

2011 Annual Report

Dalton, Massachusetts





**ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
TOWN OF DALTON
MASSACHUSETTS
FOR 2011**

Population 2011 Census (As of December 31, 2011).....	6,874
Number of Registered Voters.....	4,512
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).....	\$17.41
Tax Rate (Fire District).....	\$.70
Total Tax Assessed (Town-Includes Personal Property).....	\$10,531,123
Total Tax Assessed (Fire District).....	\$414,648
Total Valuation.....	\$604,889,342
'12 Town Meeting.....	May 7, 2012 (7:00 p.m.)
'12 Town Election.....	May 14, 2012 (10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.)
'13 Town Meeting.....	May 6, 2013 (7:00 p.m.)
'13 Town Election.....	May 13, 2013 (10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.)

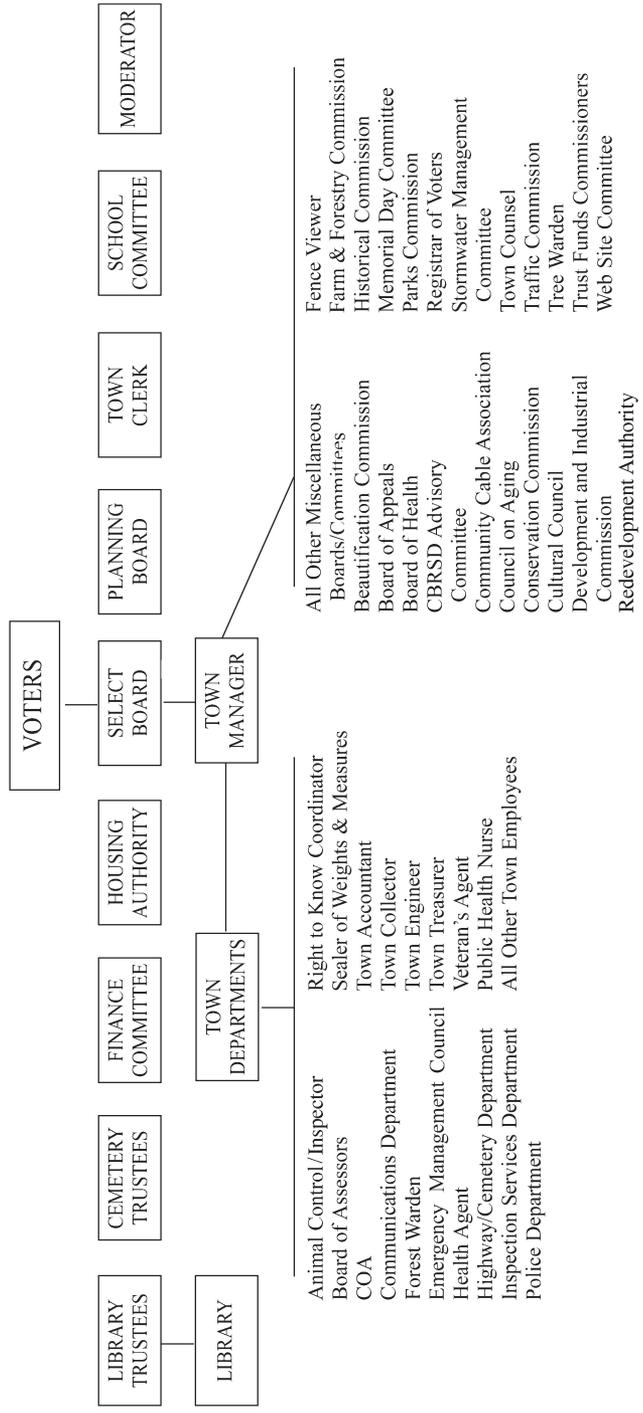
**Please bring this report with you to the May 7, 2012 Annual Town Meeting.
Please note time change to 7:00 p.m. for all Town Meetings.**

**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)	
Louisa M. Horth, Chair.....	2012
John F. Boyle, V. Chair	2013
William E. Chabot.....	2013
Mary R. Cherry	2014
Stuart T. Sargent, Jr.	2014

Town Clerk (Term 3 Years)	
Barbara L. Suriner.....	2012

Moderator (Term 1 Year)	
Ronald J. Marcella, Sr.....	2012

Dalton Housing Authority (Term 5 Years)	
Kathleen M. Burke, Chair.....	2016
Judith A. Conroy, V. Chair	2015
Thomas J. Callahan, Jr.	2012
Eric Jacobson (App't)	2014
Camillus Cachat (State Aptd).....	2016

Cemetery Trustees (Term 3 Years)	
H. Edwin Cady, Chair	2013
John P. Cooney	2012
Judith L. Douville	2014

	Term Expires
Library Trustees (Term 3 Years)	
John Kittredge, Chair	2013
Judith L. Douville	2012
Max Ehrlich	2014
Mary E. Gringas.....	2013
Gail A. Pinna.....	2014
Mark S. Rancourt	2012
Anne M. Ronayne	2013
Joan M. Roy	2012
Stephanie Shafiroff.....	2014

Planning Board (Term 5 Years)	
Richard F. Ladd, Chair.....	2016
Zack R. McCain, III, V. Chair	2012
Louisa M. Horth.....	2013
Karen M. Quinn	2015
Caleb J. Darby.....	2014
Craig A. Johnson Alt.	2012

Finance Committee (Term 3 Years)	
Henry H. Williams III, Chair	2014
John W. Bartels, Jr. (App't).....	2012
William A. Drosehn III	2013
J. Michael Hoffman.....	2013
Nicholas E. Kirchner (App't).....	2012
John S. Rys.....	2014
Patrick J. Sheehan	2013
Domenico Suppappola.....	2012
Michael J. Szklasz.....	2014

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS

(Effective July 1, 2011 - Serving for one year unless stated otherwise)

Town Manager
Kenneth E. Walto (2013)

Administrative Assistant
Deborah J. Merry

Town Accountant
Sandra J. Albano (2013)
Dawn M. Fahey, Asst.

Town Collector
Jane A. Carman
Jodi L. Hollingsworth, Asst.

Town Treasurer
Sharon M. Messenger
Dawn M. Fahey, Asst.

Police Chief
Jeffrey Coe (2012)

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

David E. Laviolette (2012)

ADA Committee

Nancy E. Persson
4 Vacancies

Animal Control Officer

Michael L. McClay
Jeffrey W. Henault, Asst.

Assistant Town Clerk

Michelle PH White (2012)

BRPC Transportation Advisory Comm.

Stuart T. Sargent, (TAC)

Berkshire Retirement Advisory Board

Sharon M. Messenger

Board of Appeals

(3 Years - Alternate, 1 Year)

Anthony P. Doyle, Chair (2013)
Stephen J. Psutka, V. Chair (2012)
Edward F. Gero (2014)
Mary E. Lamke, Alt. (2012)
Vacancy, Alt. (2012)

Board of Assessors

Michael J. Britton, Chair
Laura L. Maffuccio
Vacancy

Board of Health

Edward M. Fahey, Health Agent
Richard J. O'Brien, Chair
George A. Finn, III, V.Chair
Daniel M. Doyle
Edward F. Gero
Holly M. Hunter

Board of Registrars (3 Years)

Elizabeth A. Erb, Chair (2013)
Doreen P. Aleshevich (2012)
Judith M. Ladd (2014)

**Building Commissioner/
Zoning Enforcement Officer**

Richard G. Haupt
Vacancy, Alt.
Vacancy, Alt. ZEO

Burial Agents

Vacancy
Jeffrey Coe, Alt.
Rosanne M. Frieri, 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
Vacancy

**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 (2013)
Joseph S. Haddad (2012)
Vacancy (2014)

Conservation Commission (3 Years)

Robert W. Bishop, Jr., Chair (2013)
Thomas W. Baker, V. Chair (2013)
Esther T. Balardini (2014)
James S. Duffy (2012)
Edward F. Gero (2014)
Valerie A. Gero (2012)
Domenick F. Sacco (2012)

Constables

Jeffrey Coe
Christopher J. Furlong
John M. Marley
Michael L. McClay
Richard A. Nicholas, Jr.
Deanna L. Strout
John L. Thibodeau

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

Kelly Pizzi, Director (2012)
Mark Meunier, Chair (2012)
Mary E. Lamke, V.Chair (2014)
Judith M. Brooks (2014)
Marcia J. Brophy (2013)

Persis B. Caverly (2014)
Cora E. Cooney (2014)
Caroline Dietlin(2012)
Gordine A. Galusha (2012)
Joyce F. Lacatell (2013)
Marjorie M. Lillpopp (2013)
Mary R. Martinelli (2012)
Maureen M. Mitchell (2013)
Jean K. Poopor (2013)
Ralph W. Young (2012)
Helga Knappe, Alt. (2012)
Vacancy (2014)
Vacancy, Alt. (2012)

**Council on Aging, Rental Policy
Advisory Sub-Committee**

Persis B. Caverly
Mary E. Lamke
Mark G. Meunier
Stuart T. Sargent, Jr.
Ralph W. Young
Vacancy

**Custodian of Property Taken
in Tax Title**

Sharon M. Messenger

Dalton Beautification Comm. (3 Years)

Annamarie Cicchetti, Chair. (2013)
Mary Jane Caliento (2014)
Arlene Cormier (2013)
Angela R. Dansereau (2013)
Maureen Maxon (2013)
Jean K. Poopor (2014)
Peter Gonick (2012)

**Dalton Community Cable
Association Representative**

Thomas J. Murray

Dalton Cable Advisory Comm.

J. Michael Hoffman, Chair
John J. Bates
John W. Ostresh
Domenico Suppappola
Vacancy

Dalton Cultural Council (3 Years)

Monica Montferret, Co-Chair (2013)
Teresa B. Unwin (2013)
Donald Harris, Co-Chair (2014)
Darlene G. Masengo (2012)

Jennifer A. Ware (2014)
John C. Williams (2012)
Vacancy (2012)

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

Kenneth E. Walto, Chair (2013)
Charles J. Dooley, V. Chair (2014)
Robert M. Allesio (2016)
John F. Boyle (2012)
Anthony P. Doyle (2013)
Michael J. Ferry (2016)
J. Michael Hoffman (2013)
Donald R. Rochelo (2015)
Augustus J. Schnopp, Jr. (2013)
Stephen A. Sears (2016)
Susan C. Vigeant (2012)
William R. Wilson, Jr. (2015)

**Dalton Historical Commission
(3 Years)**

George D. White, Chair (2013)
Gail A. Pinna, V. Chair (2012)
Mary Jane Caliento (2014)
Louisa M. Horth (2012)
Mary Ellen D. Shea (2013)
Mary Walsh (2014)
Joyce M. White (2014)

**Dalton Redevelopment Authority
(5 Years)**

Kenneth E. Walto, Chair (2012)
Charles J. Dooley, V. Chair (2014)
Stephen A. Sears (2016)
Susan C. Vigeant, CPA, State Appt. (2015)
Vacancy (2013)

Emergency Mgmt. Advisory Council

Jeffrey Coe
Michael Britton
Lois M. Bessette
Gerald J. Cahalan, Jr.
Edward M. Fahey
Mary Lamke
David Laviolette
James Noel
Gilbert F. Rudd, Jr.
Gabrielle Taglieri
Kenneth E. Walto
Hubert T. White
Vacancy

Communications Director

Gabrielle Taglieri

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

Dan Filiault

Emergency Management Coordinator

Edward M. Fahey

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

Anthony P. Doyle
Edward F. Gero
J. Michael Hoffman
Louisa M. Horth
Richard F. Ladd
Stephen A. Sears
Susan C. Vigeant
Vacancy

Ex-Officio members:

Richard G. Haupt
Kenneth E. Walto

**Farm and Forestry Commission
(3 Years)**

Jessie A. Robertson-Dubois, Chair (2012)

Beth Salvatore-LeBeau, V.Chair (2014)

Peter Cachat (2013)

J. Dicken Crane (2014)

Shaun M. Garvey (2013)

Dina L. LaBeau, Alt. (2012)

Vacancy Alt. (2012)

Fence Viewer

James R. Bacon

Forest Warden

Gerald J. Cahalan, Jr.

Hazardous Waste Coordinator

James L. Noel

Housatonic River Restoration

Gov. Council Rep

Vacancy

**Inspector of Animals
(State Appointed)**

Michael L. McClay

Inspector of Plumbing & Gas

Richard A. DeGiorgis

Vacancy, Alt.

Inspector of Wiring

John M. Broderick

John M. Broderick, Jr., Asst.

Ronald A. Smith, Alt.

Brian M. Smith, Substitute Alt.

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

Victoria M. Sedgwick
Richard A. Nicholas, Jr.
Christopher J. Furlong
Jonathan Bishop
Dennis Burke
Gabrielle Taglieri
Vacancy

Ex-Officio members:

Sandra J. Albano
Sharon M. Messenger

Librarian

Doris J. Lamica

Licensing Board

Select Board

Mass Broadband Institute

Mary R. Cherry, Community Rep.

Memorial Day Committee

Robert J. Dassat, Chair

James J. McClure, Sr., Vice Chair

William E. Chabot

John H. Ellis

James D. Slater

Corey A. White

George D. White

2 Vacancies

Mobile Home Park Rent

Control Board (5 Years)

(Select Board members 3 Years)

William E. Chabot (2013)

John F. Boyle (2013)

Mary R. Cherry (2014)

Louisa M. Horth, Chair (2012)

Stuart T. Sargent, Jr. (2014)

Open Space Committee

J. Dicken Crane
Daniel D. Filiault
Mary E. Lamke
Dominick F. Sacco
Mary A. Walsh
4 Vacancies

Parks Commission

Select Board

Planning Board, Associate

Vacancy

Playing Fields & Parks Study Committee

Dustin J. Belcher
Kevin J. Boino
Mary R. Cherry
Caleb J. Darby
Patricia G. Guild
Matthew P. Morrison
Kenneth Pease
2 Vacancies

Police Matrons

Nancy L. Daniels
Melissa A. Phelps-Utter

Public Safety Official

Vacancy

Regional Planning Commission

Richard F. Ladd, Alt.
Stuart T. Sargent, Jr., Alt.

Regional Transit Authority

William E. Chabot
Mary R. Cherry, Alt.

Right to Know Coordinator

James L. Noel

Sealer of Weights & Measures

Paul K. Vacchina

Senior Center Building Committee

(serving until completion)

George Morrell, Chair
Mary E. Lamke, Vice Chair
Robert P. Dean
George A. Finn

Maureen Mitchell
Irwin T. Renak
Carol A. Morrison, Alt.

Sewer Commission

Select Board

Sign By-Law Review Committee

John F. Boyle
Richard F. Ladd
Edward F. Gero
Stephen A. Sears
George D. White
Ex-Officio member:
Richard G. Haupt

Skateboard Park Building Committee

Mark J. Hall
4 Vacancies

Stormwater Management Commission

(3 Years)

James L. Noel, Chair (2014)
Robert W. Bishop, Jr.(CC) (2012)
Llewellyn E. Clark (2013)
Joseph H. Farrington (2013)
Edward F. Gero (BdHlth) (2012)
Richard F. Ladd (PB) (2012)
Dennis Regan (2012)
Ex-Officio members:
Richard G. Haupt
David E. Laviolette

Town Council

Kopelman and Paige, P.C.

Traffic Commission

Daniel D. Filiault, Chair
Gerald J. Cahalan, Jr.
Richard F. Kaley
William R. Marco, Jr.
Adelard J. Nadeau
Edmund Strzepa
Jeffrey E. Coe, PD Designee
Barry R. Smith, FD Rep

Tree Warden

Peter B. Bacon

Veterans Agent

Rosanne M. Frieri

Veterans Service Officer

Sandra J. Albano
Kenneth E. Walto, Alt.

Voluntary Web Master

Louise H. Frankenberg (2012)

Waste Management Study Committee

Jennifer S. Gitlitz, Chair
Peter J. Cachat, II
Edward F. Gero
2 Vacancies

Web Site Committee (2 Years)

William E. Chabot (2013)
Kenneth E. Walto (2014)
3 Vacancies (2013)

SELECT BOARD

William E. Chabot, Chairman

On behalf of the Select Board, I would like to start by wishing our sincerest thanks to all of our Town Departments, Boards, Committees, Volunteers and citizens in the Town of Dalton for their support during the past year. Though the current recession has had a significant impact on many of you, and forced cutbacks in many areas of our town that the people wish we could improve, the people of our town continue to pull together for the betterment of our community to help with their own time and resources. With that foremost in our minds, your board has pushed to be fiscally responsible, as always, while looking to the future to improving our towns' safety and quality of life.

This past year in my view was a monumental year. Since my first year on the board in 2002, the town had been wrestling with the creation of its own Senior Center. Numerous options for designs were explored, different locations were discussed and cost was always a factor. Finally, after much deliberation and several votes of the people, the design, site and funding was agreed upon and our brand new Dalton Senior Center opened its doors this past summer to the local community. There were many champions of this project, but none in my view was more instrumental than our Council on Aging Director Sue Jacobs. Her forward thinking is just one example of quality of people hired to serve the people of Dalton. She leaves behind a legacy that many will be proud to be a part of in seeing it come to fruition. If you haven't had a chance to see your tax dollars at work, take a moment to stop by and talk with the staff or the many visitors who are taking advantage of this new town building and the vital services the Council on Aging offers.

In the fall, nature dealt the town a blow when Hurricane Irene barreled through causing significant major flooding to parts of our town. Under the clear direction of our Emergency Management Director, Dan Filiault, the response and coordination between town, local and area services, minimized and localized the impact to Dalton homes with no loss of lives. Dan's efforts were instrumental in coordinating with MEMA and FEMA to get emergency aid to the people of Dalton. This is just yet another example of the quality of people working behind the scenes that have the ability to step up and successfully take charge under the worst of situations for our town.

Moving forward to 2012 we see changes around the corner, both in areas such as the weather, as well as financial. Whether those changes are good, history has

yet to record. Our relatively warm winter and a spring that started early this year have brought us record breaking temperatures. Many would agree it's a nice break compared to last winter. A positive outcome of the change in weather is that for once in many years, we have not overrun our snow and ice budget. These dollars will be instrumental in helping to reduce the impact to a state's level funding budget to cities and towns. As you look through the Finance Committee report, the Select Board has taken this same approach in producing this year's budget. Recognizing that the town services only takes up 40% of the Town Budget, the budget proposed would not have been possible without the support of the Central Berkshire Regional School District. In the fall, the Select Board forwarded a letter to the Central Berkshire Regional School District that requested no more than a 2% increase. This sparked letters from other towns similar to the Town of Daltons, as well as those that thought the School Committee should ignore such a request. Fortunate for the people of Dalton, the majority of the School Committee (certainly our Dalton representatives) recognized the fiscal impacts their budget has on the town and its taxpayers. Their final budget assessed to our town is less than the 2% requested and accounts for reduced enrollment in the district without sacrificing the quality of education to our children. The collaboration between the Town and our Regional School district is crucial, and this year's budget recognizes a partnership that both the leadership of the town and school committee can work together to provide a balanced budget that supports the safety, health and education of our community.

In closing, I want to thank my fellow board members and Ken Walto our Town Manager for their support over the past year. We've had some significant Town challenges, but from the eyes of the people, the challenges have been seamless as the quality of service remains above bar. Similar towns would struggle in this area, but the Leadership of the towns many boards and its people continue to demonstrate that Dalton is a premier place to live, work and raise a family.

TOWN MANAGER

Kenneth E. Walto

Two Thousand and Eleven was a year dominated by financial concerns, continued planning for important projects, many changes in town personnel and completion of the Senior Center. After the year began with one of the snowiest winters in history, Hurricane Irene swept through town to round out the summer. Irene was followed by an October snowstorm and then very little snow. Thus ended 2011, the year of unusual weather.

General renovations and repairs to the Town Hall, begun in of 2007, continued. Planning was completed for a third phase of improvements and brought to the Annual Town Meeting. The project was divided into three parts: construction of an elevator, renovation of the second floor, and general improvements to the interior of the Library. All needed a debt exclusion vote at the Annual Town Election to be financially feasible. Only the Library Project was approved. Planning began for those renovations in the fall with bidding and construction anticipated in the spring of 2012.

On South Street, the bridge between Crane Avenue and the rear entrance to the Baystate Mill was resurfaced to complete the three-year long reconstruction project.

Hemlock Hill, part of Anthony Road and part of East Street were also resurfaced.

Design for the reconstruction of Housatonic Street continued. The Town is designing the project, but the state will do the actual construction. State funding was secured under the Transportation Improvement Program; and construction is planned for 2014.

The 2011 budget required another year of retrenchment. Although a balanced budget was projected for the Annual Town Meeting, higher than anticipated enrollments in Vocational Education and higher than anticipated operating expenses for the new Senior Center required a November Special Town Meeting in order to balance the budget in anticipation for setting the tax rate. Only a last minute, one-time infusion of state aid, coupled with a release of funds from the Overlay account, and higher than anticipated revenues from the new meals excise, prevented serious cutbacks

A small capital budget of \$171,400 was approved at the June Special Town Meeting. There are more than \$14 million of projects on the Town's 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.

After breaking ground during the summer of 2010, construction of the Senior Center was completed by February. Funding for the \$1,282,000 project was approved in 2009. Minor start-up problems remained to be resolved at the end of the year before the construction contract could be closed out.

Elder Services of Berkshire County continued working to convert the Old Dalton High School to Elderly Housing. A grant application was submitted to the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development. Unfortunately that grant was not approved.

Four new department head were named: Acting Police Chief, Jeffrey Coe, Council on Aging Director, Kelly Pizzi, Emergency Management Director, Daniel Filiault (who's first assignment was Hurricane Irene), and Veteran's Agent, Rosanne Frieri.

These new department heads replaced veteran employees whose long service to the Town is appreciated and sorely missed: John Bartels in the Police Department, Susan Jacobs at the Council on Aging, Hubert (Ted) White in Emergency Management and Daniel Casey, retired Police Officer and Veteran's Agent.

Special recognition and remembrance is due to Dan Casey, who passed away unexpectedly in the summer. He served the Town with talent, dignity and courage. Dan is greatly missed by all of us.

Long time highway employee and General Foreman, John Scace, retired too. "Big John" is missed, but ably replace by John Roughley.

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.

Lastly, I express my deep gratitude to the Town Manager/Select Board Administrative Assistant who continually performs "above and beyond the call of duty".

DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Kenneth E. Walto, Chairman

The Development and Industrial Commission (DIC), the town's principal economic development agency, was established 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." In June of 2009, the town approved the creation of the Dalton Redevelopment Authority (DRA) a special purpose economic development agency. Redevelopment Authorities have broad powers to undertake community renewal projects including clean up of so called Brownfield sites. Five members of the DIC agreed to act as members of the DRA one of which is the Governor's appointment.

The most significant event of the past year was the award of a \$200,000 Federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) grant in June for the clean-up of the former Berkshire Motor Car garage at 339 North Street. The property was acquired via "Tax Title" and transferred to the DRA. Total clean-up costs are expected to be \$356,000, with the balance of funding made up from a \$120,000 Brownfield's grant through the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission (BRPC) and \$36,000 from program income the Town received through Community Development Grants.

BRPC has been retained as project administrator with TRC Solutions Inc. as environmental consultant. Clean-up activities, including building demolition, will take place over the next two years. The restored site will then be sold for redevelopment.

Members of the DIC spearheaded the creation of a sign by-law study committee, participated in the updating of the Berkshire Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy and served on the Berkshire Brownfield's Committee.

The Commission took a lead role in advocating the liberalization of the Town's Drive-through by-law. Now drive-through or drive-up operations are only allowed for banks and carwashes in residential zones. A privately initiated proposal to allow for drive-up operations in all business and industrial zones failed at a Special Town Meeting in June. No new proposals can be considered for two years under state law.

Limited work continued on the creation of Industrial Parks within the Planned Industrial Development District which is an Expedited Permitting District. The sites lie between South Street and Hubbard Avenue 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, but is hampered by poor access onto either Hubbard Avenue or South Street. The second site is the former Beloit plant and adjacent land 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.

Kelly's Package Store completed a significant expansion which more than doubled its size, providing both an aesthetic and economic lift to Main Street. The DIC worked with both businesses to craft tax incentives which were approved at Town meetings in 2010.

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 recognition and remembrance is due to David Kalib, who passed away suddenly in the summer. He generously and graciously gave of his time and talent for many years. David is greatly missed by all of us.

Thanks are due to Administrative Secretary, Bonnie Callaghan, who is Recording Secretary for both the Commission and Redevelopment Authority.

Members of the Commission,

*Members serving on Redevelopment Authority

Robert M. Alessio

John F. Boyle

Charles J. Dooley, Vice-Chair*

Michael J. Ferry

David L. Kalib* (deceased June)

J. Michael Hoffman

Donald R. Rochelo

Stephen A. Sears*

Augustus J. Schnopp, Jr.

Kenneth E. Walto, Chairman*

Susan C. Vigeant*

(Gov. Appt. to DRA vacant)*

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER & STATE ANIMAL INSPECTOR

Michael L. McClay

During the past year 324 citations for failure to license, 116 citations for failure to vaccinate for rabies, and 51 citations for failure to restrain were issued to residents of Dalton. There were 13 dogs and 16 cats quarantined for possible exposure to rabies. There were 9 dogs and 2 cats quarantined for attacks on people. 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.

Black bears are increasing in numbers in our area and can be destructive. Bird feeders, garbage and pet food should not be left outside when bears are active. If you encounter a bear in your yard do not approach or harass the animal. After the bear has left your yard try to discover what attracted it to your area and remove or secure the attractant. Bears have a good memory and when they find a food source they will return to that area frequently. 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 known as the ZBA) is created by authority of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A, section 12. Board members are not elected. The Select Board appoints regular members for three-year terms. The terms are staggered so that the term of one member expires each year. Two alternate members may be appointed annually to one-year terms.

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

Current Board members are:

Anthony P. Doyle	Chairman
Stephen 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 2011 calendar year, the Board held four public hearings. Two were hearings for new special permits, one of which was for the new concession stand at Pinegrove Park. There was one hearing was for the renewal of a special permit previously issued by the Board and one hearing for an administrative appeal.

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

DALTON BOARD OF ASSESSORS

During the past year the Board has under gone a change in staff. In June of 2011 long time Assessor/ Clerk Mary Blake retired. The Board would like to thank Mary for her many years of service to the Town and wish her joy and happiness in her future retirement plans. The Board also welcomes Andrea Terry as the new assessor's clerk.

The Board continues to do a yearly analysis of the Real Estate Sales for the year proceeding the January first assessment date. The Bills that were mailed on January First reflected the sales for the time period of January 1 to December 31, 2010.

Fiscal Year	Town Tax Rate	Fire District Tax Rate	Valuations	Taxes to be Raised
2012	\$ 17.41	\$ 0.70	\$ 604,889,342.00	\$ 10,531,123.45
2011	\$ 17.38	\$ 0.70	\$ 592,354,137.00	\$ 10,295,114.91
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

Statistical Report for the year as follows:

Tax Levy Calculation	Fiscal 2011	Fiscal 2012
Total Amount to be Raised	\$ 14,253,822.91	\$ 14,509,060.45
Total Estimated Receipts and other Revenue Sources	\$ 3,958,708.00	\$ 3,977,937.00
Net Amount to be Raised by Taxes	\$ 10,295,114.91	\$ 10,531,123.45
Assessed Value of Real Property	\$592,354,137.00	\$604,889,342.00
	\$17.38	\$17.41

Motor Vehicle Excise

Year	No. of Bills	Excise
2011	7474	\$711,709.00
2010	7309	\$721,299.00
2009	7591	\$733,003.00
2008	7746	\$779,578.00
2007	7416	\$758,072.61

Exemptions Granted to Seniors & Veterans

Year	No. Granted	Total Abated Amount
2012	82	\$40,375.00
2011	78	\$38,300.00
2010	77	\$37,200.00
2009	74	\$24,150.00
2008	73	\$32,250.00
2007	78	\$32,650.00

TOWN MODERATOR

Ronald J. Marcella

Most Moderators throughout the Commonwealth are members of the Massachusetts Moderators Association whose Mission Statement is to provide information and help to Moderators throughout the state on changes in the laws and to give advice in unusual situations. The method used to disseminate this information is via emails and once a year regional meetings are held in the four corners of the commonwealth. On February 25, 2012 In Wareham, MA a Southeast Region Moderators Meeting was held hosted by Claire Smith, Wareham Moderator. Guest speakers were Margaret J. Hurley and Kelli E. Gunagan, Assistants Attorneys General, Municipal Law Unit for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The topics discussed I feel are interesting and somewhat unusual however, the same conditions and rules apply to all the towns throughout the Commonwealth, I hope you find them interesting.

The Municipal Law Unit of the Attorney General's office is based in Worcester with branches in Springfield and New Bedford. Their purpose is to review all town meeting actions relating to zoning by-law, general by-laws and charter changes to be sure they comply with state law, and the state and federal constitutions. They do not pass judgment on whether the change is good or bad. They do not usually get involved in articles involving finance and spending.

Their role is not to oversee the Moderator's job but to act on the results of the vote and compliance with the law. The AG's office regularly responds to citizen's comments and questions regarding articles that have been acted on. For petition articles the office can provide samples of by-law changes from other communities but will not write one for a town or citizen.

In reviewing zoning by-law changes the AG's office reviews documentation submitted by town clerks. They review the scope of the approved article to be sure it is in line with the printed warrant article. They also review the procedural steps from planning board hearings to town meeting action to be sure everything was done properly.

Several examples of "disapproval" were cited. Where possible they may disapprove a single section and leave the balance of the change in effect. The office will try to work out procedural defects and will work with town counsel to save by-law changes that took many months of work to bring about. Time limits to approve an article can be extended beyond 90 days in unusual situations.

One disapproval example cited dealt with computing a two-thirds vote. In the town of Truro, in 2009, a zoning change was declared "passed" by a vote of 136 YES to 70 NO. There were a total of 206 votes and it was multiplied by .66 to determine the number of votes needed for approval--136. WRONG. The correct number needed was 140—twice as many YES votes as NO votes. We were reminded (by a fellow moderator with a degree in applied mathematics from MIT) to always double the number of NO votes to determine how many are needed for passage.

Another example dealt with the failure of a moderator to get proper approval

to declare a two-thirds vote without a count. Under MGL chapter 39, section 15: "...If a two thirds....vote of a town meeting is required by statute.....the count shall be taken and recorded.....however a town may decide by by-law or vote (of the meeting) not to take a count and record the vote (as two thirds)..." If your town does not have this by-law a moderator can simply start a town meeting by asking the crowd to vote to give the authority. This authority does not extend to actions requiring four-fifths or nine-tenths vote. In those cases a vote must be taken unless a unanimous vote is given.

Andrew Martin, moderator from Plainville, led a discussion of overflow attendance at town meeting. Andrew had his biggest meeting ever last fall and he just barely got all attendees (around 600) into the largest room in town. He had to make contingency arrangement to provide sight and sound in several contingency areas had they been needed. Several other moderators spoke about recent meetings with over 1000 in attendance. Under MGL Chapter 39 section 10 the moderator is obligated to be sure that no voter in attendance may be deprived of the opportunity to participate. The law states that he/she SHALL either recess the meeting or adjourn to another time and place within 14 days.

It is noted that Chapter 39 Section 9 says: "Town meetings shall be held within the geographic limits of the town unless a special law, charter or by law provides otherwise....". Plainville is currently working on such a by-law which will permit them to use the Regional High School Auditorium in Wrentham.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

The Dalton Beautification Commission completed its 10th year of service to the community in 2011. The Dalton Select Board created the DBC in 2001, responding to expressed interest from local citizens, suggesting that more could be done to enhance the attractiveness of our town, particularly along its main artery, Main Street. Initially, five DBC members were appointed but as the scope of work increased, two more members were added, making the current, permanent DBC membership of seven volunteers.

The spring and summer season of 2011 was a particularly wet one. However, there was also sufficient sunshine, allowing the early spring daffodils and tulips, as well as, the summer annuals and perennials to thrive throughout the season, at the various in-ground sites. The display of red, white and blue flowers filling the hay-trough baskets, adorning the Benjamin/Muraca Memorial Bridge, were a splendid tribute to our two servicemen killed in the Vietnam War. Happily, these baskets were not vandalize this past summer, providing beauty and color to the bridge's overlook of Weston's Pond and the historic Housatonic River flowing beneath.

The gardens flanking the center walkway to Dalton's CRA is a cooperative venture that continues to work well. The DBC designs, plants and cares for the gardens; the CRA assumes the cost for the initial materials. We are pleased with the many compliments on the lovely "Double Profusion Zinnias," a new variety,

which lived up to its colorful name.

The DBC is truly a cooperative community undertaking, as many local business offer discounts, or donate some of the necessary materials needed to plant, and/or maintain the DBC projects. The DBC is thankful for the generosity of LP Adams, Burgner's Farm Store, Holiday Farm, Blossoming Acres and Jaeschke's Fruits and Flowers. Additionally, the Town of Dalton's Highway Department has always been supportive, assisting with the initial ground preparation of median garden sites and with ongoing winter storage of our hay trough baskets. Finally, the Dalton Volunteer Fire Department graciously provides weekly and, as needed, watering for our plantings throughout the growing season. The DBC is indeed grateful to all our partners in this community effort.

The DBC membership consists of commissioners Mary Jane Caliento, Allene Cormier, Annmarie Cicchetti [chairperson], Angela Dansereau, Peter Gonick, Maureen Maxon, and Jean Poopor, secretary. The DBC is also indebted to the other community-minded volunteers, who so generously donate their time to assist with the "heavy lifting," during the spring, transporting/planting and in the autumn flower removal and winterizing of the various sites.

The main source of funding for the DBC is a small annual stipend from the Town. Happily, the DBC also has a "gifts account," donations from an appreciative public, needed each year to cover the basic costs involved in our projects. In this time of economic stress, it seems increasingly important to bring the beauty of nature into the harsh environment of paved roadways and concrete, to soften the highways and to elevate the spirit by introducing colorful flowers into the public spaces. The DBC hopes our modest enterprise succeeds in this goal.

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

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

In 2011, we conducted Special Registration Sessions prior to the May 2 Annual Town Meeting and the May 9 Annual Town Election; the June 27 and November 14 Special Town Meetings. Scheduled 2012 Special Registration Sessions will be held from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. on February 15, the last day to vote or change party affiliation for the March 6, 2012 Presidential Primary; April 17, the last day to register to vote at the May 7 Annual Town Meeting and May 14 Annual Town Election; August 17, the last day to register to vote or change party affiliation for the September 6, 2012 State Primary; and October 17, the last day to register to vote in the November 6, 2012 Presidential Election. Additional Special Registration Sessions will be scheduled as required. All registration sessions are held in the office of the Town Clerk. For 2012, the place of voting will remain at the Community House for both precincts. There is a ramp and handicap parking located at the rear of the building.

The Board registered and processed 171 new voters plus address changes

on existing active and inactive voters, checked signatures for certification on Initiative Petitions/Public Policy Questions and Nomination Papers in circulation in 2012; and deleted 240 inactive (moved or deceased) voters. Our computerized program enabled us to complete this arduous task in a timely and efficient manner, transmitting totals to the Secretary of State automatically. Annual Town Election nomination papers which will place candidates directly on the May 14, 2012 Annual Town Election ballot are available February 6 at the Town Clerk's office. The deadline for submission of papers to the Board of Registrars is 5:00 p.m. on March 26, 2012, pursuant to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 53, §.6.

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

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

Flora Bertolino of 83 Curtis Avenue who was born January 28, 1909 continues to hold the distinction of being our oldest living resident.

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

Statistical figures as of December 31, 2011 are as follows:

REGISTERED VOTERS:

Democrats	1,374	(30.4%)
Republicans	521	(11.8%)
Green-Rainbow	4	(00.1%)
Libertarian	7	(00.1%)
Unenrolled (a/k/a Independent)	2,606	(57.6%)

TOTAL ACTIVE REGISTERED VOTERS	4,130
TOTAL INACTIVE REGISTERED VOTERS	<u>382</u>
TOTAL ALL REGISTERED VOTERS	4,512
TOTAL POPULATION	6,874

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 four 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, Ed Gero, Dr. Dan Doyle and Drew Finn.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

The Dalton Public Health Nurse position has been in existence for a year. During that time health screenings have been done at Pinegrove, Pomeroy, River Run & the Senior Center monthly and as needed. Educational materials on such topics as adult immunizations and bats and ticks, were provided at the TRIAD picnic and the Sr. Expo as part of disease prevention. Ongoing informal health education is ongoing as necessary. To prevent the spread of disease mandatory reporting and follow-up of communicable disease is the role of the PHN. Because the state released free influenza vaccine for seniors so late, clinics were limited. Public blood pressure clinics are held the fourth Thursday of each month from 10AM – 12PM at the Dalton Senior Center.

During the upcoming year we plan to continue education sessions as needed as well as health screenings. Hopefully free Influenza vaccine for seniors will be released by the state in a timely manner and we will be able to immunize more residents. Also communicable disease reporting will be done electronically as mandated. As always, residents can contact the public health nurse, Lois Bessette RN, by leaving a message at town hall.

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.

BOARD OF HEALTH TOWN HALL 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.

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 up significantly from the previous year. Declared value of work is down from 2010, for the most part due to a real spike (in 2010) in commercial permits for work that did not proceed.

Year 2011 Permits Issued: 270 Declared Value: \$4,282,618

The breakdown of permits issued is as follows:

New Homes	4
Residential Additions and Remodeling	187
Demolition	1
Accessory Buildings	15
Pools	3
Commercial additions and renovations	19
Signs	9
Solid Fuel Appliances	25
Fences	7

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, Administrative Assistant

There were 54 burials in 2011. New lots were assigned to the following families:

John Trasatti	Daniel O'Handley	Eric Salvatore
John P. Higgins	Catherine Sedgwick	Marjorie Olds
Eugene Vosburgh	Doris Engwer	Alida Atkinson
James Rivers	Richard Wisenbaker	Alan Snizek
Vincent Brandi	George Fillio	

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. Improvements are being made to Ashuelot Cemetery in preparation for an expansion that will allow additional room for future burials.

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.

COMMUNICATION CENTER

Gabrielle Taglieri, Director

The Dalton Communication Center has completed its 4th year at the Police Station. During this past year we have logged 18,475 calls. 1,700 of those calls were 911 and 1,200 were walk-ins to the Police Station. The Communications Center again received a state 911 grant (The Support & Incentive Grant) in 2011 for \$127,939 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 2012 for an amount close to \$128,000.

In addition to the Support & Incentive Grant the Dalton Communications Center received an additional grant in the amount of approximately \$8,000 to be used for training purposes, and the installation of an Emergency Medical Dispatch program. This grant has been used to offset costs of training for dispatchers in compliance with new State mandated training, such as the E.M.D. and a 40hr basic telecommunicator class required for new hires. The State will be offering the Training Grant to dispatch centers each year to help provide continuing education in dispatching for the Police, Fire, & Medical fields.

This year Maria Doyle resigned as a reserve dispatcher and will be missed by all of us. Amy Shaughnessy announced she will be leaving at the beginning of 2012 to fill more hours within the Dalton Police Dept. The Communications Center hired 3 new dispatchers to assist in these changes. Jenn Joyner, who will be taking over the 24hr position from Amy Shaughnessy, (beginning 2012), Michael Britton, and Kayla Reuss as reserve dispatchers.

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.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Robert Bishop, Chairman

The past year was been relatively busy for the Conservation Commission due to some severe weather. The Commission conducted a few site inspections and issued Emergency Permits so that areas affected could be stabilized.

There was little construction being done that encroached into wetland areas this past year. There is an increased citizen’s awareness of both the need to protect the environment and the function of the Commission.

Membership on the Commission has been relatively stable in 2011. 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
 Kate Harrington

Statistics for 2011

Determinations of Applicability	6
Hearings for Notices of Intent	1
Certificates of Compliance	1
Extension of Orders of Conditions	1
Field Site Inspections	10
Enforcement Orders	1
Request for Det. Of Applicability	6
Emergency Permits	5
Emergency Permits	1

COUNCIL ON AGING

Kelly M. Pizzi

COA OVERVIEW:

The Council on Aging respectfully submits its report Fiscal Year 2011 to the Town of Dalton.

Operating from its newly constructed site located at 40 Field Street Extension, the Council on Aging provides a wide range of opportunities for seniors from one accessible location. Hours of operation are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and Thursday evenings until 8:00p.m.

COUNCIL ON AGING:

During FY 2011 the Council on Aging was staffed by two full time employees: Director, Susan “Sue” Jacobs and Administrative Assistant, Sarah Fontaine. Part time employees include: Shine/Outreach & Wellness Counselor, Patricia “Pattie” Pero; and COA Van Drivers Clarence Green and Clyde Decorie. A third driver, Martin Post is funded three days per week through a training grant by Elder Services began which service in February 2011 expanding service hours from 28 to 35 per week.

Funding for the Council on Aging is provided by a formula grant from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs based on a calculation of \$6.25 per senior, for a FY ‘11 award in the amount of \$9,996.00. This amount was deducted by \$2874.17 of unexpended funds from FY ‘2010. The Town of Dalton appropriated \$96,728. Donations were accepted to assist in sustaining services, which changed in March 2011 to a Program Coupon Fee of \$2.00 per activity. Donations and program fees collected equaled \$10,706 with an additional \$6,552 in Van fares.

THE DALTON SENIOR CENTER

The Dalton Senior Center remained housed out of the CRA throughout the first half of the fiscal year. Services were provided at local churches and CRA until it took up its new residence at 40 Field Street Extension on February 14th 2011 upon completion of the building and receipt of the certificate of occupancy. The Center celebrated its Grand Opening on Saturday, May 21st. Of our participants, the Senior Center serves 86% from Dalton and an additional 14% from Pittsfield and the hill towns.

Through the diligence of The COA Board of Directors, COA staff, the Building Committee, the Friends of the Council on Aging, Inc., the Furnishing Committee and countless volunteers, the new Senior Center affords opportunities to provide services in one location easily accessible to all senior residents regardless of mobility. Special programing to educate residents about issues that impact the elder populations, such as legal workshops and medication management, were offered. The new home for TRIAD also presented more events offered to the community to promote safety. For example, a fire extinguisher training in November was designed to relieve any anticipation for safely using the equipment if ever needed.

Elder Services conducted two focus groups to evaluate senior housing needs

in the community, holding one on May 4th during the day and a second on May 5th in the evening, to reach and receive input from as many of the senior population as possible.

The Senior Center, rather than Grace Church, has become the Dalton meal site for the Elder Services Nutritional Program allowing for seniors to congregate two days per week over a nutritious hot meal.

With the advent of an extremely harsh winter it was quickly realized that there were problems with ventilation in the attic area, which caused serious ice jams across the rooftop. Various solutions were reviewed and the situation continues to be monitored.

FRIENDS OF THE DALTON COUNCIL ON AGING, INC.

The Friends of the Dalton Council on Aging, Inc., is a 501 (c) 3 volunteer organization which serves to support the efforts of the Council on Aging and to help meet the needs of the community.

Members of the Friends of the Dalton COA successfully raised funds to furnish the Dalton Senior Center through fundraising, securing corporate donations and through two generous challenge grants offered by Susan and David Lombard. In addition, a memorial brick garden was designed to be placed with a bench for reflection at the front of the Center. Bricks were purchased by community members and engraved with names of loved ones. The garden will be installed in the spring of 2012 pending assurance that the site will not need excavating, and the securing of a contractor.

2011 Board members include: Marjorie Limburg, President, Carol Powell V. President, Carol Morrison, Secretary and Judith Trumble, Treasurer, Kathy Bishop, Gordine Galusha, Dennis Gian, Helga Knappe, Richard Lacatell, Audrey Poirier and Catherine Rivers Thomas Sedgwick and Barbara Bartels (deceased).

PROGRAMMING

The Council on Aging maintained services in the CRA and sites throughout the town of Dalton. The Monday and Thursday Lunch Program was held at Grace Church in the Guild Hall; The Dalton VFW hosted Triad's monthly meetings and the holiday party was celebrated in the parish hall of the Dalton United Methodist Church. Following the opening of the Senior Center programming was moved to the new site.

ONGOING PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

- AARP Tax Aide Assistance
- Breakfast Club which features guest speakers of various topics
- Bridge
- Bridges, an intergenerational program each fall at St. Agnes' School
- Coffee Cafe
- Computer Classes
- Exercise classes (Tuesday and Thursday) for those at risk or those living with osteoporosis to improve body strength and balance.
- Garden Club
- Health Clinics (Blood Pressure, Foot Care and Flu Vaccine)
- Knitting

- LIFE (Living Is For the Elderly), a discussion group held at Craneville Place every other Monday
- Mahjongg
- Oil Painting
- Pitch
- Quilting
- Shake Your Soul
- Sunday Lunch at the First Congregational Church
- Tai Chi
- Travel Club
- Triad
- Veterans History Project

Programs are open to Seniors and over as well as persons with disabilities. Anyone interested in programming may come to the Center for more information or may call 413-684-2000.

SERVING THE HEALTH INFORMATION NEEDS OF ELDERS (SHINE)

Patricia “Pattie” Pero serves as our Outreach/Wellness Counselor who keeps office hours on Monday and Thursday and occasionally additional days to perform wellness visits and as duties require. The services provided by Pattie are invaluable to “aging in place,” the ability to remain at home throughout the aging process. During Fiscal year 2011 Pattie met with 355 women and 100 men for 465 face-to-face sessions and 579 phone sessions.

It is difficult to document the financial benefits of Pattie's work as there are many variables to calculating saving in such areas as insurance and drug plans. Actual savings to local seniors are able to be documented (reimbursements due to billing errors, saving by changing insurance or drug programs, emergency assistance through Neighbor to Neighbor, fuel assistance, SNAP benefits, etc.) though advocacy is in excess of \$20,250.

A main part of the benefits advocacy is explaining Medicare Part D and matching client with insurance programs which provide varying degrees of coverage. Family members from out of the area contact the counselor to discuss concerns of a failing family member which sets off a series of assessments and referrals to ensure the person's needs are addressed. Home visits are regularly conducted to those in need.

Seniors very often will not ask for assistance out of pride or for fear of being viewed as unable to care for oneself. Referrals for assistance come from concerned friends, neighbors, family and fire/police, when issues become evident; for example, termination of utilities, failing hygiene, or withdrawal from community. The referral often comes long after the situation has spiraled out of control. The outreach worker assists the client with applications to services and benefits and ensures that all appropriate financial and support services are accessed allowing for a more stable home life.

VETERANS HISTORY PROJECT

Video histories of local veterans are submitted to the Library of Congress by the Veterans History Project. The COA has partnered with the Project to identify

service men and women from all branches of service as well as the stories of civilians who supported the war effort and the troops. Interested veterans and war workers and volunteers are encouraged to contact the Dalton Community Cable Television for more information.

TRANSPORTATION

Dalton is very fortunate to be able to offer lift van service to our residents who are 60 and older, or disabled of any age. During fiscal year 2011, the service was available Monday through Thursday from 8 am to 3 pm until March 14th 2011 when Fridays were added to the schedule, thanks in part to the Senior Aide Program offered by Elder Services. The door-to-door van service is available for medical appointments, shopping and other needs within Dalton and Pittsfield, with occasional trips to the Berkshire Mall in Lanesborough when the schedule permits. Notice is required at least 24 business hours in advance for scheduling needs. During fiscal year 2011, the Dalton COA van service provided 2,751 rides to 80 residents. Of the total number of rides, 29% of them were for people deemed disabled by the Berkshire Regional Transit Authority under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

NEWSLETTER/COMMUNICATION

A major means of communication to the community is through The Silver Banner Newsletter. The newsletter is published quarterly and mailed to each resident age 60 and older. Updates to the information provided are posted online and through the monthly calendar (also posted online) at the town website www.dalton-ma.gov and selecting the Senior Center link. Thanks to the webmaster, Louise Frankenberg, who maintains the site and ensures that updates are posted promptly. The Berkshire Eagle Monday Bulletin Board lists activities and updates to programming. Any senior who is not receiving the newsletter and would like to, please contact the Senior Center at 684-2000 to ensure your name and address are on the mailing list.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We currently have 117 individuals who volunteer their time through the COA. Our first line of volunteers is the COA Board members who are appointed by the Select Board to set the policies and oversee the activities of the Council on Aging. All of these folks are active in one or more of our programs. In addition, there are those who grocery shop for home-bound elders; help in the office; prepare the newsletter for mailing; serve on numerous committees and programs; who call or visit those who are homebound, and those who participate in intergenerational activities with the schools. If you would like more information on becoming a COA Volunteer, please call to request an application. With the opening of the Senior Center, even more opportunities will become available.

DALTON COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The 15 member Board of Directors of the Council on Aging are appointed by the Select Board for terms of three years. The purpose of the COA Board of Directors is to set policy and provide guidance to the Council on Aging. All meetings are held the second Wednesday of the month at 6:00 pm at the Dalton Senior Center. All meetings are posted at the Town Hall and are open to the public.

The 2011 Members are Mark Meunier (Chair), Mary Lamke (V. Chair), Joyce Lacatell (Clerk), Maureen Mitchell (Treasurer), Judith Brooks, Persis Caverly, Cora Cooney, Cynthia Costello, Mary Martinelli, Ralph Young, Caroline Dietlin, Gordine Galusha, Marjorie Lillpopp, Jean Poopor and Marcia Brophy. Alternate members include: Helga Knappe and Maureen Maxon.

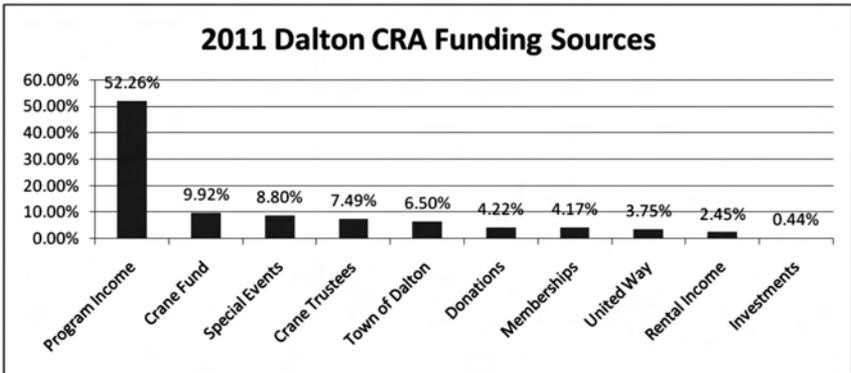
CRA

Alison Peters, Executive Director

The town of Dalton is fortunate to have several beautiful parks where our community can play, enjoy the great outdoors and relax. Pinegrove, Chamberlain and Greenridge Park provide many opportunities for people of all ages. Pinegrove, our most highly used area, contains a playground, two softball fields, a baseball field, a football field and basketball courts. In addition, there is a pavilion with open space where organizations, families and friends meet for gatherings of all kinds. Chamberlain is the home to our Little League organization, as well as a place for the younger kids to play baseball and soccer. And last, Greenridge has a playground, basketball court and another ball field.

The W. Murray Crane Community House was established in 1923 to provide community programs in Dalton and the surrounding hill towns. These programs, which included recreational, social, cultural and educational activities, were originally funded by Mr. Crane in the 1890's. In 1908 he funded the construction of the Dalton Youth Center (DYC) and upon his death, his will requested the construction of the community house. The house opened in 1923 and has been continuously operational since that time.

Today, the Community Recreation Association (CRA) continues to carry forth on this mission by offering approximately 100 programs to the adults and youth of our community, both in the parks of our town and at the community house. The CRA is a private non-profit organization that receives funding from many sources, including a grant from the town that helps support our youth sports programs.



At the CRA, we place a strong emphasis on children and families, delivering after school care, teen programs, sports, a fitness center with exercise classes,

pool, sauna, basketball court and a wide variety of enrichment programs to our community.

For our youngest members, we offer Kindergym, a program offering structured and unstructured indoor playtime for children up to age 6. We also provide an opportunity for parents and toddlers to hop in the pool together during our Parent/Toddler Swim program.

Our after school programs are located at Craneville Elementary School and the Dalton Youth Center (DYC) for elementary and middle school students. Parents will find these to be safe places for their children to do their homework, socialize and get some physical activity. During school vacations, snow-days and in the summer, we have similar camps available from 7:30 am until 5:00 pm.

At the youth center, we serve young adults with tutoring, dances, weight lifting, the Big Buddies program and the Junior/Senior Leaders Club, just to name a few. Our goal is to help our youth achieve their full potential, grow into responsible young adults who understand the value of community service and are ready to enter college, the work force, or training.

We offer many types of sports programs, all focusing on building teamwork, good sportsmanship, healthy exercise and fun. Our sports cover all seasons, from fall football and soccer, to basketball and finally the spring season of baseball, softball, lacrosse and more soccer! This past year, approximately 1400 children participated in our sports leagues.

The pool, fitness center, exercise classes, basketball court and racquetball courts offer healthy exercise to young adults, adults and retirees. The pool is open from early morning to evening with a wide range of activities, from adult lap to water aerobics. The fitness center has similar hours, making it capable of meeting almost everyone's needs, morning, noon or night. At lunchtime, we offer exercise classes and basketball pick-up games. Racquetball is seeing resurgence in popularity and we now have leagues three to four times a week.

And last, the CRA offers programs for families. We manage the town's summer parks program which provides special activities when school is not in session. Pinegrove Park is alive with different events such as the penny carnival, picnic and the 'Just Play' hoops league. The CRA, also, hosts special events such as outdoor movie nights, the fishing derby, Easter egg hunt, Halloween parade and visits with Santa. Four years ago we also began a program for families with children with disabilities. We have 30 special needs children from all over Berkshire County paired up with a big buddy who meet regularly to play gym games, soccer, baseball, swim, and dance, among other things.

The CRA is made up of an experienced and committed staff that is focused on delivering quality programs to our community. However, we couldn't do all this without the generosity and support of hundreds of businesses and volunteers. From special events like the Gib Kittredge Auction to the coaching of a youth sports team, these programs could not exist without this dedication and loyalty.

At this time, we'd like to give a special thanks to all the volunteers and businesses that support the CRA and the many programs we provide. Thank you so much!

CUTURAL COUNCIL

Monica Montferret, 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 2011 our cultural council received 35 applications for support of a wide variety of projects.

The following projects were approved for funding in an amount totaling \$4,220 for FY 2012:

Becket Washington School PTO; Hilltown Hoot
Berkshire Concert Choir; Lisz'd 200th Anniversary Concert
Berkshire Lyric Theatre, Inc; Concerts and Education
Berkshire Theatre Group – BTF; BTG Plays! School Residency Program
Berkshire Women for Women Worldwide-Bard College; Berkshire Festival of Women Writers
Castle Hill Theatre Company; Cinderella
Craneville Elementary School; Shakespeare and the Language That Shaped the World
Dalton Community Recreation Association; Summer Concerts
Dalton Town Clerk; Historical Records Preservation/Restoration
Scott Jameson; Dalton Free Public Library: Magic and Juggling
Bernice Lewis; Sugar Hill Folk Festival
Nessacus Regional Middle School; Nessacus Middle School Play
Sculpture Now, Sculpture in Real Time
Stockbridge Sinfonia, Inc; Free Community Concert

The current members of the Dalton Cultural Council are: Donald Harris, Darlene Masengo, Monica Montferret - Chairperson, Terry Unwin, Jenna Ware, and John Williams. Thank you for your continued support of cultural programs in our community.

DALTON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Doris Lamica, Library Director

During 2011 the Dalton Free Public Library offered some new services and a variety of programs to our patrons and prepared for some changes in our building and our automated circulation system.

Planning for much needed renovations to the library began in earnest during the fall with the reconvening of the Town Hall Building Committee. The group chaired by retired Police Chief John Bartels includes Town Manager Kenneth Walto, Select Board member Louisa Horth, Building Inspector Richard Haupt, Librarian Doris Lamica, Library Trustees John Kittredge and Gail Pinna and Building Superintendent Timothy Daniels. Meetings were held weekly with architects Stephen Barry and Wendy Brown to put together the proposal for bids. The bidding process was set for February of 2012 with the the work to take place in the spring. The work will include a new ceiling and lights in the Reading Room area which was damaged when the roof was replaced. The library will also be painted, new carpeting installed and the entryway fixed up. New front doors will be installed. If funds permit, the door at the top of the ramp will be automated, the circulation desk will be enlarged and new lights will be put in the main room. Some funds have been approved from the Town and interest from Trust Funds will also be used.

The Friends of the Library had a busy year with a book and bake sale and a raffle in the fall. These events along with the annual membership drive provided financing for museum passes, newspaper subscriptions, books for the book group, speakers and children's programs. They also published and distributed the newsletter. At their annual meeting in May, local historian Bernard Drew spoke on early trails and roads in the Berkshires. The members of the Executive Board for 2011-2012 are: Dian Elser – President; Elizabeth Erb – Vice President; Veronica Balardini – Treasurer; Kimberly Slade – Secretary; Cynthia Riggs-French – Membership Chair; Janet Claffie, Rae-Ann Winters and Nancy Gardner – Members-at-large; Kathleen Desmarais – Past President; and Judith Douville – Trustee representative.

After much planning and many meetings, our community-wide reading program was held in September and October. Supported by a grant from the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation, the Friends of the Library, and library state aid, the project featured the Civil War novel "The Killer Angels" by Michael Shaara. The events began with a walk through the Main Street cemetery with Gail Pinna of the Dalton Historical Commission relating the stories of local Civil War veterans buried there. The movies "Gettysburg" which is based on the book "The Killer Angels" and "Glory", the story of the 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry were shown at Nessacus Middle School. Steve Wood appeared as Abraham Lincoln at a program at the Senior Center and the local group Wintergreen performed a concert of songs of the Underground Railroad and the Civil War. Author Stuart Murray spoke on Berkshire County and the Civil War. There were also two book discussions – one led by Persis Caverly at the Senior Center and one at the Town Hall conducted by John Toffey. The Becket Library also had a book discussion with books we had loaned to them. The library had a

large display of related materials and a bibliography of Civil War novels compiled by Kathy and George Desmarais. Many people participated in the events and it was a fitting way to observe the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. Thank you to the committee members: Dian Elser, Elizabeth Erb, Gail Pinna, Janet Claffie, Kathleen Desmarais, and Cynthia Riggs-French and to the Dalton Senior Center, Nessacus Middle School and the Dalton United Methodist Church for hosting various events.

Other programs held during the year for adults were a video series of biographies in February and March and an appearance of Richard Clark as Shakespeare in a joint program with the Council on Aging. Adults were also invited to participate in the summer reading program “Novel Destinations” by reading four books from four continents to obtain prizes. The monthly book discussion group continued during the year with an especially large attendance to discuss the book “The Help.” Over 500 online courses are available for adults through our subscription to Recorded Books Universal Class made possible by a grant from the Katharine L.W. and Winthrop M. Crane 3rd Charitable Foundation. By the end of the year 93 individuals had registered for over 130 classes. It is necessary to come to the library to register for the program but the courses can then be accessed from home computers.

The summer reading program for children “One World, Many Stories” was kicked off with a performance by storyteller Mary Jo Maichack and 114 children signed up to participate. During the school year the pre-school storytime continued on Thursday mornings with Assistant Librarian Katherine Hoag, Wendy Provencher from the Coordinated Family and Community Engagement and the help of the first graders from St. Agnes Academy.

During the year the Trustees began a process of reviewing and revising library policies. The staff began training for a new circulation system from CWMARS, our automated network. CWMARS has increased their number of e-book titles available to download for free to your mobile devices. Check this out at their website: cwmars.org.

Resource sharing continues to be an important part of our mission and during FY-2011, the Dalton Library provided 7859 items to other libraries and received 5366 items from other libraries for our patrons. Other statistics for the year are listed at the end of this report.

Thank you to the staff – Katherine Hoag, Gladys Lofink, Helen Cultrera, Lynn Pfeiler, Mary Ann Gollooly, John Carey and our substitute Barbara Kubli for their help and support during this busy year. Also thanks to the Trustees and the Friends for their involvement and contributions.

Total circulation	43,702	Computer games	24
Books	27,558	Museum Passes	269
Periodicals	1,456	Patrons using Internet	4,358
Books on tape and CD	2,248	Book Count (as of 12/31/11)	41,065
Playaways	44	Added	1,844
Videos and DVDs	11,580	Withdrawn	1,172
CD-ROMs	25	Fines turned over to Town	\$2,726.07
Music CDs	498		

DALTON HOUSING AUTHORITY

Susan I. Gregory, Executive Director

Board of Commissioners: Term Expires

Chairperson	Kathleen Burke	96 Curtis Ave.	2016
Vice Chairperson	Judy Conroy	293 High Street	2015
State Appointee	Camillus Cachat	38 Flansburg Ave.	2016
Member	Tom Callahan	306 North Street	2012
Member	Nils E. Jacobsson	76 Dalton Division Rd.	2013

Regular meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 6:30 PM at 293 High Street. The Annual meeting is held on the second Monday of June.

Current programs are: 40 (one bedroom) units at Pomeroy Manor and 30 (one bedroom) and 1 (two bedroom) units at Pinegrove Manor under Chapter 667, low income elderly/disabled. We also have five, (three bedroom) units under Chapter 705, low-income families.

These are funded by the Department of Housing & Community Development in Boston. We have a short waiting list for our 667 elderly programs. We have an extensive waiting list for the 705 family program.

Eligibility criteria are under requirements adopted by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development. Income limits for one person household is \$43,800. Two person is \$50,050.

Tenants in Senior Housing pay 30% of their adjusted income for rent which includes all utilities. Families pay 27% of adjusted income and pay their own utilities.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Daniel D. Filiault, Emergency Management Director

In July 2011 I was appointed by the Select Board to take on the position of Emergency Management Director to replace Ted White who was stepping down after a number of years in the position. I appreciate the opportunity to serve the community.

The position of Emergency Director's role is to facilitate coordination of State, Federal and local agencies during major emergency situations such as Natural Disasters, Hazardous Material spills or other situations that pose a danger to the citizens of Dalton.

On 8/28/2011 Hurricane Irene struck Berkshire County and inundated the Town of Dalton with over 6.5 inches of rain in an 8 hour period causing major flooding issues in sections of Dalton.

Emergency Personnel responded to over 60 calls for assistance related to the storm. In addition there were many other instances where the emergency personnel on the street discovered potential problems and initiated action to mitigate the problems.

Wahconah Falls Brook and Center Pond rose significantly over flood level during the storm causing damage on Park Terrace, North Street, Burr Drive, David Street, and at Pomeroy Manor. In addition we experienced flooding at the Old High School on Field Street and numerous other houses throughout town.

Residents of Park Terrace and Pomeroy Manor had to be evacuated, most stayed with relatives or friends locally but two residents stayed at a Regional Shelter in Pittsfield.

Inspectors from MEMA and FEMA inspected areas impacted by the storm on September 2, 2011 and found significant damage to some buildings and minor damage to numerous others.

State and Federal Agencies are still working with local departments on mitigation of the affects of this significant storm.

I want to commend the members of the Dalton Police Department, Dalton Fire Department, Town Highway Department, Dalton Communications Center and Dalton Water Department for the hard work they did on the date of the storm. Without their efforts the damage sustained during this storm could have been much worse.

In addition Town Manager Ken Walto and the Select Board provided much needed support and assistance in the days leading up to the storm, on the date of the storm and in its aftermath.

Finally I want to thank Ed Fahey who is the Emergency Management Coordinator for the Town of Dalton whose assistance and advice since I took over has been instrumental in my being able to perform my duties.

To contact the Emergency Management Department you can call the Town Hall at 423-684-6111 ext. 14 or at daltonem@bcn.net.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Gerald J. Cahalan Jr., Fire Chief

I'd love to say 2011 was an uneventful year, but it was not. The Dalton Fire Department responded to 789 calls, 100 calls above last year. The year was marred with snowstorms, tornadoes, tropical storms, floods and even an earthquake.

The Dalton Fire Department was part of a task force that was sent to West Springfield and later Monson during the month of June. Assistance for Fire Protection was given as well as some medical rescues.

During the late summer, tropical storm Irene decided to make a run for the Northeast. I don't need to state the impact of that storm. Our resources were tested and overall did well.

In October, Chief Richard Kardasen retired and Chief Gerald Cahalan took over. I wish Chief Kardasen, with over 30 years of service to the Dalton Fire Department, well on his retirement.

The key to responding to various emergencies in the town is cooperation between all departments and entity's. This year we shined with cooperation. I would like to thank, just to name a few, the Dalton Police Department, Emergency Management, Town Hall staff, selectman, Fire Commissioners and Highway Department. I would also like to thank the Western Massachusetts Electric Company, whom set up an Operations Center in the firehouse during Irene.

The DFD and Ambulance would not be what it is today if it wasn't for the time spent training, preparing and responding to calls. I would like to thank all the members of the Dalton Fire Department and their families for the dedication and volunteerism they have shown to help the Town of Dalton in its various needs.

Although the department is allotted a certain amount of members, If you or your family member is interested in volunteering for the department as an EMT or Firefighter please stop by and say hi.

FOREST WARDEN

Gerald J. Cahalan Jr., Forest Warden

In contrast to the Fire Department, this year was a quiet year for brush fires. The department issued over 250 burning permits.

Burning is allowed from January 15th to April 30th in the Commonwealth. Permits may be purchased and picked up at the Dalton Fire Districts office on Flansburg Ave. Regulations are given out and you must call in each day you burn.

Please use extreme caution when burning or having camp fires. The storms in recent years have left much deadwood in the forests. A dry year could spell trouble as the dead brush and trees create a tinderbox.

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

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

David Laviolette, Superintendent

The reconstruction of Anthony Road and Hemlock Hill are the highlight of the 2011 construction season. Resurfacing of the South Street bridge made this roadway complete. The reclamation of Anthony Road and Hemlock Hill corrected years of deteriorating roadway. Highway crews were instrumental with raising man holes and catch basin structures that saved the town thousands of dollars.

Heavy rains, along with Hurricane Irene had a huge impact on our storm water system. Extensive work on culverts has been completed on East Street, Central Avenue, Depot Street, Kirchner Road and Falls Road. Many metal pipes deteriorated from oxidation and were in dire need of replacement. These were replaced by plastic ADS pipe that will provide many years of proper drainage.

Storm damage from Hurricane Irene caused much havoc on dirt roads, washing out shoulders of roads. Most noticeable was the washout on Falls Road by the two 5-foot culverts. Three weeks later repairs of all the dirt roads, East Street and Grange Hall Road were completed. Catch basins, man holes and waterways were also in need of repair. Street sweepers were deployed along with personnel picking up tree branches and debris from this storm.

FEMA assistance was granted after Governor Patrick declared a State of Emergency. FEMA inspectors documented every incident so it would correspond with our documentation. Countless hours were spent with FEMA inspectors to verify costs of the damage. Compensation for storm damage went into the Town's General Fund.

The Department's primary mission is the maintenance of the Town's infrastructure; roads, sewage and drainage systems, cemeteries and parks. This is performed by a dedicated and professional staff, with many years of experience..

The sewer and drainage systems were cleaned and flushed on a regular basis. Almost all of the system's catch basins were cleaned and repaired as needed. Some of the known problem areas are on a scheduled maintenance program to alleviate blockages or flooding.

All sand and winter debris has to be cleaned up each spring. All of the town's street, parking lots and sidewalks are swept by department personnel and two street sweepers. Most of this material is screened and used for winter sand. Spring time is also clean up time for our four cemeteries in preparation for our Memorial Day observance. Most of the leaves and lawn debris are put into our compost area and eventually reused as loam by the department.

Spring is also the time to ready to the town's parks for the upcoming recreational season. Preparation for baseball and softball diamonds is completed. Drainage issues and winter damage also need to be taken care of.

It has been a very positive and productive year for the department, due largely in part to the staff at the Highway/Cemetery Department, which will continue to provide quality workmanship and safe roadways to the town. I would like to thank the citizens of Dalton, the Selectboard, Town Manager and all of the town employees and boards for their cooperation, support and guidance in another successful and productive year.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Gail A. Pinna, V. Chair/Secretary

JANUARY: Chairman White looked into the process of having a contractor check the FITCH-HOOSE HOUSE chimneys and the damage done to the exterior of the house.

FEBRUARY: Bob Stone of SHOWCASE DESIGNS spoke to the commission and presented a copy of a design for a lawn sign at the Hoose House. Louisa Horth stated the need for a grant writer. Because the town does not have a Preservation Law in effect, it has been one of the reasons we cannot apply for financial aid successfully. The regular meeting closed and our annual election took place. Chairman: George White, Vice Chairman/Secretary: Gail A. Pinna, Treasurer: Louisa Horth.

MARCH: Mass. Historical Commission has told our commission that we need to apply to the town for a "Deed Restriction" This could be for five to ten years or for perpetuity since the town owns the property.

APRIL: The commission was invited to Sugar Hill to celebrate Arbor Day. Just over one hundred years ago then President Taft went to Sugar Hill and planted an Oak Tree. There will be a re-enactment of that day with another Oak Tree being planted. Chairman White will be the commission's delegate to the Commission on Signs. The commission welcomed a new associate member, Edward Holub. One of the articles at the May 2nd town meeting will be the Preservation of the FITCH-HOOSE HOUSE.

MAY: The commission sent a certificate of recognition to Alex Beauchesne who has earned his Eagle Scout Badge. We will again have Vita Mott of Sheffield bind another book for us. The commission has been invited to lunch at Sugar Hill.

JUNE: The commission was waiting to hear from the Mass. Historical Commission on our status regarding a matching grant for the "FITCH-Hoose House"

JULY: The matching grant was approved.

AUGUST: In honor of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the CIVIL WAR, David Levinson and Emilie Piper spoke on their book, "THE OTHER SIDE OF GLORY" a program about the 54th Mass. Volunteer Infantry the African-American men from Dalton and other Berkshire Towns. This program was co-sponsored with the Friends of the Dalton Free Public Library. This event was held at the new Dalton Senior Center...our many thanks to those at the Center who were so helpful to us, An anonymous donor offered to purchase the tiles that the commission wanted made at Sheffield Pottery. Gail will send a letter to the Select Board requesting they approve this gift.

SEPTEMBER: Ken Walto, town manager, met with us to answer any questions that we have on the new Ethic Laws; these were raised from postings, agendas, and conducting meetings. Gail Pinna led a tour through the Main Street Cemetery commenting on the veterans of the Civil War who repose there. Mr. Walto asked Mr. White to contact Meghan Harrahan at the Mass. Historical and Lauren Gaherty of Berkshire Planning for a meeting at the Fitch-Hoose House,

this will be timely Since are new sign is now in place.

OCTOBER: members of the commission went to Model Farm for an exhibit on “CRANE WOMEN of SUBSTANCE and STYLE” also in October the Heritage Walk up Gulf Road was cancelled due to Rain.

NOVEMBER: Louisa Horth has been busy making the calendars, post cards and the Hoose House Books, also now that the tiles are in we will be selling them next year at election time.

DECEMBER: The board met to vote on the winter stablization of the FITCH-HOOSE HOUSE, also our annual Christmas party Was held at the Dalton restaurant. Board members are: George White, Joyce White, Louisa Horth, Mary Walsh, Mary Jane Caliento, Mary Ellen Shea, Gail A. Pinna Associate members are: Mary Bartlett, Coralie Ingraham, Stacia Garvey, Ruth Moody, Pat Guild, Ann Marie Cicchetti, Vicki Sedgwick, Bernie Smith, Edward Holub.

MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE

Robert Dassat, Chairman

Once again the weather cooperated after an early threat of a rainout prior to our 9:30 step-off and the Town and participants once again celebrated a very successful day.

Memorial Day was again dedicated to all our military men and women serving or at home who fought in defense of our country. All veterans graves were decorated with American flags thanks to the efforts of Boy Scout Troop #4 and the students from Craneville Elementary School under the direction of John Ellis of the Memorial Day Committee. On Memorial Day, hundreds of Patriotic Daltonians turned out to pay tribute to the honoring of our veterans of all wars. Music for our traditional parade was furnished by the excellent band of Nessacus Regional Middle School under the direction of Andrew Garcia. In the line of march was Dalton V.F.W. Post 9566 Honor Guard leading this year’s parade, Dalton American Legion Banner carried by Dalton Cheerleaders, Aubrey Milligan and Alexis Kays, followed by Dalton American Legion Honor Guard and Firing Squad. Town banner was carried by Dalton Cheerleaders Beth Lanz and Meghan Warner, followed by the rest of the Dalton Cheerleaders. Town Manager, Kenneth E. Walto and the Select Board, Berkshire County Sheriffs Department, under the leadership of Thomas Bowler, Dalton Police and Fire Departments, Boy and Girl Scouts, including Brownies, Dalton American Post 155 Motorcycle Riders, wreath bearers, Danielle Plankey, Aisha O’Boyle, Sarah Reiter Katerini Andreola and leader Nancy Hopper, and Pastor of the First Methodist Church, Robert Jackson.

Honorary Marshall for this year’s parade, Lawrence E. Brothers.

Master of Ceremonies, Thomas Callahan, followed by his aides, Robert

Dassat, Commander of Dalton American Legion Post 155, and Arthur Filkins, Commander of Dalton V.F.W Post 9566.

After the parade concluded, the customary services were held at the Mound of the Unknown Dead in the Main Street Cemetery. The speaker of the day was Lawrence E. Brothers, Jr., Senior Vice Commander of the Dalton American Legion. Wahconah Regional High School students, Andrea Jenkins and Tyler Hastings spoke about what Memorial Day should mean to everyone. Others who participated in the program included Master of Ceremonies Thomas Callahan, retired principal of Wahconah Regional High School and John Ellis, Chaplain, of both the Dalton American Legion and the Dalton V.F.W. who read off the names of deceased Veterans of all wars along with names furnished from the Civil War era from the Historical Commission. Bagpiper Dennis Masengo then played Amazing Grace, Nessacus Regional Middle School band played Star Spangled Banner followed by an excellent rendition of America. Dalton American Legion Firing Squad paid tribute with the traditional firing followed by taps by students Eric Klem and Nathan Reiter of Nessacus Regional Middle School.

Invocation and Benediction given by Robert Jackson, Pastor of the First Methodist Church. Special thanks were extended to all the residents and friends who come out each year to honor us with their presence at the Memorial Day exercises. I would like to thank my Memorial Day Committee for their services which make this a success every year and in conclusion, a special thanks to our Cemetery Department workers who always have our cemeteries looking great.

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, past and current, who have donated their time and talents by serving as members of the Dalton Planning Board.

The Board consists of five residents elected by residents to a five-year term and one resident appointed by the Select Board to serve as an associated member. Planning Board meetings are scheduled to be held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7PM in the Town Hall Callahan Room. Additional meetings are held as they are required.

The Planning Board held ten regular monthly meetings in 2011. It also conducted five public hearings for matters such as Special Permit requests and zoning bylaw change proposals. 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. The Board has devoted a great deal of time

and effort in the past to address Zoning Bylaw update issues. Proposed zoning changes must be carefully considered to ensure they address a problem but do not allow unintended construction or uses that could have a negative effect on the character of the Town of Dalton. Unfortunately, zoning bylaw changes can also be initiated by citizen petition. These proposals may be well intended but generally are written to benefit a small number of property owners. The effect of these proposals on the character of Dalton and the overall impact on the majority of residents is rarely considered. I strongly urge all residents to be aware of what is on the warrant at the annual Town Meeting and particularly at Special Town Meetings. I hope you are able to attend these meetings and exercise your right to vote for what is best for Dalton.

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Jeffrey E. Coe, Chief of Police

Numerous changes have taken place within our department during the last year. First and foremost we wished Police Chief John W. Bartels, Jr. a heartfelt goodbye after 31 years of faithful service to our town. We also said goodbye to Senior Patrolman George W. Adams III who retired with 30 years of service. After 17 years of service, Reserve Officer Gerald Cahalan leaves us to begin his new career as Chief of the Dalton Fire Department. We wish success to Reserve Officers Seth Grizey (5 years service) and Brett Henault (2 years service) as they left for other job opportunities. Reserve Officer Gregg Stefanik has been called to active military duty for a third time and is stationed in Afghanistan. We wish Gregg well and a safe return. As you can deduce, our ranks within the department have changed dramatically leaving us shorthanded. We began rebuilding with the appointment of Officer Geoffrey D. Powell to full time. Geoff started the Western Mass. Police Academy February 6th. Residents Matthew Mozzi and William Munch were appointed as Reserve Officers and complete their training in May. It is only through the dedication and hard work by the men and women of this department that we are able to continue the high standard of policing our community has come to expect despite the decreased ranks.

The search for a new Chief was completed and I am honored to have been selected as your new Chief of Police. We hope to appoint a permanent Sergeant and fill the final patrol vacancy returning us to normal staffing levels. There have been several notable successful criminal investigations involving numerous house breaks, larcenies, sexual assaults and various drug crimes. Our officers have performed as professionals on all accounts. I attribute these successes to the officers' abilities in interview techniques, crime scene processing, attention to detail and incessant follow up after the initial call. Most importantly is their collaboration within the department, neighboring police agencies, the District At-

torney’s Office and the Berkshire County Sheriff’s Department. These successes are not about accolades for our officers but finding justice, providing closure for the victims of these sometimes heinous crimes and maintaining a peaceful quality of life in Dalton.

We continue to participate in several community policing programs including Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE), TRIAD, Police Explorers, Bike Patrol and School Emergency Planning Council. I am extremely proud of the newly reinstated School Resource Officer Program at Wahconah High School. Officer John Marley and Assistant Principal Martin Phillips have made the part time partnership more than a success. I would like to thank Superintendent Bill Cameron, Principal James Conro and the School Committee for recognizing the importance of such a program and allowing an officer back into the school.

We received approximately \$12,000 of grant funding or other external sources for the purchase of protective vests, training and equipment and participation in felony drug investigations throughout the county.

The 9th annual Dalton Police Association’s Officer of the Year award was presented to John L. Thibodeau. This is a peer recognition award for notable service in 2011. John is a thoughtful team player who promotes unity and growth. Congratulations John.

In conclusion, we are very excited about the future of the department. We have lengthy goals to ensure a level of excellence to the public. We strive to achieve these goals through effective communication, keeping public trust and advancing technology.

Dalton Police Department 2011 Statistics

Total call responses	13,818
Business and Non 911 Calls:	6,797
Officer Initiated responses	7,021
Intrusion Alarm Calls:	237
911 Calls:	986
Incidents:.....	456
Arrests:.....	214
Motor Vehicle Stops:	873
Motor Vehicle Accidents:.....	187
Motor Vehicle Citations Issued:.....	691
Citation Fines Received:	\$13,780
Parking Tickets Issued:	99
Parking Fines Levied:	\$775
Firearm Permits Issued:	121
Firearm Permit Fees Received:.....	\$2,512
Copies of report	FY 11 \$1,317.26

Accident forms and license to carry firearm applications can be found online at www.dalton-ma.gov under town services.

INSPECTOR OF WIRING

John M. Broderick, Inspector

Service Work.....	15
New Homes.....	2
Additions.....	13
Misc. Elec. Work.....	19
Pools.....	2
Security Alarm System	5
Commercial Addition.....	3
Solar System	1
Furnaces	15
Total permits issued	75

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Paul K. Vacchina, Sealer

For period commencing January 1, 2011 and ending December 31, 2011 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 for Gas Pumps</i>	<i>Number of Each</i>	<i>Last Date of Certification</i>
5 Gallons	1	2009

<i>Scales</i>	<i>Sealed</i>
Under 100 lbs	6
5,000- 10,000 lbs	

<i>Automatic Liquid Measuring Devices</i>	<i>Sealed</i>
Gasoline	48

SHADE TREE DEPARTMENT

Peter B. Bacon, Tree Warden

This past year was very exciting for this department. In May of 2011 Sugar Hill a senior living community asked the town to participate in the planting of an oak tree to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the planting of a similar tree by President Howard Taft. Sugar Hill is the former home of Governor Winthrop Murray Crane. The massive oak still stands today next to driveway near the former mansion. The joint Arbor Day event was attended by state and local political leaders and enjoyed by many of the residents. Dalton was named Tree City USA for the 11th year.

The Massachusetts Tree Wardens and Foresters Association presented the Tree Warden of The Year award for 2011 to me at their annual conference. I was very appreciative to receive this award but am quick to point out the many people inside and out of town government who make my job so much easier. These include Administrative Assistant Debby Merry who nominated me. Debby is my main connection to residents when they call town hall about tree issues. Highway Superintendent Dave Laviolette and his dedicated staff go out of their way to make this department succeed. I would also like to thank Town Manager Ken Walto for his support and guidance on the operations of town government. The Beatification Commission has also helped out on any request I have asked of them. I am very grateful to the many volunteers who have planted numerous trees throughout town in the past 14 years.

The Shade Tree Department continued its effort to keep residents safe from hazard trees. A total of 19 hazard trees were removed and 15 trees pruned. It also shared in the cost of removing 1 stump from a town tree. Due to budget constraints this department offers a shared cost of stump removal from trees taken down by the town. As budgets get tighter it may be necessary to put off some removals until funds become available. I ask for residents patients should this occur, as we will eventually get to them.

TOWN ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

Sandra J. Albano, Town Accountant

I am pleased to submit the 35th Annual Report of the Town Accountant for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2011.

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

The FY11 books have been closed and submitted to the Department of Revenue. Free Cash has been certified at \$743,511. for use in FY12. The Town of Dalton continues to battle financially with our diminishing levy capacity. In the FY12 budget process, Salaries and Expenses were level funded and Free Cash of \$500K was used to balance the budget and set the Tax Rate.

The FY13 budget process has begun and we are faced with the challenge of balancing the budget. All departments are working hard to level fund expenditures and find ways to decrease spending.

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 these two departments face.

Schedule 1: Combined Balance Sheet, June 30, 2011

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Type	Account Group	Totals
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Trust & Agency	Long Term Debt	Memorandum Only
ASSETS						
Cash and Cash Equivalents	1,687,186	368,649	234,884	1,981,883		4,272,602
Receivables						
Property Taxes	156,912					156,912
Excise Taxes	80,818					80,818
Tax Liens	207,859					207,859
Departmental	5,824	12,014				17,838
User Charges	30,679					30,679
Less: Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts	(69,572)					(69,572)
Tax Foreclosures	127,678					127,678
Due From Other Governments	25	421,341				421,366
Due From Other Agencies						
Due From Other Funds				206		206
Amount to be Provided for the Payment of Debt					1,597,229	1,597,229
Total Assets:	2,227,409	802,004	234,884	1,982,090	1,597,229	6,843,616
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY						
Liabilities:						
Vendor Warrants Payable	46,986	1,003				47,989
Payroll Warrants Payable						
Accrued Payroll	33,373	184				33,557
Accrued Employer Taxes	370					370
Employee Withholdings	19,394					19,394
Due to Other Governments				825		825
Due to Other Funds	206					206

Schedule 1: Combined Balance Sheet, June 30, 2011

	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	399			43,540		43,939
Undistributed Receipts	410					410
Unclaimed Items	2,251					2,251
Prepaid Highway Excavation Fees	750					750
Deferred Revenue						-
Property Taxes	87,340					87,340
Tax Liens	207,859					207,859
Tax Foreclosure	127,678					127,678
Other	117,321	433,355				550,676
BANS Payable			512,000			512,000
Performance Bond Deposits						-
Bond Indebtedness					1,597,229	1,597,229
Total Liabilities:	644,338	434,542	512,000	44,365	1,597,229	3,232,474
Fund Equity:						
Reserved for Encumbrances	106,296					130,236
Reserved for Expenses	580,000	8,725	15,215			580,000
Reserved for Overlay Released	13,800					13,800
Reserved for Payment of Debt	69,776					69,776
Reserved for Nonexpendable Trust Principal				125,100		125,100
Undesignated	813,199	358,737	(292,331)	1,812,625		2,692,230
Total Fund Equity	1,583,071	367,462	(277,116)	1,937,725	-	3,611,142
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity:	2,227,409	802,004	234,884	1,982,090	1,597,229	6,843,616

Schedule 1 - A
Special Revenue Funds
Fund Equity for the Year Ended June 30, 2011

	Balance 7/1/10	Revenues	Prior Year Corrections	Transfers In	Expenses	Transfers Out	Balance 6/30/11
Animal Kennel Donations	13	-	-	-	-	-	13
Beautification Commission Donations	563	900	-	-	430	-	1,033
BJA Recovery Act JAG Grant-Federal	-	6,437	-	-	7,417	-	(980) *
CATV Local Broadcasting	-	97,874	-	-	97,874	-	-
Cemetery Repair Donations	10,000	-	-	-	-	-	10,000
Cemetery Vandalism Restitution	383	-	-	-	-	-	383
COA Formula Grant	2,124	7,872	-	-	10,086	-	(90)
COA Gifts/Donations/Programs	6,967	14,096	-	-	5,966	-	15,097
COA Incentive Grant	890	-	-	-	-	-	890
COA Transportation Fund	7,303	10,574	-	-	9,588	-	8,289
Community Development Block Grant	15,470	11,544	-	23,227	-	36,000	14,241
Community Septic Mgt.	18,000	-	-	-	-	-	18,000
Composting Bin Grant	494	-	-	-	-	-	494
Cultural Council	4,507	3,885	-	-	4,601	-	3,791
Cultural Council Donations	779	-	-	-	-	-	779
Dalton Papers	3,285	-	-	-	-	-	3,285
DARE Program Receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dog License Revolving	3,000	24,284	-	-	618	23,666	3,000
Drug Task Force Byrne Grant	7,566	5,129	-	-	6,009	-	6,686
Electric Inspections Revolving	1,575	4,980	-	-	4,980	-	1,575
Extended Polling Hours	-	956	-	-	951	-	5
Gov's Hwy Sfty Bureau Grants	(872)	2,405	-	-	1,519	-	14
Grave Digging OT Revolving	2,500	1,085	-	-	582	503	2,500
Highway Chapter Funds	1	42,864	-	-	42,976	-	(111) *
Historical Commission	5,031	428	-	-	895	-	4,564
Insurance Claims Under \$10,000	9,555	11,484	-	-	3,195	-	17,844
Legal Advertising Revolving	3,000	1,350	-	-	982	368	3,000
Library Donations	10,689	825	-	-	2,662	-	8,852
Library Incentive Grant	32,767	8,633	-	-	7,420	-	33,980
MA Releaf Grant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Misc. Non-Recurring Grants/Gifts	35,715	7,000	-	-	4,970	-	37,745
Municipal Recycling Program Grant	614	-	-	-	-	-	614
Parks Maintenance Revolving	40	360	-	-	-	-	400
Planning Board Deposits-BCC Cnslt	2,100	-	-	-	-	-	2,100
Planning Board Deposits-PineCrest	350	-	-	-	-	-	350
Planning Board Engineering Follow-Up	3,474	-	-	-	-	-	3,474
Plumbing Inspections Revolving	-	10,260	-	-	10,260	-	-
Police Dept Local Gifts	323	-	-	-	314	-	9
Police Outside Detail	7,833	117,912	-	-	117,993	-	7,752
Police Vest Grant	(4,770)	5,565	-	-	1,590	-	(795) *
Receipts Reserved for Appropriation	153,391	-	-	-	-	-	153,391
Records Preservation Project	592	-	-	-	-	-	592
Skateboard Park Donations	1,841	-	-	-	-	-	1,841
Small Cities Grant Recapture	21,027	2,200	-	-	-	23,227	-
State 911 Comm Dept Incentive Grant	(11,466)	139,405	-	-	127,939	-	-
Wetlands Protection Fund	2,352	801	-	-	298	-	2,855
Total Fund Equity	359,006	541,108	-	23,227	472,115	83,764	367,462

*BJA Recovery Act Grant - Receipt of \$980 on 08/03/11 from Department of justice

*Highway Chapter 90 - REfund of \$112 received 07/12/11 from Vendor due to overpayment of a Chapter 90 Expenditure

*Police Vest Grant - Receipt of \$795 on 07/22/11 from State

Schedule 1-B: Capital Projects Fund Equity for The Year Ended June 30, 2011

	Balance 07/01/10	Transfers		Expenses	Transfer Out	Fund Equity Balance 6/30/11	Grant Revenues Anticipated	Temporary Borrowing Issued	Projects	
		In	Out						Authorized	Not Complete
Capital Projects - Departmental	11,966	-	-	2,991	-	8,975	-	-	-	62,975
Capital Projects - Building	49,767	-	-	47,177	-	2,590	-	-	-	2,590
COA Senior Center - Building	674,388	-	-	1,152,600	-	(478,212)	-	512,000	-	33,788
Landfill Closure	148,281	-	-	-	-	148,281	-	-	-	148,281
South Street Project	48,836	-	-	7,586	-	41,250	-	-	-	41,250
Housatonic Street Project	2,974	-	-	2,974	-	-	-	-	-	-
	936,212	-	-	1,213,328	-	(277,116)	-	512,000	-	288,884

Temporary Borrowing of \$512,000 was issued June 15, 2011.

**Schedule 1-C: Trust and Agency Funds
Fund Equity and Liabilities for the Year Ended June 30, 2011**

Fund Equity:	Balance 7/1/10	Receipts	Due from Others	Transfers In	Expenses	Transfers Out	Fund Equity Balance 06/30/11
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	44,278	2,035	-	-	13,270	-	33,043
Library	120,046	3,694	-	-	55	-	123,685
School	77,972	1,805	-	-	-	-	79,777
Local Law Enforcement	936	1,919	-	-	1,081	-	1,774
	243,232	9,453	-	-	14,406	-	238,279
STABILIZATION FUNDS:							
General Stabilization	219,965	1,507	-	88,000	-	88,470	221,002
Capital Stabilization	1,131,299	7,891	206	88,000	-	254,940	972,457
Litigation Stabilization	262,858	1,941	-	-	-	40,000	224,799
Sewer Stabilization	10,089	81	-	25,000	-	-	35,170
	1,624,211	11,420	206	201,000	-	383,410	1,453,428
Pension Reserve Fund	120,433	485	-	-	-	-	120,918
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	2,112,976	21,358	206	201,000	14,406	383,410	1,937,725

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

	Balance 07/01/10	Receipts	Due from Others	Transfers In	Disbursements	Transfers Out	Balance Due to Others 6/30/11
Liabilities:							
AGENCY FUNDS:							
Dalton Fire District	3,163	417,442	-	-	420,605	-	-
Dalton Redevelopment Authority Operations	-	2,973	-	43,697	3,595	-	43,075
Deputy Collector Fees	7,651	14,323	-	-	21,974	-	-
Parking Clerk Fees	15	20	-	-	25	-	10
Town Clerk Fees	-	12,656	-	-	12,656	-	-
Town Collector Fees	475	17,000	-	-	17,020	-	455
State Share of Gun Permit Receipts	375	8,588	-	-	8,138	-	825
TOTAL LIABILITIES	11,679	473,002	-	43,697	484,013	-	44,365
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity:	2,124,655	494,360	206	244,697	498,419	383,410	1,982,090

**Schedule 2: General Fund Revenues, Budget to Actual
For the Year Ended, June 30, 2011**

	FY11 Estimated	FY11 Actual	Variance FY11 Budget To FY11 Actual
<u>SEWER OFFSET RECEIPTS</u>			
Sewer Late Fees #4245		6,430	
Sewer User Prior Yr Abate/Refunds		(420)	
Sewer User Fees FY09, #4246-10		5,420	
Sewer User Fees FY10, #4246-11		650,758	
Sewer Lien Fees #4247		21,091	
Sewer Hook-Up Charges #4467		500	
Hinsdale Sewer Bill #4746		45,625	
	<u>692,742</u>	<u>729,404</u>	<u>36,662</u>
<u>ESTIMATED LOCAL RECEIPTS:</u>			
Motor Vehicle Excise, #4150			
2005 & Prior		492	
2006		46	
2007		361	
2008		733	
2009		4,538	
2010		106,695	
2011		598,844	
	<u>650,000</u>	<u>711,709</u>	<u>61,709</u>
<u>Other Excise,</u>			
Farm Animal Excise #4162		-	
Classified Forest Land #4163		-	
Forest Products Tax #4164		-	
Hotel/Meals Tax		22,828	
	<u>20,000</u>	<u>22,828</u>	<u>2,828</u>
<u>Penalties & Interest on Taxes & Excise:</u>			
Interest & Penalties on Taxes #4171		33,466	
Interest & Penalties on Tax Titles #4172		13,781	
Interest & Penalties on Sewer User #4173			
Interest & Penalties on Other A/R #4174		16	
Income & Expense Penalties Added to Tax #4190		100	
	<u>17,000</u>	<u>47,363</u>	<u>30,363</u>
<u>Payment in Lieu of Taxes</u>			
Trailer Park Fees #4165		4,608	
Pmts in Lieu of Taxes #4180		-	
Pinegrove Manor Pilot #4181		1,963	
	<u>6,900</u>	<u>6,571</u>	<u>(329)</u>
<u>Other Charges for Services</u>			
Board of Appeals #4373		212	
Planning Board #4374		675	
Zoning #4375		100	
Sealer of Wgths/Measures #4466		540	
	<u>1,050</u>	<u>1,527</u>	<u>477</u>

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

	FY11 Estimated	FY11 Actual	Variance FY11 Budget To FY11 Actual
<u>Fees</u>			
Registry of Motor Vehicles #4175		5,880	
Municipal Lien Fees #4321		5,000	
Bad Check Fees #4330		400	
Alarm Fees #4331		-	
Default Warrant Removal Fee #4332		75	
Collector Late Fees Ch40 S21E #4333		5	
Duplicate Bill Fee #4382		1,449	
Communication Center Fees #4810		7,594	
Private Hauler Recycling Fee #4335		-	
Highway Excavation Fees #4377		3,500	
	<u>18,700</u>	<u>23,903</u>	<u>5,203</u>
Departmental Revenue Council on Aging #4379	-	-	-
Departmental Revenue Cemetery #4378	30,000	32,175	2,175
<u>Other Departmental Revenue</u>			
Town Clerk - Street List #4371		40	
Town Clerk - Other #4372		99	
Assessors Maps #4383		551	
Assessors' Infor Requests/auth #4384		135	
Dalton Fire District Tax Reimb. #4811		20,000	
Lanesborough ACO Reimb. #4337		4,667	
Photocopies #4391, 4392		214	
Town Maps #4393		42	
Recycled Goods #4329		11,491	
School Census #4841		3,564	
Charge for Bid Specs #4380		1,850	
Bicentennial Sales #4394		-	
Police Reports #4397		1,317	
Police - Outside Detail Admin Fee #4398		8,786	
Town Collector Miscellaneous #4844		250	
	<u>28,494</u>	<u>53,006</u>	<u>24,512</u>
<u>Licenses & Permits</u>			
All Alcohol Licenses On Premise #4411		5,400	
Beer & Wine Licenses #4413		800	
All Other Alcohol Licenses Off Premise #4414		1,300	
Raffle Permits #4455		30	
Cable TV Franchise #4458		1,438	
Building Permits #4460		58,589	
Health Agent Receipts #4462		4,397	
Police Pistol Permits #4473		2,887	
Other Licenses & Permits #4499		7,170	
	<u>31,740</u>	<u>82,011</u>	<u>50,271</u>

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

	FY11 Estimated	FY11 Actual	Variance FY11 Budget To FY11 Actual
<u>Fines and Forfeits</u>			
Motor Vehicle Fines #4694		8,472	
District Court Restitution #4698		914	
Parking Fines #4771		265	
Library Fines #4772		2,625	
Unlicensed Dog Fines #4773		4,227	
Police Fines #4774		1,647	
Youth Tobacco Fines #4776		-	
Other Fines #4775		-	
	<u>30,800</u>	<u>18,150</u>	<u>(12,650)</u>
<u>Investment Income</u>			
Earnings on Investment #4820		10,772	
	<u>15,000</u>	<u>10,772</u>	<u>(4,228)</u>
<u>Miscellaneous Recurring</u>			
Miscellaneous Revenue #4840		1,210	
Miscellaneous State Revenue #4699		-	
	<u>6,000</u>	<u>1,210</u>	<u>(4,790)</u>
<u>Miscellaneous Non-Recurring</u>			
Miscellaneous Revenue #4840		13,723	
Miscellaneous State Revenue #4699		80	
Miscellaneous Federal Revenue #4540		-	
Workman's Comp Refund #4843		1,000	
Sale of Surplus Inventory #4815		-	
Premium/Accrued Interest on Bonds #4930		-	
	<u>-</u>	<u>14,803</u>	<u>14,803</u>
TOTAL ESTIMATED LOCAL RECEIPTS:	<u>855,684</u>	<u>1,026,028</u>	<u>170,344</u>
<u>CHERRY SHEET REVENUE: (NET OF CHERRY SHEET OFFSETS)</u>			
Exemptions: Vets, Blind, Srvg. Spouse, Elderly #4617, 4616	28,350	45,475	17,125
State Owned Land #4611	46,107	46,107	-
School Aid (Ch70) #4621	205,657	205,657	-
Regional Transportation #4637	-	9,125	9,125
Police Career Incentive #4661	3,730	3,513	(217)
Veterans Benefits #4667	-	-	-
Unrestricted General Gov. Aid #4671	962,329	962,329	-
General Fund Supplemental	-	-	-
Highway Fund #4672	-	-	-
	<u>1,246,173</u>	<u>1,272,206</u>	<u>26,033</u>
TOTAL GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS	<u>2,794,599</u>	<u>3,027,638</u>	<u>233,039</u>

**Schedule 3: General Fund Appropriations, Expenditures and Encumbrances
For the Year Ended June 30, 2011**

Dept #	Department Title	Total Final Budget Including FY10 Carry Forwards	Salary Expended	Vendor Payments Expended	Year End Department Balance	Amt. Encum- bered or Carried Forward to FY11	Closing Entries	Unencumbered Balance
114	Moderator	451	351	-	100	-	-	100
122	Select Board	20,588	17,166	2,333	1,089	-	-	1,089
123	Town Manager	131,529	123,950	4,963	2,616	-	-	2,616
131	Finance Committee	185	-	173	12	-	-	12
132	Reserve Fund	27,053	-	-	27,053	-	-	27,053
133	Prior Year Bills	1,368	1,367	-	1	-	-	1
135	Accountant	48,509	41,349	6,572	588	-	-	588
138	Group Purchasing	600	-	450	150	-	-	150
139	Town Audit	17,000	-	16,500	500	-	-	500
141	Assessors	99,973	79,569	12,068	8,336	-	-	8,336
142	Triennial Revaluation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
143	Town Re-Mapping	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
145	Treasurer	91,023	69,255	7,257	14,511	-	-	14,511
146	Town Collector	70,158	55,066	13,720	1,372	-	-	1,372
151	Town Counsel	45,000	-	42,462	2,538	-	-	2,538
152	Telephone	14,240	-	11,928	2,312	-	-	2,312
154	Recording Secretary	4,440	3,382	-	1,058	-	-	1,058
157	Computer	6,850	-	6,520	330	-	-	330
158	Postage Meter	17,136	-	14,011	3,125	-	-	3,125
159	Tax Title Foreclosures	2,500	-	585	1,915	-	-	1,915
161	Town Clerk	77,976	65,800	3,422	8,754	4,335	-	4,419
162	Elections	14,969	5,259	6,197	3,513	-	-	3,513
163	Board of Registrars	9,015	4,630	2,193	2,192	-	-	2,192
171	Conservation	1,846	-	503	1,343	-	-	1,343
175	Planning Board/Board of Appls	23,218	23,218	-	300	-	-	300
182	Development & Industrial Commission	910	-	910	-	-	-	-
191	Old Dalton High Maintenance	7,100	-	5,301	1,799	-	-	1,799

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

Dept # Department Title	Total Final Budget		Vendor		Year End		Closing Entries	Unencumbered Balance
	Including FY10 Carry Forwards	Salary Expended	Payments Expended	Department Balance	Amt. Encumbered or Carried Forward to FY11			
192 Building Maintenance	60,884	49,879	7,575	3,430	52		3,378	
195 Town Report	6,650	-	6,217	433			433	
196 Town Hall	70,964	1,589	67,695	1,680			1,680	
197 Central Supplies	15,800	-	15,345	455			455	
210 Police Department	908,198	802,803	72,145	33,250			33,250	
222 Communications	171,396	62,218	7,746	101,432			101,432	
240 Building Inspector	41,319	38,764	828	1,727			1,727	
244 Weights and Measures	1,368	1,268	-	100			100	
247 Meat & Cattle	1,288	1,279	-	9			9	
292 Animal Control	23,297	18,964	1,179	3,154			3,154	
293 Traffic Commission	-	-	-	-	-		-	
294 Forest Warden	3,497	1,531	234	1,732			1,732	
295 Emergency Management	7,097	3,347	2,606	1,144			1,144	
296 Tree Warden	17,996	1,996	15,780	220			220	
310 CBRSD	7,746,413	-	7,476,413	-			-	
320 Vocational Education	455,351	-	440,579	14,772			14,772	
401 Town Engineer	8,550	-	2,850	5,700	2,150		3,550	
420 Highway	420,788	319,500	100,598	690			690	
423 Snow and Ice	200,399	22,479	177,912	8			8	
424 Street Lights	87,470	-	80,766	6,704	1,000		5,704	
433 Landfill Closure	13,765	-	10,006	3,759			3,759	
434 Transfer Station	13,781	-	6,212	7,569			7,569	
440 Sewer	20,924	1,355	4,801	14,768			14,768	
449 Sewer Treatment	685,866	114	602,465	83,287			83,287	
491 Cemetery	74,152	51,303	16,289	6,560	500		6,060	
510 Health Agent/Board	27,706	29,294	818	594			594	
522 Visiting Nurse Association	6,417	-	6,409	8			8	
523 Berkshire Mental Health	2,143	-	2,143	-			-	

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

Dept # Department Title	Total Final Budget Including FY10		Vendor Payments		Year End		Closing Entries	Unencumbered Balance
	Carry Forwards	Salary Expended	Expended	Department Balance	Amt. Encumbered or Carried Forward to FY11	Balance		
541 Council on Aging	99,706	80,975	13,673	5,058	-	-	5,058	
543 Veterans Services	16,798	6,426	6,298	4,074	72	-	4,002	
591 Berkshire Regional Planning	4,383	-	4,382	1	-	-	1	
610 Library	173,372	117,194	49,161	7,017	1,352	-	5,665	
630 CRA - Parks Programs	86,455	-	86,455	-	-	-	-	
650 Parks Maintenance	42,368	27,478	10,423	4,467	-	-	4,467	
691 Historical Commission	600	-	600	-	-	-	-	
692 Memorial Day	1,970	-	1,808	162	-	-	162	
693 Cultural Activities	2,280	-	2,280	-	-	-	-	
710 Maturing Debt and Interest	468,607	-	468,103	504	-	-	504	
820 State Assessments	34,439	-	35,139	(700)	-	-	(700)	
911 Retirement	339,778	-	326,724	13,054	7,426	-	5,628	
913 Unemployment Insurance	32,270	-	12,198	20,072	1,235	-	18,837	
914 Health Insurance	724,105	-	689,302	34,803	-	-	34,803	
915 Life Insurance	6,500	-	5,023	1,477	-	-	1,477	
916 Town Share - Medicare	32,434	-	26,024	6,410	-	-	6,410	
919 Fringe Benefits	26,760	15,589	1,399	9,772	-	-	9,772	
932 FY03 Vote - Capital Projects	7,558	-	-	7,558	7,558	-	-	
932 FY04 Vote - Capital Projects	11,427	-	-	11,427	11,427	-	-	
932 FY07 Vote - Capital Projects	8,500	-	8,196	304	304	-	-	
932 FY08 Vote - Capital Projects	48,686	-	7,138	41,548	41,548	-	-	
932 FY09 Vote - Capital Projects	4,750	-	3,000	1,750	1,750	-	-	
932 FY11 Vote - Capital Projects	50,900	-	25,107	25,793	25,587	206	-	
941 Court Judgments & Claims	3,000	-	-	3,000	-	-	3,000	
945 Town Insurance Coverage	198,911	-	181,718	17,193	-	-	17,193	
950 Trust Fund Commissioners	229	-	-	229	-	-	229	
998 Transfer to Pension Reserve Fund 84	-	-	-	10,000	-	-	-	
TOTAL:	13,983,902	2,142,407	11,247,830	593,665	106,296	206	487,163	

Schedule 4: Schedule of Bond Indebtedness for the Year Ended June 30, 2011

Description	Interest Rate	Month/ Year Issued	Maturity Date	Final Amount Due	Original Amount Due	Outstanding
Outside Debt Limit:						
Landfill Closure - Refinanced	2.25%	12/15/1996	1/15/2012	1,500,000	1,500,000	98,000
Inside Debt Limit:						
Capital Projects Bonded FY06	4.35%	6/16/2006	6/15/2011	746,850	746,850	-
Capital Projects Bonded FY07	4.04%	6/15/2007	6/15/2012	130,103	130,103	24,103
Capital Projects Bonded FY08	4.15%	6/26/2008	6/15/2009	214,064	214,064	85,626
Capital Projects Bonded FY09	Various	6/1/2009	6/30/2019	240,332	240,332	192,263
Capital Projects Bonded FY09	Various	6/1/2009	6/30/2023	1,312,040	1,312,040	1,167,737
Capital Projects Bonded FY10	2.25%	9/1/2009	1/15/2012	89,500	89,500	29,500
Total:						1,597,229
Short Term:						
Bond Anticipation Note	0.95%	6/15/2011	12/15/11	512,000	512,000	512,000
Total:						512,000
Authorized and Unissued Debt						
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	51,338	-	50,000
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	-	-	-
Capital Project Senior Center	9/28/2009	512,000	-	-	-	512,000
Total Authorized and Unissued Debt		5,045,240	3,359,683	1,119,557		566,000

**Schedule 5: Analysis of General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance
For the Year Ended June 30, 2011**

Balance, 7/1/10		863,093
Adjustments:		
Completed Capital Projects Back to Stabilization	(206)	
Prior Year 2009 Real Estate Overpayment Refunded	(160)	
Water Lien Redemption Recorded as Prior Yr Tax Lien Revenue Refunded to Dalton Fire District	(232)	
	<hr/>	(598)
Open:		
Reserve for Encumbrances and Carry Forwards	(106,296)	
Reserve for FY12 Expenses	(580,000)	
Reserve for FY12 Capital Improvement Dept	(69,776)	
Reserve for Assessors Release of Overlay	(87,082)	
	<hr/>	(843,154)
Close:		
Dog Licenses over \$3,000 (Special Revenue)	23,666	
Legal Ad Revolving over \$3,000 (Special Revenue)	368	
Cemetery OT over \$2,000 (Special Revenue)	503	
Other Financing Sources	343,410	
Other Financing Uses	(168,697)	
Overlay Appropriated to Fund Snow & Ice Deficit	12,232	
Overlay Appropriated & Transferred to Capital Stabilization	38,000	
Overlay Appropriated & Transferred to General Stabilization	23,000	
Unappropriated Overlay to General Fund	50	
Prior Year Reserve for Encumbrances and Carry Forwards	147,112	
Prior Year Reserve for Expenses	495,000	
Expenditures	(13,390,237)	
Revenues	13,269,251	
	<hr/>	793,858
Ending Balance June 30, 2011		<u><u>813,199</u></u>

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. The Traffic Commission is deeply grateful to the many committees and Boards within the community and the citizens of Dalton for their support.

In 2011 the membership changed with the retirement of two valued members of the Traffic Commission. Chief John Bartels of the Dalton Police Department and Chief Richard Kardesan of the Fire Department retired after many dedicated years of service to the Town of Dalton. We wish John and Rick a happy and lengthy retirement and appreciate their service to the Town and the Traffic Commission. At the same time we welcome Chief Jeffrey Coe of the Dalton Police and Chief Gerald Cahalan of the Dalton Fire Department who joined the Traffic Commission.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Sharon M. Messenger, Town Treasurer

I am pleased to submit my annual report for Fiscal 2011. It has been a very busy year in our office with many new challenges and changes and more to come.

This office continues to work on our tax title accounts by entering into payment plans with the owners whenever possible. Presently we have seven people on payment plans and six parcels that are being foreclosed on.

I would like to thank my Assistant Treasurer, Dawn Fahey for all of her hard work and dedication throughout the past year. Dawn was able to pursue a retiree drug subsidy reimbursement for the Town which took her weeks of research and input. We received a reimbursement in September 2011 of \$12,892.19, and she continues to do research for the following years.

GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES

Personal Property Taxes 2011	281,643.64
Personal Property Taxes Prior Year	1,468.52
Real Estate Taxes 2011	9,743,443.68
Real Estate Taxes Prior Years	164,595.90
Motor Vehicle Taxes 2011	598,843.64
Motor Vehicle Taxes 2010	106,694.55
Motor Vehicle Taxes Prior Years	6,170.47
Interest and Penalties on Taxes	33,466.18

Inc & Exp Penalty added to Tax	100.00
	<hr/> 10,936,426.58

TAX LIENS RECEIVABLES

Tax Liens	50,660.71
Interest and Penalties	13,781.01
	<hr/> 64,441.72

STATE RECEIPTS (CHERRY SHEET)

State Owned Land	46,107.00
Elderly Persons	15,562.00
Lottery, Beano, Charity	962,329.00
Police Career Incentive	3,512.67
School Aid (Chapter 70)	205,657.00
Hotel/Meals Local Tax	22,828.53
Veterans Blind Surviving Spouse	29,913.00
	<hr/> 1,285,909.20

STATE COMMONWEALTH OF MA. RECEIPTS

Small Cities Recapture	2,200.00
Extended Polling Hours	956.00
911-Dept. Support and Incentive	139,404.65
Arts Cultural Council	3,870.00
Police Vest Grant	5,565.00
Council on Aging Formula Grant	7,872.17
Traffic Enforcement Grant	2,405.02
Library Incentive Grant	8,633.17
Motor Vehicle Fines	8,472.50
Highway Chapter Money	42,864.00
Transportation of Vocational Students	9,125.00
Miscellaneous State Revenue	80.00
	<hr/> 231,447.51

OTHER GOVERNMENTAL REVENUE

Receipts Drug Task Force	5,128.35
Communications Center Services	7,594.00
Berkshire District Court Restitution	914.00
Hinsdale Sewer Services	45,625.00
Miscellaneous Grants	6,000.00
BJA Recovery Act Grant JAG Program	6,437.19
Miscellaneous Gifts	1,000.00
Default Warrant Removal Fee	75.00
	<hr/> 72,773.54

GENERAL GOVERNMENT- CHARGES FOR SERVICES/FEES

Lanesborough ACO Shared Expense	4,666.87
Bid Specs	1,850.00
Registry of Motor Vehicle Charges	5,880.00
Trailer Park Fees	4,608.00
Sewer Late Fees	6,430.00
Sewer User Fee 2011	650,757.81

Sewer User Fees Prior Year	4,999.82
Sewer Liens 2011	18,551.89
Sewer Liens Prior Years	2,539.70
Municipal Lien Fees	5,000.00
Bad Check Fees	400.00
Sale of Street Lists	40.00
Highway Excavation Fees	3,500.00
Cemetery Charges	32,175.00
Assessors Maps	551.00
Police Reports	1,317.26
Police Outside Detail Admin Fee	8,786.01
Cable TV Franchise Fee	1,437.50
Sewer Hook up Charges	500.00
Library Fines	2,625.07
Unlicensed Dog Fines	4,227.50
Police Fines	1,646.50
Recycled Goods	11,490.92
Parking Fines	285.00
Duplicate Bill Charge	1,449.00
Assessors Info. Request	135.00
Wetland Protection Fund	800.97
Collector's Late Fee	5.00
Interest and Penalties on AR	16.44
Pilot Payments Pine Grove Manor	1,962.72
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	778,634.98

GENERAL GOVERNMENT- LICENSES/PERMITS

Planning Board	675.00
Zoning Board/Zoning By-Laws	100.00
Alcohol Licenses	5,400.00
Beer and Wine Licenses	800.00
All Other Alcohol Licenses	1,300.00
Raffle Permits	30.00
Building Permits	58,589.30
Health Agent	4,397.20
Sealer of Weights and Measurers	540.00
Police Pistol Permits	2,887.50
Board of Appeals Postage	212.00
All other Licenses and Permits	7,170.00
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	82,101.00

MISCELLANEOUS GENERAL REVENUE

Beautification Committee Donations	900.00
Town Collector Miscellaneous Revenue	250.00
Council on Aging Van Receipts	10,573.99
Council on Aging Gifts/Donations	14,096.25
Photo Copies	134.65
Town Clerk Other	98.64
Town Maps	42.00
Grave Digging Overtime	1,085.00

Library Copier	79.00	
Library Donations	825.00	
School Census	3,564.00	
Miscellaneous Revenue	14,932.63	
Historical Donations	428.00	
Insurance Claims Under \$10,000	11,484.11	
Local Law Trust Receipts	1,916.25	
Workers Comp Reimbursement	1,000.00	
		61,409.52
AGENCIES		
Community Development Program Payback	11,491.00	
Park Maintenance Revolving	360.00	
Rental Income 339 North	2,900.00	
Revenue Dalton Redevelopment	73.15	
Authority Operations		
Warner Cable TV Franchise	97,873.63	
Fees/Warrants	6,640.00	
Dog Licenses	24,283.97	
CDBG Program Pay Back Interest	53.25	
Legal Advertising	1,350.00	
Plumbing Inspections	10,260.00	
Electrical Inspections	4,980.00	
Deputy Collector Fees	14,323.29	
Police Outside Detail	117,912.45	
Fees Retained by Town Collector	10,360.00	
Fees Retained by Town Clerk	12,656.03	
		315,516.77
EARNINGS ON INVESTMENTS		
General Funds	10,772.32	
Local Law Enforcement Trust	2.25	
Capital Stabilization	7,891.40	
Litigation Stabilization	1,940.44	
General Stabilization	1,507.18	
Pension Reserve Funds	485.28	
Arts Cultural Council	14.92	
Sewer Stabilization	80.84	
		22,694.63
TOTAL ALL RECEIPTS FY 2011		13,851,355.45

TRUST FUNDS

ARTS CULTURAL COUNCIL

Balance June 30, 2010	\$4,323.35	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts Grant	\$3,870.00	
Warrants FY 2011	\$(4,416.78)	
Interest Earned FY 2011	\$14.24	
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Balance June 30, 2011		\$3,790.81

ARTS CULTURAL COUNCIL MATCHING FUNDS

Balance June 30, 2010	\$183.54	
Interest Earned FY 2011	\$0.68	
Warrants FY 2011	\$(184.22)	
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Balance June 30, 2011		-

PENSION TRUST FUNDS

Balance June 30, 2010	\$120,433.10	
Transfer from General Fund		
Interest Earned FY 2011	\$485.28	
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Balance June 30, 2011		\$120,918.38

GENERAL FUND STABILIZATION TRUST

Balance June 30, 2010	\$215,212.66	
Interest Earned FY 2011	\$1,507.18	
Transfers Out	\$(88,470.00)	
Transfers In	\$92,752.00	
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Balance June 30, 2011		\$221,001.84

CAPITAL FUND STABILIZATION TRUST

Balance June 30, 2010	\$1,021,543.41	
Transfers in Special Town Meeting	\$197,755.62	
Transfers out Special Town Meeting	\$(254,940.00)	
Interest Earned FY 2011	\$7,891.40	
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Balance June 30, 2011		\$972,250.43

LITIGATION FUND STABILIZATION TRUST

Balance June 30, 2010	\$262,858.55	
Interest Earned FY 2011	\$1,940.44	
Transfers Out	\$(40,000.00)	
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Balance June 30, 2011		\$224,798.99

SEWER FUND STABILIZATION TRUST

Balance June 30, 2010	\$10,089.04	
Interest Earned FY 2011	\$80.84	
Transfers In	\$25,000.00	

Balance June 30, 2011	<u>\$35,169.88</u>
PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS	
Non-Expendable Funds	\$60,000.00
Receipts	\$500.00
Expendable Funds	<u>\$54,945.00</u>
	\$115,445.00
Interest Balance June 2010	\$64,601.76
Interest Income FY 2011	\$3,693.73
Transfers Out	\$(55.00)
Reimbursement of Expenditure	<u>\$68,240.49</u>
	\$183,685.49
Balance Library Trust Fund June 30, 2011	
CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS	
Non-Expendable Funds	\$35,100.00
Expendable Funds	<u>\$2,955.00</u>
	\$38,055.00
Interest Balance June 30, 2010	\$41,322.74
Warrants FY 2011	\$(13,270.00)
Interest Income FY 2011	<u>\$2,035.25</u>
	\$30,087.99
	\$68,142.99
Balance Cemetery Trust June 30, 2011	
SCHOOL TRUST FUNDS	
Non-Expendable Funds	<u>\$30,000.00</u>
	\$30,000.00
Interest Balance June 30, 2010	\$77,971.48
Interest Income June 30, 2011	<u>\$1,805.14</u>
	\$79,776.62
	\$109,776.62
Balance School Trust June 30, 2011	
LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT	
Balance June 30, 2010	\$936.01
Receipts FY 2011	\$1916.25
Expenditures FY 2011	\$(1,080.81)
Interest Income FY 2011	<u>\$2.25</u>
	\$1,773.70
Balance Local Law June 30, 2011	\$1,773.70

MATURING DEBT AND INTEREST SCHEDULE FY 2011

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	\$1,402,000.00	1/15/11	2,512.50	\$98,000.00
Refunded	9/1/09					\$98,000.00
Balance as of June 30, 2011						
Capital Projects FY 06	6/16/06	\$380,250.00	\$380,250.00	6/16/11	\$1,391.72	-
Highway Projects	6/16/06	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00	6/16/11	\$2,175.50	-
Library/Senior Center	6/16/06	\$116,600.00	\$116,600.00	6/16/11	\$1,000.28	-
						-
Capital Projects FY 07	6/15/07	\$121,028.00	\$98,606.50	6/16/11	\$2,071.36	\$22,421.50
Library/Senior Center	6/15/07	\$9,075.00	\$7,393.50	6/16/11	\$77.59	\$1,681.50
						\$24,103.00
Capital Projects FY 08	6/26/08	\$214,064.44	\$128,438.68	1/15/11	\$5,330.22	\$85,625.76
Town Hall Renovations	6/1/09	\$1,110,000.00	\$123,023.00	1/15/11	\$36,623.10	\$986,977.00
Communications Center	6/1/09	\$202,040.00	\$21,280.00	1/15/11	\$6,738.06	\$180,760.00
Roads	6/1/09	\$98,157.00	\$19,633.00	1/15/11	\$2,650.18	\$78,524.00
Capital Projects	6/1/09	\$142,175.00	\$28,436.00	1/15/11	\$3,838.68	\$113,739.00
						\$1,360,000.00
Capital Projects	9/1/09	\$89,500.00	\$60,000.00	1/15/11	\$1,338.76	\$29,500.00
Senior Center BAN	6/15/11	\$512,000.00	-	12/15/11		\$512,000.00

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Barbara L. Suriner, Town Clerk

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

The Town Clerk is also responsible for recording and certifying all official actions of the Town, including Town Meeting legislation and appropriations, Planning and Zoning Board decisions, signs all notes for borrowing, keeps the Town Seal, and submits all General and Zoning Bylaws to the Attorney General for approval and maintains the Town Code. Newly enacted Ethics and Open Meeting laws require all employees, volunteers and vendors to receive a transcript of both laws yearly and to also take an online test upon employment 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 54 Cemetery Department Burial Permits; 47 Business Certificates and 11 Discontinuance of Business Certificates; 1,235 dog licenses; 301 fish and game licenses and stamps; 6 permits for raffles and bazaars; along with other various state licenses and permits. Chapter 40, Section 21D requires the Town Clerk to collect District Court fines for noncriminal disposition, not limited to but including Animal Control, Junk Car, False Alarm, Snow and Ice Removal, Alcoholic Beverages, Town Parks Playground, Failure to Pay Municipal Charges & Bills, Zoning, Noise Control, Smoking, Hawkers and Peddlers, Uniform Numbering System of Dwellings Bylaws and Board of Health Youth Possession Regulation violations Under the Animal Control Bylaw adopted December, 1993, dog licenses are due January 1 of each year regardless of when the census is mailed out; with a \$10 late fee effective February 1, and a \$25 per dog Failure to License fine after April 1. Dog licensing information along with the form to license by mail is available on the Town website. In 2011, owners paid 352 late fees, 155 fines for unlicensed dogs, 13 unrestrained dogs, 44 dogs and cats not vaccinated against rabies, 2 citations for failure to attach tag, in addition to holding fees and miscellaneous fines. Thirty-six cases were filed at District Court which adds an additional charge of \$25 to cover the administrative 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 44 birth, 102 death and 16 marriage records contributing to the basis for the Commonwealth's Central Vital Registration system. In addition, we processed 18 Intentions of Marriage (2 were unused), issuing 16 Marriage Licenses; and issued 535 certified copies of births, deaths and marriages in 2011, 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 any changes in the State's Open Meeting and Conflict of Interest Laws; and are responsible for posting meetings and agendas of all governmental bodies, in two places 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, various 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, I 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 nine 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". I am happy to report that the second large binder of these very old individual historical documents was preserved in 2012 and invite all interested parties to call and make arrangements to inspect this priceless heritage as we must oversee the handling of the books.

I extend sincere appreciation to my Assistant, Michelle PH White and also want to express gratitude to my former Assistant 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 for the past 35 years which is very much appreciated.

DOG LICENSES ISSUED/FINES COLLECTED

(Please note that Dog Licenses are due January 1 each year regardless of when the census is received)

Males	102
Neutered Males	445
Females	75
Spayed Females	548
Commercial Kennel	1
Multiple Pet Permit (4 – 6 Dogs)	(Dogs) 60
Transfer Licenses	4
Total 2011 Dog Licenses Issued	1,235
Total Number Late Fees Assessed	352
Total License/Late Fee Amount Paid To Town Treasurer	\$ 25,486.36
Total Animal Control/Police Fines, Court Fees &	
Misc. Paid To Town Treasurer	\$ 5,903.14
TOTAL AMOUNT PAID TO TOWN TREASURER	\$ 31,389.50

VITAL STATISTICS

Births	44
Deaths	102
Marriages	16

FISH & WILDLIFE LICENSES ISSUED

Resident Fishing	30
Resident Minor Fishing Ages 15-17	1
Resident Fishing Age 65-69 (HALF PRICE)	4
Resident Fishing Handicapped/Over 70 (FREE)	11
Non-Resident Fishing	6
Non-Resident Fishing (3 Day)	2
Trapping	2
Resident Citizen Hunting	5
Resident Citizen Hunting Age 65-69 (HALF PRICE)	2

Non-Resident Hunting (Big Game)	3
Resident Citizen Sporting	44
Resident Citizen Sporting Age 65-69 (HALF PRICE)	5
Resident Sporting Age 70 & over (FREE)	38
Duplicate Sporting	1
Archery Stamp	15
Primitive Firearms Stamp	24
Waterfowl Stamp	3
Wildlands Conservation Stamp – Resident	94
Wildlands Conservation Stamp – Non-Resident	11
Total Number of Licenses/Stamps Issued	301
Amount Paid to MA Division Fisheries & Wildlife	\$ 3,980.25

DUE TO STATE CHANGES IN THE LICENSING PROCESS, WE WILL NO LONGER BE SELLING FISH & GAME LICENSES. WE RECOMMEND THAT YOU OBTAIN YOUR LICENSES AT THE MA WILDLIFE OFFICE LOCATED AT 88 OLD WINDSOR ROAD AS THEY DO NOT ADD FEES.

TOWN COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Jane A. Carman, CMMC

At the Annual Town Meeting on May 3, 2010, the voters of Dalton accepted Chapter 59 Section 57C of the Massachusetts General Laws for the purpose of providing for quarterly payment of taxes to commence with the 2011 fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2010. This means that tax bills are due four times a year, the due dates being August 1, November 1, February 1, and May 1. The first two quarters are Preliminary bills, based on last year's tax rate and assessment. The third and fourth quarter are based on the new fiscal year tax rate, and any change in the property valuation.

Real Estate, Fire District, Personal Property, and Fire Personal Property Taxes are all on the quarterly billing format. The first and second quarter vouchers are mailed together by July 1st. The first quarter is due August 1st; the attached second quarter voucher should be retained and sent in by November 1st. The third and fourth quarter vouchers are mailed together by January 1st. The third quarter is due February 1st; the attached fourth quarter voucher should be retained and sent in by May 1st.

Sewer bills remain due semi-annually; Cycle #1 October 1st, and Cycle #2 April 1st.

Motor Vehicle bills are due 30 days from the date of issue; as of 2011 the due date is printed on the bills. Previously, only the date of issue was printed.

I remain grateful for Asistant Collector Jodi Hollingsworth's dedication and hard work as we face the challenges, changes, and extra work that quarterly collections present. Jodi's unfailing professionalism and good humor make every day pleasant.

Please see charts for Collections.

Taxes	FY	Balance 6/30/2010	Commitment	Abatement	Exemption	Refunds	Received	Liened	Tax Title	Balance 6/30/2011
Real Estate	2011		\$10,008,537.55	\$11,507.31	\$38,300.00	\$15,721.34	\$9,759,165.02		\$63,864.69	\$151,421.87
Sewer Lien	2011		\$24,879.04	\$423.07			\$18,551.89		\$2,196.86	\$3,707.22
Water Lien	2011		\$983.43				\$830.51		\$152.92	\$-
I&E Lien	2010	\$100.00	\$-				\$100.00			\$-
Real Estate	2010	\$203,456.16					\$162,494.28		\$38,480.24	\$2,481.64
Sewer Lien	2010	\$3,805.98					\$2,539.70		\$1,266.28	\$-
Real Estate	2009	\$1,942.08				\$159.54	\$2,101.62			\$-
Personal Prop.	2011		\$286,577.24	\$1,924.96		\$56.86	\$282,180.50			\$3,008.64
Personal Prop.	2010	\$1,935.03		\$616.51			\$1,318.52			\$-
Personal Prop.	2009	\$150.00		\$-			\$150.00			\$-
Fire District	2011		\$403,048.47	\$463.47		\$4,412.92	\$398,700.35		\$2,511.72	\$5,785.85
Fire District	2010	\$7,207.91	\$-	\$-			\$5,899.83		\$1,308.08	\$-
Fire Personal	2011		\$11,542.37	\$75.85		\$22.88	\$11,387.74			\$101.66
Fire Personal	2010	\$72.04		\$25.36			\$46.68			\$-
Fire Personal	2009	\$6.50					\$6.50			\$-
Motor Vehicle	2011		\$670,862.52	\$14,108.55		\$5,527.47	\$604,371.11			\$57,910.33
Motor Vehicle	2010	\$37,404.58		\$9,538.78		\$8,173.35	\$114,867.90			\$7,355.35
Motor Vehicle	2009	\$7,600.47	\$209.91	\$80.31		\$22.81	\$4,560.66			\$3,192.22
Motor Vehicle	2008	\$3,711.39	\$-	\$139.80		\$104.17	\$836.99			\$2,838.77
Motor Vehicle	2007	\$3,603.45		\$-		\$29.17	\$390.63			\$3,241.99
Motor Vehicle	2006	\$2,148.23					\$46.05			\$2,102.18
Motor Vehicle	2005	\$2,122.61					\$171.67			\$1,950.94
Motor Vehicle	2004	\$2,357.10		\$-			\$131.25			\$2,225.85
Motor Vehicle	2003	\$83.33		\$-			\$137.08			\$-
Motor Vehicle	2001	\$-		\$-			\$26.25			\$-
Motor Vehicle	1999	\$-		\$-			\$19.79			\$-
Motor Vehicle	1988		\$6.25				\$6.25			\$-
Sewer User	2011		\$679,159.71	\$1,430.00		\$1,233.77	\$651,991.58	\$19,545.49	\$-	\$26,971.90
Sewer User	2010	\$25,620.16		\$654.85		\$654.85	\$6074.67			\$-
Cemetery	2011	\$-	\$32,175.00	\$-			\$32,175.00			\$-
Police Detail	2011	\$17,220.00	\$112,706.45				\$117,912.45			\$12,014.00
Admin Fee	2011	\$935.38	\$8,765.03				\$8,786.01			\$914.40
SB Conn. Cir.	2011		\$7,594.00				\$7,594.00			\$-
Fire Dist Reimb	2010		\$10,000.00				\$10,000.00			\$-
Fire Dist Reimb	2011		\$10,000.00				\$10,000.00			\$-
Hinsdale Sewer	2011		\$45,625.00				\$45,625.00			\$-
Clerk Census	2011		\$3,564.00				\$3,564.00			\$-
Cemetery OT	2011		\$930.00				\$930.00			\$-
Lanesboro A C	2011		\$4,666.87				\$4,666.87			\$-
Pinegrove	2011		\$1,962.72				\$1,962.72			\$-
Totals		\$321,482.40	\$12,410,079.45	\$40,988.82	\$38,300.00	\$36,599.13	\$12,272,321.07	\$19,545.49	\$109,780.79	\$287,224.81

Other Monies Collected FY2011 - Town Collector

Type	Acct#	Amount
Sewer Late Fee	4245	\$6,430.00
Interest	4171	\$33,466.18
Returned Checks	4330	\$375.00
Interest FD	4171	\$1,400.57
Demand Fees	247D	\$10,360.00
Warrant Fees	247W	\$6,640.00
Deputy Fees	251R	\$14,323.29
RMV Fees	4175	\$5,880.00
MLC	4321	\$5,000.00
Trailer Park	4165	\$4,608.00
Sewer Hook-up	4467	\$500.00
Trench Permit	4377	\$1,200.00
Interest MM	4820	\$764.78
Duplicate Bills	4382	\$1,449.00
Prep/Post Before Tax Title	247R	
Tax Title Reimb./Court	4844	\$250.00
Misc Revenue PD	4840	\$1,393.85
Misc Revenue COA	4840	\$605.24
Late Interest	4174	\$16.44
Late Fees	4333	\$5.00
TOTALS		\$94,667.35

POSTAGE REPORT

Jane A. Carman

Postage Expenses

Maintenance Agreement	\$ 758.00	July 1, 2010 Balance	\$ 9,375.92
Reset Charges	9.50	Deposits	12,000.00
Meter Rental	768.00	Total Postage Available	21,375.92
Postage	12,290.55	Postage used FY 2011	11,399.87
Pre-sort Permit	185.00	Balance June 30, 2011	\$9,976.05
Total Expenses	\$14,011.05		

PLUMBING & GAS INSPECTOR

Richard A. Degiorgis

Plumbing permits issued	63
Gas Permits issued	57
Total plumbing & gas permits issued	120

Plumbing

Residential	41
Commercial	12
Industrial	9

Gas

Residential	46
Commercial	10
Industrial	1

VETERANS' SERVICES

Rosanne M. Frieri, Director

This year we continued to honor our veterans by providing benefits in their time of need. Three veterans received Chapter 115 under M.G.L. and one veteran filed a claim for DIC compensation. While receiving benefits the veteran is required to job search or seek alternative sources of income. The veteran is also encouraged to tell employers of tax credits available once a veteran is hired. Veterans in need of assistance should contact my Pittsfield office for assistance in filing a VA or Aid and Attendance claim.



WEBSITE COMMITTEE

Frank McDonald, Chairman

Over 30 visitors a day view the information available on Dalton-Ma.Gov. Maintained by Volunteer Webmaster, Louise H. Frankenberg and overseen by Committee Members William E. Chabot, Kenneth E. Walto, and myself. Your Town website contains information on the various boards and committees and the many functions available to the residents of the town of Dalton. Where the future of the site will go is anyone's guess. I believe the site will see several changes in the future. Among them will be the capability of paying for various services. Our visitors come from North America and remain on the average of a minute for each visit. This may not sound like much but the average viewer of sites only gives any given site 15 seconds to grab their attention. Most visits come to the main page directly. Some come through the use of search engines. It has been a pleasure to serve on this committee and I look forward to seeing the next version of the site in keeping with changes that we are all seeing in other sites.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve on the Committee and I would like to thank all past members who have provided their time and ideas into making the website what it is and what it will be.

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
Emergency Management.....	684-0020

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	2nd & 4th 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	Mon. 4:30-7 p.m.;
.....		Thurs. 4:30-6 p.m. at the
		Dalton Senior Center.

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.

2011 ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION BALLOT

Barbara L. Suriner, Town Clerk

To Choose and Elect the Following Town Officers:
(May 14, 2012 Annual Town Election)

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| (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 |



On the anniversary of the Arbor Day planting in 1911 by President William Howard Taft, State Representative Paul Mark, Dalton's Tree Warden Peter Bacon, and the Sugar Hill staff and families, plant a tree in April of 2011, the 100th Anniversary of the Sugar Hill planting.

About the Cover

“President William Howard Taft spent a week-end in Dalton as a guest of the late U.S. Senator W. Murray Crane, in 1911. While here, he observed Arbor Day by planting a tree at Sugar Hill, the Crane residence at the time. The tree still stands. Behind the President in the photo is the late Mrs. W. Murray Crane and her two sons Stephen and Bruce. The photo was taken by the late Frederick G. Crane, whose wife is seen near the flagpole at right.”

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