAGE REPORT**Jane A.Carman****Postage Expenses**

Maintenance Agreement	\$ 715.00	July 1, 2008 Balance	\$ 2,786.86
Reset Charges	19.00	Deposits	17,200.00
Meter Rental	768.00	Total Postage Available	19,986.86
Postage	14,441.89	Postage used FY 2009	11,729.75
Pre-sort Permit	180.00	Balance June 30, 2009	\$8,257.11
Total Expenses	\$16,123.89		

VETERAN'S SERVICE

Daniel K. Casey, VSO

During calendar year 2009, the following activity occurred:

Three AID AND ATTENDANCE applications were processed and forwarded to the V.A. for approval.

One NON-SERVICE CONNECTED DISABILITY PENSION was processed for a World WarII woman veteran,

One DEPENDENCE INDEMNITY PENSION (D.I.C.) was applied for and granted to the widow of a World WarII veteran.

Three SERVICE CONNECTED COMPENSATIONS were applied for due to AGENT ORANGE exposure during the Vietnam War, two were approved, the third is pending.

Three Veteran Foot markers were applied for three World War 2 veterans.

The family of a deceased World War II veteran applied for and received the medals the veteran never received prior to his discharge in 1945.

The BENJAMIN/MURRACA bridge on Main St was dedicated on Memorial Day, Patrick J Murraca, USMC and Gary T Benjamin, USA, were killed in action during the Vietnam War. The American Legion Post 155, provided both Color Guard and Firing Squad for the dedication.

Congress recently passed a Post 9/11 G.I. Bill for those veterans serving in Iraq and or Afghanistan. Applications have not been completely processed by the V.A. to date.

IN MEMORIAM

World War II

Anthony F. Ballato

Phillip G. Schnopp

Thomas Calineto

Lawrence J. Cavanaugh

Korea

George Croughwell

Gerald Binder

BERKSHIRE VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION

Cindy Croce, RN, Board of Health Coordinator

As part of the Berkshire Health System network, Berkshire Visiting Nurse Association provides comprehensive, multidisciplinary healthcare to individuals and families in the community. Community public health services are **Disease Surveillance and Investigation, Active TB Disease Management, Disease Screening and Immunizations, Disease Prevention, Health Promotion and Pandemic Planning**. A description of services follows:

Disease surveillance and investigation of reportable and communicable diseases involves the receipt and processing of reports for specific diseases and implementation of appropriate follow-up measures. This is accomplished with the use of MAVEN. The Massachusetts Virtual Epidemiologic Network known as MAVEN is part of the Electronic Disease Surveillance System. There were 33 diseases investigated. The diseases were: amebiasis, giardiasis, group A strep, group B strep, hepatitis A, hepatitis B, hepatitis C, influenza, Lyme disease, pertussis, strep pneumoniae.

Active TB disease management is following all cases of active disease in accordance with MDPH requirements and MA regulations. This includes contact investigation, skin testing, multiple months of case management and direct observation therapy. There were 0 cases of active TB in Dalton this year.

Disease screening and immunizations for individual and community disease prevention are provided as necessary. An established distribution station is maintained in accordance with MDPH requirements for the management of state supplied vaccine. A town clinic for seasonal influenza and pneumococcal vaccine is offered to persons meeting the criteria. Opportunity for those who are unable to come to the town clinic is made available at subsequent health promotion clinics. A total of 135 seasonal influenza shots and 0 pneumococcal shots were administered.

Health promotion provides accessible monitoring of health risks to the community. Also provided are health education, health promotion and screening in accordance with acceptable standards of care. Health promotion clinics open to the public are held regularly at Dalton Town Hall and Guild Hall. Private clinics for River Run and Pomeroy Manor residents are also held. A total of 223 visits were made to these clinics. Blood sugar testing is offered regularly to those with diabetes and annually for all clinic participants. As an invited participant to the TRIAD Picnic on July 15, 2009, BVNA presented health education information on several coughing illnesses.

H1N1 Pandemic planning - Berkshire Visiting Nurse Association and Berkshire Medical Center collaborated with Berkshire County Boards of Health for regional H1N1 pandemic planning.

The Board of Health Coordinator, Cindy Croce, RN, collaborates with the Council on Aging to provide coordination of services for residents. As a member of the community health care continuum of Berkshire Health Systems, collaboration with and referrals to other health care professionals are readily made.

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

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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.

2010 ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION BALLOT

Barbara L. Suriner, Town Clerk

To Choose and Elect the Following Town Officers:
(May 10, 2010 Annual Town Election)

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|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| (2) Member(s)-Select Board | For 3 Years |
| (1) Member Select Board | For 1 Year |
| (1) Moderator | For 1 Year |
| (1) Member-Planning Board | For 5 Years |
| (1) Member-Planning Board | For 4 Years |
| (1) Member-Dalton Housing Authority | For 5 Years |
| (1) Member-Dalton Housing Authority | For 2 Years |
| (1) Cemetery Trustee | For 3 Years |
| (3) Library Trustees | For 3 Years |
| (1) Library Trustee | For 1 Year |
| (3) Members-Finance Committee | For 3 Years |



▷ORDER ◊ OF ◊ EXERCISES◀

: : AT : :

Dedication of Town Hall,

-- DALTON --

Monday, Feb. 6th, 1893.



About the Cover

2009 was the 225th Anniversary of the town's incorporation in 1784. The cover picture shows the center of Dalton, circa 1884. It is an old line cut showing the two Byron Weston paper mills and the Weston estate. In the lower left is the Center Block.

The cover of this year's Annual Report is printed on Crane's Choice Pearl White Cover, provided to the Town of Dalton by Crane & Co.