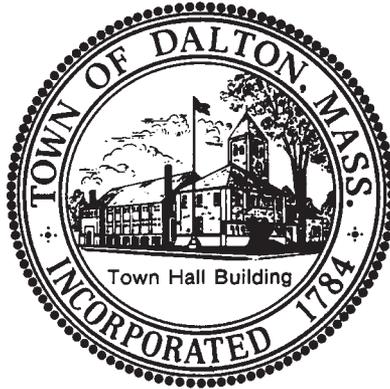




**2012 Annual Report
Dalton, Massachusetts**



ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE TOWN OF DALTON MASSACHUSETTS FOR 2012

Population 2012 Census (As of December 31, 2012).....	6,917
Number of Registered Voters.....	4,391
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).....	\$18.12
Tax Rate (Fire District).....	\$.71
Total Tax Assessed (Town-Includes Personal Property).....	\$10,762,120
Total Tax Assessed (Fire District).....	\$423,422.54
Total Valuation.....	\$593,936,009
‘13 Town Meeting.....	May 6, 2013 (7:00 p.m.)
‘13 Town Election.....	*Please Note: April 30, 2013 (7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.)
‘14 Town Meeting.....	May 5, 2014 (7:00 p.m.)
‘14 Town Election.....	May 12, 2014 (10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.)

All elections are held at the Dalton CRA located at 400 Main Street.

***AS A COST EFFECTIVE MEASURE, THE 2013 ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION HAS BEEN MOVED TO APRIL 30 TO BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE STATE SPECIAL PRIMARY.**

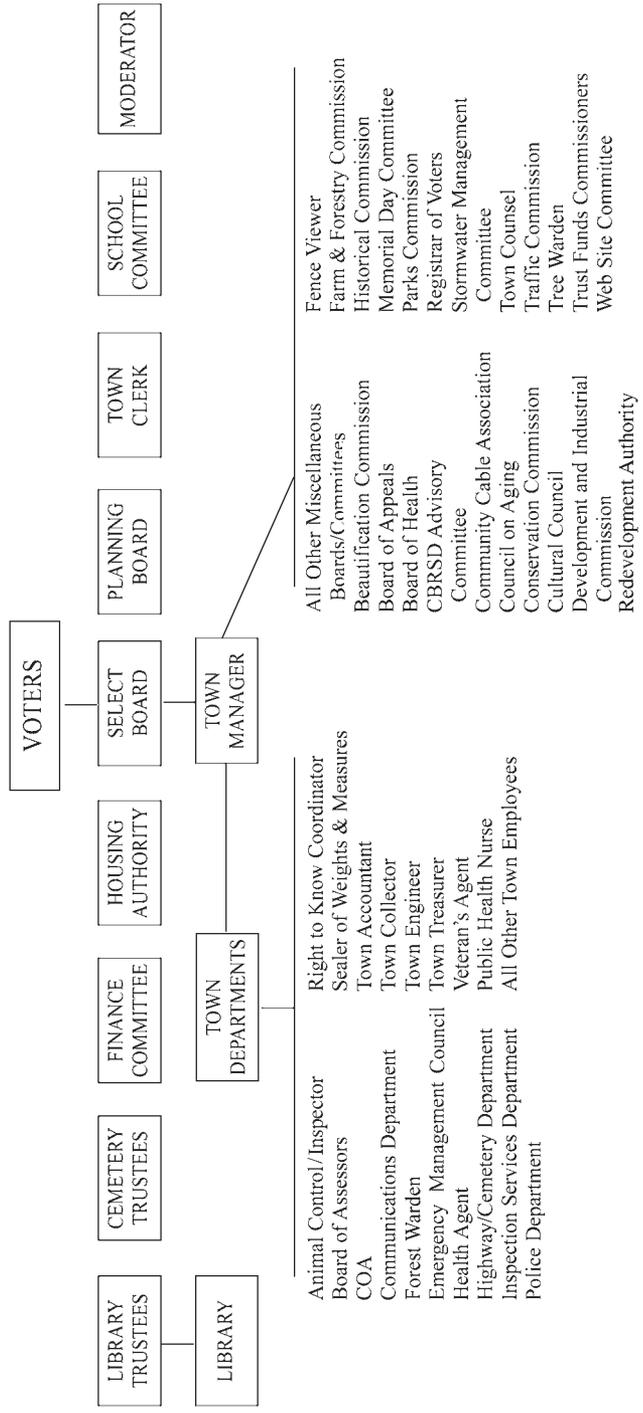
**Please bring this report with you to the May 6, 2013 Annual Town Meeting.
Please note time is 7:00 p.m. for all Town Meetings.**

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

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TOWN OF DALTON ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

	Term Expires
Select Board (Term 3 Years)	
John F. Boyle, Chair.....	2013
Mary R. Cherry, V. Chair	2014
William E. Chabot.....	2013
Louisa M. Horth.....	2015
Stuart T. Sargent, Jr.	2014

Town Clerk (Term 3 Years)	
Barbara L. Suriner.....	2015

Moderator (Term 1 Year)	
Ronald J. Marcella, Sr.....	2013

Dalton Housing Authority (Term 5 Years)	
Kathleen M. Burke, Chair.....	2016
Judith A. Conroy, V. Chair	2015
Thomas J. Callahan, Jr.	2017
Nils E. Jacobsson	2014
Camillus Cachat (State Aptd).....	2016

Cemetery Trustees (Term 3 Years)	
H. Edwin Cady, Chair	2013
John W. Bartels, Jr	2015
Judith L. Douville	2014

	Term Expires
Planning Board (Term 5 Years)	
Richard F. Ladd, Chair.....	2016
Zack R. McCain, III, V. Chair.....	2017
Louisa M. Horth.....	2013
Karen M. Quinn	2015
Caleb J. Darby.....	2014

Library Trustees (Term 3 Years)	
John Kittredge, Chair	2013
Judith L. Douville, V. Chair	2015
Max Ehrlich	2014
Mary E. Gringas.....	2013
Gail A. Pinna	2014
Mark S. Rancourt	2015
Anne M. Ronayne	2013
Joan M. Roy	2015
Stephanie Shafiroff.....	2014

Finance Committee (Term 3 Years)	
Henry H. Williams III, Chair	2014
John W. Bartels, Jr.....	2015
William A. Drosehn III	2013
J. Michael Hoffman.....	2013
Nicholas E. Kirchner.....	2015
John S. Rys.....	2014
Patrick J. Sheehan	2013
Michael J. Szklasz.....	2014
Domenico Suppappola.....	2015

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS

(Effective July 1, 2012 - Serving for one year unless stated otherwise)

Town Manager
Kenneth E. Walto (2013)

Administrative Assistant
Deborah J. Merry

Town Accountant
Sandra J. Albano (2013)

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

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

Police Chief
Jeffrey E. Coe (2015)

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

David E. Laviolette (2015)

ADA Committee

Nancy E. Persson
Deborah B. Horth
Elizabeth Mason
2 Vacancies

Animal Control Officer

Michael L. McClay
Jeffrey W. Henault, Asst.

Assistant Town Clerk

Michelle PH White (2015)

**BRPC Transportation Advisory
Committee**

Stuart T. Sargent,
Municipal Representative (MPO)
Vacancy (TAP)

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 (2015)
Edward F. Gero (2014)
Mary E. Lamke, Alt. (2013)
Vacancy, Alt. (2013)

Board of Assessors

Randall A. Austin, Chair
Laura L. Maffuccio, Assessor
Andrea Terry, Assessor Clerk

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
Alyce Kendrick

Board of Registrars (3 Years)

Elizabeth A. Erb, Chair (2013)
Doreen P. Aleshevich (2015)
Judith M. Ladd (2014)

**Building Commissioner/
Zoning Enforcement Officer**

Richard G. Haupt
Jeffrey K. Viner, Alt. Building Comm/ZEO
Jeffrey E. Coe, Alt. ZEO

Burial Agents

Vacancy
Jeffrey E. Coe, Alt.
Rosanne M. Frieri, Veterans 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 (2015)
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 (2015)
Edward F. Gero (2014)
Cheryl D. Rose (2013)
Domenick F. Sacco (2015)
Valeria A. Gero, Alt. (2013)

Constables

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

Council on Aging

(3 Years – Director, 1 Year)

Kelly Pizzi, Director (2013)
Joyce F. Lacatell, Chair (2013)
Mary E. Lamke, V.Chair (2014)
Judith M. Brooks (2014)
Marcia J. Brophy (2013)
Thomas J. Callahan, Jr. (2015)
Shirley Cleveland (2015)
Cora E. Cooney (2014)
Cynthia L. Costello (2014)
Robert P. Dean (2013)
Helga C. Knappe (2014)
Doris Lamica (2015)
Jack (John) McDonough (2015)
Maureen M. Mitchell (2013)
Jean K. Poopor (2013)
Ralph W. Young (2015)
Ellen Chiacchiarretto, Alt. (2013)
Vacancy, Alt. (2013)

Council on Aging, Rental Policy

Advisory Sub-Committee

Susan P. Jacobs
Mary E. Lamke
Stuart T. Sargent, Jr.
Ralph W. Young
2 Vacancies

**Custodian of Property Taken
in Tax Title**

Sharon M. Messenger

Dalton Beautification Comm. (3 Years)

Annamarie Cicchetti, Chair. (2013)
Arlene Cormier (2015)
Angela R. Dansereau (2013)
Kathleen A. Desmarais (2014)
Maureen Maxon (2013)
Jean K. Poopor (2014)
Peter Gonick (2015)

**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 (2015)
Donald Harris, Co-Chair (2014)
Jonathon R. Croy (2015)
Teresa B. Unwin (2013)
Jennifer A. Ware (2014)
John C. Williams (2015)
Vacancy (2013)

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

Kenneth E. Walto, Chair (2014)
Charles J. Dooley, V. Chair (2014)
Robert M. Alessio (2016)
John F. Boyle (2017)
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 (2017)
William R. Wilson, Jr. (2015)

Dalton Historical Commission (3 Years)

George D. White, Chair (2013)
Gail A. Pinna, V. Chair (2015)
Mary Jane Caliento (2014)
Louisa M. Horth (2015)
Mary Ellen D. Shea (2013)
Mary Walsh (2014)
Joyce M. White (2014)

**Dalton Redevelopment Authority
(5 years)**

Kenneth E. Walto, Chair (2017)
Charles J. Dooley, V. Chair (2014)
Stephen A. Sears (2016)
Susan C. Vigeant, State Appt. (2015)
Vacancy (2013)

**Dalton Emergency Management
Advisory Council**

Lois M. Bessette
Michael J. Britton
Gerald J. Cahalan, Jr.
Jeffrey E. Coe
Edward M. Fahey
Mary E. Lamke
David Laviolette
James Noel
Gilbert F. Rudd, Jr.

Gabrielle Taglieri
Kenneth E. Walto
Vacancy

Communications Director
Gabrielle Taglieri

**Emergency Management Director &
Community Emergency Response
Coordinator**
Daniel D. 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
Ex-Officio members:
Richard G. Haupt
Kenneth E. Walto
Vacancy

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

Jessie Robertson-Dubois, Chair (2015)
Beth Salvatore-LeBeau, V. Chair (2014)
Peter Cachat (2013)
J. Dicken Crane (2014)
Shaun M. Garvey (2013)
Dina L. LaBeau, Alt. (2013)
Vacancy, Alt. (2013)

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
Stanley Greenleaf, 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)**

Jonathan Bishop
Dennis Burke
Christopher J. Furlong
Richard A. Nicholas, Jr.
Victoria M. Sedgwick
Gabrielle Taglieri
2 Vacancies
Ex-Officio members:
Sandra J. Albano
Sharon M. Messenger

Librarian
Mindy Hackner

Licensing Board
Select Board

Mass Broadband Institute
William E. Chabot, 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, Chair (2013)
John F. Boyle (2013)

Mary R. Cherry (2014)
Louisa M. Horth (2015)
Stuart T. Sargent, Jr. (2014)

Open Space Committee

J. Dicken Crane
Daniel D. Filaault
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

Melissa A. Phelps-Utter

Public Safety Official

Vacancy

Regional Planning Commission

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

Regional Transit Authority

John F. Boyle
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, Alternate
Vacancy

Sewer Commission

Select Board

Sign By-Law Review Committee

John F. Boyle
Joseph Farrington
Edward F. Gero
Richard F. Ladd
Stephen A. Sears
George D. White
Richard G. Haupt, ex officio

Stormwater Management

Commission (3 years)

James L. Noel, Chair (2014)
Thomas W. Baker (2015)
Llewellyn E. Clark (2013)
Joseph H. Farrington (2013)
Edward F. Gero (BdHlth) (2013)
Richard F. Ladd (PB) (2013)
Dennis Regan (2015)
Ex-Officio members:
Richard G. Haupt
David E. Laviolette

Town Counsel

Kopelman and Paige, P.C.

Traffic Commission

Daniel D. Filaault, Chair
Gerald J. Cahalan, Jr.
Jeffrey E. Coe
Richard F. Kaley
Adelard J. Nadeau
Barry R. Smith, FD Rep
Edmund Strzepa
Vacancy

Tree Warden

John W. Roughley

Veterans Agent

Rosanne M. Frieri

Veterans Service Officer

Sandra J. Albano

Kenneth E. Walto, Alternate

Voluntary Web Master

Louise H. Frankenberg

Waste Management Study Committee

Jennifer S. Gitlitz, Chair

Peter J. Cachat, II

Edward F. Gero

2 Vacancies

SELECT BOARD

John F. Boyle, Chairman

For the Select Board, 2012 has been a year of reflection and cautious optimism about past and future projects.

Almost two years have passed since the completion and grand opening of the Senior Center on Field Street. A few minor construction flaws have surfaced, but overall the new facility has met and exceeded our expectations.

Reconstruction of Housatonic Street remains on track for 2013-14. This project has been on the drawing board for fifteen years and will be funded by Federal and State revenues, which we hope will not disappear.

With several projects completed and some under way, the Board turned its attention to the building commonly known as ‘Old Dalton High’, located at Field, First and Glennon Avenues. This building has been owned and maintained by the Town for 15 years, and although several worthy uses were proposed for the premises, none have come to fruition. The Select Board, in late 2011, voted to enter into a tentative agreement with Berkshire Housing (a quasi public development company) to seek funding for design, rehabilitation and re-construction of the building for primarily elderly housing, as well as handicap and affordable family units. This direction for reclamation of the building comes with strong support from the Council on Aging and the Dalton Housing Authority. Although the competition for Federal funding is extremely spirited, and the process lengthy, we are hopeful, that with community resolve and professional assistance, we will prevail.

Great news for cell phone users, Verizon has begun the permitting process for the construction of a new cell tower. This tower will be located on Housatonic Street across from the old train depot. There will be public hearings to solicit citizen comment and provide information on the project. A time frame for construction and operation are yet to be determined.

In January 2013, Select Board member, Stuart Sargent, Jr. filed a complaint with the Massachusetts Attorney General’s office, allegedly a violation of the open meeting law by the Dalton Select Board on January 14, 2013. It is interesting to note the complaint form was filled out, signed and dated January 10th, four days before the alleged infraction. As required by law, the Select Board responded to this complaint on January 31st, denying any infraction. A copy of the Attorney

General's response to date is here shown.



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BY: *[Signature]*

Stuart Sargent Jr.
567 North Street
Dalton, MA 01226

Dear Mr. Sargent:

We understand that on or about January 15, 2013 you filed a complaint with the Dalton Board of Selectmen, alleging a violation of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §§ 18-25. The public body is required to notify our office of the complaint and any remedial action taken to address the complaint. See G.L. c. 30A, § 23(b) and 940 CMR 29.05(5). Our office received notification and a response from the Dalton Board of Selectmen on January 31, 2013.

Under the Open Meeting Law, a complaint is ripe for review by our office when the complainant files a copy of the initial complaint with the Division of Open Government, provided that at least 30 days have passed since that complaint was filed with the public body. G.L. c. 30A, § 23(b) and 940 CMR 29.05(6). Our office currently has no record of a complaint filed by you in this matter. Accordingly, we will presume that the action taken by the public body was sufficient and will close this file unless we receive a request for further review by this office and a copy of the initial complaint by April 10, 2013.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions about the Open Meeting Law complaint process.

Sincerely,

[Signature of Philip Mantyla]

Philip Mantyla
Paralegal
Division of Open Government

cc: John F. Boyle, Chairman, Dalton Board of Selectmen

A onetime departure from normal town operating procedure will occur in 2013, in that, the Annual Town Elections will be held Tuesday April 30th from 7am until 8pm at the CRA. Traditionally, the Dalton town elections are held the second Monday in May, but because a Mass. State primary for a US Senate seat will be held on April 30th, it was decided to combine the two elections as cost saving measure. All voters on April 30th will receive two separate ballots, one for the state primary election and one for the town election.

A Select Board cannot operate without a staff to provide and organize materials relevant to the Board's deliberations. we want to thank Deborah J. Merry, the Town Manager's Administrative Assistant for keeping us well informed, and documented, and always being available to help out.

Ken Walto, our Town Manager, deserves a great deal of credit for the ongoing smooth operation of our Town Government. His knowledge of budget forecasting, collective bargaining and contract administration are invaluable.

I would like to thank fellow Board members, Bill Chabot, Mary Cherry, Louisa Horth and Stu Sargent, for the expertise, foresight and patience they bring to the Board.

TOWN MANAGER

Kenneth E. Walto

Two Thousand and Twelve was a year again dominated by financial concerns. Several important capital projects moved forward while planning continued for others.

General renovations and repairs to the Town Hall, begun in of 2007, continued. A third phase of improvements: construction of an elevator, renovation of the second floor, and general improvements to the interior of the Library, needed a debt exclusion vote to be financially feasible. Only the Library Project was approved. The \$150,000 project completed in the summer, included painting, carpeting, new ceilings and entryway doors.

A modified Town Hall renovation proposal, needing a debt exclusion, and consisting of converting the oil burners to natural gas, adding insulation to the area above the main offices and air conditioning to the Crane Meeting room was approved at the Annual Town Meeting, but rejected at the ballot box.

Planning was also begun for renovating the sidewalks around the Town Hall with funding from other cash sources. Those repairs include replacement of the sidewalk steps at the Police Department and construction of a walk from the back of Town Hall along the side of the Library ramp to make it more accessible. At the request of the Town, the state's Department of Transportation helped out by reconstructing the sidewalk in front of the Town Hall as part of its Main Street sidewalk repairs.

Design for the \$6 million reconstruction of Housatonic Street continued. Funding was re-secured on the Transportation Improvement Program with bidding expected in the fall of 2013 and construction in 2014. The Town is designing the project, but the state will do the actual construction.

At the Annual Town meeting in May, a \$14.3 million operating budget was approved: of which approximately \$8.4 million was for education, including vocational education. A small, \$79,800, capital budget, provided from Free Cash was approved. Another \$205,000 was also approved for borrowing with debt exclusion, but subsequently rejected at the ballot box.

Elder Services of Berkshire County suspended its efforts to convert the Old Dalton High School to Elderly Housing after a grant application submitted to the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development was denied. At years end, Berkshire Housing Development Corporation was requested to assist the Town. That agency recommended an affordable housing project as funding is not available for a project exclusively for seniors. The Select Board accepted that proposal with the concurrence of the Council on Aging and a revised project is taking shape.

Three new department heads were named: Acting Police Chief, Jeffrey Coe, was appointed Chief. Randal Austin was appointed Principal Assessor replacing long-time Assessor Michael Britton, who chose not to seek re-appointment. The Library Trustees named Mindy Hackner as the new Library Director, subsequent to the retirement of long-serving Director Doris Lamica. These new department

heads replaced veteran employees whose long service to the Town is appreciated and sorely missed.

Special recognition and remembrance is due to former Select Board member Tom Szczepaniak, who passed away unexpectedly in the summer. He served the Town for ten years with talent, dignity and courage.

Special recognition and thanks are due to retiring Tree Warden, extraordinaire, Peter Bacon. Mr. Bacon served in this “voluntary part-time” position for many years, receiving the distinction of being named Massachusetts Tree Warden of the year, in his final year.

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.

Clean-up of the former Berkshire Motor Car garage at 339 North St. continued throughout 2012, with the help of an additional \$120,000 partial grant received by the DRA from the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission (BRPC) Brownfields Program. The property was secured, a Brownfields Cleanup Community Relations Plan was drawn up and additional soil samples were obtained to delineate the extent of contamination. In April, a Hazardous Building Materials Survey was done in order to check for items such as asbestos, lead and PCB’s. From that survey, plans were developed for building demolition and site cleanup. A demolition contract was awarded and demolition completed; a Site Remediation contract was then awarded, with the remediation expected to be completed in 2013. Options for redevelopment and sale of the site have been discussed.

An application for BRPC's District Local Technical Assistance grant was submitted in 2012 for aid in furthering the creation of development of small business parks within the Planned Industrial Development District (PIDD) in the 43D Expedited Permitting District. The sites consist of the Schnopp/Roberts property between South Street and Hubbard Avenue, which is 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 with adjacent land acquired by Crane and Company, now known as Ashuelot Park. Those 35 acres could be redeveloped into eight lots; with the former manufacturing plant of 273,000 square feet being potentially redeveloped into 221,000 square feet of industrial space and 52,000 square feet of office space. The grant was awarded conditionally with the requirement that Pittsfield also be committed to this project due to the site adjacency to the Town line and Hubbard Ave.

A \$10,000 grant was received from the MA Department of Energy Resources for consulting/technical services to review the feasibility of a solar photovoltaic project in Dalton. The final study done by the Cadmus Group indicated that a 5 acre, 1.3MW project on the site of the former landfill could provide the Town with about a quarter of its annual electric costs for the next 20 years. In December, a 2013 District Local Technical Assistance grant was submitted to BRPC with the intent of furthering the 1.3MW solar photovoltaic project by finalizing the "design-build" Request for Proposal (RFP) and providing a technical review of the finalists' qualifications.

Crane & Co. informed the members of its intention to sell its AP-1 building in Ashuelot Park (they have separated it out as an individual lot), and consolidate its Stationery Division in its North Adams production facility. The Dalton Stationery Mill is expected to be sold.

Special recognition and thanks are due to Administrative Secretary, Bonnie Callaghan, who was the Recording Secretary for both the Commission and Redevelopment Authority. She generously and graciously gave of her time and talent for many years. Welcome to Lisa Peltier who was hired as Bonnie's replacement. We look forward to working with her in the years to come.

I thank all of the commission members for their gift of time to the town. Their selfless efforts will help to insure the economic health of the community for years to come.

Members of the Commission:

* Members serving on Redevelopment Authority

Robert M. Alessio	Donald R. Rochelo
John F. Boyle	Stephen A. Sears*
Charles J. Dooley, Vice-Chair*	Augustus J. Schnopp, Jr.
Attorney Tony Doyle	Kenneth E. Walto, Chairman*
Michael J. Ferry	Susan C. Vigeant*
J. Michael Hoffman	Gov. Appt. to DRA vacant*

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER & STATE ANIMAL INSPECTOR

Micheal L. McClay

The Animal Control Officer is under supervision of the Chief of Police. Michael McClay of Dalton is our Animal Control Officer as well as our Animal Inspector. Regular scheduled hours for Animal Control are Monday and Wednesday 8:30-3:00 pm and Thursday 8:00-3:00. ACO McClay is also on call and will respond to emergency calls by contacting dispatch at 684-0300.

Emergency calls consist of an animal hit by a vehicle or aggressive dogs. Barking dog complaints and loose dogs are not necessarily emergencies. Police Officers will respond to calls of non emergency nature and will inform ACO McClay of their findings during non-business hours. Understand that the town has no ability to house loose dogs. Unless it is an emergency, the ACO is not budgeted to be called in. This is another reason it is important to keep all dogs properly restrained and licensed for a quick return to the owner, in addition to being state law.

The Animal Inspector is responsible for completing the State Barn Book consisting of inspections of barns, counting of livestock and making sure animals are current on vaccinations. These reports are due by January and are usually completed each November.

We responded to a large number of fox sightings. Remember that we live in the Berkshire Hills. Unless a fox or other wildlife appears sick or approaches the public it will not be terminated. Almost all of our responses found the animal simply exploring their surroundings and would not let officers approach them before running off. This is the sign of a healthy animal and is normal. None of the foxes in Dalton tested for rabies this year had rabies further proving this message.

Rabies will continue to be monitored and all residents are reminded that all dogs over the age of 6 months of age must be vaccinated for rabies and licensed within Dalton. State Law also requires all cats over the age of 6 months must also be vaccinated for rabies.

2012 Citations

Failure to license Citations:	136
Failure to Vaccinate	47
Failure to Restraint	12
Filed in Court	27
Dogs licensed	1,237
Citations Amounts received:	\$5,070.00
ACO Calls:	425

1. The licensing period in Dalton is January 1st to December 31st of each calendar year. New residents to Dalton shall license their dogs upon taking up residency in Dalton even if the animal was licensed in the previous jurisdiction for rabies and tracking reasons per state law.

2. The fine schedule established for 2012 as follows:

- a. \$20.00 for spayed/neutered dogs
- b. \$25.00 without proof of spaying/neutering
3. Late Fees - February 1st - \$ 10.00 each
4. Failure to License Citations - April 1, 2013 - \$ 50.00 each

A complete copy of The Town of Dalton Animal Control Bylaws can be found on the Town of Dalton website. www.dalton-ma.gov

BOARD OF APPEALS

Anthony P. Doyle, Chairman

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

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

Current Board members are:

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

Bonnie Callaghan has retired as our recording secretary after many dedicated years. We are pleased to announce that Lisa Peltier has agreed to assume that position.

There was 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 a Zoning Administrator, in accordance with MGLA, Chapter 40A, section 13.

During the 2012 calendar year, the Board held three public hearings for two special permit requests and two variances (one meeting was for both a special permit and a variance). The applications received were for a Use Conversion, an Expansion of a Pre-Existing, Non-Conformity, a variance of Allowable Uses and a variance from the required Setback.

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

DALTON BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Town of Dalton was pleased to receive approval from the State Department of Revenue (DOR) for our Revaluation for Fiscal 2013. Every three years the town is subject to additional scrutiny from the DOR to certify that our values reflect current market values. This consists of many things including random on-site inspections of several properties in town, the analysis of the sales in town to verify that the values reflect the current market. The Board of Assessors does interim adjustments and has the tax rate certified by the DOR yearly to keep current with market prices of homes.

During the past year the Board underwent some changes. Michael Britton chose not to be reappointed as the Principal Assessor and vacated the position as of June 30th. He was replaced by the new Principal Assessor and current Chairman of the Board Randall Austin in October. Randall comes to the Board of Assessors with 12 years of Assessing experience and will be completing his MAA (Massachusetts Accredited Assessor) designation in 2013. Andrea Terry was also appointed to the Board in October after completing the necessary education requirements in August. The Board also includes Laura Maffuccio and now has the required three members.

Fiscal Year	Town Tax Rate	Fire District Tax Rate	Valuations	Taxes to be Raised
2013	\$ 18.12	\$ 0.71	\$ 593,936,009.00	\$ 10,762,120.48
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

Statistical Report for the year as follows:

Tax Levy Calculation	Fiscal 2012	Fiscal 2013
Total Amount to be Raised	\$ 14,509,060.45	\$ 14,927,191.25
Minus Total Estimated Receipts and other Revenue Sources	\$ 3,977,937.00	\$ 4,165,070.77
Equals Amount to be Raised by Taxes	\$ 10,531,123.45	\$ 10,762,120.48
Divide by Property Valuation	\$604,889,342.00	\$593,936,009.00
Equals Tax Rate	\$17.41	\$18.12

Motor Vehicle Excise

Year	No. of Bills	Excise
2012	7411	\$728,904.00
2011	7474	\$711,709.00
2010	7309	\$721,299.00
2009	7591	\$733,003.00
2008	7746	\$779,578.00

Exemptions Granted to Seniors & Veterans

Year	No. Granted	Total Abated Amount
2013	TBD	TBD
2012	72	\$37,195.80
2011	78	\$38,300.00
2010	77	\$37,200.00
2009	74	\$24,150.00
2008	73	\$32,250.00

TBD=To Be Determined

TOWN MODERATOR

Ronald J. Marcella

A recapitulation of Town Meetings from Wikipedia and an interesting article from the Boston Globe

A town meeting is a form of direct democratic rule, used primarily in portions of the United States since the 17th century, in which most or all the members of a community come together to legislate policy and budgets for local government.

The term has more recently been expanded to cover public meetings that draw people in a geographic area to discuss issues but not vote on any legislative or administrative action. Notably, the term is commonly used by politicians in the United States to describe forums at which voters can ask questions.

Town meeting is a form of local government practiced in the U.S. region of New England since colonial times, and in some western states since at least the late 19th century.[1] Typically conducted by New England towns, town meeting can also refer to meetings of other governmental bodies, such as school districts or

water districts. While the uses and laws vary from state to state, the general form is for residents of the town or school district to gather once a year and act as a legislative body, voting on operating budgets, laws and other matters for the community's operation over the following 12 months.

The Puritans, who believed in Congregationalist church governance, established town meetings in New England when they established the various New England colonies.

Its usage in the English language can also cause confusion. Town meeting is both an event, as in "Freetown had its town meeting last Tuesday" and an entity, as in "Last Tuesday, Town Meeting decided to repave Howland Road." Starting with Jimmy Carter's presidential campaign in 1976, "town meeting" has also been used as a label for any moderated discussion group in which a large audience is invited. To avoid confusion, this sort of event is often called a "town hall meeting."

In 1927, the town of Camden adopted a special charter and became the first Maine town to apply the manager concept to the town meeting-selectmen framework. Under this system, the manager is administrative head of town government, responsible to the select board for the administration of all departments under its control. The manager's duties include acting as purchasing agent, seeing that laws and ordinances are enforced, making appointments and removals, and fixing the compensation of appointees. From 1927 to 1939, eleven other Maine towns adopted special act town meeting-selectmen-manager charters similar to the Camden charter. Today, 135 Maine towns have the town meeting-selectmen-manager system, while 209 use the town meeting-selectman system.

Massachusetts

I am more and more convinced that, with reference to any public question, it is more important to know what the country thinks of it than what the city thinks. The city does not think much. On any moral question, I would rather have the opinion of Boxboro than of Boston and New York put together. When the former speaks, I feel as if somebody had spoken, as if humanity was yet, and a reasonable being had asserted its rights — as if some unprejudiced men among the country's hills had at length turned their attention to the subject, and by a few sensible words redeemed the reputation of the race. When, in some obscure country town, the farmers come together to a special town-meeting, to express their opinion on some subject which is vexing the land, that, I think, is the true Congress, and the most respectable one that is ever assembled in the United States.- Henry David Thoreau

Two forms of town meeting government

In Massachusetts, towns with fewer than 6,000 residents may only adopt an open town meeting form of government. Massachusetts towns with 6,000 or more residents may optionally adopt a representative town meeting form of government. The Board of Selectmen summons the town meeting into existence by issuing the warrant, which is the list of items—known as articles—to be voted on, with descriptions of each article. The Moderator officiates the meeting by reading each article, explaining it, and making sure the rules of parliamentary procedure are followed, interprets voice votes and counts other votes. The Finance Committee or Ways and Means Committee makes recommendations on articles dealing with money, and often drafts the proposed budget. The Town Clerk serves as the clerk of the meeting by recording its results. Town Counsel makes legal recommendations

on all articles of the warrant, to ensure town meeting is acting lawfully. All registered voters are free to attend and vote on any and all articles.

Representative town meeting

Main article: Representative Town Meeting

Massachusetts Towns having at least 6,000 residents may adopt a Representative Town Meeting system through the normal charter-change process. Representative Town Meetings function largely the same as an Open Town Meeting, except that not all registered voters can vote. The townspeople instead elect Town Meeting Members by precinct to represent them and to vote on the issues for them, much like a U.S. Representative votes on behalf of his/her constituents in Congress. Depending on population, a town may have anywhere from 50 to 240 Town Meeting Members. Framingham, the largest town in the commonwealth by population, has 216 representatives in Town Meeting, twelve from each precinct. Saugus, with 50.

Annual town meetings

Annual Town Meetings are held in the spring, and may also be known as the Annual Budget Meeting. They are supposed to be held between February 1 and May 31, but may be delayed until June 30. (Town fiscal years start on July 1.) At this meeting, the town takes care of any housecleaning it has left before the end of the current fiscal year, and prepares itself to enter the new fiscal year by approving a budget. It may also vote on non-budgetary issues on the warrant, including the town's general and zoning bylaws.

An article may be placed on the warrant by the Selectmen, sometimes at the request of town departments, or by a petition signed by at least ten registered voters of the town.

Special town meetings

Special Town Meetings are held whenever necessary, usually to deal with financial or other pertinent issues that develop between Annual Town Meetings. They function the same as an Annual Town Meeting, only the number of signatures required on a petition rises to 100. While the Selectmen generally call such a meeting, voters may call one through petition, and the number of signatures required on a petition to call a Special Town Meeting is 200 or 20% of the registered voters, whichever number is lower. The Selectmen have 45 days from the date of receiving such a petition to hold a Special Town Meeting. They are extremely important in finding something to do with the towns issues.

By Jennifer C. Bracer Monday, April 25, 2011 - (as appearing Boston Herald)

It has been called the most democratic form of government, a "purely American" invention. For more than 350 years, Massachusetts towns have been governed by Town Meeting, in which citizens gather to make decisions about local budgets and laws.

But although historians and political scientists often wax poetic about this quaint New England tradition, Town Meeting is an institution that has outlived its usefulness. Town Meeting has its roots in the Puritan church meetings of New England's early settlers. The first recorded Town Meeting took place in Dorchester in 1633, more than 150 years before the Founders produced the U.S. Constitution.

In the early days of the New England colonies, Town Meetings were often held weekly. As populations grew, many towns decided to meet only once a month. At-

tendance was mandatory, and those who failed to turn out were fined. (Of course, attendance was mandatory only for those who had the right to vote — white, male property owners.)

Today, more than 200 Massachusetts towns still operate with an Open Town Meeting, in which any voter may attend and vote. Today's Town Meetings usually occur only yearly, and participation is, of course, voluntary. Although attendance fluctuates depending on the issues being debated, those who study the institution have observed that overall attendance rates as a percentage of town population are abysmally low.

Some attribute this phenomenon to political apathy and declining civic engagement generally.

But in many communities it is the hustle and bustle of daily life, not lack of interest, which keeps voters away.

Back when Town Meeting was established, people lived and worked locally. Adults were generally around and available to participate in town governance.

Today, people travel for work, work nights and commute to jobs miles from home. Moreover, in 2011, all adults in a household can vote, and so, for some, attending Town Meeting requires hiring a babysitter.

Unlike voting at the local precinct, which can be accomplished in minutes, participation in Town Meeting takes hours and can take several days. Many concerned citizens are unable to make this kind of time commitment. When it comes to such nonsense as debating whether or not a town should allow the sale of bottled water, most average people neither have the time, the energy, nor the inclination to waste an evening arguing with some intrusive do-gooder.

Regardless of the reason, declining attendance means that a small, unrepresentative portion of the electorate makes decisions for the entire community. It is governance by might — a system where those with the loudest voices, and the time and the energy to outlast all others, always prevail. It is anything but democratic.

Supporters of Town Meeting argue that face-to-face gatherings engender civility among neighbors who must listen respectfully to one another's views.

Perhaps. But a system where citizens vote by voice or show of hands also creates incredible social pressure for people to “go-along to get-along” — to absorb the current zeitgeist for the sake of neighborhood harmony.

Recognizing the value of the secret ballot and the need to make voting more accessible, New Hampshire now gives towns the option of hosting a deliberative Town Meeting with a regular secret ballot election to follow on a separate date. It is not the perfect solution, but it is a compromise worth considering.

Alexis de Tocqueville famously wrote that “Town Meetings are to liberty what primary schools are to science; they bring it within the people's reach, teach men how to use it and enjoy it.” That may be true. But, at some point, we all need to graduate primary school. Jennifer C. Braceras is a lawyer and political commentator.

I do not agree with Ms Braceras views as does my Brother Moderator Bob Bender, of the town of Merrimac which uses the Open Town Meeting form of Meeting in a recent interview he stated: I think she missed several common excuses, and almost all the reasons people should be asked to decide how to spend the precious few local dollars we raise. Dalton's use of a town meeting as the best time to bring local officials before the community to answer questions about the small, but also the large issues that local government touches. I suppose that in larger settings it is necessary to rely on representative debate and deliberation, but I am confident that those who attend town meeting in my town know more about how the town operates than they know of any larger level of government. That many are not interested may well be driven also by the difficulty of learning more about the important state and federal issues; what is available, the local, can seem trivial, but day to day it is what most of us expect as government services. I shudder to imagine who at the state level could address our local concerns with the attention, information, and concern we who attend town meeting share.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

The Dalton Beautification Commission completed its 11th year of service to the community. In September 2012, a charter member, Mary Jane Caliento, retired from the commission. Mary Jane, our member emeritus and Master Gardner has guided the DBC, giving not only hands –on service but the encouragement and dedication required always to help us to make the best decisions. Though now retired, Mary Jane will always remain a dear friend of the Dalton Beautification Commission.

The spring/summer of 2012 was an especially hot and dry growing season, presenting a challenging year for gardens. The Dalton Volunteer Fire Department has always generously assisted the DBC with watering the median areas, but this year the department gave the increased help needed to insure that the flowers did not succumb to drought conditions. The DBC volunteers also stepped up their watering schedule to meet the needs of all our planting areas during this unusually harsh growing season. Happily, this was the year that the Mass. Highway Department reconstructed walkways and resurfaced Routes 8 and 9, providing much needed refreshment to the main artery through Dalton. Residents and travelers may now enjoy more attractive, flower-filled, green spaces along Main Street during the spring and summer months. Additionally, the DBC planted 100 daffodil bulbs in the fall to fortify and expand the spring displays in our median gardens and at the 707 and South Street sites.

Last summer the DBC placed three large terra cotta pots filled with colorful coleus atop the steps fronting the Town Hall's north side, giving focus to the beautiful library windows and providing a wonderful show of color and harmony along the building's exterior. For the for the fourth consecutive year, in an ongoing cooperative effort with the Dalton Community Recreation Association, the DBC planned, implemented and maintained small gardens flanking the entrance to the CRA. The CRA covers the costs of the initial planting materials, a win/win situation. Additionally, a generous individual from the community donated 45 daffodil and 24 tulip bulbs, which were planted in the CRA gardens for early spring color, prior to the planting of our summer annuals, extending this floral display.

The DBC is financed by a modest annual stipend from the town, supplemented by the DBC's "gifts account", donations from individuals in the community who recognize and appreciate the efforts of the Dalton Beautification Commission. This account insures that needed materials are available throughout the season plants to the DBC, which sold very quickly, providing additional revenues for the DBC gifts account. The DBC is truly a community supported and sustained program. Local business such as LP Adams, Holiday Farm, Blossoming Acres, Jaeschke's Fruits and Flower, donate materials, sell at cost or at discount, the items needed to make the DBC gardens bloom and bring the beauty of nature along Dalton's roadway.

An all volunteer group, commission members meet weekly for garden maintenance during the growing season. The DBC welcomes volunteers to assist with

our maintenance program and is particularly grateful for extra hands during the initial spring planting phase and with the fall garden winterizing preparations. Commission members include Annmarie Cicchetti [chairperson], Arlene Cormier, Angela Dansereau, Peter Gonick, Maureen Maxon and Jean Poopor and the DBC welcomes the addition of our most recent commission member Kathleen Desmarais. The public is invited to attend the DBC business meetings on the first Thursday of the month at 3pm, in the Town Hall's Callahan Room. Please look for the schedule posted in the Town Hall for any changes. During the growing season the scheduled maintenance meetings replace the business meetings. For additional information please call the Dalton Town Hall 684-1111, Annmarie Cicchetti 684-3966 or any commission member.

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 2012, we conducted Special Registration Sessions prior to the March 6 Presidential Primary; the May 7 Annual Town Meeting and the May 14 Annual Town Election; the October 29 Special Town Meeting which was adjourned to November 13; and prior to the September 6 State Primary and November 6 Presidential/State/School Election. Prior to the three State elections, the Board also held assisted voting sessions for the elderly and disabled voters at Craneville Place, Sugar Hill and Curtis Manor. Jared Shannon, a teacher at WRHS, is appointed Registrar of Voters at that facility and we appreciate his efforts on behalf of the students. Scheduled 2013 Special Registration Sessions will be held from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. on April 10, the last day to register voters for the April 30 Annual Town Election and State Primary (PLEASE NOTE THAT, IN AN EFFORT TO SAVE TAYPAYERS' MONEY, THE SELECT BOARD VOTED TO HOLD THE 2013 ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION ON THE SAME DAY AS THE STATE PRIMARY); April 14 the last day to register to vote at the May 6 Annual Town Meeting; and on June 5, the last date to register to vote in the June 25 Special State Election. Additional Special Registration Sessions will be scheduled as required. All registration sessions are held in the office of the Town Clerk. The place of voting will remain at the Community House for both precincts as there is a ramp and handicap parking located at the rear of the building.

The Board registered and processed 406 new voters plus address changes on existing active and inactive voters, checked several thousand signatures for certification on the many Initiative Petitions/Public Policy Questions and Nomination Papers in circulation in 2012; and deleted 364 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 April 30, 2013 Annual Town Election ballot will be available February 4 at the Town Clerk’s office. The deadline for submission of papers to the Board of Registrars is 5:00 p.m. on March 12, 2013, pursuant to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 53, §.6.

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

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

The distinction of being Dalton’s oldest living resident belongs to Violet M. Geary of 4 Broadview Terrace who was born May 20, 1912.

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, 2012 are as follows:

REGISTERED VOTERS:

Democrats	1,396	(30.3%)
Republicans	511	(11.1%)
Green-Rainbow	8	(00.2%)
Libertarian	6	(00.1%)
Unenrolled	2,684	(58.3%)
(a/k/a Independent)		

TOTAL ACTIVE REGISTERED VOTERS	4,392
TOTAL INACTIVE REGISTERED VOTERS	<u>213</u>
TOTAL ALL REGISTERED VOTERS	4,605
TOTAL POPULATION	6,917

BOARD OF HEALTH

Local boards of health in Massachusetts are required by state laws and regulations to perform many crucial and important duties relative to the protection of the public health, control of disease, promotion of sanitary living conditions and the protection of the environment from pollution.

The Dalton Board of Health consists of five appointed volunteer members. Public meetings are held at 4PM on the first Monday of each month in the Callahan Room at Town Hall. Current members of the board are Chairman Rich O'Brien, Ed Gero, Dr. Dan Doyle, Drew Finn and Alyce Kendrick.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

The Dalton Public Health Nurse position has been in existence for 2 years. During that time health screenings have been done at Pinegrove, Pomeroy, River Run & the Senior Center monthly and as needed. 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. Several flu clinics were offered as well. Public blood pressure clinics are held the fourth Thursday of each month from 10AM – 12PM at the Dalton Senior Center.

As always, residents can contact the public health nurse, Lois Bessette RN, by leaving a message at the Board of Health.

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 housing, public 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 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.

Year 2012 Permits Issued: 236 Declared Value: 4,769,559

The breakdown of permits issued is as follows:

New Home	3
Residential additions and remodeling	174
Demolition	9
Accessory Buildings	11
Pools	8
Commercial additions and renovations	10
Signs	4
Solid Fuel Appliances	9
Fences	7
Temporary Housing	1

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.

Online permitting is up and running. Go to the Town of Dalton Website to begin the permit process online.

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 57 burials in 2012. New lots were assigned to the following families:

Robert Hathaway	Sandra Gromacki	Vincent Silverio
Barbara Badeau	Cornelius Moran	Albert Studley
Anne LaPalme	William Price	Laraine Higuera
Karen Pease	Laurie Cady	Terry Young
Marjorie Lillpopp		

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

Roadway paving improvements are made to all cemeteries at various times throughout the year. Improvements are continually being made to Ashuelot Cemetery in preparation for an expansion that will allow additional room for future burials.

Monthly Trustees meetings are held at 1 pm on the second Tuesday of each month at the Main Street Cemetery office. These are public meetings. 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 Street Cemetery office.

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

In closing, we would like to thank Ed Cady for his service as a member of the Cemetery Board of Trustees. Ed has been a member of the Board for 45 years. We appreciate the time and knowledge Ed has generously shared with us.

COMMUNICATION CENTER

Gabrielle Taglieri

The Dalton Communication Center has completed its 4th year at the Police Station. During this past year we have logged 18,078 calls. 1,861 of those calls were 911 and 1,132 were walk-ins to the Police Station.

The Communications Center again received a state 911 grant (The Support & Incentive Grant) in 2012 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 2013 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 up to \$10,000 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.

This year Amy Shaughnessy resigned as our 24 hr Regular Dispatcher and will be to pursue full time employment with the Dalton PD. Her position was filled by reserve dispatcher Jennifer Joyner. Kayla Reuss, also moved into a 40hr full time opening from her position as a Reserve dispatcher.

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 productive for the Conservation Commission. The Commission continues to provide support and education to citizens regarding the protection of wetlands, and the environment as a whole.

There was little construction being done that encroached into wetland areas this past year. There is a continued 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 2012. The Commission welcomes citizens whom are concerned with conservation related issues 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 and are posted in the Town Hall.

Commission Members

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

Statistics for 2012

Determinations of Applicability	2
Hearings for Notices of Intent	3
Certificates of Compliance	0
Extension of Orders of Conditions	1
Field Site Inspections	10
Enforcement Orders	1
Request for Det. Of Applicability	2
Wetland Violations	0
Storm Water Act Violations	1
Scenic Mountain Act Violations	1
Emergency Permits	1

Associate Members

Kate Harrington
Valerie Gero

COUNCIL ON AGING

Kelly M. Pizzi

The Dalton Council on Aging (DCOA) serves community residents aged 60 and older as well as persons with disabilities addressing a wide spectrum of needs.

COUNCIL ON AGING:

The Dalton Council on Aging, housed by the Dalton Senior Center located at 40 Field Street Extension, is staffed by two full-time employees and five part-time employees. Kelly Pizzi - Director, and Sarah Fontaine - Administrative Assistant/Transportation Coordinator, operate the Senior Center from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday with a closing time of 8:00 pm on Thursday. Part-time employees include John Bartels who joined COA Van drivers Clyde Decorie, Clarence Green and Martin Post. Patricia Pero, Shine/Outreach Counselor is available Mondays and Thursdays. The Dalton Select Board approved an increase of two hours per week to assist with the increasing needs of the community. Sarah Fontaine took leave for three months (October – December) while she had her second child. During her absence, her role of Administrative Assistant was filled by Kristin Coyne who turned out to be the next best thing to Sarah.

THE DALTON SENIOR CENTER:

Opened on February 14, 2011 the Dalton Senior Center offers a venue to provide community services, nutritional support, educational programming as well as a comfortable and inviting location to socialize. One regular participant in our Café had a serious illness and was away for six weeks. Upon his return he stated “Today is the first day I felt well enough to drive. This is the only place I wanted to go. It is so peaceful here and the people are so nice- I couldn’t imagine going anyplace else.”-JK This sentiment is repeated by many of our frequenters.

In March of this year, the COA rolled out the new My Senior Center computer key-tag log system. The system collects demographic information for programs and volunteer activities. Since the system has been in use, there have been 7165 “swipes” by 343 participants and 437 unregistered guests to the Center. In partnership with Elder Services, the Center hosts the nutritional Senior Lunch Program each Monday and Thursday. In 2012, they served 2807 meals lunch to 123 unduplicated individuals throughout the year with an additional 121 guests of the center joining them for lunch. Data shows that each person spends an average of three hours during their visit.

The COA strives to provide quality services to the community. A two-dollar coupon fee is charged for programs with the exception of meal programs and special educational programming.

FUNDING:

The Council on Aging and the Dalton Senior Center receives \$109,619 in funding from the Town of Dalton; formula grant funding from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts based on \$7.00 per senior resident totaling \$10,494; purple coupon deposits equaled \$3,900; COA Van Revenue of \$11,013 as well as donations made

by the community. Additional support with new program development and uncovered Senior Center needs is provided by the Friends of the Council on Aging.

PROGRAMS:

Community:

- AARP Tax Aide Assistance
- Hilltown Association
- Holiday Party
- Garden Club
- LIFE Program (Living is for the Elderly) discussion group at Craneville Place
- State Representative Hours: Paul Mark
- Special Programming & Lectures: Underground Railroad, Fly Fishing, Hoosac Tunnel, Candidates Forum, Veterans' Luncheon, Rotary Club Picnic at Pinegrove
- Veteran's History Project

Exercise:

- Osteo-Exercise
- Shake Your Soul Yoga-Dance
- Tai Chi

Health:

- Flu Clinic
- Foot Care Clinic
- Blood Pressure Clinic

Social Activities & Classes:

- Beginner Bridge
- Breakfast Club
- Bridge
- Coffee Cafe
- Computer Classes
- Knitting/Crochet
- Lunch Bunch
- Mahjongg
- Oil Painting
- Pitch
- Quilting
- Travel Club

NEW PROGRAMMING ADDED in 2012:

- Acrylic Painting
- Movie Night/Thursday Evening Hours
- Lifelong Learners (in partnership with the Dalton Library)
- Line Dancing
- Sign Language
- Thursday Night Veterans Agent Office Hours

SERVING THE HEALTH INFORMATION NEEDS OF ELDERS (SHINE):

Patricia "Pattie" Pero has served as the Council on Aging Outreach Wellness and SHINE (Serving Health Information Needs of Elders) Counselor for the past 26 years. Her office hours are Mondays and Thursdays with visits made to homes as needed. Pattie's role includes assessing individuals in need of services and making referrals as necessary. These referrals may include Elder Services of Berkshire County, Berkshire Community Action Council, Neighbor to Neighbor through the Berkshire Taconic Foundation, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Insurance plans, Berkshire Elder Protective Services, clergy and primary physicians. Her other role as a SHINE Counselor involves individuals and group sessions on Medicare, Supplemental plans for prescription coverage, subsidy programs and medical billing issues. This advocacy has amounted to over \$23,678 in savings to elders in 2012. Pattie has met with 366 women, 118 men and has assisted 237 persons with disabilities in addition to 15 home visits with elders. She also assisted through 751 phone calls. Pattie insures that each person that she deals with receives the appropriate attention and follow up necessary to remain safe and well supported in the community.

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 2012, the service was available Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 3 PM. The Elder Services Senior Aide Program ended in April 2012, but we were able to hire another part-time driver and a substitute driver, allowing the COA to continue to provide van service five days a week. 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 2012, the Dalton COA van service provided 2,932 rides to 84 residents and traveled 17,270 miles over 248 days. Of the total number of rides, 33.8% of them were for people deemed disabled by the Berkshire Regional Transit Authority under the Americans with Disabilities Act, up from 28.8% during the last reporting period.

NEWSLETTER/COMMUNICATION:

Four issues of the Silver Banner newsletter were produced during 2012. The fall issue included a disability update for the 911 emergency system which alerts first responders to special needs in the home. The newsletter is mailed to town residents 60 and older. Individuals 55 and older who wish to receive the newsletter and are not in our database should contact the COA and request their information be added to the distribution list. The Silver Banner is also available online with the assistance of webmaster, Louise Frankenburg, by using the links on the Dalton website at www.dalton-ma.gov

A monthly calendar listing Senior Center activities and meal options is produced monthly and is available at the Senior Center and online. Postings on the Berkshire Eagle Bulletin Board published on Monday lists scheduled activities and important updates and changes.

The COA Board and staff worked to complete the Dalton Senior Center Guide, an informational booklet with complete program descriptions and rights and responsibilities of center frequenters. The Guide is available at the Senior Center.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Volunteers are the backbone of the services and programs provided by the COA and the Senior Center. Forty-Nine volunteers serve as committee members, gaming, computer and craft instructors; dishwashers and meal servers, receptionists, office workers; newsletter support including article contributions and editing as well as preparing the mailing; intergenerational programs such as Bridges and reading programs; and home visits and grocery shopping for some of our most vulnerable and home bound residents. Dalton has many volunteers over the age of 60 in the community (such as the Historical Commission, and town committees) donating countless hours to the community. Individuals wishing to donate time and knowledge can call the Senior Center to learn about opportunities.

VETERANS HISTORY PROJECT:

Dalton Community Television preserves the histories of local veterans and individuals who supported the war(s) effort through videotaped interviews which are submitted to the Library of Congress. Members of all wars are encouraged to contact the Dalton Community Television station to preserve the history of war from a personal level.

The COA held a recruitment reception for individuals who were interested in volunteering on the Board or the Friends committees. As a result, new members with fresh ideas were brought into the two groups.

FRIENDS OF THE DALTON COUNCIL ON AGING, INC:

The Friends of the Council on Aging is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization which is the fundraising arm of the COA. All revenue raised is used to provide financial support to programs and activities by the Council on Aging and the Dalton Senior Center. Fundraising activities this year included their annual letter fundraising campaign. Richard Lacatell wrote a \$5000 grant to support the operation of the COA Van and was awarded \$2500. A craft fair under the guidance of Maureen Mitchell was held in the fall along with two bake sales. The Friends provided a new printer for the Senior Center. The group organized and funded the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner honoring ninety-six volunteers. They also provided the funds to purchase the Veterans Luncheon cake and Price Chopper and WalMart gift cards and gift bags of fruit and candy for the annual holiday luncheon. \$300 was allocated to have tables made for the three rest rooms at the Center.

The Friends made possible the installation of the Memorial Brick Garden which was gifted to the Town this past spring, and at the same, dedicated benches from the Keep Dalton Walking project were also unveiled and gifted to the town of Dalton. Individuals wishing to purchase a memorial brick in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone should contact Margie Limburg through the Senior Center. Benches are coordinated through COA Board member Tom Callahan Jr. who can also be reached through the Senior Center.

Current Friends of the Dalton Council on Aging members include:

Dennis Gian, Chair	Carol Powell, V. Chair
Carol Morrison, Secretary	Judith Trumble, Treasurer
Nancy Bissell	Gayle Gargan
Richard Lacatell	Marjorie Limburg
Kathleen Phillips	Audrey Poirier
Peter (Catherine) Rivers	Thomas Sedgwick
Chris Twomy	

DALTON COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD:

The Dalton Council on Aging Board is appointed for three year terms by the Dalton Select Board. The purpose of the Board is to advise and provide input regarding policy and the COA's response to needs in the community. Five ad-hoc committees were formed: Finance, Senior Housing, Strategic Planning, Building and Marketing/Community Relations. In addition to the publication of the Senior Center Guide, the Board also voted not to rent the building spaces to external groups due to the costs of staffing and powering the building beyond hours of operation.

2012 appointees are:

Joyce Lacatell, Chair	Mary Lamke, V. Chair
Jean Poopor, Clerk	Maureen Mitchell, Treasurer
Judith Brooks	Marcia Brophy
Tom Callahan, Jr	Cora Cooney
Cynthia Costello	Robert Dean
Helga Knappe	Doris (Dorie) Lamica
John (Jack) McDonough	Ralph Young
Marjorie Lillpopp (deceased)	
Vacancy	
Alternates: Two Vacancies	

CRA

Alison Peters, Executive Director

Dalton is fortunate to have several beautiful parks where our community can gather to enjoy the great outdoors. 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.

2013 marks the 90th anniversary of the W. Murray Crane Community House – 90 continuous years of providing the town of Dalton with social, educational, cultural, and of course, recreational activities for people of all ages. Through the

Community Recreation Association (CRA), the Community House 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.

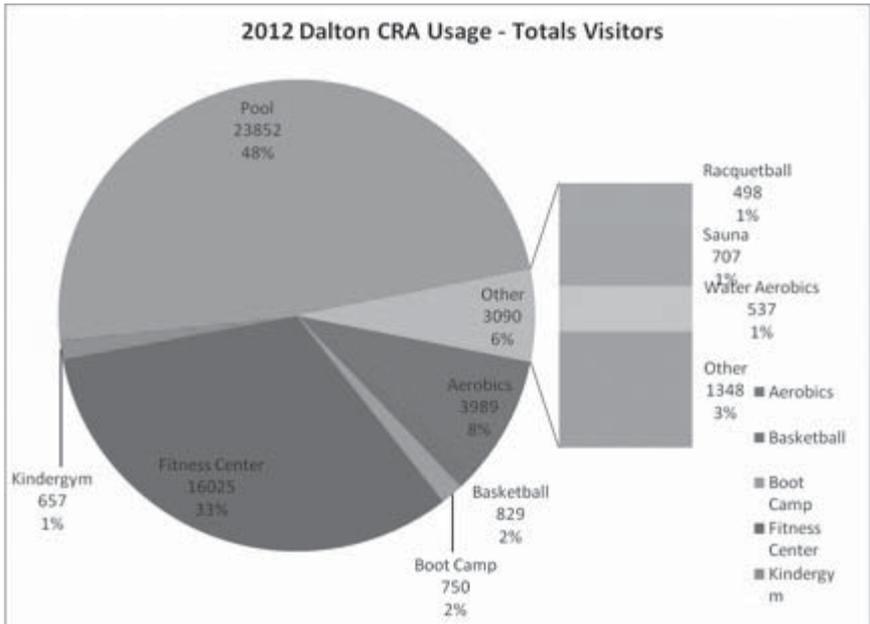
Our after school programs are located at Craneville Elementary School and the Dalton Youth Center (DYC) for elementary and middle school students. Parents will find these to be safe places for their children to do their homework, socialize and get some physical activity. During school vacations, snow-days 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 and after-school drop-in program, tutoring, 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. This is an exciting year for the youth center, as it is undergoing major renovations. From a new roof, windows and doors to updated electrical and plumbing systems, the building will undergo a major transformation.

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 1450 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!

CULTURAL 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 November of 2012, our cultural council received 30 applications for support of a wide variety of projects.

The following projects were approved for funding in an amount totaling \$4,305 for FY 2013:

Bard College; Berkshire Festival of Women Writers
Becket Washington School PTO; Hilltown Hoot
Clark, Richard; And Now Mark Twain!at the Dalton Senior Center
Craneville Elementary School; Shakespeare& Co. - Midsummer
Night's Dream
Dalton Community Recreation Association; CRA's 90th Anniversary
Celebration
Eagles Band, Inc.; Eagles Band Concert for the Public at the Dalton CRA
Gelinas Aimee; Discover Dalton Trails, Culture & Nature
Lewis, Bernice; Sugar Hill Folk Festival
Mass. Audubon Berkshire Sanctuaries; State of the Birds of the Housatonic
River -Nessacus
Regional Middle School; Shakespeare & Co. - Midsummer Night's Dream
Root, John; Senior Citizen Musical Program at Craneville Place
St. Agnes PTO; St. Agnes Academy Drama Club

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

DALTON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Mindy Hackner, Library Director

Renovations

The highlight of 2012 was completion of the long awaited renovations of the library. This project was financed principally by Town funds and interest from Library trust funds.

The Library was painted; new carpeting installed; entryway repaired; an automatic door at the top of the ramp and a new front door put in; new ceilings (which had been damaged during roof work on the Town Hall) and lights were installed in the Reading Room area and the work room; and additional outlets which can be used by patrons to plug in laptops. Tables were refinished thanks to the work of Louisa Horth and Tim Daniels and some new furniture and drapes for the large windows were ordered with gift funds.

The Library was closed for only one week but some areas were not accessible to patrons or staff for several months. Books and the files and contents of the Director's and Assistant Director's offices were packed up while the work was undertaken in the Reading Room and office area of the Library. The project took longer than originally planned as there were some problems with lead paint and installation of the lights. An Open House was held on September 12, 2012 to share the improvements with the public.

It had been hoped to increase the size of the circulation desk, install insulation in the ceiling and replace all the light fixtures but the budget did not allow the undertaking of these projects.

New Catalog and Circulation System

After several delays, the new catalog and circulation system Evergreen was migrated by CWMARS at the end of May. This change provided some challenges to the staff and the public and work to address some of the glitches. CWMARS is continuing to upgrade this cost-effective software.

Adult Services and Programs

The monthly book group continued during the year.

A video series on artists including Michelangelo, Mary Cassatt, Georgia O'Keeffe was shown during February and March.

Adults were invited to participate in the summer reading program and could earn a mug for turning in their reading list.

The annual subscription to Universal Class which offers over 500 online courses was renewed. Patrons must register at the library and then may access the courses from their home computers. Thanks to a gift from the Friends of the Library, a set of "Great Courses" DVDs were added to the collection. These lectures on various topics provide another opportunity for continuing education for adults. The databases eSequels which lists fiction series and Atomic Training which features electronic tutorials were added at the end of the year.

Children's Programs

The popular preschool storytime was held during the year and expanded to include seven weeks during the summer. This program is conducted by Assistant

Director, Katherine Hoag with the assistance of Wendy Provencher from Coordinated Family and Community Engagement. During the school year the first graders from Saint Agnes Academy also help out.

The summer reading program “Dream Big – Read” kicked off with a very enjoyable magic show at the Dalton United Methodist Church. A total of 117 children signed up for the program. Besides the preschool story time, Wendy Provencher also conducted a story program for children over the age of six.

Miscellaneous Activities

The Library Director attended workshops on e-books and policies and worked with the Trustees to update some of the library policies.

Several staff and public computers were replaced during the year.

Books were shifted in several areas to utilize space more efficiently. The Young Adult collections of hardcover and paperback books were interfiled in one location.

Friends of the Library

The executive board of the Friends for 2012-2013:

President – Veronica Balardini; Vice President – Kimberly Slade; Secretary – Christina Faye; Treasurer – Dolores Farrell; Membership Chair – Rae Ann Winters; Members-at-large – Janet Claffie, Elizabeth Erb, Elizabeth Chisum, Cynthia Riigs-Frence, Margery Lillpopp; Past President – Dian Elser; and Trustee Representative – Judith Douville.

The annual meeting of the Friends was held in May at the Senior Center and attendees enjoyed a talk by Larry Moore on “Baseball: Tools of the Trade.” He shared his involvement with the Baseball Hall of Fame and showed artifacts from baseball history.

Besides their funding of newspaper subscriptions, books for the book group, museum passes and other support, the Friends also provided help and refreshments for the Open House held in September and had a very successful bake sale at the Senior Center Craft Fair in October.

Personnel

Kelsey Trumbull joined the staff as a library page after Lynn Pfeiler left to pursue her own business enterprise.

Fred Sears was appointed a Trustee by the Select Board after Stephanie Shafiroff found it necessary to resign because of schedule conflicts.

During the summer a committee of Trustees and others began meeting to select a new Library Director.

Library Director, Doris Lamica retired after 32 years and Mindy Hackner was selected to succeed her at the beginning of 2013.

Coming from 14 years of library service to children, Mindy will take several months of desk time to meet the community and planning time to understand the budget and needs of the library. Because of the disruption to service during the library’s renovations, our statistics are lower this year, but we hope to gain ground with a continuation of the book club, database instruction for middle school students, and some gardening programs planned for the spring. The loss of Lamica after so many years of service has been eased by the community’s gracious

acceptance of a new director. Thank you.

Total holdings	41,739
Total circulation (with adjustment for migration)	40,953
Materials added to collection	1,743
Materials withdrawn from collection	964
New registrations	260
Dalton library card holders	3,091
Internet Usage	3,615
Museum Passes	164
Program attendance (42 programs)	567
Days open	269
Interlibrary loan from other libraries (from 6/12)	4,433
Interlibrary loan to other libraries (from 6/12)	3,058
Fines collected	\$1,939.10

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Daniel D. Filiault, Emergency Management Director

Over the past year the Emergency Management Department has been working with the Dalton Water District in reviewing and modifying the Emergency Action Plans (EAP's) for the five dams that are located in or serve the Dalton Community.

This work has been done in conjunction with the City of Pittsfield, the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency and the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation.

Every five years the Town is required to do conduct the review of the local dams to verify that the EAP reflects the correct contact information for the community.

It was discovered during the review that the emergency contact list we have for residents needed major updating.

The Town has adopted a phone notification system called AlertNow to contact residents of Dalton in case of an emergency. Upon activation a recorded message is rapidly sent to all residents via phone to provide information and instructions from the Emergency Management Team. Most fixed listed Dalton phones are on our calling list.

For the system to work properly we need to have all residents' phone numbers in the data base. We do not have access to unlisted phone numbers, cable phone numbers, or cell phone numbers. These numbers are of critical importance for the Emergency Management Department to be able to contact all residents of the need for evacuation or to provide information in case of an Emergency situation.

** If you have an unlisted number, cable phone, or use a cell phone as your primary contact number we ask that you contact the Emergency Management Department by one of the methods listed below so we can update our files. All information will be kept confidential and will be used only for Emergency Purposes.

If you have questions about this procedure you can contact Emergency Management Director Daniel Filiault or the Town Manager's Office at the following numbers.

- daltonem@bcn.net (Subject: "Add phone number to Emergency Contact List") Please make sure you include all contact information including names and address.
- Dalton Emergency Management (413) 684-0020
- Dalton Emergency Management (via Town Hall) (413) 684-6111 ext. 11

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Gerald J. Cahalan Jr., Fire Chief

The call volume of the Dalton Fire Department continues to rise. During 2012 the Department responded to 880 calls. The majority of calls are for medical assistance. We saw several house fires last year amounting to thousands of dollars worth of losses.

The most highlighted fire from last year were those in the Greenridge Park area. An arsonist ignited two separate structures, causing one house to be a total loss and damaging another on Greenridge Drive. This also heavily damaged a garage at the corner of Evelyn and Gertrude. No arrests have been made.

I'd like to remind residents to be cautious when disposing of ashes from fire places and such. Three minor house fires were caused by careless disposal of ashes and smoking materials. Keep ashes away from your house and make sure they are doused with water. Do not store ashes in your house, porch or garage.

The department received two vehicle(s) from the Massachusetts Bureau of Fire Control surplus program. A 1984 5 Ton Cargo truck is being made into a tanker to help cover the area of town where this isn't a hydrant system in place and the area where the hydrant system is weak. This, with the help of mutual aid tankers, will adequately supply water in the case of a fire.

The second truck is a 1987 utility truck that will be converted into a brush/forestry truck to replace the 70's vintage truck. This will be owned by the town.

In November the department took delivery of a 1991 Spartan/Simon 110' aerial ladder/Quint. This will take the place of the 1974 Ladder that was from Pittsfield. That ladder was sold to an individual from Dalton. The 1991 Quint comes from Schuyler Heights NY Fire District, and was an in service piece. This truck increases the capabilities and safety of the Dalton Fire Department. The truck should go into service early 2013 after proper training.

The Department has taken on some new members and lost some others for various reasons. The department said good bye to honorary member James Duffy whom passed away in 2012.

I'd like to thank the Town of Dalton, its residents, The Dalton Police Department and the Dalton Highway Department for the cooperation they give the Dalton Fire Department. Coordination and Cooperation is the way to keep an cohe-

sive working environment and it is a pleasure to work with all of the departments.

I'd like to thank Gibby Rudd and the members of the Dalton Water Department for their hard work keeping the water flowing. Gibby's personnel kept the hydrants clear during snow, kept the hydrants flushed and raised the height on several hydrants. This makes the fire departments job easier in finding and operating a hydrant to save your property.

Remember, 9-1-1 for Police, Fire and Medical calls. Give your address, phone number and problem. Stay on the line and answer the dispatchers questions.

FOREST WARDEN

Gerald J. Cahalan Jr., Forest Warden

The Dalton Fire Department had a relatively non eventful Dalton season, with some small outdoor burning complaints and one brush pile that got out of control.

DFD did respond the forestry vehicle, ATV's and personnel to a mutual aid call in the Town of Lee for a forest fire. This fire lasted two days and Dalton's volunteers did an excellent job.

Reminder to the town, burning season is from January 15 - April 30, 4pm. There will be no extension of the burning season for 2013. Permits are \$5.00 for the season. You must call in or go online at <http://www.bcburnpermits.com> to register each day to burn.

The towns 1970's model brush truck is being replaced by a 1987 former military utility truck. The truck was obtained through the Massachusetts Bureau of Fire Control Surplus program and the cost of the vehicle was \$0.00. The truck is being converted by the volunteers at the fire department.

I would like to thank the citizens of Dalton for their cooperation and look forward to another uneventful season. I would also like to thank the department volunteers for the hard work you put in.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

John Roughley, Acting Highway Superintendent

The Department's primary mission is to maintain and improve the Town's roads, sewer and drainage systems. This work is performed and accomplished by a very dedicated and professional staff. The Department is also responsible for maintaining the Town's parks and cemeteries.

The annual resurfacing project this year was largely devoted to Kirchner Road which is heavily traveled. This long overdue project was successfully completed this fall.

The winter season was mild with many light snow squalls. All winter sand and debris has to be cleaned up each spring. All of the Town's streets, parking lots and sidewalks are swept by Department personnel. The sand collected during this time is screened and used for next year's snow and ice season. Spring is also the time when our four cemeteries are cleaned up in preparation for our Memorial Day observance.

The Town's parks are cleaned up each spring for the upcoming recreational

season. We work with the CRA to make sure all ball fields are ready for the upcoming baseball and softball seasons.

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

Heavy rain along with Hurricane Irene in 2011 had a huge impact on storm water infiltrating into our sewer system. This summer, with special town funds, the Department was able to rebuild sewer manholes, replace broken pipes and seal pipe joints along Burr Drive, East Deming Street and North Street. This project known as the Burr Drive Sewer Project will be completed this spring.

We have had a very productive year, due largely in part to the staff of the Highway and Cemetery Departments. We thank the residents, Select Board, Town Manager and all other Town employees for their guidance and support. We look forward to the year to come.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

George White, Chairman

The Historical Board meets on Thursdays, at the Town Hall, to file news clippings concerning Dalton, that would be of Historical interest to Dalton Residents in the future. Anyone interested in some piece of Dalton History, can possibly find it there.

One of our main focus', at the present, and future, is to restore the Fitch Hoose House to its original status.

Tiles picturing the Fitch Hoose House, were purchased from the Sheffield Pottery, and sold at different functions, in order to raise money for the restoration of the Hoose House.

Another project: the calendars picturing the History of Dalton, and a book containing the History of the Hoose House, were also sold. We like to thank Louisa Horth, in her roll of providing these.

Many meetings were held with the Town Manager, Ken Walto, and committee, to discuss the final estimated cost of the Hoose House restoration.

A drum, which was donated to us, from the Dalton Daley Avenue Drum Corp, which was established in 1888, and disbanded in 1930, was brought to, and restored by the Noble & Koolie Drum Co. In Grandville, Ma.

A "Friends of the Hoose House Committee", is being formulated to handle donations, gifts, etc., for the Hoose House, Restoration.

The first annual Fitch Hoose House tag sale, was a big success towards the matching State Grant. We would like to thank all who took part in this event, with their purchases, and donations.

A tarp, for stabilization of the rear portion of the house was recommended, by BRPC, and was furnished by J. Wasuk Building & Renovation of Dalton.

A sign, distinguishing the building as the Fitch Hoose House, was designed by Bob Stone of Showcase Designs, and erected on said property.

Many meetings with Ken Walto, were put together to address the requirements to get this grant.

MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE

Robert Dassat, Chairman

Once again the weather cooperated after what appeared to have signs of a possible rainout prior to our parade step-off and the Town and its dedicated people once again celebrated a very beautiful and successful day.

Memorial Day was again dedicated to all our men and women serving or at home who fought in defense of our country so we are able to enjoy our lives today. All veterans graves were decorated with American flags thanks to the efforts of Boy Scout Troop #4 and the elementary students from Craneville who come out in large numbers and under the guidance of John Ellis who by the way has been doing this service for over forty (40) years. On Memorial Day the streets were once again lined with patriotic men, women, and children. Music in the parade was provided by the Wahconah Regional High School Band under the direction of Brian Rabuse. In the line of march was the Dalton American Legion Post 155 Color Guard and firing squad leading this years 2012 parade next was parade dignitaries American Legion Dept. Vice Commander Stephen Sylvestrie also the guest speaker followed by Master of ceremonies Thomas Callahan, Lawrence E. Brothers, Vice Commander of the Dalton American Legion filling in for Commander Robert Dassat, Joseph Staples, Commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #9566, next in the line of March, Dalton VFW Post 9566 Color Guard

Town Manager, Kenneth E. Walto and Select Board members, Sheriff Thomas Bowler and his Honor Guard, Wreath Bearers led by Mrs. Nancy Hopper, Dalton Cheerleaders, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, including Brownies, Dalton Police Department, Dalton Fire Department, Dalton American Legion Motorcycle Riders, Father Christopher Malatesta, Pastor of St. Agnes Church. At the conclusion of the parade ceremony took place at the mound of the unknown dead in the Main Street Cemetery.

Father Christopher Malatesta performed the invocation and benediction.

Guest speaker was American Legion Dept. Vice Commander Stephen Sylvestrie.

Two students, Brandyn Cesan and Timothy Wagner spoke on their meaning of Memorial Day. John Ellis then read off names of deceased from Civil War, WWII, Vietnam, Korea, etc. Wreath Bearers, led by Nancy Hopper placed the wreaths at the Mound. Bag Piper Dennis Masengo played Amazing Grace. Wahconah Regional High School Band played Star Spangled Banner followed by America the Beautiful. Legion Firing Squad paid tribute with the traditional three volleys, taps followed by two students from Wahconah Regional High School Band. The lead was played by Christian Pickwell and the Echo was played by Nicholas Tutella. Once again I thanked all the Cemetery workers who do an amazing job with our cemeteries and all the people that come out to honor the Veterans on this special day. In Conclusion, I thanked my Memorial Day Committee for helping me make this a successful day.

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 Zoning Bylaws and subdivision construction, as well as division of land. 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 regularly 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 eleven regular monthly meetings in 2012. In addition to other business and zoning bylaw update work, the Board reviewed and endorsed three Form A applications for the division of lands within Dalton, granted one Special Permit renewal, and reviewed one Notice of Sale of Chapter 61 B Land. They also conducted three public hearings which included two citizen petitions for zone classification changes on West Housatonic Street and a citizen proposal to change the drive-thru zoning regulations.

The Board has been working to update and improve the Dalton Zoning Bylaws so that these documents better serve the residents of Dalton. We anticipate bringing some of the proposed bylaw changes to the Annual Town Meeting (or a Special Town Meeting) in 2013 so that the voters can decide if they want to make these changes. 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. 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: Caleb Darby, Louisa Horth, Zack McCain and Karen Quinn for their time and dedication. Also, thank you to our former Administrative Secretary, Bonnie Callaghan, for her years of support and assistance. The Board welcomes Lisa Peltier as our new Administrative Secretary.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Jeffrey E. Coe, Chief of Police

In February, Officer Richard A. Nicholas, Jr. was appointed to Temporary Sergeant. In October we had three officers take the state civil service promotional exam. We are currently awaiting the test results and hope to have the permanent Sergeant in place by July 1st. Officer Amy Shaughnessy was promoted to Permanent Full Time Officer and attended the State Police Municipal Academy and graduated February 15, 2013. Congratulations and welcome back Amy!! In May, we hired Reserve Officer Michael Kinney who graduated the Reserve Academy and is progressing very nicely through his probationary field training with Officers John Marley and Christopher Furlong.

In addition to the training of the newly promoted officers, all officers continued with professional growth and development throughout the year in addition to responding to an average of 16 service calls per shift and conducting investigations. Officer Geoff Powell has been attending various courses on Crime Scene Evidence, including fingerprint recovery techniques, photographing, crime scene analysis, DNA and blood collection and more. Officers John Marley and Deanna Strout completed additional classes on sexual assaults and criminal investigations. Additional Officers continue to explore various aspects of investigations including cellular and computer forensics. All the continuing training, allows our officers to better assist the Residents of Dalton.

In the past we have hosted several community policing programs including Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE), TRIAD, School Resource Officer, Police Explorers, Bike Patrol, and School Emergency Planning Council. Budget constraints and lack of grant funding lend to reductions in time and money allowed for these extra programs. We will be conducting an analysis of their value to the town and limit what we participate in to ensure proper attention in those areas. This year these programs had to be cut six months short of the fiscal year compared to cutting them two months short last fiscal year. You can see our challenge. Cooperation with the District Attorney Capeless' Office and County Sheriff Bowler and our neighboring departments assists us in keeping some of these programs afloat.

We have received external and grant funding toward the purchase of protective vests for officers, the training and associated equipment mentioned above and allows our participation in drug investigations throughout the county. We are also pleased to announce that we have been awarded a grant \$ 19,967.64 from Executive Office of Public Safety, EOPSS, to purchase four Mobile Data Terminals, MDTs, for our cruisers. These will replace 2 of our current MDTs which are 8 years old and also be used in emergency management's operation center. We recently closed out a \$12,000 grant that Chief John Bartels obtained prior to his retirement which purchased a new computer network server and five desktop stations over the last four years replacing older slower and failing terminals. Thank you Chief Bartels.

The 10th annual Dalton Police Association's Officer of the Year award was

presented to Richard A. Nicholas, Jr. This is a peer recognition award for notable service in 2012. Richard is a thoughtful team player who lends his wisdom and experience to all of us. Congratulations Richard.

I would like to thank the dedicated men and women of the Police Department, Communication Center, Fire and Ambulance Squad for helping achieve a level of excellence and meeting our goals through effective communication, keeping public trust and advancing technology. I would like to especially recognize Mildred Boucher who has faithfully served as a school crossing guard as needed for 35 years since September 11, 1978. Thank you Millie.

Dalton Police Department 2012 Statistics:

Total call responses:.....	12,652
Business & Non 911 Calls	6,816
Officer Initiated responses	6,793
Intrusion Alarm Calls.....	196
911 Calls	850
Incidents.....	456
Arrests.....	176
Motor Vehicle stops	1,044
Motor Vehicle Accidents.....	108
Motor Vehicle Citations Issued.....	764
Citations Fines Received	\$ 7,340.00
Parking Fines Issues	122
Parking Fines Levied	\$ 10,270
Firearms Permits Issued.....	185
Firearms Permit Fees Received	\$ 3,812.50
Copies of reports.....	\$ 489.40

Accident forms and license to carry/firearm identification card applications can be found on line at www.dalton-ma.gov under town services. Completed police accident reports can be obtained online with your report number at www.getcrashreports.com

INSPECTOR OF WIRING

John M. Broderick, Inspector

Service Work	43
New Houses.....	3
Additions	24
Security Systems	7
Furnaces.....	14
Pools & Hot Tubs	4
Solar Panels	6
Generators.....	3
A/C Equipment.....	3
Misc. Elec. Work	3
Total Permits	110

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Paul K. Vacchina, Sealer

For period commencing January 1, 2012 and ending December 31, 2012 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	11
5,000- 10,000 lbs	

<i>Automatic Liquid Measuring Devices</i>	<i>Sealed</i>
Gasoline	46

SHADE TREE DEPARTMENT

Peter B. Bacon, Tree Warden

The shade tree department continues to struggle during the economic downturn. Budgets have been level funded for many years and cost go up. This department would like to be more proactive but until times get better it remains reactive. Public safety is paramount and the more hazardous trees will be removed first and the others will have to wait until funds become available. A total of 18 trees were removed, 13 trees pruned, 9 stumps ground and 3 trees planted.

After 14 years as the town's tree warden I feel its time for someone new to take over the helm and guide this department with fresh ideas and enthusiasm. This position has always been about public service for me from which I have gained much satisfaction.

The things that I am most proud of include the designation of Tree City USA for the town the last 13 years. Dalton was the second town in Berkshire County to receive this designation and many others have followed.

I take great pride in the 140 trees planted during my tenure and continue to marvel at their beauty as they mature. The many trees planted on Main St. are now having an impact.

The Massachusetts Tree Wardens and Foresters Association naming me Tree Warden of the Year for 2011 was the highlight of my time serving the town. I will be forever grateful for the towns Administrative Assistant Debby Merry for nominating me. Debby and I have worked together since the day I started and she is a true asset to the town.

I would also like to thank the Highway Dept. for all their help in making my task so much easier. It has been a pleasure to work with the many boards, committees and volunteers to make Dalton a better place.



TOWN ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

Sandra J. Albano, Town Accountant

I am pleased to submit the 36th Annual Report of the Town Accountant for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2012.

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 FY12 books have been closed and submitted to the Department of Revenue. Free Cash has been certified at \$843,144. for use in FY13. The Town of Dalton continues to battle financially with our diminishing levy capacity.

The FY14 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, 2012

	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	2,088,764	154,987	103,016	1,990,034		4,336,801
Receivables						
Property Taxes	132,376					132,376
Less: Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts	(85,414)					(85,414)
Excise Taxes	70,658					70,658
Tax Liens	186,085					186,085
Departmental	15,520	7,459				22,979
User Charges	35,483					35,483
Tax Foreclosures	127,678					127,678
Due From Other Governments		463,710				463,710
Due From Other Agencies	25					25
Due From Other Funds				825		825
Amount to be Provided for the Payment of Debt					1,819,813	1,819,813
Total Assets:	2,571,176	626,156	103,016	1,990,859	1,819,813	7,111,019
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY						
Liabilities:						
Vendor Warrants Payable	124,060	4,819				159,427
Payroll Warrants Payable			30,548			30,548
Accrued Payroll	39,815	2,967				42,782
Accrued Employer Taxes	547					547
Employee Withholdings	19,677					19,677
Due to Other Governments						-
Due to Other Funds	825					825

Schedule 1: Combined Balance Sheet, June 30, 2012

	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	-			46,101		46,101
Undistributed Receipts	395					395
Unclaimed Items	2,716					2,716
Prepaid Highway Excavation Fees	550					550
Deferred Revenue						-
Property Taxes	46,962					46,962
Tax Liens	186,085					186,085
Tax Foreclosure	127,678					127,678
Other	121,661	471,169				592,830
BANS Payable	-		117,000			117,000
Performance Bond Deposits	-				1,819,813	-
Bond Indebtedness	-				1,819,813	1,819,813
Total Liabilities:	670,972	478,955	147,548	46,101	1,819,813	3,163,389
Fund Equity:						
Reserved for Encumbrances	201,749					270,777
Reserved for Expenses	577,000					577,000
Reserved for Overlay Released	-		8,195	22,025		-
Reserved for Payment of Debt	44,590					44,590
Reserved for Continuing Appropriation	148,281					148,281
Reserved for Nonexpendable Trust Principal				125,100		125,100
Undesignated	928,583	108,393	(52,727)	1,797,632		2,781,881
Total Fund Equity	1,900,204	147,201	(44,532)	1,944,757	-	3,947,630
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity:	2,571,176	626,156	103,016	1,990,859	1,819,813	7,111,019

Schedule 1 - A
Special Revenue Funds
Fund Equity for the Year Ended June 30, 2012

	Balance 7/1/11	Revenues	Prior Year Corrections	Transfers In	Expenses	Transfers Out	Balance 6/30/12
Animal Kennel Donations	13	-			-		13
Beautification Commission Donations	1,033	30			129		934
BJA Recovery Act JAG Grant-Federal	(980)	980					-
CATV Local Broadcasting	-	100,458			100,458		-
Cemetery Repair Donations	10,000	-			-		10,000
Cemetery Vandalism Restitution	383	-			-		383
COA Formula Grant	(90)	10,462			10,064		308
COA Gifts/Donations/Programs	15,097	4,479			9,713		9,863
COA Incentive Grant	890	-			-		890
COA Programs Revolving	-	3,900			827		3,073
COA Transportation Fund	8,289	10,161			14,206		4,244
Community Development Block Grant	14,241	1,166					15,407
Community Septic Mgt.	18,000	-			-		18,000
Composting Bin Grant	494	-			-		494
Cultural Council	3,791	3,879			4,240		3,430
Cultural Council Donations	779	-			-		779
Dalton Papers	3,285	940			1,982		2,243
Dog License Revolving	3,000	26,546			471	26,075	3,000
Drug Task Force Byrne Grant	6,686	7,219			11,693		2,212
Electric Inspections Revolving	1,575	4,385			4,385		1,575
Extended Polling Hours	5	624				629	-
Gov's Hwy Sfty Bureau Grants	14	-			-		14
Grave Digging OT Revolving	2,500	1,395			1,042	353	2,500
Highway Chapter Funds	(111)	184,933			326,225	1	(141,404) *
Historical Commission	4,564	999			3,404		2,159
Insurance Claims Under \$10,000	17,844	-			447		17,397
Insurance Reimb. over \$20K	153,391	-			-		153,391
Legal Advertising Revolving	3,000	1,500			778	722	3,000
Library Donations	8,852	2,025			-		10,877
Library Incentive Grant	33,980	8,200			5,630		36,550
MA Releaf Grant	-	-			-		-
Misc. Non-Recurring Grants/Gifts	37,745	8,168			26,937		18,976 *
Municipal Recycling Program Grant	614	-			-		614
Parks Maintenance Revolving	400	450			-		850
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	-	8,390			8,390		-
Police Dept Local Gifts	9	-			-		9
Police Outside Detail	7,752	74,434			79,764		2,422
Police Vest Grant	(795)	1,192			795		(398) *
Records Preservation Project	592	-			-		592
Skateboard Park Donations	1,841	-			-		1,841
Small Cities Grant Recapture	-	-			-		-
State 911 Comm Dept Incentive Grant	-	80,084			127,939		(47,855) *
Wetlands Protection Fund	2,855	170			131		2,894
Total Fund Equity	367,462	547,169	-	-	739,650	27,780	147,201

*Fund 212 Police Vest Grant - Payment of \$397.50 dated 07/11/12 received from State.

*Fund 223 State 911 Communication Grant - Payment of \$32,900.25 dated 07/24/12 and \$14,955.22 dated 09/28/12 received from State.

*Fund 229 Misc Grants - State 911 Training Grant - Payment of \$3,500 dated 08/08/12 and \$593.80 dated 09/28/12 received from State.

*Fund 229 Misc Grants - MA Historic Commission Grant - Payment of \$10,000 dated 08/30/12 received from State.

*Fund 230 Chapter 90 - Payment of \$121,198.16 dated 06/29/12 and \$20,205.46 dated 08/06/12 received from State.

Schedule 1-B: Capital Projects Fund Equity for The Year Ended June 30, 2012

	Balance 07/01/11	Revenues	Transfers		Expenses	Transfer Out	Fund Equity Balance 6/30/12	Grant Revenues Anticipated	Temporary Borrowing Issued	Projects	
			In	Out						Authorized	Not Complete
Capital Projects - Departmental	8,975	-	-	-	43,675	-	(34,700)	-	42,000	176,900	-
Capital Projects - Building	2,590	-	-	-	75,000	-	(72,410)	-	75,000	2,590	-
COA Senior Center - Building	(478,212)	512,000	-	-	8,500	-	25,288	-	-	25,288	-
Landfill Closure	148,281	-	-	-	-	148,281	-	-	-	-	-
South Street Project	41,250	-	-	-	3,960	-	37,290	-	-	37,290	-
Housatonic Street Project	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	(277,116)	512,000	-	-	131,135	148,281	(44,532)	-	117,000	242,068	-

Temporary Borrowing of \$117,000.00 was issued 06/19/2012.

**Schedule 1-C: Trust and Agency Funds
Fund Equity and Liabilities for the Year Ended June 30, 2012**

Fund Equity:	Balance 7/1/11	Receipts	Due from Others	Transfers In	Expenses	Transfers Out	Fund Equity Balance 06/30/12
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	33,043	2,057	-	-	8,290	-	26,810
Library	123,685	3,735	-	-	36,975	-	90,445
School	79,777	1,799	-	-	-	-	81,576
Local Law Enforcement	1,774	3,218	-	-	1,354	-	3,638
	238,279	10,809	-	-	46,619	-	202,469
STABILIZATION FUNDS:							
General Stabilization	221,002	1,139	348	-	-	-	222,489
Capital Stabilization	972,457	5,010	477	23,000	-	44,590	956,354
Litigation Stabilization	224,799	1,159	-	-	-	-	225,958
Sewer Stabilization	35,170	181	-	50,750	-	-	86,101
	1,453,428	7,489	825	73,750	-	44,590	1,490,902
Pension Reserve Fund	120,918	368	-	-	-	-	121,286
Unemployment Compensation Fund	-	-	-	5,000	-	-	5,000
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	1,937,725	18,666	825	78,750	46,619	44,590	1,944,757

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

	Balance 07/01/11	Receipts	Due from Others	Transfers In	Disbursements	Transfers Out	Balance Due to Others 6/30/12
Liabilities:							
AGENCY FUNDS:							
Dalton Fire District		429,025	-	-	424,814	-	4,211
Dalton Redevelopment Authority Operations	43,075	14,535	-	-	21,304	-	36,306
Deputy Collector Fees	-	15,505	-	-	15,505	-	-
Parking Clerk Fees	10	10	-	-	10	-	10
Town Clerk Fees	-	12,123	-	-	12,123	-	-
Town Collector Fees	455	18,920	-	-	18,475	-	900
State Share of Gun Permit Receipts	825	8,113	-	-	4,263	-	4,675
TOTAL LIABILITIES	44,365	498,230	-	-	496,494	-	46,101
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity:	1,982,090	516,896	825	78,750	543,113	44,590	1,990,859

**Schedule 2: General Fund Revenues, Budget to Actual
For the Year Ended, June 30, 2012**

	FY12 Estimated	FY12 Actual	Variance FY12 Budget To FY12 Actual
<u>SEWER OFFSET RECEIPTS</u>			
Sewer Late Fees #4245		6,160	
Sewer User Fees, #4246-11		7,213	
Sewer User Fees, #4246-12		635,940	
Sewer Lien Fees #4247		23,343	
Sewer Hook-Up Charges #4467		3,250	
Hinsdale Sewer Bill #4746		45,221	
	<u>733,573</u>	<u>721,127</u>	<u>(12,446)</u>
<u>ESTIMATED LOCAL RECEIPTS:</u>			
Motor Vehicle Excise, #4150			
2006 & Prior		153	
2007		656	
2008		347	
2009		381	
2010		3,228	
2011		105,421	
2012		618,718	
	<u>650,000</u>	<u>728,904</u>	<u>78,904</u>
<u>Other Excise.</u>			
Farm Animal Excise #4162		-	
Classified Forest Land #4163		-	
Forest Products Tax #4164		-	
Hotel/Meals Tax #4167		38,551	
	<u>25,000</u>	<u>38,551</u>	<u>13,551</u>
<u>Penalties & Interest on Taxes & Excise:</u>			
Interest & Penalties on Taxes #4171		33,373	
Interest & Penalties on Tax Titles #4172		17,761	
Interest & Penalties on Sewer User #4173		-	
Interest & Penalties on Other A/R #4174		-	
Income & Expense Penalties Added to Tax #4190		-	
	<u>21,000</u>	<u>51,134</u>	<u>30,134</u>
<u>Payment in Lieu of Taxes</u>			
Trailer Park Fees #4165		4,608	
Pmts in Lieu of Taxes #4180		3,932	
Pinegrove Manor Pilot #4181		1,636	
	<u>6,900</u>	<u>10,176</u>	<u>3,276</u>
<u>Other Charges for Services</u>			
Board of Appeals #4373		225	
Planning Board #4374		625	
Zoning #4375		-	
Sealer of Wghts/Measures #4466		580	
	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,430</u>	<u>430</u>

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

	FY12 Estimated	FY12 Actual	Variance FY12 Budget To FY12 Actual
<u>Fees</u>			
Registry of Motor Vehicles #4175		5,420	
Municipal Lien Fees #4321		5,475	
Bad Check Fees #4330		475	
Default Warrant Removal Fee #4332		-	
Collector Late Fees Ch40 S21E #4333		-	
Duplicate Bill Fee #4382		1,188	
Communication Center Fees #4810		13,402	
Private Hauler Recycling Fee #4335		-	
Highway Excavation Fees #4377		2,300	
	<u>18,700</u>	<u>28,260</u>	<u>9,560</u>
<u>Departmental Revenue Council on Aging #4379</u>	<u>7,000</u>	<u>3,900</u>	<u>(3,100)</u>
<u>Departmental Revenue Cemetery #4378</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>28,090</u>	<u>(1,910)</u>
<u>Other Departmental Revenue</u>			
Town Clerk - Street List #4371		80	
Town Clerk - Other #4372		33	
Assessors Maps #4383		303	
Assessors' Infor Requests #4384		-	
Dalton Fire District Tax Reimb. #4811		10,000	
Lanesborough ACO Reimb. #4337		2,421	
Photocopies #4391, 4392		240	
Town Maps #4393		18	
Recycled Goods #4329		15,036	
School Census #4841		3,431	
Charge for Bid Specs #4380		-	
Bicentennial Sales #4394		-	
Police Reports #4397		499	
Police - Outside Detail Admin Fee #4398		3,801	
Town Collector Miscellaneous #4844		720	
	<u>28,600</u>	<u>36,582</u>	<u>7,982</u>
<u>Licenses & Permits</u>			
All Alcohol Licenses On Premise #4411		4,800	
Beer & Wine Licenses #4413		600	
All Other Alcohol Licenses Off Premise #4414		1,400	
Raffle Permits #4455		70	
Cable TV Franchise #4458		1,073	
Building Permits #4460		20,218	
Health Agent Receipts #4462		3,803	
Police Pistol Permits #4473		2,737	
Other Licenses & Permits #4499		6,290	
	<u>32,600</u>	<u>40,991</u>	<u>8,391</u>

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

	FY12 Estimated	FY12 Actual	Variance FY12 Budget To FY12 Actual
<u>Fines and Forfeits</u>			
Motor Vehicle Fines #4694		8,115	
District Court Restitution #4698		1,647	
Parking Fines #4771		645	
Library Fines #4772		2,711	
Unlicensed Dog Fines #4773		5,385	
Police Fines #4774		845	
Youth Tobacco Fines #4776		-	
Other Fines #4775		-	
	<u>30,800</u>	<u>19,348</u>	<u>(11,452)</u>
<u>Investment Income</u>			
Earnings on Investment #4820		7,231	
	<u>15,000</u>	<u>7,231</u>	<u>(7,769)</u>
<u>Miscellaneous Recurring</u>			
Miscellaneous Revenue #4840		-	
Miscellaneous State Revenue #4699		-	
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>Miscellaneous Non-Recurring</u>			
Miscellaneous Revenue #4840		9,489	
Miscellaneous State Revenue #4699		1,502	
Additional Assistance General Fund #4699		69,580	
Miscellaneous Federal Revenue #4540		55,533	
Federal Retiree Drug Subsidy #4544		12,892	
Workman's Comp Refund #4843		-	
Sale of Surplus Inventory #4815		-	
Premium/Accrued Interest on Bonds #4930		-	
	<u>69,580</u>	<u>148,996</u>	<u>79,416</u>
TOTAL ESTIMATED LOCAL RECEIPTS:	936,180	1,143,593	207,413
<u>CHERRY SHEET REVENUE: (NET OF CHERRY SHEET OFFSETS)</u>			
Exemptions: Vets, Blind, Srvg. Spouse, Elderly #4617, 4616	30,262	30,908	646
State Owned Land #4611	49,489	49,489	-
School Aid (Ch70) #4621	212,902	212,902	-
Veterans Benefits #4667	-	2,875	2,875
Unrestricted General Gov. Aid #4671	892,749	892,749	-
General Fund Supplemental	-	-	-
	<u>1,185,402</u>	<u>1,188,923</u>	<u>3,521</u>
TOTAL GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS	<u>2,855,155</u>	<u>3,053,643</u>	<u>198,488</u>

**Schedule 3: General Fund Appropriations, Expenditures and Encumbrances
For the Year Ended June 30, 2012**

Dept #	Department Title	FY12 Final Budget Including FY11 Carry Forwards	Salary Expended	Vendor Payments Expended	Year End Department Balance	Amt. Encum- bered or Carried Forward to FY13	Closing Entries	Unencumbered Balance
114	Moderator	451	351	-	100	-	-	100
122	Select Board	20,588	17,166	2,807	615	-	-	615
123	Town Manager	134,506	123,987	10,437	83	-	-	83
131	Finance Committee	185	-	173	12	-	-	12
132	Reserve Fund	26,640	-	-	26,640	-	-	26,640
133	Prior Year Bills	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
135	Accountant	48,611	41,151	6,357	1,103	-	-	1,103
138	Group Purchasing	600	-	450	150	-	-	150
139	Town Audit	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
141	Assessors	95,548	76,228	14,230	5,090	2,618	-	2,472
142	Triennial Revaluation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
143	Town Re-Mapping	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
145	Treasurer	90,696	68,760	15,795	6,141	-	-	6,141
146	Town Collector	70,001	57,402	9,820	2,779	-	-	2,779
151	Town Counsel	45,000	-	19,441	25,559	-	-	25,559
152	Telephone	14,240	-	11,786	2,454	-	-	2,454
154	Recording Secretary	4,440	2,702	-	1,738	133	-	1,605
157	Computer	6,850	-	6,247	603	-	-	603
158	Postage Meter	17,136	-	15,040	2,096	-	-	2,096
159	Tax Title Foreclosures	2,500	-	-	2,500	-	-	2,500
161	Town Clerk	75,617	63,130	10,183	2,304	-	-	2,304
162	Elections	11,651	3,841	4,075	3,735	-	-	3,735
163	Board of Registrars	8,910	3,718	2,164	3,028	-	-	3,028
171	Conservation	1,846	-	664	1,182	-	-	1,182
175	Planning Board/Board of Appls	23,187	22,886	40	261	-	-	261
182	Development & Industrial Commission	910	-	870	40	-	-	40
191	Old Dalton Hgh Maintenance	7,100	-	3,898	3,202	-	-	3,202

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

Dept # Department Title	FY12 Final Budget		Vendor Payments Expended	Year End Department Balance	Amt. Encumbered or Carried Forward to FY13	Closing Entries	Unencumbered Balance
	Including FY11 Carry Forwards	Salary Expended					
192 Building Maintenance	64,607	52,880	10,349	1,378	-	-	1,378
195 Town Report	6,650	-	5,796	854	-	-	854
196 Town Hall	78,114	1,469	75,056	1,589	-	-	1,589
197 Central Supplies	13,800	-	13,262	538	-	-	538
210 Police Department	894,366	808,724	79,277	6,365	4,554	-	1,811
222 Communications	172,502	78,738	8,251	85,513	-	-	85,513
240 Building Inspector	41,133	39,366	756	1,011	-	-	1,011
244 Weights and Measures	1,368	1,268	-	100	-	-	100
247 Meat & Cattle	1,280	1,279	-	1	-	-	1
292 Animal Control	22,893	18,239	2,102	2,552	1,545	-	1,007
293 Traffic Commission	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
294 Forest Warden	3,497	2,037	836	624	-	-	624
295 Emergency Management	8,997	1,162	4,219	3,616	-	-	3,616
296 Tree Warden	17,996	1,996	15,967	33	-	-	33
310 CBRSD	7,582,687	-	7,582,687	-	-	-	-
320 Vocational Education	573,943	-	521,785	52,158	-	-	52,158
401 Town Engineer	6,150	-	600	5,550	-	-	5,550
420 Highway	420,440	291,630	99,831	10,979	500	-	10,479
423 Snow and Ice	139,597	16,904	122,693	-	-	-	-
424 Street Lights	83,260	-	77,986	5,274	-	-	5,274
433 Landfill Closure	13,815	1,648	9,570	2,597	-	-	2,597
434 Transfer Station	14,452	-	6,101	8,351	-	-	8,351
440 Sewer	23,924	10,565	9,047	4,312	-	-	4,312
449 Sewer Treatment	712,649	639	642,155	69,855	-	-	69,855
491 Cemetery	74,814	52,437	21,416	961	-	-	961
510 Health Agent/Board	28,777	26,721	1,082	974	-	-	974
522 Visiting Nurse Association	6,300	4,800	384	1,116	-	-	1,116
523 Berkshire Mental Health	2,143	-	2,143	-	-	-	-
541 Council on Aging	109,619	79,981	16,965	12,673	-	-	12,673

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

Dept # Department Title	FY12 Final Budget Including FY11		Vendor		Year End		Closing Entries	Unencumbered Balance
	Carry Forwards	Salary Expended	Payments Expended	Department Balance	Amt. Encumbered or Carried Forward to FY13			
543 Veterans Services	29,870	6,570	16,761	6,539	-	-	6,539	
591 Berkshire Regional Planning	4,383	-	4,382	1	-	-	1	
610 Library	175,944	116,310	52,664	6,970	-	-	6,970	
630 CRA - Parks Programs	58,955	-	33,125	25,830	25,830	-	-	
650 Parks Maintenance	42,071	24,464	14,561	3,046	-	-	3,046	
691 Historical Commission	1,165	-	794	371	370	-	1	
692 Memorial Day	1,970	-	1,502	468	-	-	468	
693 Cultural Activities	2,280	-	2,280	-	-	-	-	
710 Maturing Debt and Interest	345,354	-	344,849	505	-	-	505	
820 State Assessments	35,350	-	34,950	400	-	-	400	
911 Retirement	359,207	-	346,076	13,131	-	-	13,131	
913 Unemployment Insurance	26,105	-	4,134	21,971	-	-	21,971	
914 Health Insurance	802,253	-	722,009	80,244	-	-	80,244	
915 Life Insurance	6,500	-	4,700	1,800	-	-	1,800	
916 Town Share - Medicare	32,434	-	27,723	4,711	-	-	4,711	
919 Fringe Benefits	40,101	31,867	1,747	6,487	-	-	6,487	
932 FY03 Vote - Capital Projects	7,558	-	-	7,558	7,558	-	-	
932 FY04 Vote - Capital Projects	11,427	-	11,079	348	-	348	-	
932 FY07 Vote - Capital Projects	304	-	304	-	-	-	-	
932 FY08 Vote - Capital Projects	41,548	-	3,552	37,996	37,857	139	-	
932 FY09 Vote - Capital Projects	1,750	-	-	1,750	1,750	-	-	
932 FY11 Vote - Capital Projects	25,587	-	1,162	24,425	24,087	338	-	
932 FY12 Vote - Capital Projects	103,600	-	6,325	97,275	94,947	-	2,328	
941 Court Judgments & Claims	3,000	-	408	2,592	-	-	2,592	
945 Town Insurance Coverage	198,911	-	155,545	43,366	-	-	43,366	
950 Trust Fund Commissioners	229	-	-	229	-	-	229	
991 Landfill Monitoring Cont. Appropriation	148,281	-	-	148,281	148,281	-	-	
998 Transfer to Pension Reserve Fund 84	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL:	14,315,124	2,153,016	11,255,425	906,683	350,030	825	555,828	

Schedule 4: Schedule of Bond Indebtedness for the Year Ended June 30, 2012

Description	Interest Rate	Month/ Year Issued	Maturity Date	Final Amount Due	Original Amount Due	Outstanding
Outside Debt Limit:						
Landfill Closure - Refinanced	2.25%	12/15/96	1/15/12	1,500,000	1,500,000	-
Inside Debt Limit:						
Capital Projects Bonded FY06	4.35%	6/16/06	6/15/11	746,850	746,850	-
Capital Projects Bonded FY07	4.04%	6/15/07	6/15/12	130,103	130,103	-
Capital Projects Bonded FY08	4.15%	6/26/08	6/15/09	214,064	214,064	42,812
Capital Projects Bonded FY09	Various	6/1/09	6/30/19	240,332	240,332	168,229
Capital Projects Bonded FY10	2.25%	9/1/09	6/30/23	1,312,040	1,312,040	1,096,771
Capital Projects Bonded FY12	2.35%	12/15/11	1/15/12	89,500	89,500	-
			6/30/17	512,000	512,000	512,000
Total:					1,819,812	
Short Term:						
Bond Anticipation Note	0.95%	6/15/11	12/15/11	512,000	512,000	-
Bond Anticipation Note	0.52%	6/19/12	3/19/13	117,000	117,000	117,000
Total:						117,000
Authorized and Unissued Debt						
Road Projects	6/21/99	750,000	525,000	225,000	-	
Capital Projects Departmental FY03	6/24/02	324,000	237,053	86,947	-	
Capital Projects Departmental FY04	6/30/03	364,000	251,607	132,393	-	
Capital Projects Departmental FY04	3/22/04	700,000	125,675	574,325	-	
Capital Projects Departmental FY05	6/28/04	128,200	97,955	26,245	4,000	
Capital Projects Departmental FY05	9/27/04	10,400	3,994	6,406	-	
Capital Projects Departmental FY06	6/27/05	267,500	166,162	51,338	50,000	
Capital Projects Departmental FY07	6/26/06	153,600	144,737	8,863	-	
Capital Projects Departmental FY07	10/23/06	200,000	200,000	-	-	
Capital Projects Departmental FY08	6/25/07	234,000	225,960	8,040	-	
Capital Projects Departmental FY08	6/25/07	202,040	202,040	-	-	
Capital Projects Departmental FY08	11/19/07	1,110,000	1,110,000	-	-	
Capital Projects Departmental FY09	6/29/09	89,500	89,500	-	-	
Capital Project Senior Center	9/28/09	512,000	512,000	-	-	
Capital Projects Departmental FY12	5/02/11	75,000	75,000	-	-	
Capital Projects Departmental FY12	6/27/11	157,600	42,000	-	115,600	
Total Authorized and Unissued Debt		5,277,840	3,988,683	1,119,557	169,600	

**Schedule 5: Analysis of General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance
For the Year Ended June 30, 2012**

Balance, 7/1/11		813,199
Adjustments:		
Completed Capital Projects Back to Stabilization	(825)	
FY06 Chapter 90 Reimb. \$1 more than Expended-Closed to GF	1	
		(824)
Open:		
Reserve for Encumbrances and Carry Forwards	(201,749)	
Reserve for FY13 Expenses	(577,000)	
Reserve for FY13 Capital Improvement Debt	(44,590)	
Reserve for Landfill Monitoring Cont. Appropriation	(148,281)	
		(971,620)
Close:		
Dog Licenses over \$3,000 (Special Revenue)	26,075	
Unused Polling Grant FY11/12	629	
Legal Ad Revolving over \$3,000 (Special Revenue)	722	
Cemetery OT over \$2,000 (Special Revenue)	353	
Other Financing Sources	192,871	
Other Financing Uses	(78,750)	
Prior Year Reserve for Encumbrances and Carry Forwards	106,296	
Prior Year Reserve for Expenses	580,000	
Prior Year Reserve for Extraordinary/Unforeseen Appropriated	13,800	
Prior Year Reserve for Capital Improvement Debt	69,776	
Expenditures	(13,408,441)	
Revenues	13,584,498	
		1,087,828
Ending Balance June 30, 2012		928,583

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.

We would also like to take time to thank Esther Balardini who left after many years of dedicated service to the Town of Dalton as the recording secretary for the Traffic Commission as well as a number of other Boards for the Town. Her contribution to the Town was greatly appreciated and she will be missed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Sharon M. Messenger, Town Treasurer

I am pleased to submit my annual report for Fiscal 2012. 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 eight 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 continues to pursue the retiree drug subsidy reimbursement for the Town which takes her weeks of research and input. We received a reimbursement in July 2012 of \$15,766.20, and she continues to do research for the following years.

GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES

Personal Property Taxes 2012	281,346.44
Personal Property Taxes Prior Year	2,896.36
Real Estate Taxes 2012	10,015,815.11
Real Estate Taxes Prior Years	140,545.09
Motor Vehicle Taxes 2012	618,717.60
Motor Vehicle Taxes 2011	105,420.88
Motor Vehicle Taxes Prior Years	4,765.57
Interest and Penalties on Taxes	33,372.98
Inc & Exp Penalty added to Tax	

11,202,880.03

TAX LIENS RECEIVABLES

Tax Liens	90,251.87	
Interest and Penalties	17,761.40	
		108,013.27

STATE RECEIPTS (CHERRY SHEET)

State Owned Land	49,489.00	
Elderly Persons	14,558.00	
Unrestricted General Government	892,749.00	
Additional Assistance	69,580.00	
School Aid (Chapter 70)	212,902.00	
Hotel/Meals Local Tax	38,551.38	
Veterans Blind Surviving Spouse	16,350.00	
		1,294,179.38

STATE COMMONWEALTH OF MA. RECEIPTS

Small Cities Recapture		
Extended Polling Hours	624.00	
911-Dept. Support and Incentive	80,083.53	
Arts Cultural Council	3,870.00	
Police Vest Grant	1,192.50	
Council on Aging Formula Grant	10,462.35	
Library Incentive Grant	8,199.70	
Motor Vehicle Fines	8,115.00	
Highway Chapter Money	184,933.29	
Veterans Benefits	2,875.00	
Miscellaneous State Revenue	1,501.52	
		301,856.89

OTHER GOVERNMENTAL REVENUE

Receipts Drug Task Force	7,219.16	
Communications Center Services	13,402.00	
Berkshire District Court Restitution	1,647.50	
Hinsdale Sewer Services	45,221.00	
Miscellaneous Grants	8,168.20	
BJA Recovery Act Grant JAG Program	980.01	
		76,637.87

FEDERAL REVENUE

Federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes	3,932.00	
Miscellaneous Federal Reserve	55,533.35	
Retiree Drug Subsidy	12,892.19	
EPA Clean up Grant	13,148.79	
		85,506.33

GENERAL GOVERNMENT- CHARGES FOR SERVICES/FEEES

Lanesborough ACO Shared Expense	2,420.47
Registry of Motor Vehicle Charges	5,420.00
Trailer Park Fees	4,608.00
Sewer Late Fees	6,160.00
Sewer User Fee 2012	635,940.39
Sewer User Fees Prior Year	7,212.66
Sewer Liens 2012	19,778.98
Sewer Liens Prior Years	3,563.57
Municipal Lien Fees	5,475.00
Bad Check Fees	475.00
Sale of Street Lists	80.00
Highway Excavation Fees	2,300.00
Cemetery Charges	28,090.00
Assessors Maps	303.00
Police Reports	499.40
Police Outside Detail Admin Fee	3,801.24
Cable TV Franchise Fee	1,073.50
Sewer Hook up Charges	3,250.00
Library Fines	2,710.73
Unlicensed Dog Fines	5,384.50
Police Fines	845.50
Recycled Goods	15,036.33
Parking Fines	645.00
Duplicate Bill Charge	1,187.50
Pilot Payments Pine Grove Manor	1,635.83

757,896.60

GENERAL GOVERNMENT- LICENSES/PERMITS

Planning Board	625.00
Alcohol Licenses	4,800.00
Beer and Wine Licenses	600.00
All Other Alcohol Licenses	1,400.00
Raffle Permits	70.00
Building Permits	20,217.75
Health Agent	3,802.50
Sealer of Weights and Measurers	580.00
Police Pistol Permits	2,737.50
Board of Appeals Postage	225.00
All other Licenses and Permits	6,290.00

41,347.75

MISCELLANEOUS GENERAL REVENUE

Beautification Committee Donations	30.00
Town Collector Miscellaneous Revenue	719.51
Council on Aging Van Receipts	10,160.62
Council on Aging Gifts/Donations	4,478.60
Photo Copies	20.00
Town Clerk Other	32.64

Town Maps	18.00
Grave Digging Overtime	1,395.00
Library Copier	220.00
Library Donations	2,025.00
School Census	3,431.34
Miscellaneous Revenue	5,789.07
Historical Donations	567.00
COA Program Fees	3,900.00
Wetlands Protection Funds	170.00
Training Reimbursement	3,700.00
Dalton Papers	940.00
Hoose House Donation	432.00
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	38,028.78

AGENCIES

COA Program Revolv	3,900.00
Community Development Program Payback	1,166.00
Park Maintenance Revolving	450.00
Rental Income 339 North	1,260.00
Revenue Dalton Redevelopment	125.89
Authority Operations	
Parking Clerk Receipts	10.00
Warner Cable TV Franchise	100,458.31
Fees/Warrants	7,495.00
Dog Licenses	26,545.95
Clerk Reimbursement of Fees	1,518.04
Legal Advertising	1,500.00
Plumbing Inspections	8,390.00
Electrical Inspections	4,385.00
Deputy Collector Fees	15,505.00
Police Outside Detail	74,433.63
Fees Retained by Town Collector	11,425.00
Fees Retained by Town Clerk	10,605.00
Law Enforcement Trust	3,214.15
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	272,386.97

EARNINGS ON INVESTMENTS

General Funds	7,230.66
Local Law Enforcement Trust	3.79
Capital Stabilization	5,010.43
Litigation Stabilization	1,158.54
General Stabilization	1,138.84
Pension Reserve Funds	367.74
Arts Cultural Council	9.20
Sewer Stabilization	181.25
Unemployment Interest	0.20
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	15,100.65

TOTAL ALL RECEIPTS FY 2011

14,193,834.52

TRUST FUNDS

ARTS CULTURAL COUNCIL

Balance June 30, 2011	\$3,790.81	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts Grant	\$3,870.00	
Warrants FY 2012	\$(4,240.00)	
Interest Earned FY 2012	\$9.20	
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Balance June 30, 2012		\$3,430.01

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Balance June 30, 2011	\$5,000.00	
Interest Earned FY 2012	\$0.20	
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Balance June 30, 2012		\$5,000.20

PENSION TRUST FUNDS

Balance June 30, 2011	\$120,918.38	
Transfer from General Fund		
Interest Earned FY 2012	\$367.74	
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Balance June 30, 2012		\$121,286.12

GENERAL FUND STABILIZATION TRUST

Balance June 30, 2011	\$221,001.84	
Interest Earned FY 2012	\$1,138.84	
Transfers Out		
Transfers In		
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Balance June 30, 2012		\$222,140.68

CAPITAL FUND STABILIZATION TRUST

Balance June 30, 2011	\$972,250.43	
Transfers in Special Town Meeting	\$23,206.28	
Transfers out Special Town Meeting	\$(44,590.00)	
Interest Earned FY 2012	\$5,010.43	
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Balance June 30, 2012		\$955,877.14

LITIGATION FUND STABILIZATION TRUST

Balance June 30, 2011	\$224,798.99	
Interest Earned FY 2012	\$1,158.54	
Transfers Out		
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Balance June 30, 2012		\$225,957.53

SEWER FUND STABILIZATION TRUST

Balance June 30, 2011	\$35,169.88	
Interest Earned FY 2012	\$181.25	
Transfers In	\$50,750.00	
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Balance June 30, 2012		\$86,101.13

PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS

Non-Expendable Funds	\$60,000.00	
Expendable Funds	\$4,945.00	
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		\$64,945.00

Interest Balance June 2011	\$118,740.49	
Interest Income FY 2012	\$3,734.64	
Transfers Out	\$(868.52)	
Reimbursement of Expenditure		
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		\$121,606.61

Balance Library Trust Fund June 30, 2012 **\$186,551.61**

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

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

Interest Balance June 30, 2011	\$30,087.99	
Warrants FY 2012	\$(8,290.00)	
Interest Income FY 2012	\$2,056.81	
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		\$23,854.80

Balance Cemetery Trust June 30, 2012 **\$61,909.80**

SCHOOL TRUST FUNDS

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

Interest Balance June 30, 2011	\$79,776.62	
Interest Income June 30, 2012	\$1,799.69	
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		\$81,576.31

Balance School Trust June 30, 2012 **\$111,576.31**

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

Balance June 30, 2011	\$1,773.70	
Receipts FY 2012	\$3,214.15	
Expenditures FY 2012	\$(1,353.44)	
Interest Income FY 2012	\$3.79	
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Balance Local Law June 30, 2012 **\$3,638.20**

MATURING DEBT AND INTEREST SCHEDULE FY 2012

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	\$1,500,000.00	1/15/12	2,205.00	\$-
Refunded	9/1/09			1/15/10		\$-
Balance as of June 30, 2012						
Capital Projects FY 07 Library/Senior Center	6/15/07	\$121,028.00	\$121,028.00	6/16/12	\$986.56	\$-
	6/15/07	\$9,075.00	\$9,075.00	6/16/12	\$73.92	\$-
Capital Projects FY 08	6/26/08	\$214,064.44	\$171,251.56	1/15/12	\$3,553.46	\$42,812.88
Town Hall Renovations	6/1/09	\$1,110,000.00	\$183,349.00	1/15/12	\$35,416.58	\$926,651.00
Communications Center	6/1/09	\$202,040.00	\$31,920.00	1/15/12	\$6,525.26	\$170,120.00
Roads	6/1/09	\$98,157.00	\$29,449.00	1/15/12	\$2,453.86	\$68,708.00
Capital Projects	6/1/09	\$142,175.00	\$42,654.00	1/15/12	\$3,554.32	\$99,521.00
Capital Projects	9/1/09	\$89,500.00	\$89,500.00	1/15/12	\$663.76	\$-
Senior Center BAN	6/15/11	\$512,000.00	\$512,000.00	6/15/12	\$2,432.00	\$-
Senior Center Bond	6/15/12	\$512,000.00				\$512,000.00
BAN:						
Library Renovation	3/19/12	\$75,000				\$75,000.00
Cruiser	3/19/12	\$32,000				\$32,000
Overhead Door and Rain Gutters	3/19/12	\$10,000				\$10,000
						\$117,000.00

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 57 Cemetery Department Burial Permits; 28 Business Certificates and 6 Discontinuance of Business Certificates; 1,237 dog licenses; 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 \$50 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 2012, owners paid 242 late fees, 136 fines for unlicensed dogs, 12 unrestrained dogs, 47 dogs and cats not vaccinated against rabies, in addition to holding fees and miscellaneous fines. Twenty-seven cases were filed at District Court which adds an additional charge of \$25 to cover the administrative cost of preparing these court cases. The State legislature passed a new Animal Control Law in 2012 with many requirements for

municipalities, including raising fines to \$50 per dog per offense. I encourage all residents to license their dogs each year in a timely manner to avoid paying these mandated fines which we are obligated to charge.

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 48 birth, 102 death and 18 marriage records contributing to the basis for the Commonwealth's Central Vital Registration system. In addition, we processed 19 Intentions of Marriage (1 was used 2013), issuing 18 Marriage Licenses; and issued 522 certified copies of births, deaths and marriages in 2012, 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 36 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	91
Neutered Males	466
Females	80
Spayed Females	534
Commercial Kennel	1
Multiple Pet Permit (4 – 6 Dogs)	61
Transfer Licenses	4
Total 2012 Dog Licenses Issued	1,237
Total Number Late Fees Assessed	242
Total Prior Years Arrears Collected	1,100
Total License/Late Fee Amount Paid To Town Treasurer	\$ 25,334.08
Total Animal Control/Police Fines, Court Fees & Misc. Paid To Town Treasurer	\$ 5,465.99
TOTAL AMOUNT PAID TO TOWN TREASURER	\$ 30,800.07

VITAL STATISTICS

Births	48
Deaths	102
Marriages	18

FISH & WILDLIFE LICENSES ISSUED

DUE TO 2011 STATE CHANGES IN THE LICENSING PROCESS, WE NO LONGER SELL 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

Real Estate, Fire District, Personal Property, and Fire Personal Property Taxes are all on the quarterly billing format. The due dates are August 1, November 1, February 1, and May 1. The first and second quarter vouchers are mailed together by July 1st. These are preliminary bills, each being one quarter of last year's total bill. 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. These bills are based on the new fiscal year tax rate, and any change in the property valuation. The third quarter is due February 1st; the attached fourth quarter voucher should be retained and sent in by May 1st. If bills are not paid in full by May 1st, a \$5.00 late fee and 14% interest per annum is added. If that amount is not paid within 14 days, the Tax Title process begins.

Sewer bills are due semi-annually; Cycle #1 due October 1st, and Cycle #2 due April 1st. If not paid by the due date, a \$10.00 late fee and interest at 14% per annum is added. If a late bill is not paid, the entire balance is added to the next year's Real Estate Tax as a Sewer Lien.

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

Please see charts for Collections.

Taxes	FY	Balance 6/30/2011	Commitment	Abatement	Exemption	Refunds	Received	Liened	Receipts to Treas	Tax Title	Balance 6/30/2012
Real Estate	2012		\$10,246,561.86	\$7,545.48	\$40,375.00	\$20,013.55	\$10,035,828.66			\$52,145.15	\$130,681.12
Sewer Lien	2012		\$23,287.73				\$19,778.98			\$1,371.55	\$2,137.20
Water Lien	2012		\$612.50				\$612.50				\$-
Real Estate	2011	\$151,421.87		\$3,279.32		\$3,278.38	\$141,341.03			\$9,647.14	\$432.76
Sewer Lien	2011	\$3,707.22		\$-			\$3,563.57			\$283.36	\$0.00
Real Estate	2010	\$2,481.64					\$2,481.64				\$-
Personal Prop.	2012		\$284,563.00	\$2,029.86		\$366.90	\$281,713.34				\$1,186.70
Personal Prop.	2011			\$37.02			\$2,896.36				\$75.26
Fire District	2012	\$3,008.64		\$303.73		\$6,638.68	\$410,695.40			\$2,164.44	\$5,456.30
Fire District	2011	\$5,785.85		\$132.09		\$132.06	\$5,435.76			\$350.06	\$0.00
Fire Personal	2012		\$79.10			\$18.02	\$11,332.70				\$47.72
Fire Personal	2011	\$101.66		\$1.49			\$97.14				\$3.03
Motor Vehicle	2012		\$679,799.88	\$20,781.58		\$7,386.91	\$626,104.51				\$40,300.70
Motor Vehicle	2011	\$57,910.33		\$6,309.01		\$5,335.46	\$110,756.34				\$12,300.07
Motor Vehicle	2010	\$7,355.35		\$32.92		\$32.92	\$3,260.77				\$4,094.58
Motor Vehicle	2009	\$3,192.22					\$380.85				\$2,811.37
Motor Vehicle	2008	\$2,838.77					\$347.50				\$2,491.27
Motor Vehicle	2007	\$3,241.99		\$47.50			\$656.25				\$2,538.24
Motor Vehicle	2006	\$2,102.18					\$110.10				\$1,992.08
Motor Vehicle	2005	\$1,950.94					\$13.02				\$1,937.92
Motor Vehicle	2004	\$2,225.85					\$-				\$2,192.10
Motor Vehicle	1990		\$12.50	\$33.75			\$12.50				\$-
Motor Vehicle	1989		\$12.50				\$12.50				\$-
Motor Vehicle	1988		\$5.00				\$5.00				\$-
Motor Vehicle	1987		\$683,529.82	\$14,244.00		\$583.59	\$636,529.98				\$33,345.43
Sewer User	2012			\$1,320.00			\$7,212.66				\$-
Sewer User	2011	\$26,971.90					\$28,090.00	\$18,439.24			\$-
Cemetery	2012		\$28,090.00				\$74,433.63				\$-
Police Detail	2012	\$12,014.00					\$3,801.24				\$7,458.75
Admin Fee	2012	\$914.40		\$111.20			\$1,755.00				\$252.00
SB Com. Ctr.	2010	\$-	\$3,250.04				\$5,843.00				\$-
SB Com. Ctr.	2011	\$-	\$1,755.00				\$5,804.00				\$-
SB Com. Ctr.	2012	\$-	\$5,804.00				\$10,000.00				\$-
Fire Dist Reimb	2012	\$-	\$10,000.00				\$45,221.00				\$-
Hinsdale Sewer	2012	\$-	\$45,221.00				\$3,431.34				\$-
Clerk Census	2011	\$-	\$930.00				\$930.00				\$-
Cemetery OT	2012	\$-	\$2,420.47				\$2,420.47				\$-
Lanesboro A C	2012	\$-	\$1,635.83				\$1,635.83				\$-
Pinegrove	2012	\$-									\$-
Totals		\$287,224.81	\$12,586,325.88	\$56,288.05	\$40,375.00	\$43,786.47	\$12,484,538.57	\$18,439.24		\$65,961.70	\$251,734.60

Other Monies Collected FY2012 - Town Collector

Type	Acct#	Amount
Sewer Late Fee	4245	\$6,160.00
Interest	4171	\$33,372.98
Returned Checks	4330	\$450.00
Interest FD	4171	\$1,463.53
Demand Fees	247D	\$11,305.00
Warrant Fees	247W	\$7,495.00
Deputy Fees	251R	\$15,505.00
RMV Fees	4175	\$5,420.00
MLC	4321	\$5,475.00
Trailer Park	4165	\$4,608.00
Sewer Hook-up	4467	\$3,250.00
Trench Permit	4377	\$1,100.00
Interest MM	4820	\$461.96
Duplicate Bills	4382	\$1,187.50
Prep/Post Before Tax Title	247R	\$120.00
Tax Title Reimbursement	4844	\$469.51
Court Reimbursement	4844	\$250.00
Misc Revenue COA	4840	\$834.20
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TOTALS		\$98,927.68

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

Maintenance Agreement	\$ 893.00	July 1, 2011 Balance	\$ 9,976.05
Reset Charges	9.50	Deposits	13,000.00
Meter Rental	768.00	Total Postage Available	22,976.05
Postage	13,179.89	Postage used FY 2012	11,111.28
Pre-sort Permit	190.00	Balance June 30, 2012	\$11,864.77
Total Expenses	\$15,040.39		

PLUMBING & GAS INSPECTOR

Stanley A. Greenleaf

Plumbing permits issued in 2012	55
Gas Permits issued in 2012	108
Total plumbing & gas permits issued in 2012	120

Plumbing		Gas	
Residential	50	Residential	97
Commercial	2	Commercial	10
Industrial	3	Industrial	1

VETERANS' SERVICES

Rosanne M. Frieri, Director

I am pleased to submit the Veterans' Services report. This report highlights our commitment to helping Veterans in their time of need.

This past year we have processed eight Chapter 115 claims for senior Veterans that fit the income criteria. We have filed two service connected Agent-Orange claims for Veterans that served in Vietnam. We are also assisting many of our Veterans with fuel assistance and medical co-pays. However, our work continues to face the challenges of a weak economy and high unemployment.

We are committed to providing Veterans and their families with the very best services we can provide. Our Nation has depended on our Veterans; we want them to know they can depend on us.

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.

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.

2012 ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION BALLOT

Barbara L. Suriner, Town Clerk

To Choose and Elect the Following Town Officers:
(April 30, 2013 Annual Town Election)

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

About the Cover

Weston's Mill Dam at twilight is depicted in this award winning photograph by Diana Norton, a member of the Berkshire Museum Camera Club. The image was taken looking west at Depot Street and placed first among more than 1,000 Berkshire images submitted in Quality Printing Company's 29th annual "A Closer Look at the Berkshires contest".

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