



ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE TOWN OF DALTON MASSACHUSETTS FOR 2015

Population 2015 Census (As of December 31, 2015).....	7,034
Number of Registered Voters.....	4,257
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).....	\$19.63
Tax Rate (Fire District).....	\$.98
Total Tax Assessed (Town-Includes Personal Property).....	\$11,689,164
Total Tax Assessed (Fire District).....	\$583,565
Total Valuation.....	\$595,474,465
‘16 Town Meeting.....	May 2, 2016 (7:00 PM)
‘16 Town Election.....	May 9, 2016 (10:00 AM – 8:00 PM)
‘17 Town Meeting.....	May 1, 2017 (7:00 PM)
‘17 Town Election.....	May 8, 2017 (10:00 AM – 8:00 PM)

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

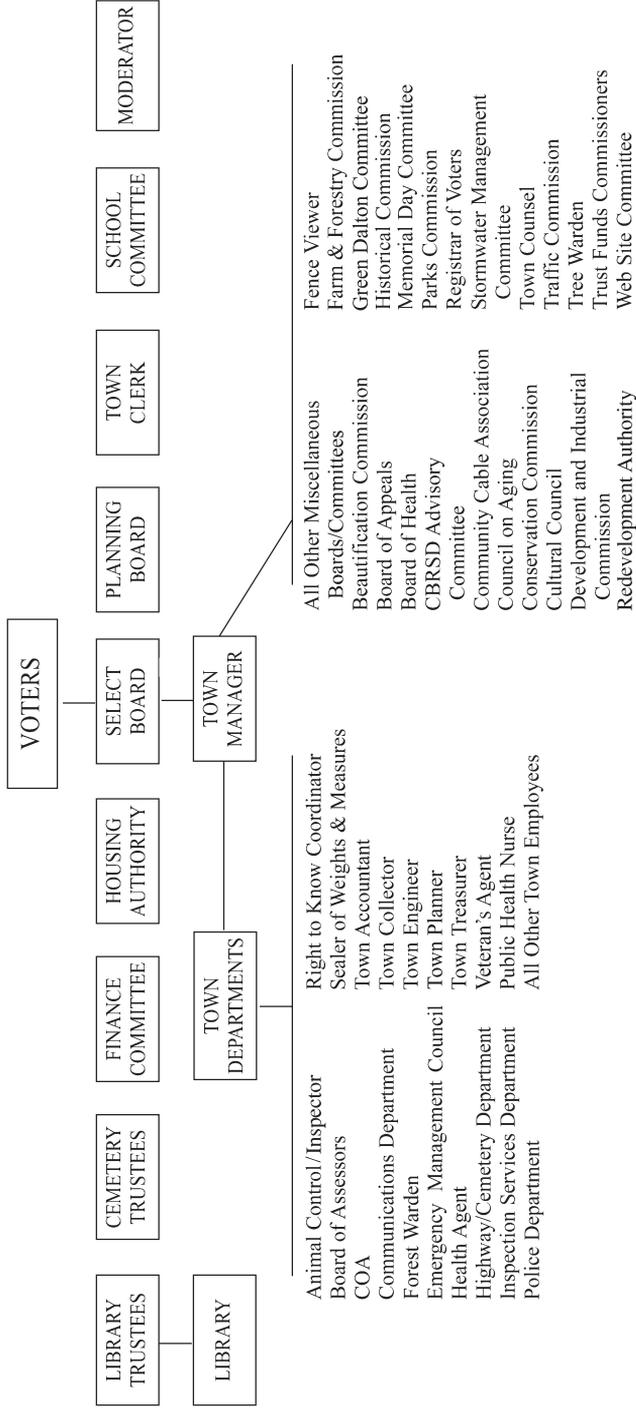
**Please bring this report with you to the May 2, 2016 Annual Town Meeting.
Please note time is 7:00 p.m. for all Town Meetings.**

For information regarding Town services, Community events and to find a link to Dalton’s Town Meeting Calendar/Schedule, visit our website @ www.dalton-ma.gov

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TOWN OF DALTON ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

	Term Expires		Term Expires
Select Board		Planning Board	
(Term 3 Years)		(Term 5 Years)	
John W. Bartels Jr., Chair.....	2016	Caleb J. Darby, Chair.....	2019
Mary R. Cherry, Vice Chair.....	2017	Zack R. McCain, III, V. Chair.....	2017
John F. Boyle.....	2016	Vacancy.....	2018
Robert W. Bishop.....	2018	Edward Holub, Clerk.....	2020
Michael J. Szklasz.....	2017	Vacancy.....	2016
Town Clerk		Library Trustees	
(Term 3 Years)		(Term 3 Years)	
Deborah J. Merry.....	2018	Fred J. Sears, Chairman.....	2017
Moderator		Judith L. Douville, V. Chair.....	2018
(Term 1 Year)		Max Ehrlich.....	2017
Anthony P. Doyle.....	2016	Mary E. Gingras.....	2016
Dalton Housing Authority		Gail A. Pinna.....	2017
(Term 5 Years)		Mark S. Rancourt.....	2018
Kathleen M. Burke, Chair.....	2016	Anne M. Ronayne.....	2016
Judith A. Conroy, V. Chair.....	2020	Joan M. Roy.....	2018
Thomas J. Callahan.....	2017	Vacancy.....	2016
Nils E. Jacobsson.....	2019	Finance Committee	
Camillus Cachat (State Aptd).....	2016	(Term 3 Years)	
Cemetery Trustees		Henry H. Williams III, Chair.....	2017
(Term 3 Years)		Jeffrey S. Noble.....	2016
Judith L. Douville, Chair.....	2017	William A. Drosehn III.....	2016
John W. Bartels, Jr.....	2018	J. Michael Hoffman.....	2016
Thomas R. Towne.....	2016	Nicholas E. Kirchner.....	2018
		John S. Rys.....	2017
		Vacancy.....	2017
		Tracy Cahalan.....	2018
		Karen Schmidt.....	2018

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS

(Effective July 1, 2015 - Serving for one year unless stated otherwise)

Town Manager

Kenneth E. Walto (2016)

Administrative Assistant

Judy M. Wagner

Town Accountant

Sandra J. Albano (2016)
Dawn M. Fahey, Asst.

Town Collector

Jane A. Carman
Melissa Davis Asst.
Jodi Hollingsworth Resigned

Town Treasurer

Sharon M. Messenger
Dawn M. Fahey, Asst.

Police Chief

Jeffrey E. Coe (2016)

**Superintendent of Streets
Sewers, Cemeteries & Parks**
John W. Roughley

ADA Committee
Deborah B. Horth
Elizabeth Mason
Nancy E. Persson
George D. White
1 Vacancies

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

Assistant Town Clerk
Michele A. Blake
Melissa Davis Resigned

**BRPC Transportation Advisory
Committee**
Mary Cherry, TAP
John F. Boyle MPO

Berkshire Retirement Advisory Board
Sharon M. Messenger

Board of Appeals
(3 Years - Alternate, 1 Year)
Anthony P. Doyle, Chair (2016)
Stephen J. Psutka, V. Chair (2016)
Edward F. Gero (2017)
Mary E. Lamke, Alt. (2017)
Vacancy, Alt. (2017)

Board of Assessors
Laura L. Maffuccio, Chair
David Zagorski
Lisa Peltier

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 (2016)
Deborah J. Merry, Clerk
Doreen P. Aleshevich (2018)
Vacancy (2017)

BRTA Advisory Board
John F. Boyle
Mary R. Cherry

**Building Commissioner/
Zoning Enforcement Officer**
Richard G. Haupt
Jeffrey E. Coe, Alt. ZEO

**Building Superintendent/
Purchasing Agent**
Timothy N. Daniels

Burial Agents
Deborah J. Merry
Jeffrey E. Coe, Alt.

**Central Berkshire 7-Town
Municipal Advisory Committee**
Henry H. Williams, III
John W. Bartels, Sr.

Commissioner of Trust Funds (3 Years)
Ronald J. Marcella Sr., Chair (2016)
Vacancy (2018)
Susan C. Vigeant (2017)

Conservation Commission (3 Years)
Robert W. Bishop, Jr., Chair (2016)
Thomas W. Baker, V. Chair (2016)
James S. Duffy (2018)
Edward F. Gero (2017)
Domenick F. Sacco (2018)
Cheryl Rose (2018)
Edward Holub (2017)

Constables
Jeffrey E. Coe
Christopher J. Furlong
John M. Marley
Michael L. McClay
Matthew T. Mozzi
Deanna L. Strout

Council on Aging
(3 Years – Director, 1 Year)
Kelly Pizzi, Director
Joyce Lacadell, (Chair)
Margaret Cahill (Vice Chair (2017))
Maureen Mitchell, Chair (2016)
John Rys, Treasurer (2017)
Andrea Lassar, Clerk (2017)
Judith M. Brooks (2017)
Marcia J. Brophy (2016)
Thomas J. Callahan, Jr. (2018)
Robert P. Dean (2016)
John J. McDonough
David DiNicola (2017)
Jean K. Poopor (2016)
Ralph W. Young (2018)
Tracy Cahalan (2018)
Gordine Galusha (2016)

**Council on Aging Rental Policy
Advisory Sub-Committee**
Mary E. Lamke
2 Vacancies

**Council on Aging Building/
Maintenance Committee**
George A. Finn, III
Mary Lamke
Maureen M. Mitchell
Carol A. Morrison
Kelli Pizzi

Custodian of Tax Title Property
Sharon M. Messenger

Dalton Beautification Commission
(3 Years)
Annmarie Cicchetti, Chair. (2016)
Arlene Cormier (2018)
Kathleen A. Desmarais (2017)
Maureen Maxon (2016)
Angela McDonough (2016)
Jean K. Poopor (2017)
Peter Gonick (2018)

Dalton Community Cable Assoc. Rep
Thomas J. Murray

Dalton Cable Advisory Comm.
J. Michael Hoffman, Chair
John J. Bates
John W. Ostresh
2 Vacancies

Dalton Cultural Council (3 Years)
Monica Montferret, Co-Chair (2018)
Donald Harris, Co-Chair (2017)
Margaret Cahill, Treasurer (2018)
Jonathon R. Croy (2016)
Jennifer A. Ware, Secretary (2017)
2 Vacancies

Dalton Development/Industrial Comm.
(5 Years)
Kenneth E. Walto, Chair (2019)
Charles J. Dooley, V. Chair (2019)
Robert M. Allesio (2016)
John F. Boyle (2017)
Anthony P. Doyle (2018)
Michael J. Ferry (2016)
J. Michael Hoffman (2018)
Donald R. Rochelo (2020)
Augustus J. Schnopp, Jr. (2018)
Susan C. Vigeant (2017)
Vacancy (2020)

Dalton Redevelopment Authority
(5 years)
Kenneth E. Walto, Chair (2017)
Charles J. Dooley, V. Chair (2018)
John F. Boyle (2106)
Susan C. Vigeant (2020)
State Appt. Vacancy (2019)

**Dalton Emergency Management
Advisory Council**
Lois M. Bessette
Michael J. Britton
Gerald J. Cahalan, Jr.
Jeffrey E. Coe
Edward M. Fahey
Mary E. Lamke
Gilbert F. Rudd, Jr.
Gabrielle Taglieri
Kenneth E. Walto
Lysander Bone
3 Vacancies

Dalton Historical Commission (3 Yrs)
George D. White, Chair (2016)
Louisa M. Horth, Vice Chair (2018)
Mary Jane Caliento (2017)
Gail A. Pinna, (2018)
Mary Ellen D. Shea (2016)
Mary Walsh (2017)
Joyce M. White (2017)

Director of Communications
Gabrielle Taglieri

**Emergency Management Director &
Community Emergency Response
Coord.**
Daniel D. Filiault

Farm and Forestry Commission (3 Yrs)
Vacant (2018)
Beth Salvatore-LeBeau, V.Chair (2017)
Peter Cachat (2016)
J. Dicken Crane (2017)
Shaun M. Garvey (2016)
Dina L. LaBeau, Alt. (2018)

Fence Viewer
James R. Bacon

Forest Warden
Gerald J. Cahalan, Jr.

Green Dalton Committee
David Wasielewski, Chair
Jennifer Giltitz
Edward P. Holub, Vice Chair
Richard Hall
John K. Flippin
Cheryl D. Rose
Wendy Brown

Hazardous Waste Coordinator
Vacancy

Hoose House Restoration Committee
Joyce M. White, Chair
Lisa Peltier
Richard Haupt
Mary Jane Caliento
George D. White
Gail A. Pinna
Louisa M. Horth

**Housatonic River Restoration Gov.
Council Rep**
Vacancy

Inspector of Animals (State App't.)
Michael L. McClay

Inspector of Plumbing & Gas
Stanley Greenleaf
Richard A. DeGiorgis, Alt.

Inspector of Wiring
John M. Broderick
Ronald A. Smith, Alt.

Insurance Advisory Committee
(no terms of expiration)
Dennis Burke
Christopher J. Furlong
Victoria M. Sedgwick
Gabrielle Taglieri
Sandra J. Albano
Sharon M. Messenger
Vacancy

Librarian
Robert Defazio

Licensing Board
Select Board

Mass Broadband Institute
Vacancy

Memorial Day Committee
Robert J. Dassat, Chair
James D. Slater
Corey A. White
George D. White
John Boyle
James Harris
2 Vacancy

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

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

Parks Commission
Select Board

Planning Board Associate
Vacancy

**Playing Fields & Parks Study
Committee**

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

Police Matrons
Melissa A. Phelps-Utter

Police Sergeant
Christopher J. Furlong

Regional Planning Commission
Caleb Darby, Delegate

Regional Transit Authority
John F. Boyle
Mary R. Cherry, Alt.

Right to Know Coordinator
Vacancy

Sealer of Weights & Measures
Paul K. Vacchina

Sewer Commission
Select Board

**Stormwater Management
Commission** (3 years)
Richard Haupt, Chair (2017)
John W. Roughley, Vice Chair (2016)
Thomas W. Baker (2018)
Edward Fahey (2017)
Joseph H. Farrington (2016)
Edward F. Gero (2016)
Edward Holub (2017)
Dennis Regan (2018)
Vacancy, PB Delegate

Town Counsel
Kopelman and Paige, P.C.

Traffic Commission
Daniel D. Filiault, Chair
Camillus B. Cachat, Jr.
Gerald J. Cahalan, Jr.
Michael J. Cimini
Jeffrey E. Coe
Richard F. Kaley
Adelard J. Nadeau

Tree Warden
John W. Roughley

Veterans Agent
Rosanne M. Frieri

Veterans Service Officer
Sandra J. Albano
Kenneth E. Walto, Alternate

Voluntary Web Master
William E. Chabot

**Waste Management Study
Committee**
Jennifer S. Gitlitz, Chair
Peter J. Cachat, II
Edward F. Gero
2 Vacancies

SELECT BOARD

John W. Bartels, Jr., Chairperson

2015 proved to be an involved and busy year for the Dalton Select Board. During the calendar year Mary R. Cherry was Chairperson from January to May at which time our Select Board reorganized and I took over her position as Chair. I found being Chair to be extremely challenging and demanding compared to that of a regular Select Board member. My appreciation goes out to Mrs. Cherry for being Chair during the preceding year and for being Vice Chairperson during my tenure in the position.

We saw several changes among those working in Town Hall. First and foremost was the retirement of Barbara Suriner as our Town Clerk. Barbara served as our Town Clerk and Assessor for decades and was the most senior and longest serving clerk in our Commonwealth at the time of her retirement. She was a tremendous asset to our Town with an incredible amount of knowledge regarding town government. She was also a great friend to many and was always available to help anyone who walked through her door. She is missed and we all wish her well. As a result of her leaving Deborah Merry was elected as Town Clerk. Deb previously held the position of administrative assistant to the Select Board and Town Manager for 18 years and in that position was indispensable. She is missed in our office, but is greatly appreciated across the hall in the Clerk's office. We wish her well and thank her for all she did for the Board. With Ms. Merry leaving her position we found ourselves in need of an administrative assistant. After a lengthy search and interview process Judith Wagner was hired to fill the position. Judy, previously employed by the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission (BRPC), brought her knowledge and experience of town government with her and has proven to be a great addition to the Select Board office. I thank her for all the demanding work she has done for us during the year. Last, but certainly not least, we welcome Robert Bishop to the Select Board having been elected in May 2015. Bob, a lifelong resident of the town and Chair of Dalton's Conservation Commission for many years, brings a wealth of experience, knowledge and common sense to the Board. Since being on the board he has been appointed to serve as one of our representatives of the BRPC's Pipeline Working Group and is the Town's alternate member to the BRPC County Advisory Board.

After nearly 20 years of planning and engineering for the reconstruction of Housatonic Street the over 10 million dollar project was put out to bid and a contractor, Baltazar Construction, was awarded the job. Preliminary work was started in late 2015. The reconstruction is planned for two construction seasons and should be completed by the end of 2017. I want to thank Select Board member John Boyle, the late Select Board member Thomas Szczepaniak and Town Manager Kenneth Walto for their work through the many years on this project and obtaining the \$10 million in state and federal aid for it.

The Tennessee Gas Northeast Energy Direct Project has been at the forefront of activity for the Select Board. The proposed route for the pipeline will be to enter our town from the Cheshire town line via the high voltage line right-of-way and cross Route 9, near Wahconah Falls Road, continuing along the power

lines entering Hinsdale at Adams Road. We continue to work with the BRPC and the members of the Pipeline Working Group to protect our town's natural resources and interests in the event the project is approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). As part of this effort, a scoping session was held on July 28, 2015 at Taconic High School. I, along with Mary Cherry and Robert Bishop, presented oral statements concerning the negative impacts of this project to the FERC. The Board also sent a written statement listing the issues, concerns and dangers of having the pipeline constructed in our town. The FERC is expected to make a decision on this project by late 2016.

The disposition of the Old Dalton High School is still an issue with the town after 18 years. After being directed by the voters at annual town meeting in 2014 to seek bids from developers to create affordable housing at the Old Dalton High, Berkshire Housing Development Corporation, the only bidder, put forth a proposal for the project in 2015. After a public hearing on the matter in June 2015, followed by a Special Town Meeting in December of 2015, the previous vote to allow affordable housing at Old Dalton High was rescinded. We now find ourselves back trying to seek a solution for the use of the old school.

During 2015 a Master Plan Advisory Committee has been working to update our previous Master Plan of 2001. I have found being involved with this process has educated me with regard to the many connected facets of life in our town which need to be addressed and updated as we move into the future. My thanks go out to the all committee members taking part in this process. Special thanks to the representatives from the BRPC, Tom Matuszko and Mark Maloy, for guiding us through this process. In addition, a special thanks to our Town Planner, Lisa Peltier, for coordinating and recording the meetings.

In an effort to preserve forest area and green-space in the center of our town the voters at a special town meeting in 2015 instructed the Select Board to exercise the town's right of first refusal to purchase a 41 acre parcel of land behind the homes on High Street and Pleasant Street known as "The Pines". Now that the land has been purchased it is the hope of the Select Board to develop the land for future town recreational use.

Other projects that the Town Manager and Select Board have been involved with are: Fitch Hoose House Restoration, Town Landfill Solar Array, Acquisition of an all Electric Vehicle and a Hybrid Vehicle for Municipal use with the installation of an Electric Vehicle Charging Station, Energy Conservation Study, Walker Brook Culvert Replacement and the Auction of Tax Title Properties. Information on these projects is available in our office for anyone interested in more details.

Thanks ever so much for the hard work, long hours and dedication of all my fellow Select Board members; Mary Cherry, John Boyle, Mike Szklasz and Bob Bishop. Although we don't always agree on an issue, the end result of our work has been a team effort and a "Board Decision" which we all stand by. I deeply appreciate the Select Board for working this way. I also want to thank our Town Manager, Kenneth Walto, for his management of our town's day to day activities as well as the continual guidance he gives the Select Board; his knowledge and

expertise of town government are unparalleled. I would not have been able to serve as Chairperson without being able to take advantage of his talents.

It goes without saying that anything the Select Board does isn't possible without the daily dedication of our town employees, elected and appointed officials, and, most importantly, our volunteers. The time they give and the talents that they share with us truly create the high quality of life which we all enjoy in Dalton. On behalf of the Select Board I extend our thanks for your service.

I truly believe Dalton is the "gem" of Berkshire County. Dalton has friendly and caring people living in it, beautiful homes, top notch schools and a police force, fire department and highway department which are second to none. I have lived my entire life here, worked and volunteered here and raised my family here. I consider myself extremely fortunate. I wouldn't have had it any other way.

TOWN MANAGER

Kenneth E. Walto

In Two Thousand and Fifteen, the financial distress engendered by the "Great Recession" began to abate and did not entirely dominate Town affairs. Several important projects moved forward while planning continued for others. New projects were undertaken. Important positions were filled. Four town meetings decided important issues.

At the Annual Town meeting in May, a \$15.8 million operating budget was approved including \$8.8 million for education. The town's operating budget and the school's budget, together, saw less than a 1% increase. These modest budgetary increases coupled with a significant increase in Free Cash allowed for the deposit of \$400,000 to various reserve accounts.

In other significant Annual Town Meeting actions, an important zoning by-law was adopted providing for design review of development projects along Main, East Main and North Streets. The Select Board was authorized to sell the 100 acre Town Forest to the Commonwealth. Three petitioned articles banning disposable plastic bags and containers and circus animals were rejected.

A Capital Budget of \$240,610 was approved at the Special Town Meeting in June: \$69,205 from the Capital Stabilization Fund and Free Cash, a borrowing authorization of \$163,000 and \$8,405 transferred from other borrowed but unexpended funds. Several major items were funded: a dump truck, backhoe repairs, sidewalk construction, computers for the Town Hall and Police Department and various Town Hall interior improvements; \$ 121,890 was also transferred from an insurance proceeds account to fund the on-going maintenance of Old Dalton High.

In June, the Select Board designated Berkshire Housing Development Corporation in association with Rees-Larking Development, LLC as the entity to redevelop Old Dalton High School for affordable housing. Unfortunately, in December this decision was overturned at a Special Town Meeting convened by a Citizens' Petition.

In November, a Special Town Meeting authorized \$91,445 in funding for acquisition of the Pines, a 41 acre wooded tract bordered by High and Pleasant Streets subsequent to the Select Board exercising the Town's right of first refusal upon Crane & Co.'s decision to sell the property.

Other significant projects were continuing. Improvements to the Library's interior lighting came in over budget. Thereupon, the Town sought the assistance of the Eversource energy conservation and the Green Communities programs to supplement the budget. In November, the Eversource consultant began to review the project.

After two rounds of bidding, Allegrone Construction was awarded the contract for the Hoose House restoration. Restoration began in the fall and is expected to be complete by June 2016.

DelSignore Paving was awarded and completed a \$600,000 six street repaving contract. Housatonic Street reconstruction was awarded by the state for \$10.5 million to Baltazar Construction with construction to commence in the spring of 2016.

In addition to the Library Lights, several other important "green" initiatives began to move forward. In December of 2014, Dalton became a state designated "Green Community" with an initial grant of over \$142,000. The Town is now working on implementing the "Energy Reduction Plan" adopted by the Select Board as part of the process.

The landfill solar project was re-bid after Citizens Energy withdrew from the project. A smaller project, awarded to General Electric in the fall, is expected to be complete by the end of 2016. The Town will have a 20 year contract to buy electricity at a fixed and favorable rate and receive lease and tax revenues as well. Two electric vehicles were acquired replacing existing cars and a public electric vehicle charging station was installed at the Senior Center. The vehicles and station were acquired via grants totaling more than \$76,000. An energy audit was awarded to study energy conservation improvements primarily to the Town Hall and Senior Center funded under the Green Communities Grant.

Several important sewer and drainage system projects began. An Infiltration and Inflow study of the entire Town sewer system was awarded to Tighe and Bond and a drainage improvement study on Flensburg Avenue to SK Design. A \$750,000 grant application was submitted to the Mass Emergency Management Agency to replace the Walker Brook Culvert. This undersized culvert, which channelizes Walker Brook from High Street to River Street, is responsible for the periodic flooding at Old Dalton High and the surrounding neighborhood.

Finally, the Town participated in a novel 10 community electric supply purchasing program for all residents and businesses. A two year bid was accepted from Hampshire Power, the electric purchasing arm of the Hampshire Council of Governments. The Town meanwhile received a separate bid from Hampshire Power for municipal use only and received an even more favorable rate.

The May elections saw the departures of long time Selectwoman Louisa Horth, who did not seek re-election and Administrative Assistant, Debby Merry, who was elected Town Clerk. I thank Ms. Horth for her many years of service on the Select Board where she ably and actively represented the Town. The May elections also brought a new Selectman and old friend Bob Bishop. Active for many years on the Conservation Commission and its Chair, Bob understands town government and is a welcome addition to the Board. His affable demeanor well compliments Select Board members Mary Cherry, Michael Szklasz, John Boyle and John Bartels.

Debby's promotion to Town Clerk by the electorate is well deserved as she has a deep knowledge of Town government and an excellent legal background

having worked as a legal secretary and para-legal for many years. I will miss my friend in the next office, but can visit across the hall. Debby replaced long serving Town Clerk, Barbara Suriner, who retired. Barbara's dedication, knowledge of town government and the town is not easily replaced. I wish her a long, healthy and prosperous retirement.

I thank the town's employees whose continued dedication and cooperation is evident in the smoothly functioning municipal government. Likewise, I thank the town's many boards and commissions that labor without compensation for love of the community.

I also thank the Select Board for its continued support. The Town Manager form of government cannot work well without the close and continuing collaboration of the Select Board and Town Manager.

Lastly, I express my gratitude to our new but very experienced Administrative Assistant, Judy Wagner, and our Recording Secretary, Sarah Frankland, who for ten years has taught me about Senior Power. They both continually perform "above and beyond the call of duty".

TOWN OF DALTON DEPARTMENTAL GRANTS 2015

Council on Aging

1-12-15 Friends of the COA through the Berkshire Life Charitable Foundation (COA Van Operations)	3,000
1-12-15 MA Grant from MA Association of Councils on Aging for the Aging Mastery Program	2,600
9-28-15 Friends of the COA through Berkshire Life Charitable Foundation for operating COA Van	5,000
11-9-15 Commonwealth of Massachusetts Formula Grant for FY 2016	15,111

Cultural Council

10-26-15 Local Allocation from MA Cultural Council (Grant)	4,600
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Dalton Free Public Library

1-12-15 Katharine L. W. and Winthrop M. Crane 3rd Charitable Foundation Trust for purchase Magna/Graphic Novel)	2,000
11-9-15 Charlotte E Aldrich IRR Trust	2,000
12-10-15 MA Library- Board of Library Comm. FY16 State Aid for Libraries Program	10,244

Emergency Management

3-7-15 FY13 & FY14 MA Emergency Management Agency Grant for purchase of Wireless GPS Units for Highway Fleet	2,460
11-23-15 MIIA Loss Control Grant from MA Inter-local Insurance Association for the Purchase of Emergency Work Zone Trailer	5,000

Highway Department

1-8-15 Comm. MA FY Additional FY15 Chapter 90 Local Aid Transportation	113,596
4-9-15 Comm. MA FY16 Chapter 90 Local Aid Transportation	226,270
4-13-15 Winter Recovery Assistance Grant for Falcon Hotbox Recycler	34,079

Communications Center

7-22-15 State 911 Department Training & EMO Regulatory Compliance Grant	10,000
10-26-15 State 911 Office of Public Safety & Security Support & Incentive	127,939

Police Department

4-27-15 Grant from Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) - Equipment and Technology Support	20,200
9-28-15 Grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) for the purchase of new/replacement Bullet Proof Vests under the Bullet Proof Vest Partnership (PVP), Executive Office Public Safety and State Reimbursement	3,975
Sub-Total	<u>\$588,074.00</u>

Town Manager/Select Board

11-27-15 MassDOT State/Federal Aid for Housatonic Street Reconstruction Surface Transportation (STP) & Congestion Mitigation (CMAQ)	11,289,885
TOTAL	<u>\$11,877,959</u>

DEVELOPMENT & INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION & 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. was finalized and the property was sold for \$76,000 on February 25, 2015. The DIC & DRA, grateful for the brownfields assistance provided by Berkshire Regional Planning Commission (BRPC) in the cleanup of this site, supported the transfer of \$3,000 from General Funds towards BRPC's administration of the Berkshire Brownfields Program. The next brownfield project the Redevelopment Authority looked at was the Warren Landfill. A Phase I Study was formally approved in September.

Stephen Sears, a longtime member of both the Development and Industrial Commission, and the Dalton Redevelopment Authority, worked successfully with Brian Domina of Berkshire Regional Planning Commission to develop a bylaw for Design Standards that would guide the look of commercial or large scale development along the main corridors through town. The bylaw passed at the Annual Town Meeting in May. In October, Stephen resigned from both the Commission and DRA. His invaluable knowledge, experience & foresight is deeply missed.

Two applications for BRPC's District Local Technical Assistance grant were approved in January. One to help seek funding for the State mandated passenger elevator for the Stationery Factory & the other for assistance in updating the 2001 Master Plan. In December 2015, three additional applications were submitted. One to continue Planning Board assistance with the updating of the Dalton Master Plan, a second to review the potential to create non – residential zones as a means of increasing opportunities for economic development, and the third to have BRPC work with participating municipalities to explore various areas where the sharing of municipal services and resources for two or more communities would be beneficial.

Over the course of the year, the Commission met with Central Berkshire Regional School District Superintendent Robert Putnam to discuss the future of the District and Dalton Schools. The Citizen's Energy proposal for a 1.3MW solar photovoltaic project on one or more of the former landfills fell through,

but the project went out to bid again and was granted in December to General Electric, for a .5 MW solar array. Other projects worked on throughout the year consisted support of the redevelopment of the old Dalton High School, the review of special permit applications of the Board of Appeals and Planning Board, and consideration of the designation of an Economic Development District.

Regarding membership, in November, John Boyle stepped forward to fill the vacancy left by Stephen Sears in the DRA; his seat in the DIC remains unfilled. Tony Doyle was recommended as the Governor's Appointment, which has been vacant since the loss of member David Kalib. I thank all of the commission members for their gift of time to the town. Their selfless efforts will help to insure the economic health of the community for years to come.

Members of the Commission:

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

** Members serving on Redevelopment Authority*

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.

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.

2015 Citations

Failure to license Citations:	216
Failure to Vaccinate	109
Failure to Restraint	14
Dogs licensed	1,189
ACO Calls:	337

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 2016 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, 2016 - \$ 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.

The 2015 Board members were:

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

* There was one vacancy on the Board for an Alternate
Patricia Jehle was the Recording Secretary.

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 2015 calendar year, the Board held six public hearings for four special permit requests and two special permit renewal requests. The special permit applications received were for two separate oversized residential garages, the conversion within a pre-existing, non-conforming use and structure – being the Shire Breu Hous at the Stationery Factory, and an application for the addition of outdoor dining at Sweet Occasions. The special permit amendment applications received were to allow for the continuance of a manufacturing use & the continuance of a professional office on the 1st floor, with an apartment on the 2nd floor. The Board also performed an annual review of the reduced parking, allowed by prior special permit for the Senior Housing project at 83 Curtis Ave.

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

DALTON BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Laura L. Maffuccio, Principal Assessor/Chair

Fiscal Year 2016 was a Triennial Recertification year for the Town of Dalton. The Department of Revenue oversees our revaluation process by requiring data analyses, conducting random site inspections, reviewing reports and information, and verifying we are performing our duties in accordance with state mandates. The Board of Assessors, together with the other Town officials, received timely certification from the Department of Revenue to set the tax rate for FY 2016. The Town's total taxable property valuation increased from \$590,091,316 in FY 2015 to \$595,474,465 in FY 2016.

As in the past, the Board of Assessors will be notifying and/or contacting property owners for cyclical inspections, as well as permit inspections. The Board asks for your continued cooperation during the process. Along with sales analyses, these inspections serve to make our valuation process uniform.

The Board would again like to remind senior homeowners that they may apply for an exemption if they meet certain criteria. Eligibility includes meeting specific age, ownership, residency, income and asset requirements. There are also exemptions for eligible veterans, surviving spouses, and the legally blind. You may contact the Assessors for more information. Our office hours are Monday – Wednesday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm and Thursday 8:00 am to 6:00 pm.

Fiscal Year	Town Tax Rate	Fire District Tax Rate	Valuations	Taxes to be Raised
2016	\$ 19.63	\$ 0.98	\$ 595,474,465.00	\$ 11,689,163.75
2015	\$ 19.47	\$ 0.79	\$ 590,091,316.00	\$ 11,489,078.00
2014	\$ 18.51	\$ 0.79	\$ 593,398,192.00	\$ 10,983,800.54
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

Statistical Report for the year as follows:

Tax Levy Calculation	Fiscal 2015	Fiscal 2016
Total Amount to be Raised	\$ 15,431,695.57	\$ 16,226,286.03
Minus Total Estimated Receipts and other Revenue Sources	\$ 3,942,617.65	\$ 4,537,122.28
Equals Amount to be Raised by Taxes	\$ 11,489,077.92	\$ 11,689,163.75
Divide by Property Valuation	\$590,091,316.00	\$595,474,465.00
Equals Tax Rate	\$19.47	\$19.63

Motor Vehicle Excise

Year	No. of Bills	Excise
2015	7432	\$812,069.00
2014	7197	\$793,354.00
2013	7216	\$723,269.00
2012	7385	\$728,904.00
2011	7474	\$711,709.00
2010	7309	\$721,299.00

Exemptions Granted to Seniors & Veterans

Year	No. Granted	Total Abated Amount
2016	84	\$41,681.86 to date
2015	74	*completed
2014	76	\$38,720.22
2013	74	\$37,370.80
2012	72	\$37,195.80
2011	78	\$38,300.00
2010	77	\$37,200.00

TOWN MODERATOR

Anthony P. Doyle

The town moderator is an elected position and stands for election annually. The moderator's duties are enumerated in Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 39, Sections 15 and 17 as well as the By-Laws of the Town of Dalton.

The primary function of the moderator is to conduct the town meetings (and in Dalton the Fire District meetings) in conformance with the appropriate rules of procedure. Dalton has adopted Parliamentary Rules as set forth in "Town Meeting Time, A Handbook of Parliamentary Law" written in 1963. This is "not" Robert's Rules of Order.

It is the moderator's duty to conduct the meetings in compliance with the Rules and to assure that a fair and orderly meeting is conducted with the opportunity for all to participate. The meetings are limited to the specific issues that are presented in the "Warrant" that called the meeting. The town of Dalton has one annual meeting in May and may schedule "special meetings" throughout the year as the need arises.

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Members: **Elizabeth A. Erb**, *Chairman*
Michele T. Blake

Deborah J. Merry, *Town Clerk*
Elections Administrator
Supervisor, Board of Registrars

In 2015, we conducted Special Registration Sessions prior to the May 4, Annual Town Meeting, the May 11 Annual Town Election, Scheduled 2015 Special Registration Sessions to be held from 9:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. 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 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 2015; and deleted 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.

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 Robert Rood and Odessa A. Daoust, each are 103 years old.

We thank Dalton residents for their excellent response in returning the local census forms mailed late December/early 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.

RESIDENT'S VOTER REGISTRATION STATUS CAN BE FOUND ONLINE AT
www.sec.state.ma.us/VoterRegistrationSearch/MyVoterRegStatus.aspx

GREEN DALTON COMMITTEE

The Green Dalton Committee's (GDC) mission is to identify, investigate and recommend to the Select Board various initiatives which protect the community's natural resources and enhance environmental health and sustainability in Dalton. The Green Dalton Committee was established in late 2013 by the Dalton Select Board. The Committee consists of 7 members appointed by the Select Board. Vacancies currently exist for citizens who wish to join the committee as full or associate members.

Meetings are usually held monthly on the 4th Wednesday at 7PM at the Dalton Town Hall. Public participation is welcomed and encouraged.

The committee spent its first year (2014) qualifying the town as a state certified Green Community making Dalton eligible for a \$142K state grant in Dec 2014. The funds are being used to implement changes to town facilities that will reduce energy consumption by a planned 20%, contributing to a significant reduction in the town budget. In addition to implementing energy savings measures the committee also looks to reduce the use of fossil fuels in town facilities and promote the use of renewable, 'green' energy sources. To date committee funds have been used to help purchase two electric vehicles for town use and complete a comprehensive assessment of energy usage (heat and electricity) in town buildings. Energy savings projects will be initiated based on this assessment and will be funded on an ongoing basis through state grants distributed under the Green Community Program.

Committee initiatives over the past year include community wide promotion of residential solar arrays, promotion of utility sponsored residential free energy audits and participation in sessions related to contracts for solar arrays designed to help lower electricity costs for the town. The committee sponsored an information session promoting the use of organic lawn care and also seeks to keep the community informed regarding the proposed NED – Kinder-Morgan gas pipeline that may pass through town.

Committee plans for the coming year include implementation of a community-wide green business initiative, continued efforts at reducing energy usage and promoting the use of 'green' energy in Dalton.



BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

Anmarie Cicchetti, Chairperson

DBC began planting annuals after Memorial Day to insure mild temperatures at the beginning of the growing season. The weather also cooperated with the DBC's shopping, transporting and in-ground placement of the selected plants 2015. DBC volunteers deliberated making changes but decided to continue the same garden design, which had worked so well in the 2014 season.

Properly preparing bedding sites is essential to encouraging healthy plant growth. Holiday Farm generously donated top soil, refreshing the median areas at the intersection of Main and North Streets, the Main and Old Windsor Road intersection, the 707 site and South Street's mini-garden, guaranteeing positive results. Additionally, Mother Nature nourished the new plants with sufficient rain. The Dalton Fire Department assists each year with the ongoing need for water throughout the growing season, further supporting DBC's efforts.

We are always thankful to LP Adams and Holiday Farm for their ongoing support donating materials needed to complete our community gardens. Also, thanks to Blossoming Acres, Jaeschke's Fruits and Flowers for discounts on the purchase of bedding plants, helping to keep expenses in budget, thus encouraging beautiful results.

Because of the deteriorating condition of the Benjamin/Muraca Memorial Bridge, the usual placement of flower-filled baskets was postponed yet another year. The rusting railings and peeling paint draws attention to the necessity of restoring the bridge for safety as well as visual reasons. The Region 1 MA Highway Department, Bridge Inspection Unit was contacted in 2014 and 2015, to express concern regarding this potentially hazardous situation. Perhaps, the recently passed Congressional budget legislation funding the federal government will bring needed monies to states for such local projects.

The Dalton Beautification Commission is funded by a small annual stipend from the Town and is supplemented by gift donations from individual citizens.

However, it is the gift of time and talent so generously given by dedicated DBC volunteers that brings natural beauty to Dalton's main thoroughfare a reality.

The current seven Commission members are: Arlene Cormier, Kathleen Desmarias, Peter Gonick, Angela McDonough, Maureen Maxon, Secretary, Jean Poo-por and Annmarie Cicchetti, Chairperson. Other community volunteers include Tracy Cahalan, Paula St.Denis, Mary Levitt, Bill and Mary Walsh. Anyone interested in volunteering the hands-on help needed to continue the work of beautifying our lovely town is most welcome. Please contact the Town Offices or a DBC commission member.

BOARD OF HEALTH

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

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

HEALTH AGENT

The Town employs a part-time Health Agent 3 days a week to act on behalf of the Board of Health who is responsible for enforcing all state and local Health regulations. Edward Fahey, a registered sanitarian, performs public housing, pool and restaurant inspections as well as reviews designs for the construction and repair of septic systems and private wells. Duties of the Health Agent also include investigating improper disposal of trash and public nuisance complaints.

BOARD OF HEALTH TOWN HALL OFFICE HOURS:

Monday 8-5

Tuesday - 8-4:30

Wednesday CLOSED

Thursday 8-4:30

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

The annual decline of construction activity has stopped in Dalton. This report shows a significant increase from the previous year.

Year 2015 Permits Issued: 276

The breakdown of permits issued is as follows:

Residential	236
Commercial	18
Signs	9
Solid Fuel Appliances	7
Sheetmetal	4
Tents	2

If you are planning a project, be aware that the Town of Dalton, in concert with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, provides the consumer with considerable protection from fraud. It is incumbent upon the consumers to inform themselves of what permits are needed for any given project and the qualifications required for the contractors doing the work. The Building Inspector, Plumbing Inspector and the Wiring Inspector are all available to answer questions to ensure a code compliant job.

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

COMMUNICATION CENTER

Gabrielle Taglieri

The Dalton Communication Center has completed its 7th year at the Police Station. During this past year we have logged 19,766 calls. 1,625 of those calls were 911 and 925 were walk-ins to the Police Station.

The Communications Center again received a state 911 grant (The Support & Incentive Grant) in 2015 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 2016 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., 16 hours of continuing education annually, and a 40hr basic telecommunicator class required for new hires.

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 has been relatively busy for the Conservation Commission. The Commission has attended many workshops to stay current with the ever-changing regulations.

There was little construction being done that encroached into wetland areas this past year. There is an increased citizen's awareness of both the need to protect the environment and the function of the Commission. In the spring of 2016, work will begin on the reconstruction of Housatonic Street, which will include wetlands being altered and replicated. The Commission is also awaiting word on the construction of the Kinder-Morgan Pipeline. If this happens, it will affect areas near our drinking water supply. In addition, wetlands and vernal pools will be altered, and wildlife habitats will be disturbed. It will also affect our Scenic Mountain Act.

Membership on the Commission has been relatively stable in 2015. The Commission welcomes conservation-concerned citizens to attend monthly meetings. The Commission's monthly meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Crane Room of the Town Hall.

Commission Members

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

Associate Members

Statistics for 2015

Request for Det. of Applicability 7
Hearings for Notices of Intent 2
Certificates of Compliance 3
Extension of Orders of Conditions 0
Field Site Inspections .. 10
Enforcement Orders 2
Scenic Mt Act Violation 0
Wetland Violations 0
Emergency Permits 0

COUNCIL ON AGING

Kelly M. Pizzi

The Dalton Council on Aging (DCOA) serves community residents aged 55 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: Director, Kelly Pizzi and Sarah Fontaine. Sarah joined her husband in Washington DC following the offer of an 18 month training opportunity. After an extensive search for Sarah's replacement, we hired Dorin Middlebrook who has been with us since the end of August as Executive Secretary and Transportation Coordinator. The Senior Center's hours of operation are 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 Patricia "Pattie" Pero, Shine/Outreach Counselor, who holds office hours on Monday and Thursdays; and COA Transportation Program van drivers: John Bartels, Charles "Chuck" Gebauer and William "Bill" Walker. After 17 years, driver Clyde Decorie retired and in December John Aldrich was hired to replace him.

THE DALTON SENIOR CENTER:

The Dalton Senior Center has been in operation for five years at its location at 40 Field Street Extension. We had 642 active seniors using the Senior Center throughout the year for exercise, recreation, nutrition, information and referral needs and health programs such as flu, blood pressure and foot care clinics. In partnership with Elder Services, the Center hosts the nutritional Senior Lunch Program each Monday and Thursday. Soup & Sandwich is prepared onsite each Tuesday and boasts of homemade soups and fresh salads and dessert.

A two-dollar coupon fee is charged for programs with the exception of Elder Service meal programs, special educational programming, support groups, and AARP Tax Aide. The Café is free until 10:00 am. Soup & Sandwich has a charge of \$4.00 to cover the expense of preparing the meal. The Council on Aging is pleased to host the Veterans Agent on Thursday evenings from 3:00 pm – 5:30 pm.

The Council on Aging and the Dalton Senior Center receives funding from the Town of Dalton of \$129,946; block grant funding from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts based on \$9.00 per elder resident in the amount of \$15,111; coupon fees of \$9334 which is split with the town equaling \$4667 funding senior center activities; COA Van Revenue of \$5,387.72; Soup & Sandwich \$1756 and donations made directly by the community in the amount of \$1,854.

PROGRAMS:

Community:

AARP Tax Aide Assistance	Bridges-Intergenerational program
Garden Club	LIFE Program (Living is for the Elderly)
Caregiver Support Group discussion group at Craneville Place	
State Representative Hours: Paul Mark	Sunday Lunch

Bereavement Support Group
Triad

Veteran's History Project
Veteran's Agent Office Hours

Special Programming:

In May the COA held a 90 + Birthday Party for Dalton Nonagenarians. Williams College has again generously donated Chef Gerry Byers and the meal who served 50 of our community's oldest citizens and volunteers.

Exercise:

Osteo-Exercise – 4 times weekly Tai Chi
Line Dancing Shake Your Soul

Health:

Flu Clinic Foot Care Clinic
Blood Pressure Clinic Caregiver Support Group
Bereavement Support Group Hearing Aid Clinic

Social Activities & Classes:

Acrylic Painting Bridge Coffee Cafe
Knitting Poetry Movie Night
Oil Painting Pitch Quilting
Travel Club Cribbage

NEW PROGRAMMING ADDED in 2015:

*The Council on Aging was awarded one of three Berkshire County grants by Mass Councils on Aging and Tufts Health Plan to provide a ten week program called the Aging Mastery Program. Sixteen participants attended and were treated to guest speakers discussing topic which included: gratitude, nutrition & hydration, exercise, medication management, sleep, healthy relationships, financial fitness, falls prevention, depression, advance planning and civic engagement. The program was coordinated by Jennifer Munoz who also coordinated Williamstown and Adams programs.

*We held two public viewings of interesting documentaries which included Still Alice and Alive Inside.

*We held a Field Day Bar-B-Que with outdoor events including a car show, live music, Bocce, volleyball in September. We partnered with the Berkshire County House of Corrections for a large tent which came in handy as the temperatures were in the 90's that day! The event was very popular and we have been requested to repeat it again next fall.

*The Cultural Council sponsored another event entitled Man in Motion, a vaudeville-pantomime performer. Our guests really enjoyed him and we are planning to have him return at the Field Day event. His performance will do well outdoors and will easily move indoors should it rain.

*Monthly we are able to offer a Hearing Aid Clinic due to the generous donation of time by Ray Woitkowski, Licensed Hearing Instrument Specialist who performs minor repair, cleaning and battery replacement at no cost to the customer.

*Before the holidays we held a Wine and Cheese Paring class which was very well received. Participants have requested more events that they can attend with their spouse or adult children that would appeal over age ranges.

SERVING THE HEALTH INFORMATION NEEDS OF ELDERS (SHINE):

Patricia “Pattie” Pero provides outreach services for the Dalton Council on Aging and SHINE services under Elder Services. Pattie works a 19 hour week and during this time in 2015 met with 481 residents and fielded 782 phone calls. Nearly half are residents over the age of 75 years of age and one third persons with disabilities. She made twenty home visits for individuals unable to come in for office visits with seven contacts addressing safety concerns. Pattie assisted individuals accessing direct benefits and financial assistance in excess of \$20,000. Additional financial savings totaled \$381,763 in enrollments, billing corrections and forgiveness and insurance changes.

TRANSPORTATION:

Dalton is very fortunate to be able to offer lift van service to our residents who are 60 and older and disabled individuals of any age. Throughout 2015, the service was available Monday through Friday (excluding holidays) from 8 AM to 3 PM, weather and driver availability permitting. Transportation services are provided through the Town of Dalton, Berkshire Regional Transportation Authority and fee for service. On behalf of the COA transportation program, the Friends of the Council on Aging applied and were awarded a transportation grant of \$5,000.00.

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. The fee is \$1.50 per trip/stop for COA & Senior Center events, and \$3.00 per trip/stop for all other rides.

During 2015, the Dalton COA van provided 3046 rides in 246 days of service. 1,121 rides to medical services topped the list for reasons of travel followed by Nutritional purposes with 698. Social Recreational- 531, Shopping - 366, Other (Personal Grooming, Bank, etc.) were the remainder of the trips.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Volunteers are the backbone of the services and programs provided by the COA. Ninety- six volunteers serve as committee members, gaming, computer and craft instructors; cooks, dishwashers and meal servers, receptionists, office workers; intergenerational programs such as Bridges and reading programs; and home visits and grocery shopping for some of our most vulnerable and home bound residents. 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.

FRIENDS OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING:

The Friends of the Council on Aging is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization which is the fundraising arm of the COA. Fundraising activities this year was a

craft fair held in the fall. The group funded the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner serving 64 of the volunteers providing services to the community. They also purchased Price Chopper, Stop & Shop and local gift cards for the annual holiday luncheon. A \$5000 grant awarded to the Friends by Berkshire Life Foundation was also donated for COA Van operation.

2015 Friends of the Dalton Council on Aging members include:

Dennis Gian, Chair	Carol Morrison, Secretary
Judith Trumble, Treasurer	Carol Clayton
Gail Gargon	Nancy Bissell
Helga Knappe	Marjorie Limburg
Mary Lamke	Audrey Poirier
Catherine (Peter) Rivers	Susan Jacobs

DALTON COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

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 the response to needs in the community. Members sit on five ad hoc committees which include Finance, Senior Housing, Strategic Planning, Building and Maintenance and Marketing/Community Relations.

During 2015 the COA Board was accepted into the Non Profit Learning Training Program through the Berkshire Taconic Foundation. This was a five week program held in Great Barrington. The Board members that accompanied the Director were Margaret Cahill, Joyce Lacatell and Maureen Mitchell. The program provided insight to board development, Governance (vs. Management), marketing, and fundraising. The training culminated in the award of a \$2000 grant to implement some of the identified areas. We have selected marketing and imaging as our area of focus. The Friends of the COA were also accepted into the program and Friends representatives were Susan Jacobs, Mary Lamke, Dennis Gian and Judith Trumble.

2015 COA appointees are:

Margaret Cahill, Chair	Maureen Mitchell, Vice Chair
John Rys, Treasurer	Andrea Lasso, Clerk
Judith Brooks	Marcia Brophy
Tracy Cahalan	Tom Callahan
Robert Dean	David DiNicola
Gordine Galusha	Joyce Lacatell
Jean Poopor	Ralph Young

Alternate: Maryjane Duquette

The Building and Maintenance Committee, appointed by the Select Board, is comprised of the COA Board, Friends of the COA and community members whose role is to oversee issues pertaining to the building upkeep and repairs.

These members include:

Drew Finn, Chair (Community)	David DiNicola, Co-Chair (COA)
Carol Morrison, Clerk (Community)	Mary Lamke (Friends of the COA)
Maureen Mitchell (COA)	Tom Renak (Community)
Kelly Pizzi (COA)	

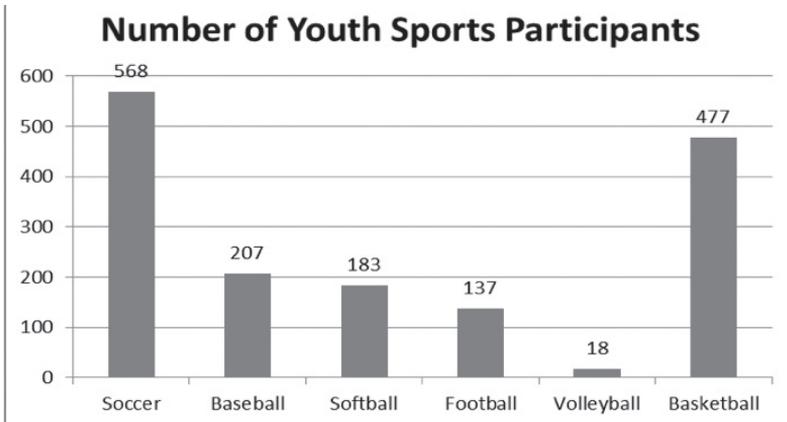
CRA

Alison Peters, Executive Director

Dalton is fortunate to have three 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 and multiple fields for softball, baseball and football, as well as 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 children to play baseball and soccer. And last, Greenridge has a playground, basketball court and another baseball field.

Due to the generosity of several local organizations and businesses, and the hard work of volunteers and the town and CRA staff, many upgrades have taken place at the parks. From field repairs to recently donated scoreboards, the parks continue to evolve with the needs of the community.

Through the town parks, the W. Murray Crane Community Recreation Association (CRA) is able to 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 and more soccer!



In 2015, the CRA saw a total of 1,590 youth participate in youth sports.

In addition, the CRA houses a fitness center, pool, basketball court and racquetball court, providing healthy exercise to young adults, adults and retirees. Open from early morning into the evening, the facility is capable of meeting everyone's needs, from swimming to exercise classes to pickup basketball games at lunchtime.. Racquetball is seeing resurgence in popularity and we now have leagues three to four times a week. Nearly two years ago, the CRA began offering Pickleball, the fastest growing sport in the country. Pickleball is a cross between tennis and ping pong, and is played in a gymnasium or a tennis court. It is a

fun and addictive sport that all ages enjoy, but has garnered a very large senior following.

Although widely known for their recreational programs, the W. Murray Crane Community House also provides social, cultural and educational activities for people of all ages. We place a strong emphasis on children and families, delivering after school care, teen programs, family events and a wide variety of enrichment programs to our community.

For our youngest members, we offer Kindergym, a program offering structured and unstructured playtime for children to age 6. We also provide an opportunity for parents and toddlers to hop in the pool together during our Parent/Toddler Swim program. This helps young children become comfortable in water, while teaching parents water safety.

Over the last two years, we have developed programming to support working families by offering before-school care at Craneville Elementary School. For years, we have also offered the after-school Kids Club program at Craneville, and the Drop-in program at the Dalton Youth Center (DYC) for middle school students. Parents will find that these programs offer safe places for their children to do homework, socialize, and engage in physical activity. During school vacations, on snow-days, and in the summer, we have similar camps available from early morning into the evening.

At the DYC, we serve young adults with tutoring, weight lifting, the Big Buddies mentoring program, the Special Needs program and the Junior Leaders Club, just to name a few. In 2014 we also started a youth advisory board to provide valuable input into the needs of our community. Our goal is to help our community's youth achieve their full potential, and grow into responsible young adults who understand the value of community service, and are ready to enter college, the work force, or job training programs.

The Dalton CRA is also pleased to announce an expansion in programming at the DYC, as we enhance the amenities in the building. The on-going facilities upgrade will allow us to broaden our reach and support more social and educational programming across all age groups. New funding will allow us to develop, coordinate and launch new programming, as the facility is modernized.

This January the DYC secured funding through a grant from Crane & Company for a comprehensive Youth Employment Program. This series will address a specific need that has been identified in the community for our youth to be more adequately prepared for the workplace. The Crane grant will also fund a College Readiness Program to support high school students and parents in the Central Berkshire community with earlier education, preparation, and planning for college. Other NEW fully funded programming includes a DYC News Club and a DYC Finance & Investing Club for middle school students.

The CRA also offers a wide variety of programs for families. We manage the town's summer parks program, providing special activities when school is not in session. Pinegrove Park is always alive with different events including the penny carnival, picnics and the 'Just Play' hoops league. The CRA also hosts special events such as outdoor concerts, outdoor movie nights, the fishing derby,

an Easter egg hunt, a Halloween parade, and visits with Santa.

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 of this without the generosity and support from hundreds of businesses, organizations and volunteers. From supporting special events like the Gib Kittredge Auction, to coaching youth sports teams, these programs could not exist without our dedicated and loyal community.

We'd also like to give special thanks to the town of Dalton, all the local businesses, and the 1200 volunteers who support the CRA and the programs we provide. Those groups are the CRA's most valued assets. Time after time, Dalton, our local businesses and volunteers step forward to provide whatever is needed to make our programs successful. They are the backbone of our organization, and a key ingredient in what makes our community the wonderful place it is to live and work.

Thank you so much!

CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Dalton Cultural Council's mission is to promote access, excellence, education and diversity in the arts, humanities and interpretive sciences in order to improve the quality of life for all residents. The Massachusetts Cultural Council has overseen the Local Cultural Council Program since 1990. MCC receives funding from an annual state appropriation. Each year, the MCC distributes funds to LCCs; in turn, LCCs make grants to schools, organizations and individuals in their communities. These funds are paid to successful applicants on a reimbursement basis.

Distributions to each LCC are based on a local aid formula devised by the state. The formula takes into account population and property values, and is weighted to give larger distributions to poorer communities.

In October of 2015, our cultural council received 23 applications for support of a wide variety of projects. The following projects were approved for funding in an amount totaling \$4,600 for FY 2016:

FY 2016:

Davis Bates	Celebrating the Season - A Performance for Seniors
Berkshire Pulse, Inc	Nessacus Middle School Dance Program
Craneville Elementary School	Hip Hop Promotes Positivity
Dalton Community Recreation Assoc.	Summer Concert Series
Eagles Band, Inc	Eagles Band Annual Concert
Edith Wharton Restoration, Inc	Edith Wharton Writing Contest
Hilltown Choral Society	Hilltown Choral Performances
Bernice Lewis	12th Annual Sugar Hill Folk Festival
Gregory Maichack	Pastel Paint Stunning Still Lifes
Tamarack Hollow Nature & Cultural Center	Dalton CRA Nature Exploration
The Wizard Ed	Reading is Magic

The current members of the Dalton Cultural Council are: Jonathan Croy, Margaret Cahill, Donald Harris Co-Chairperson, Monica Montferret Co-Chairperson, Jenna Ware, Thank you for your continued support of cultural programs in our community. We are looking for new members. If you are interested please contact our Town Clerk.

DALTON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Robert DiFazio, Library Director

The Library has had another busy, successful year. We saw our 2015 circulation numbers increase by over 16%. The Library circulated 50,849 items over the course of the year. Our attendance for the year was 39,826, or approximately 135 people each day we were open. Our Facebook page continues to grow in use, as does our website (www.daltonlibrary.org).

We are also continuing to better integrate ourselves into the Dalton community. We were happy to host walking field trips from 22 classes at Craneville Elementary School. Those trips gave us the opportunity to show off the Library, get cards to any children who didn't already have them, and promote our summer reading program. The visits were a great success and we're hoping to turn them into an annual event. We also participated in Dalton's Light Up The Holidays. We hosted the Nessacus Middle School Band, passed out popcorn, and set up a children's craft station. Wendy Provencher, CFCE Coordinator at Central Berkshire Regional School District provided hundreds of new children's books that she was on hand to pass out for free.

We're hoping to continue working with other community organizations, so if you have any ideas, be sure to let us know!

Collections:

We strive to build the most well rounded collection possible. It's our hope that we can provide something for everyone in our community. Along with our regular collection updates, we are continuing the work of reinvigorating our children's and young adult collections. This past year has seen us heavily updating the children's non-fiction collection and expanding our young adult collection.

We were fortunate to receive a number of grants and generous donations this year. A donation of approximately \$600 in memory of Walter Schiffer allowed us to expand our non-fiction large print collection. A \$2,500 grant from the Central Berkshire Fund of the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation will allow us to create a children's graphic novel collection. These books are an outstanding resource for emergent and reluctant readers. The collection will debut in time for the summer reading program. The young adult graphic novel collection we created last year led to a doubling of our young adult circulation. A \$2,500 grant from the Katharine L.W. and Winthrop Murray Crane Foundation will allow us to create a board game collection. There has been a significant increase in the popularity of board games in recent years. We're hoping to provide games that will appeal to all ages. We plan to acquire a wide selection of classic games, cooperative games for children, as well as many of the more expensive new games for adults. Finally, we received \$2,000 from the estate of Charlotte Aldrich. That donation will be used to supplement the other grants and donations.

Programs:

The library continues to expand the number and diversity of its program offerings. We hope to further expansion in the coming year. Our most popular (and most fun) programming continues to be our Children's STEAM (Science,

Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) program Tuesdays at 10, and Storytime Thursdays at 10. Both programs are led by Wendy Provencher, and Assistant Librarian, Kathy Hoag. STEAM consists of a story, small snack, and an educational project. Storytime consists of several stories, a snack, and a craft project. We were once again fortunate to have the assistance of Kathryn Whitman and the St. Agnes first graders, who help our pre-school age attendees by reading stories, passing out snack, and help with the craft project.

Our summer reading program was a huge success this year. We had approximately 250 children sign up for the program, with the majority of them turning in their completed reading sheets. The Friends of the Dalton Free Public Library once again provided the funding for an outstanding array of prizes (bribes!) to encourage children to sign up and read all summer long. Along with STEAM and Storytime, we were fortunate to host a 4 week conservation program presented by the Housatonic Valley Association, a 4 week financial literacy program presented by Berkshire Bank, and an 8 week art program presented by Pam Bachli.

We also put forth a diverse array of offerings for our adult patrons. Our most consistent program is our Book Discussion Group, which meets on the last Wednesday evening of the month. Recent titles have included “The Boys in the Boat”, “The Night Circus”, and “The Celestials”. Our card making / papercraft programs continue to be hosted by Jessica McComish. Other programs have included meditation instruction sessions led by Dr. Andrew Vidich, and a pastel painting class (funded primarily through a Cultural Council grant), taught by Greg Maichak. If you have any suggestions for other programming, by all means, let us know!

Friends:

The Friends group continues to provide a great deal of support and assistance to the library. This year, they’ve provided the funding for newspapers, museum passes, reading club books, and our summer reading program. They’ve accomplished this through membership dues, bake sales, and book sales. Without their generous support, the library would’ve been forced to go without a good deal of material. Beyond financial support, Friends members Dian Elser, Janet Claffie, and Helen Kimball combined to donate approximately 6 hours per week of their time to process our Interlibrary Loan transactions. With a small staff and tight budget, this is a critical gift to the library. Their time donation is the equivalent of the cost of approximately 300 new books! The Slate of officers for 2015-16 are: Dian Elser, President; Kim Slade, Vice President; Chris Faye, Secretary; Vicky Sedgwick, Treasurer; Rae-Ann Winters, Membership Coordinator; and Members-at-Large, Elizabeth Chisum, Janet Claffie, Helen Kimball, Cynthia Riggs-French, Mary Haddad.

Personnel:

The library staff continues to be our strongest asset. Assistant Director, Katherine Hoag, and staff members Helen Cultrera, Gladys Lofink, Pam Bachli continue to serve our community. One of our Pages, Maddison Zink, left us to attend UMass Amherst. We were incredibly fortunate to replace her with a

returning employee, Kim Gwilt.

The work of the staff has allowed us to add approximately 4,000 items to the collection, circulate close to 51,000 items, borrow 6,000 items from other libraries, and lend 6,400 items to other libraries. All of this was accomplished with a budget that remained unchanged from the previous year.

Finally, I would like to recognize the hard work and donated time of the Library Board of Trustees. The Board is the elected governing body of the library, with legal responsibility for library funding, contents, policy, and service. John Kittredge recently stepped down as Chairperson, following 30+ years as a member of the Library Board. His leadership and institutional knowledge will be missed. The current Board members are: Fred Sears (Chairperson), Judith Douville (Vice Chairperson), Anne Ronayne (Recording Secretary), Max Ehrlich (Treasurer), Fred Sears, Joan Roy, Gail Pinna, Mark Rancourt, Mary Gingras, and Leo Quiles.

DALTON HOUSING AUTHORITY

Susan I. Gregory, Executive Director

Board of Commissioners:		Term Expires
Chairperson	Kathleen Burke, 96 Curtis Ave.	2016
Vice Chairperson		
State Appointee Member	Tom Callahan, 306 North Street	2017
Member	Nils E. Jacobsson, 76 Dalton Division Rd.	2019

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

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

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

Eligibility criteria are under requirements adopted by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development. Income limits for one person household is \$44,750. Two person is \$51,150.

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

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Daniel D. Filiault, Emergency Management Director

In 2015 the Emergency Management Department applied for and received two grants, the first was through the Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association (MIIA). MIIA provided the Emergency Management Department with \$5,000 to be used to purchase an Emergency Response Trailer. This trailer which came with equipment that can be used to divert traffic from closed roads can be used by the Police, Fire, Water and Highway Departments when ever needed. All the equipment needed is loaded onto the trailer so that it can be picked up and moved quickly and safely to where needed.

The second grant through the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency helps cover the cost of the CodeRED Emergency Notification system for the Town of Dalton. The CodeRED system allows the Emergency Services of Dalton to notify all residents of dangerous situations. The system uses telephone numbers to call residents with needed information. It can call home, cell, and work phones and can also deliver text and email messages.

If you should be a new resident or have a cell phone that is not registered with the system then please visit <http://www.dalton-ma.gov/>, and click on the CodeRED logo to enroll additional contact information including cell phone numbers, text and email addresses.

For your protection CodeRED is a service of Emergency Communications Network which takes security and privacy concerns very seriously. They will not sell, trade, lease or loan any data citizen supplied data to third parties.

For residents without internet availability or if you have questions about this procedure you can contact Emergency Management Director Daniel Filiault or the Town Managers 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
- Town Manager 413-684-6111 ext. 11

In addition we have been working with the Town Manager to apply for a grant through MEMA that would allow the Town of Dalton to take action to prevent flooding of the area near the Senior Center. This grant has a protracted approval process and we will not know if we will receive funding until the fall of 2016 at the earliest.

HIGHWAY, CEMETERY & PARKS DEPARTMENT

John Roughley, 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.

Routine maintenance performed within our department on roads includes cutting brush, patching pot holes, painting crosswalks and road lines and replacing street signs.

The sewer systems are cleaned and flushed on a regular basis. The known problem areas are on a scheduled maintenance program to alleviate blockages. Over the past year we inspected many sewer lines and made repairs where needed. We also maintain over 800 catch basins during the year.

During the winter season we aim to keep all streets and sidewalks clear and safe. All of the Town's streets, parking lots and sidewalks are swept by Department personnel.

Spring is when our four cemeteries are cleaned up in preparation for our Memorial Day observance. Monthly Cemetery Trustee meetings are held at 9 am on the second Wednesday of each month at the Main Street Cemetery Office. Anyone wishing to speak to the Trustees is invited to attend. Winter decorations should be removed from the cemeteries by April 15th and summer decorations should be removed by October 15th.

The Town's parks are also 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.

We have had a successful year, due largely in part to the staff of the Highway Department. 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

Monthly meetings held, with the exception of July, August, and December

We have accepted donations from Cap Couch, First Congregational Church, and the Methodist Church we made a visit to Sugar Hill

We visited the Sammuell Harrison House in Pittsfield attended the Berkshire Antheneaum Grant Applications Seminar

Gail Pinna was invited to give a talk at Sugar Hill to give a talk on the Dalton Historical Commission.

Manikins were bought at Macy's and Debs for displaying of vintage clothing.

Architcturel Dig was completed at the Hoose House. Some Artifacts were found and will be displayed at the completion of the Hoose House Restoration.

The Dalton Historical Commission is sure that all that has been done to bring the Hoose House back to its original status will be a great enjoyment to the people of Dalton and visitors.

HOOSE RESTORATION COMMITTEE

Joyce White, Chairperson

Several meetings were called to discuss the process of the Hoose House Restoration.

The meetings were call for:

Door for inside that matches the period.

Picking out the wallpaper

Discussed exterior of the house

Discussed window frames

Discussed showing two walls exposing natural wood

New part to be used for displays

INSPECTOR OF WIRING

John M. Broderick, Inspector

Service Work	32
New Houses.....	2
Additions & renovations.....	38
Security Systems	13
Furnaces.....	15
Pools & Hot Tubs	1
Solar Panels	24
Generators.....	0
A/C Equipment.....	2
Misc. Elec. Work	16
Total Permits	143

MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE

Robert Dassat, Chairman

As in past years the early morning rain subsided and a beautiful day allowed the parade to step off from the Dalton Methodist Church with the dependable local groups participating. The Veterans of Foreign Wars Color Guard led the parade followed by the Nessacus Regional Middle School Band under the direction of Andrew Garcia.

Once again, it was a sincere welcome to receive the support from Dalton's patriotic citizens, notably the many youngsters waving flags to honor our veterans and all parade participants as their proud parents stood by. Boys Scouts Troop 4 should be applauded for placing flags on veterans' graves in Main St. and Fairview Cemeteries, as should the students from Craneville School who did the same in Ashuelot and East Main St. Cemeteries.

The parade proceeded along Main St. to the Mound of the Unknown Dead in Main St. Cemetery for the ceremony, led by Master of Ceremonies Tom Callahan, who welcomed everyone and noted that citizens have an obligation to remember and honor all those who served our country in the Armed Forces, especially those that made the supreme sacrifice, and to whom this ceremony was dedicated to.

The Invocation was given by Rev. Quentin Chin, Pastor of the Dalton First Congregational Church, followed by the Nessacus Band's superb performance of; 'The Star Spangled Banner'. Legion Post 155 Cmdr Robert Dassat led 'The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag', which was followed by the POW-MIA Ceremony conducted by Peter Morrissey, a U.S. Navy veteran and member of Post 155.

Tom Callahan introduced the guests on The Mound. In addition to Rev. Chin and Cmdr. Dassat, they were as follows: Parade Marshall and Special Guest

Chief Warrant Officer James D. Slater, Chaplain for both of Dalton's veterans' organizations John Ellis, Dalton VFW Cmdr. Arthur Filkins, Dalton Town Mgr. Ken Walto and Select Bd. members Robert Bishop, John Boyle, Mary Cheery, and Michael Skalasz. Board Member John Bartels was traveling and unable to attend.

Continuing with introductions, we were again pleased to have Rep. Paul Mark with us. The Memorial Day Committee members: John Boyle, Tom Callahan, Robert Dassat, John Ellis, Jim Harris, Jim McClure, Jim Slater, Cory White and George White. Student orators representing Wahconah Regional High School were seniors Sarah Bachli and Sean Peters.

Young ladies from Girls Scouts Troop 11988 placed wreaths at the foot of The Mound. Led by Ms. Belinda Sinopoli, they were: Alexis Barrett, Eliza Crow, Riley Kilmer, Katelyn McCormick, and Kileigh Sinopoli.

As in previous years, we were honored to have two outstanding students from Wahconah Regional High School speak to this gathering. Seniors Sarah Bachli, who also spoke last year and Sean Peters gave terrific speeches. Tom Callahan said they represented the best of school and community citizenship and wishing them the best in their college pursuits, mentioned how proud their parents and school community are for them. The band then played; 'America'.

Parade Marshall and Dalton resident Chief Warrant Officer Jim Slater was introduced and his impressive resume of military experience, training and awards was read. He also delivered an excellent speech on the importance of Memorial Day. Tom Callahan said that Dalton was proud to call Jim, "one of our own".

Following the speeches, Dennis Masengo played; 'Amazing Grace' using bagpipes. Dennis contributes this talent every year, which is greatly appreciated. The traditional Rifle Salute was carried out by the American Legion Rifle Squad, followed by 'TAPS' and 'ECHO', nicely performed by Nessacus 7th graders and band members Kevin Huban and Sarah Reiter, respectively.

Under a beautiful sky the ceremony concluded with Rev. Chin offering Benediction and Master of Ceremonies Tom Callahan thanking all who attended and participated, wishing everyone a good holiday with family and friends.

PLANNING BOARD

Caleb Darby, 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 elected residents with five-year terms and one resident appointed by the Select Board to serve as an associate 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.

In 2015, the Planning Board held eight regular monthly meetings and three public hearings. During those meetings, they endorsed six Form A applications for the division of lands within Dalton, granted two Special Permit renewals for earth removal, and reviewed five Special Permit applications before the Board of Appeals.

In addition, the Board has a long term goal to update the Master Plan and improve the Dalton Zoning Bylaws so that these documents better serve the residents of Dalton. Throughout 2015 the Board was very involved in updating the Master Plan, they worked on the Housing Action Plan with Berkshire Regional Planning Commission, and on the Design Review Standards bylaw, which was passed at the Annual Town Meeting in May.

Members of the Planning Board were Caleb Darby, Zack McCain, Michael Szklasz, Greg Geyer and Karen Quinn. New member, Edward Holub was welcomed in April, to cover the vacancy from the departure of Michael Szklasz, and was then formally elected to the position in May. Former member, Louisa Horth returned for a year in May, to fill the vacancy from the departure of Greg Geyer, and Patricia Jehle was the Recording Secretary. The Board thanks former Clerk, Karen Quinn, for her longstanding commitment and service to Dalton.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Jeffrey E. Coe, Chief of Police

In 2015 we wished Officer John Thibodeau well in his retirement after 30 years of service and Jonathan Bishop who left for work in the private sector after 13 years of service. We welcomed new reserve officers Dorothy DiMouro and Daniel Phillips and the full time appointment of Rodney Buzzella and are currently in the process to hire two more reserve officers.

Officers responded to an average of 14 service calls per shift including conducting in depth investigations, teaching DARE or Police Explorers, attending TRIAD, performing equipment maintenance or conducting other especial policing tasks including building security checks and traffic enforcement.

In April Sgt. Christopher Furlong applied for and received a \$20,200

equipment grant from The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security. We were able to replace old worn equipment and purchase new advanced technology to assist with specialized investigations. The equipment included Secure View cell phone analysis software, a fingerprint fuming chamber, a new evidence laptop computer, 3 portable breath test machines and a RADAR speed detection unit. All have been used to further our enforcement and detection capabilities.

The Dalton Police Department, with many thanks to District Attorney David Capeless, has a Prescription Drug Drop-Off Box for our station. Citizens of Dalton can drop off unused or unwanted prescription drugs for proper disposal. In addition to the biannual National Drug Take Back, which is usually held each spring and fall, at the Dalton CRA, these drugs can be disposed of at our station at any time.

Dalton Police Department 2015 Statistics:

Total call responses:	15,709
Business & Non 911 Calls	4,636
Officer Initiated responses	10,102
Intrusion Alarm Calls	249
911 Calls	746
Incidents	273
Arrests	108
Motor Vehicle stops	1,423
Motor Vehicle Accidents	118
Motor Vehicle Citations Issued	963
Citations Fines Received	4,782.50
Parking Fines Issued	97
Parking Fines Levied	\$ 655.00
Firearms Permits Issued	76
Firearms Permit Fees Received	\$ 4,887.50
Copies of reports	\$ 848.00

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.buycrash.com

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Paul K. Vacchina, Sealer

For period commencing January 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2015 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	10
5,000- 10,000 lbs	

<i>Automatic Liquid Measuring Devices</i>	<i>Sealed</i>
Gasoline	32

SHADE TREE DEPARTMENT

John Roughley, Tree Warden

The Shade Tree Department had another busy year. Many hazardous trees have been removed or pruned. With level funding and increased cost for removal, the number of new trees planted has been greatly reduced over the past few years.

The Highway Department has helped to remove several large trees that WMECO took down for the town. The power company does assist in tree removal when trees pose a risk to their equipment.

There is much confusion over the definition of a town tree. The definition of a town tree is any tree having a trunk greater than one and a half inches that is on the public right of way. If any part of the trunk is on town property, the tree belongs to the town. Overhanging branches do not make a tree town property. The town does have a right to trim such branches for public safety purposes. Any tree that has been planted by the town that is not on town property is not a town tree. The tree becomes the property of the landowner. State law allows municipalities to plant trees within 20 feet of the public right of way.

TOWN ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

Sandra J. Albano, Town Accountant

I am pleased to submit the 39th Annual Report of the Town Accountant for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2015.

The following schedules are included in this report:

- Schedule 1: Combined Balance Sheet
- Schedule 1-A: Special Revenue Funds
- Schedule 1-B: Capital Projects Fund
- Schedule 1-C: 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 FY15 books have been closed and submitted to the Department of Revenue. Free Cash has been certified in the amount of \$1,177,232 for use in FY16. The Town of Dalton continues to battle financially with our diminishing levy capacity. We continue to look for more sources of revenue to help offset our budget without increasing taxes. Many town departments apply for and receive numerous grants, that help fund special projects, replace aging equipment and vehicles, repair roadways, restore historical landmarks, etc.

The FY17 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 valuable skills into these departments, and is a very dedicated and conscientious worker.

Schedule 1: Combined Balance Sheet, June 30, 2015
Town of Dalton Massachusetts

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES			FIDUCIARY FUND TYPE TRUST & AGENCY	ACCOUNT GROUP LONG TERM DEBT	TOTALS MEMORANDUM ONLY
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	CAPITAL PROJECTS			
ASSETS						
Cash and Cash Equivalents	1,927,165	280,438	237,978	2,619,940	-	5,065,521
Receivables						
Property Taxes	145,037	-	-	-	-	145,037
Less: Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts	(74,899)	-	-	-	-	(74,899)
Excise Taxes	80,759	-	-	-	-	80,759
Tax Liens	156,779	-	-	-	-	156,779
Departmental	109,524	16,407	-	-	-	125,931
User Charges	42,730	-	-	-	-	42,730
Tax Foreclosures	177,244	-	-	-	-	177,244
Due From Other Governments	-	526,299	-	-	-	526,299
Due From Other Agencies	-	-	-	-	-	-
Due From Other Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Amount to be Provided for the Payment of Debt	-	-	-	-	1,466,464	-
Total Assets:	2,564,339	823,144	237,978	2,619,940	1,466,464	7,711,865
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY						
Liabilities:						
Vendor Warrants Payable	92,216	825	-	-	-	93,041
Payroll Warrants Payable	-	-	-	-	-	-
Accrued Payroll	67,621	981	-	400	-	69,002
Accrued Employer Taxes	882	-	-	-	-	882
Employee Withholdings	24,276	-	-	-	-	24,276
Due to Other Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Due to Other Agencies	-	-	-	84,045	-	84,045
Undistributed Receipts	58	-	-	-	-	58
Unclaimed Items	2,801	-	-	-	-	2,801
Prepaid Highway Excavation Fees	950	-	-	-	-	950
Prepaid Pro Forma Taxes	1,480	-	-	-	-	1,480
Deferred Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-
Property Taxes	70,138	-	-	-	-	70,138
Tax Liens	156,779	-	-	-	-	156,779
Tax Foreclosure	177,244	-	-	-	-	177,244
Other	233,013	542,706	-	-	-	775,719

Schedule 1: Combined Balance Sheet, June 30, 2015
Town of Dalton Massachusetts

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES			FIDUCIARY FUND TYPE	ACCOUNT GROUP		TOTALS
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	CAPITAL PROJECTS		TRUST & AGENCY	LONG TERM DEBT	
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY (continued)							
SAN Payable	-	135,739	-	-	-	-	135,739
Performance Bond Deposits	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bond Indebtedness	-	-	-	-	1,466,464	-	1,466,464
Total Liabilities:	827,458	680,251	-	84,445	1,466,464	-	3,058,618
Fund Equity:							
Reserved for Encumbrances	44,708	1,200	52,289	-	-	-	98,197
Reserved for Expenses	315,000	-	-	52,205	-	-	367,205
Reserved for Special Purpose	-	128,390	-	-	-	-	128,390
Reserved for Payment of Debt/Capital Projects	17,000	-	-	-	-	-	17,000
Reserved for Continuing Appropriation	104,862	-	-	-	-	-	104,862
Reserved for E911 Support/Training Grant Deficits	-	1,785	-	-	-	-	1,785
Reserved for Nonexpendable Trust Principal	-	-	-	125,100	-	-	125,100
Undesignated	1,255,311	11,518	185,689	2,358,190	-	-	3,810,708
Total Fund Equity	1,736,881	142,893	237,978	2,535,495	-	-	4,653,247
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity:	2,564,339	823,144	237,978	2,619,940	1,466,464	-	7,711,865

Schedule 1-A: Special Revenue Funds
Fund Equity for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015

	Balance		Prior Year			Transfers	Balance
	7/1/14	Revenue	Corrections	Transfers In	Expenses	Out	6/30/15
Animal Kennel Donations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Beautification Commission Donations	1,199	55	-	-	205	-	1,049
BJA Recovery Act JAG Grant - Federal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Boom Mower Intermunicipal Consortium	-	600	-	-	-	-	600
Canine Officer Grant	3,055	4,000	-	-	5,707	-	1,348
CATV Local Broadcasting	-	101,372	-	-	101,372	-	-
Cemetery Repair Donations	10,000	-	-	-	-	-	10,000
Cemetery Vandalism Restitution	383	-	-	-	-	-	383
COA Formula Grant	-	13,432	-	-	13,432	-	-
COA Gifts/Donations/Programs	4,756	2,064	-	-	3,246	-	3,574
COA Incentive Grant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
COA Programs Revolving	10,428	6,310	-	-	3,204	-	13,534
COA Transportation Fund	5,353	10,667	-	-	8,930	-	7,090
Community Development Block Grant	895	2,824	-	-	-	-	3,719
Community Septic Mgt.	18,000	-	-	-	-	-	18,000
Composting Bin Grant	494	-	-	-	-	-	494
Cultural Council	4,449	4,305	-	-	4,100	-	4,654
Cultural Council Donations	779	-	-	-	-	-	779
Dalton Papers	2,358	-	-	-	-	-	2,358
Drug Task Force/Byrne Grant	3,702	48,850	-	-	49,964	-	2,588
Electric Inspections Revolving	1,885	7,360	-	-	6,530	-	2,715
Extended Polling Hours	-	1,353	-	-	596	757	-
Gov's Hwy Sftv Bureau Grants	14	-	-	-	-	14	-
Grave Digging OT Revolving	2,500	930	-	-	715	215	2,500
Highway Chapter Funds	-	20,571	-	-	20,571	-	-
Historical Commission	850	1,520	-	-	77	-	2,293
Insurance Claims Under \$10,000	13,314	1,404	-	-	1,329	-	13,389
Insurance Reimbursements over \$20K	128,391	-	-	-	-	-	128,391
Legal Advertising Revolving	3,000	2,200	-	-	1,503	697	3,000
Library Donations	7,252	600	-	-	777	-	7,075
Library Incentive Grant	33,912	10,094	-	-	1,587	-	42,419
Miscellaneous Non-Recurring Grants/Gifts	(13,244)	70,293	-	-	74,650	-	(17,601)*
Municipal Recycling Program Grant	614	-	-	-	-	-	614
Parks Maintenance Revolving	1,175	700	-	-	-	-	1,875
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	-	7,230	-	-	7,230	-	-
Police Dept Local Gifts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Police Outside Detail	8,784	75,254	-	-	80,280	-	3,758
Police Vest Grant	-	3,180	-	-	6,360	-	(3,180)*
Records Preservation Project	592	-	-	-	-	-	592
Skateboard Park Donations	1,841	-	-	-	-	-	1,841
State 911 Comm Dept Incentive Grant	(88,177)	89,177	-	-	127,939	-	(126,939)*
Wetlands Protection Fund	3,871	367	-	-	181	-	4,057
Total Fund Equity	178,349	486,712	-	-	520,485	1,683	142,893

*Fund 212 Police Vest Grant - Reimbursement of \$3,180 for State Share of Police Vests not received as of 11/30/15.

*Fund 223 State 911 Communication Grant - Secured a State Anticipation Note in the amount of \$127,939 to cover expenditures not reimbursed as of 06/30/15.

*Fund 229 - State 911 Training Grant - Secured a State Anticipation Note in the amount of \$7,800 to cover expenditures 06/30/15 not reimbursed as of 06/30/15.

*Fund 229 - MA DOT Winter Recovery Assistance Program - Payment of \$33,502.50 dated 07/31/14 received from State.

Schedule 1-B: Capital Projects Fund Equity for the Year Ended June 30, 2015

	Balance		Revenues	Transfers In	Expenses	Transfers Out	Fund Equity		Grant Revenues Anticipated	Temporary Borrowing Issued	Projects	
	07/01/14	6/30/15					Balance 6/30/15	Authorized			Not Complete	
Capital Projects - Public Works	7,299	-	-	44,895	44,895	-	7,299	-	-	-	333,355	-
Capital Projects - Public Safety	-	-	-	41,569	41,569	-	-	-	-	-	431	-
Capital Projects - Town Hall Improvements DE	1,110	-	-	-	-	-	1,110	-	-	-	1,110	-
Capital Projects - Town Hall Improvements	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	35,000	-
Capital Projects - Fitch Hoose House Rehab	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100,000	-
Senior Center - Building	3,861	-	-	-	-	-	3,861	-	-	-	3,861	-
South Street Project	34,190	-	-	-	-	34,190	-	-	-	-	-	-
Housatonic Street Project	48,975	-	-	34,190	71,100	-	-	-	-	-	12,065	-
Green Community Grant Project	-	-	35,681	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	35,681	-
Fitch Hoose House Rehab EOAF Grant Project	-	-	180,000	-	2,038	-	177,962	-	-	-	177,962	-
	95,435	215,681	215,681	120,654	159,602	34,190	237,978	-	-	-	699,465	-

**Schedule 1-C: Trust and Agency Funds
Fund Equity and Liabilities for the Year Ended June 30, 2015**

	Balance 7/1/14	Receipts	Due from Others	Transfers In	Expenses	Transfers Out	Balance 06/30/15
Fund Equity:							
Non Expendable Trust							
Principal - Cemetery	35,100	-	-	-	-	-	35,100
Principal - Library	60,000	-	-	-	-	-	60,000
Principal - School	30,000	-	-	-	-	-	30,000
	<u>125,100</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>125,100</u>
Expendable Trust							
Cemetery	18,570	314	-	-	-	-	18,884
Library	67,398	591	-	-	195	-	67,793
School	83,004	354	-	-	-	-	83,359
Local Law Enforcement	730	1,570	-	-	1,541	-	759
	<u>169,702</u>	<u>2,829</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,736</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>170,795</u>
Stabilization Funds							
General Stabilization	276,220	607	-	50,000	-	10,000	316,827
Capital Stabilization	1,011,111	2,269	-	60,000	-	6,600	1,066,780
Litigation Stabilization	227,366	513	-	40,000	-	-	267,878
Sewer Stabilization	148,546	335	-	50,000	-	-	198,881
	<u>1,663,243</u>	<u>3,724</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>200,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,600</u>	<u>1,850,367</u>
OPEB Liability Trust							
Pension Reserve Fund	48,029	87	-	215,000	-	-	263,117
Unemployment Compensation Fund	121,858	183	-	-	-	-	122,041
	5,025	7	-	-	957	-	4,075
Total Fund Equity	<u>2,132,957</u>	<u>6,830</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>415,000</u>	<u>2,693</u>	<u>16,600</u>	<u>2,535,495</u>

**Schedule 1-C: Trust and Agency Funds
Fund Equity and Liabilities for the Year Ended June 30, 2015**

Liabilities:	Balance 07/01/14	Receipts	Due from Others	Transfers In	Disbursements	Accrued Payroll	Balance 6/30/15
Agency Funds							
Dalton Fire District	4,255	470,960	-	-	472,165	-	3,050
Dalton Redevelopment Authority Operations	6,119	120,438	5,000	-	52,267	-	79,290
Deputy Collector Fees	-	15,477	-	-	15,477	-	-
Parking Clerk Fees	5	105	-	-	110	-	-
Town Clerk Fees	-	7,056	-	-	6,866	400	590
Town Collector Fees	315	-	-	-	-	-	315
State Share of Gun Permit Receipts	3,950	5,388	-	-	8,138	-	1,200
	<u>14,644</u>	<u>619,424</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>555,023</u>	<u>400</u>	<u>84,445</u>
Trust Funds							
Library Trust - Vendor Warrant Payable	1,800				1,800	-	-
	<u>16,444</u>	<u>619,424</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>556,823</u>	<u>400</u>	<u>84,445</u>
Total Liabilities							
	<u>2,149,402</u>	<u>626,254</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>415,000</u>	<u>559,516</u>	<u>17,000</u>	<u>2,619,940</u>

**Schedule 2: General Fund Revenues, Budget to Actual
For the Year Ended June 30, 2015**

	FY15 ESTIMATED	FY15 ACTUAL	VARIANCE FY15 BUDGET TO FY15 ACTUAL
<u>SEWER OFFSET RECEIPTS</u>			
Sewer Late Fees #4245		4,490	
Sewer User Fees #4246-15		731,255	
Sewer User Fees #4246-14		11,744	
Sewer Lien Fees #4247		32,828	
Sewer Hook-Up Charges #4467		500	
Hinsdale Sewer Bill #4746		50,612	
	770,573	831,429	60,856
<u>ESTIMATED LOCAL RECEIPTS:</u>			
<u>Motor Vehicle Excise. #4150</u>			
2009 & Prior		308	
2010		290	
2011		299	
2012		1,426	
2013		5,335	
2014		113,171	
2015		673,756	
	655,000	794,585	139,585
<u>Other Excise.</u>			
Farm Animal Excise #4162		-	
Classified Forest Land #4163		-	
Forest Products Tax #4164		-	
Hotel/Meals Tax #4167		36,702	
	27,650	36,702	9,052
<u>Penalties & Interest on Taxes & Excise:</u>			
Interest & Penalties on Taxes #4171		27,651	
Interest & Penalties on Tax Titles #4172		12,667	
Interest & Penalties on Sewer User #4173		2,420	
Interest & Penalties on Other A/R #4174		9	
Property Tax Demands #4177		3,110	
Motor Vehicle Demands/Warrants #4178		14,230	
Demand/Fees Tax Liens Redeemed #4179		675	
Income & Expense Penalties Added to Tax #4190		6,200	
	45,000	66,962	21,962
<u>Payment in Lieu of Taxes</u>			
Trailer Park Fees #4165		4,440	
Pmts in Lieu of Taxes #4180		1,890	
Pingrove Manor Pilot #4181		1,652	
	6,600	7,982	1,382
<u>Other Charges for Services</u>			
Board of Appeals #4373		400	
Planning Board #4374		300	
Zoning #4375		-	
Sealer of Wgths/Measures #4466		400	
	900	1,100	200

**Schedule 2: General Fund Revenues, Budget to Actual
For the Year Ended June 30, 2015**

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	FY15 ESTIMATED	FY15 ACTUAL	VARIANCE FY15 BUDGET TO FY15 ACTUAL
Fees			
Registry of Motor Vehicles #4175		6,020	
Municipal Lien Fees #4321		3,875	
Bad Check Fees #4330		200	
Default Warrant Removal Fee #4332		-	
Collector Late Fees Ch40 S21E #4333		5	
Duplicate Bill Fee #4382		850	
Code Red Emergency Network Fee #4731		1,688	
Communication Center Fees #4810		10,064	
Private Hauler Recycling Fee #4335		-	
Highway Excavation Fees #4377		2,250	
	16,500	24,952	8,452
Departmental Revenue Council On Aging #4379	5,500	4,796	(704)
Departmental Revenue Cemetery #4378	30,000	10,205	(19,795)
Other Departmental Revenue			
Town Clerk - Street List #4371		100	
Town Clerk - Other #4372		11	
Assessors Maps #4383		667	
Assessors Information Requests #4384		-	
Dalton Fire District Tax Reimbursement #4811		10,000	
Lanesborough ACO Reimbursement #4337		7,361	
Photocopies #4391, 4392		99	
Town Maps #4393		15	
Recycled Goods #4329		7,206	
School Census #4841		3,565	
Charge for Bid Specs #4380		-	
Police Reports #4397		848	
Police Outside Detail Cruiser Fee #4396		665	
Police - Outside Detail Admin Fee #4398		4,809	
Town Collector Miscellaneous #4844		374	
	30,000	35,720	5,720
Licenses & Permits			
All Alcohol Licenses On Premise #4411		4,800	
Beer & Wine Licenses #4413		400	
All Other Alcohol Licenses Off Premise #4414		1,200	
Dog Licenses #4420		27,440	
Raffle Permits #4455		40	
Cable TV Franchise #4458		1,121	
Building Permits #4460		23,843	
Health Agent Receipts #4462		2,550	
Police Pistol Permits #4473		1,838	
Other Licenses & Permits #4499		6,170	
	61,350	69,402	8,052

**Schedule 2: General Fund Revenues, Budget to Actual
For the Year Ended June 30, 2015**

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	FY15 ESTIMATED	FY15 ACTUAL	VARIANCE FY15 BUDGET TO FY15 ACTUAL
Fines and Forfeits			
Motor Vehicle Fines #4694		4,782	
District Court Restitution #4698		475	
Parking Fines #4771		1,730	
Library Fines #4772		1,999	
Unlicensed Dog Fines #4773		4,525	
Police Fines #4774		89	
Youth Tobacco Fines #4776		-	
Other Fines #4775		-	
	20,500	13,600	(6,900)
Investment Income			
Earnings on Investment #4820		6,797	
	8,000	6,797	(1,203)
Miscellaneous Recurring			
Miscellaneous Revenue #4840		-	
Miscellaneous State Revenue #4699		-	
Retiree Insrn Reimb Chap 32B S 9A 1/2 #4846		6,548	
	-	6,548	6,548
Miscellaneous Non-Recurring			
Miscellaneous Revenue #4840		1,974	
Miscellaneous State Revenue #4699		5,285	
Miscellaneous Federal Revenue #4540		-	
Federal Retiree Drug Subsidy #4544		17,335	
	-	24,594	24,594
TOTAL ESTIMATED LOCAL RECEIPTS:	907,000	1,103,945	196,945
CHERRY SHEET REVENUE: (NET OF CHERRY SHEET OFFSETS)			
Exemptions - Vets, Blind, Srvg. Sps, Elderly #4617, 4616	28,594	30,245	1,651
State Owned Land #4611	56,498	56,498	-
School Aid (Ch70) #4621	272,926	272,926	-
Vocational Students Transportation #4637	-	-	-
Veterans Benefits #4667	70,689	63,679	(7,010)
Unrestricted General Government Aid #4671	1,012,394	1,012,394	-
General Fund Supplemental	-	-	-
	1,441,101	1,435,742	(5,359)
TOTAL GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS	3,118,674	3,371,116	252,442

**Schedule 3: General Fund Appropriations, Expenditures and Encumbrances
For the Year Ended June 30, 2015**

	Department Title	FY15 Final		Vendor Payments Expended	Year End Department Balance	Amount Encumbered Or Carried Forward to FY16	Closing Entries	Unencumbered Balance
		Budget Including FY14	Carry Forwards					
114	Moderator	469	369		100	-	-	100
122	Select Board	21,457	18,035	2,875	547	-	-	547
123	Town Manager	152,078	140,369	9,871	1,838	-	-	1,838
131	Finance Committee	185		176	9	-	-	9
132	Reserve Fund	17,575			17,575	-	-	17,575
133	Prior Year Bills	5,695		5,694	1	-	-	1
135	Accountant	57,836	49,323	7,411	1,102	-	-	1,102
138	Group Purchasing	600		600	-	-	-	-
139	Town Audit	15,000		15,000	-	-	-	-
141	Assessors	102,839	74,177	18,211	10,451	-	-	10,451
142	Triennial Revaluation	-			-	-	-	-
143	Town Re-Mapping	-			-	-	-	-
145	Treasurer	105,900	84,038	4,947	16,915	-	-	16,915
146	Town Collector	96,661	79,874		4,677	-	-	4,677
151	Town Counsel	42,600		42,458	142	-	-	142
152	Telephone	14,440		11,526	2,914	176	-	2,738
154	Recording Secretary	4,861	4,502		359	94	-	265
157	Computer	10,000		9,576	424	-	-	424
158	Postage Meter	17,196		13,229	3,967	-	-	3,967
159	Tax Title Foreclosures	2,500			2,500	-	-	2,500
161	Town Clerk	94,502	80,041	12,111	2,350	-	-	2,350
162	Elections	15,597	5,756	5,861	3,980	-	-	3,980
163	Board of Registrars	9,845	3,657	2,183	4,005	-	-	4,005
171	Conservation	1,921		1,219	702	-	-	702
175	Planning Board/Board of Appls	25,630	19,951	394	5,285	-	-	5,285
182	Development & Industrial Commission	1,200		1,109	91	-	-	91
191	Old Dalton High Maintenance	7,100		3,494	3,606	-	-	3,606
192	Building Maintenance	67,180	49,670	9,626	7,884	-	-	7,884
195	Town Report	6,650		5,922	728	-	-	728
196	Town Hall	92,600	765	87,382	4,453	-	-	4,453
197	Central Supplies	14,800		13,823	977	-	-	977
210	Police Department	929,221	824,557	82,350	22,314	117	-	22,197
222	Communications	181,099	83,314	7,987	89,798	-	-	89,798
240	Building Inspector	51,073	42,276	3,410	5,387	-	-	5,387
244	Weights and Measures	1,445	1,345	-	100	-	-	100

**Schedule 3: General Fund Appropriations, Expenditures and Encumbrances
For the Year Ended June 30, 2015**

	<u>FY15 Final</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Year End</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Unencumbered</u>
	<u>Budget Including</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Encumbered or</u>	<u>Balance</u>
	<u>FY14</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Carried Forward</u>	<u>Closing</u>
<u>Department Title</u>	<u>Carry Forwards</u>	<u>Salary Expended</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>to FY16</u>	<u>Entries</u>
247 Meat & Cattle	1,411	1,411	-	-	-
292 Animal Control	24,977	18,813	2,114	-	-
294 Forest Warden	3,694	2,536	718	4,050	4,050
295 Emergency Management	11,205	2,253	5,673	440	440
296 Tree Warden	18,119	2,119	15,550	3,279	3,279
310 CBRSD	8,237,138	8,237,138	450	-	450
320 Vocational Education	580,058	410,795	169,263	-	-
401 Town Engineer	4,565	2,585	1,980	169,263	169,263
420 Highway	451,503	124,065	53,380	1,980	1,980
423 Snow and Ice	155,501	131,488	1	1,873	51,507
424 Street Lights	91,600	90,654	946	-	1
433 Landfill Closure	14,987	11,174	2,147	-	946
434 Transfer Station	17,520	12,972	4,548	-	2,147
440 Sewer	33,050	10,556	8,365	-	4,548
449 Sewer Treatment	737,523	664,246	73,183	-	8,365
491 Cemetery	76,321	17,422	2,881	5,894	67,289
510 Health Agent/Board	39,344	37,261	1,700	-	2,881
522 Visiting Nurse Association	6,656	6,156	58	-	1,700
523 Berkshire Mental Health	2,143	2,143	442	-	442
541 Council on Aging	122,098	93,280	2,143	-	-
543 Veterans Services	128,196	6,896	28,621	197	197
591 Berkshire Regional Planning	10,958	116,009	5,291	-	5,291
610 Library	185,111	9,708	1,250	-	1,250
630 CRA - Parks Programs	58,955	65,743	3,905	-	3,905
650 Parks Maintenance	47,760	58,955	-	-	-
691 Historical Commission	1,800	10,828	9,976	-	9,976
692 Memorial Day	1,970	1,794	6	6	6
693 Cultural Activities	2,280	1,012	958	-	958
710 Maturing Debt and Interest	314,254	2,280	-	-	-
820 State Assessments	33,778	312,132	2,122	-	2,122
911 Retirement	367,924	33,778	-	-	-
913 Unemployment Insurance	5,000	351,968	15,956	-	15,956
914 Health Insurance	825,468	5,000	-	-	-
915 Life Insurance	6,600	689,106	136,362	-	136,362
916 Town Share - Medicare	37,155	4,600	1,900	-	1,900
		31,366	5,789	-	5,789

**Schedule 3: General Fund Appropriations, Expenditures and Encumbrances
For the Year Ended June 30, 2015**

	<u>FY15 Final</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Year End</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Unencumbered</u>
<u>Department Title</u>	<u>Budget Including</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Encumbered or</u>	<u>Balance</u>
	<u>FY14</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Carried Forward</u>	<u>Closing</u>
	<u>Carry Forwards</u>	<u>Salary Expended</u>		<u>to FY16</u>	<u>Entries</u>
919 Fringe Benefits	27,061	3,116	23,125	770	-
932 FY08 Vote - Capital Projects	20,842	-	20,842	20,842	-
932 FY11 Vote - Capital Projects	10,500	10,342	158	158	-
932 FY12 Vote - Capital Projects	7,200	3,098	4,102	4,102	-
932 FY14 Vote - Capital Projects	10,000	-	10,000	10,000	-
932 FY15 Vote - Capital Projects	18,600	17,918	682	682	-
941 Court Judgments & Claims	3,000	-	3,000	-	3,000
945 Town Insurance Coverage	234,294	193,503	40,791	-	40,791
950 Trust Fund Commissioners	229	-	229	-	229
991 Landfill Monitoring Continuing Appr	104,862	-	104,862	-	-
993 Transfer to Capital Project - Housatonic	-	-	-	-	-
994 OPEB Liability Trust	-	-	15,000	-	15,000
997 Transfer to Stabilization - Sewer	-	-	-	-	-
998 Transfer to Pension Reserve Fund 84	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL:	15,277,865	2,250,256	948,739	149,570	15,000
					784,169

**Schedule 4: Schedule of Bond Indebtedness
For the Year Ended June 30, 2015**

Description	Interest Rate	Month/Year Issued	Final Maturity Date	Original Amount Due	Outstanding
<u>Outside Debt Limit:</u>					
<u>Inside Debt Limit:</u>					
Capital Projects Bonded FY09	Various	06/01/09	06/30/19	240,332	96,128
Capital Projects Bonded FY09	Various	06/01/09	06/30/23	1,312,040	883,872
Capital Projects Bonded FY12	2.35%	12/15/11	06/30/17	512,000	200,000
Capital Projects Bonded FY13	2.00%	03/19/13	03/15/18	220,000	125,000
Capital Projects Bonded FY14	2.00%	06/25/14	06/15/19	93,649	75,000
Capital Projects Bonded FY15	2.00%	06/18/15	06/15/20	86,464	86,464
Total Inside:				\$ 1,466,464	
<u>Short Term</u>					
Slate Grant Anticipation Note - E911 Grant	0.55%	06/18/15	01/15/16	135,739	135,739
Total Short Term:				\$ 135,739	
Grand Total All Debt				\$ 1,602,203	
<u>Authorized and Unissued Debt</u>					
Prior Year Authorizations Debt Paid	Various	3,737,900	2,712,829	1,025,071	-
Capital Projects Departmental FY05	06/28/04	128,200	97,955	26,245	4,000
Capital Projects Departmental FY06	06/27/05	267,500	166,162	51,338	50,000
Capital Projects Departmental FY07	06/26/06	153,600	144,737	8,863	-
Capital Projects Roads FY07	10/23/06	200,000	200,000	-	-
Capital Projects Departmental FY08	06/25/07	234,000	225,960	8,040	-
Capital Projects Departmental FY08	06/25/07	202,040	202,040	-	-
Capital Projects Departmental FY08	11/19/07	1,110,000	1,110,000	-	-
Capital Project Senior Center FY10	09/28/09	512,000	512,000	-	-
Capital Projects Departmental FY12	05/02/11	75,000	75,000	-	-
Capital Projects Departmental FY12	06/27/11	157,600	150,475	-	7,125
Capital Projects Departmental FY14	05/06/13	75,000	75,000	-	-
Capital Projects Departmental FY14	10/29/13	140,000	18,649	-	121,351
Capital Projects Departmental FY15	06/30/14	197,000	80,989	-	116,011
Capital Projects Departmental FY16	06/29/15	163,000	-	-	163,000
Total Authorized and Unissued Debt		\$ 7,352,840	\$ 5,771,796	\$ 1,119,557	\$ 461,487

**Schedule 5: Analysis of General Fund Undersigned Fund Balance
For the Year Ended June 30, 2015**

Balance, 7/1/14		950,033
Adjustments:		
FY14 E911 Support Incentive Grant Write Off - Disallowance	(1)	
Stopped Payment of Prior Year Check in FY15 . Check was reissued for a lessor amount. Cash and Undesignated fund balance were adjusted for the difference.	187	186
Open:		
Reserve for Encumbrances and Carry Forwards	(44,708)	
Reserve for FY15 Expenses	(315,000)	
Reserve for FY15 Capital Projects	(17,000)	(376,708)
Close:		
Legal Ad Revolving over \$3,000 (Special Revenue)	697	
Cemetery OT Revolving over \$2,500 (Special Revenue)	215	
Unused Polling Grant (Special Revenue)	757	
Unused 2012 Governor Highway Safety Bureau Grant	14	
Transfer Landfill Continuing Appropriation to General Fund Landfill Monitoring #433	14,987	
Other Financing Sources	16,600	
Other Financing Uses	(420,000)	
Prior Year Reserve for Encumbrances and Carry Forwards	56,867	
Prior Year Reserve for Expenses	465,000	
Prior Year Reserve for Capital Improvements	36,289	
Expenditures	(14,329,126)	
Revenues	14,839,500	681,800
Ending Balance June 30, 2015		1,255,311

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 the Select Board to whom we provide input on matters pertaining to vehicular and pedestrian traffic within the Town of Dalton.

The Commission which consists of 5 volunteers from the Community and the Chiefs of the Police and Fire Departments meets monthly to review applications for construction, businesses and other matters that could affect the ability of the citizens to travel safely within the town. The Traffic Commission is deeply grateful to the many committees and Boards within the community and the citizens of Dalton for their support.

In 2015 we discussed many issues involving the safety of pedestrian and motorized traffic within the community and made numerous recommendations to the Select Board.

Residents with a traffic concern then please contact either the Town Managers office or the Traffic Commission at daltontr@bcn.net or call us at 413-684-6111.

The Traffic Commission would like to take this opportunity to thank a member of the commission who has stepped down after many years of dedicated service. Richard Kaley has worked diligently with this commission and other organizations within Dalton for many years and his input and guidance will be sorely missed. Thank You Dick for your many years of service.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Sharon M. Messenger, Town Treasurer

I am pleased to submit my annual report for Fiscal Year 2015.

I would like to thank my Assistant Treasurer Dawn Fahey for all of her hard work and dedication throughout the year. Dawn has brought in \$14,708.57 in drug subsidy money this year and has worked successfully to comply with the Affordable Care Act reporting.

GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES

Personal Property Taxes 2015 and Prior	\$337,092.82
Real Estate Taxes 2015	\$10,921,462.43
Real Estate Taxes Prior Years	\$122,933.17
Motor Vehicle Taxes 2015	\$673,756.00
Motor Vehicle Taxes 2014	\$113,170.64
Motor Vehicle Taxes Prior Years	\$7,658.00
Interest and Penalties on Taxes	\$27,659.29
Inc & Exp Penalty added to Tax	\$6,200.00
Demands, Warrants and Fees	\$17,345.00
Proforma Tax 2015	\$491.26
Rollback Taxes 2015	\$2,532.93
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	\$12,230,301.54

TAX LIEN RECEIVABLES

Tax Liens	\$83,871.64
Interest and Penalties on Liens	\$12,667.00
Demand Fees on Tax Liens Redeemed	\$675.00
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	\$97,213.64

STATE RECEIPTS (CHERRY SHEET)

State Owned Land	\$56,498.00
Elderly Persons	\$12,550.00
Unrestricted General Government	\$1,012,394.00
School Aid (Chapter 70)	\$272,926.00
Hotel/Meals Tax	\$36,702.23
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	\$1,391,070.23

COMMONWEALTH OF MA STATE RECEIPTS

911-Dept. Support and Incentive	\$89,176.80
Arts Cultural Council	\$4,300.00
Police Vest Grant	\$3,180.00
Council on Aging Formula Grant	\$13,432.00
Elections Extended Poling Hours	\$1,353.00
Library Incentive Grant	\$10,093.75
Motor Vehicle Fines	\$4,782.50
Highway Chapter Money	\$20,571.43
Veterans Benefits	\$63,679.00
Miscellaneous State Revenue	\$5,285.25
Canine Officers Grant	\$4,000.00
Green Community Grant Project	\$35,681.25
Revenue Fitch Hoose House Rehab	\$180,000.00
Veterans Blind and Surviving Spouse	\$17,695.00
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	\$453,229.98

OTHER GOVERNMENT REVENUE

Receipts Drug Task Force	\$48,850.02
Communications Center Services	\$10,064.00
Berkshire District Court Restitution	\$475.00
Hinsdale Sewer Services	\$50,612.00
Miscellaneous Grants	\$67,292.87
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	\$177,293.89

FEDERAL REVENUE

Federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$1,890.00
EPA Cleanup Grant	\$14,724.59
Retiree Drug Subsidy	\$17,334.77

\$33,949.36**GENERAL GOVERNMENT - CHARGES FOR SERVICES/FEES**

Interest Sewer User Fees	\$2,420.35
Lanesborough ACO Shared Expenses	\$7,360.78
Registry Of Motor Vehicle Charges	\$6,020.00
Trailer Park Fees	\$4,440.00
Sewer Late Fees	\$4,490.00
Sewer User Fees 2015	\$731,254.75
Sewer User Fees Prior Year	\$11,744.12
Sewer Liens 2015	\$32,465.21
Sewer Liens Prior Year	\$362.63
Municipal Lien Fees	\$3,875.00
Bad Check Fees	\$200.00
Sale of Street Lists	\$100.00
Highway Excavation Fees	\$2,250.00
Cemetery Charges	\$10,205.00
Assessors Maps	\$667.00
Police Reports	\$848.00
Police Outside Detail Admin Fees	\$4,808.82
Cable Franchise Fee	\$1,121.50
Sewer Hook Up Charges	\$500.00
Library Fines	\$1,998.52
Unlicensed Dog Fines	\$4,525.00
Police Fines	\$89.00
Recycled Goods	\$7,206.58
Parking Fines	\$1,730.00
Duplicate Bill Charge	\$850.00
Pilot Payments Pine Grove Manor	\$1,651.95
Code Red Emergency Network Annual Fee	\$1,688.25
POD Cruiser Fee	\$665.00

\$845,537.46**GENERAL GOVERNMENT - LICENSES/PERMITS**

Planning Board	\$300.00
Alcohol Licenses	\$4,800.00
Beer and Wine Licenses	\$400.00
All Other Alcohol Licenses	\$1,200.00
Raffle Permits	\$40.00
Building Permits	\$23,842.85
Health Agent	\$2,550.00
Sealer of Weights and Measurers	\$400.00
Police Pistol Permits	\$1,837.50
Board of Appeals Postage	\$400.00
All Other Licenses and Permits	\$6,170.00

\$41,940.35**MISCELLANEOUS GENERAL REVENUE**

Beautification Committee Donations	\$55.00
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Town Collector Miscellaneous Revenue	\$373.90
Council on Aging Van Receipts	\$10,667.54
Council on Aging Gifts/Donations	\$2,063.75
Photo Copies	\$77.63
Town Clerk Other	\$10.69
Town Maps	\$15.00
Grave Digging Overtime	\$930.00
Library Copier	\$22.00
Library Donations	\$600.00
School Census	\$3,564.73
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$1,974.29
Historical Donations	\$1,520.00
COA Program Fees	\$4,795.50
Wetland Protection Funds	\$367.00
Insurance Claims under \$10,000	\$1,403.73
Community Dev. Program Buy Back	\$2,824.00
Retiree Insurance Reimbursement CH 32B Sec 9a 1/2	\$6,548.09
Sale of Real Estate	\$76,000.00
Miscellaneous Gifts	\$3,000.00
Boom Mower	\$600.00
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	\$117,412.85

AGENCIES

COA Program Revolving	\$4,795.50
Soup and Sandwich Program	\$1,515.00
Revenue Dalton Redevelopment Operations	\$43.61
Parking Clerk Receipts	\$105.00
Warner Cable TV Franchise	\$101,372.31
Dog Licenses	\$27,440.00
Legal Advertising	\$2,200.00
Plumbing Inspections	\$7,230.00
Electrical Inspections	\$7,360.00
Deputy Collector Fees	\$15,477.00
Police Outside Details	\$75,253.86
Fees Retained by Town Clerk	\$7,056.00
Law Enforcement Trust	\$1,570.17
BRPC Grant Revolving Loan Receipts	\$29,669.55
Parks Maintenance	\$700.00
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	\$281,788.00

EARNINGS ON INVESTMENTS

General Fund	\$6,797.36
Capital Stabilization	\$2,268.88
Litigation Stabilization	\$512.59
General Stabilization	\$607.23
Pension Reserve Funds	\$182.89
Arts Cultural Council	\$4.92
Sewer Stabilization	\$334.81
Unemployment Interest	\$7.29
OPEB Liability Trust	\$87.32
Cemetery Trust Fund Interest	\$314.47
Library Trust Fund Interest	\$590.78
School Trust Fund Interest	\$354.11
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	\$12,062.65

TOTAL ALL RECEIPTS FY 2015	\$15,681,799.95
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TRUST FUNDS

ARTS CULTURAL COUNCIL

Balance June 30, 2014	\$4,448.58	
Commonwealth of MA Grant	\$4,300.00	
Warrants FY 15	(\$4,100.00)	
Interest Earned FY 15	\$4.92	
Balance June 30, 2015		\$4,653.50

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Balance June 30, 2014	\$ 5,024.58	
Interest Earned FY 15	\$ 7.29	
Warrants FY 15	\$ (956.47)	
Balance June 30, 2015		\$ 4,075.40

PENSION FUNDS

Balance June 30, 2014	\$121,857.86	
Interest Earned FY 15	\$182.89	
Balance June 30, 2015		\$122,040.75

GENERAL FUND STABILIZATION

Balance June 30, 2014	\$ 276,219.88	
Interest Earned FY 15	\$607.23	
Transfers Out	(\$10,000.00)	
Transfers In	\$50,000.00	
Balance June 30, 2015		\$ 316,827.11

CAPITAL FUND STABILIZATION

Balance June 30, 2014	\$ 1,011,111.16	
Transfer in	\$ 60,000.00	
Transfer out	(\$6,600.00)	
Interest Earned FY 15	\$2,268.88	
Balance June 30, 2015		\$ 1,066,780.04

LITIGATION FUND STABILIZATION

Balance June 30, 2014	\$ 227,365.51	
Interest Earned FY 15	\$ 512.59	
Transfer in	\$ 40,000.00	
Balance June 30, 2015		\$ 267,878.10

SEWER FUND STABILIZATION

Balance June 30, 2014	\$ 148,546.56	
Interest Earned FY 15	\$ 334.81	
Transfers In	\$ 50,000.00	
Balance June 30, 2015		\$ 198,881.37

TRUST FUNDS

LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS

Non-Expendable Funds	\$ 60,000.00	
Expendable Funds	\$4,945.00	
		\$ 64,945.00
Interest Balance June 30, 2014	\$ 64,252.55	
Interest Income June 30, 2015	\$ 590.78	
Transfers Out	(\$1,995.44)	
		\$ 62,847.89
Balance Library Trust Funds June 30, 2015		\$ 127,792.89

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

Non-Expendable Funds	\$	35,100.00	
Expendable Funds	\$	2,955.00	
			\$ 38,055.00
Interest Balance June 30, 2014	\$	15,614.96	
Warrants FY 15	\$	-	
Interest FY 15	\$	314.47	
			\$ 15,929.43
Balance Cemetery Trust Funds June 30, 2015			\$ 53,984.43

SCHOOL TRUST FUNDS

Non Expendable Funds	\$	30,000.00	
			\$ 30,000.00
Interest Balance June 30, 2014	\$	83,004.48	
Interest Income	\$	354.11	
			\$ 83,358.59
Balance School Trust Funds June 30, 2015			\$ 113,358.59

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST

Balance June 30, 2014	\$	730.55	
Receipts FY 15	\$	1,570.17	
Expenditures FY 15	\$	(1,541.56)	
Balance Local Law Enforcement Trust June 30, 2015			\$ 759.16

OPEB LIABILITY TRUST

Balance June 30, 2014	\$	48,029.38	
Transfers In	\$	215,000.00	
Interest Income FY 15		87.32	
Balance OPEB Liability Trust June 30, 2015			\$ 263,116.70

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

Balance June 30, 2014	\$	5,024.58	
Payments	\$	(956.47)	
Interest Income FY 15	\$	7.29	
Balance Unemployment Comp. June 30, 2015			\$ 4,075.40

MATURING DEBT AND INTEREST SCHEDULE FY 2015

Purpose	Date Issued	Original Amount	Principal Paid	Due Date	Interest Paid	Unpaid Balance
Town Hall Renovations	6/1/09	\$ 1,110,000.00	\$ 364,328.00	1/15/15	\$ 31,646.22	\$ 745,672.00
Communication Center	6/1/09	\$ 202,040.00	\$ 63,840.00	1/15/15	\$ 5,860.26	\$ 138,200.00
Roads	6/1/09	\$ 98,157.00	\$ 58,897.00	1/15/15	\$ 1,840.34	\$ 39,260.00
Capital Projects	6/1/09	\$ 142,175.00	\$ 85,307.00	1/15/15	\$ 2,665.68	\$ 56,868.00
Senior Center	6/15/12	\$ 512,000.00	\$ 312,000.00	8/15/15	\$ 6,250.00	\$ 200,000.00
Library Renovations	3/19/13	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	3/15/15	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 45,000.00
Cruiser	3/19/13	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 16,000.00	3/15/15	\$ 480.00	\$ 16,000.00
Overhead Door and Rain Gutters	3/19/13	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	3/15/15	\$ 160.00	\$ 6,000.00
Highway Truck	3/19/13	\$ 103,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	3/15/15	\$ 1,560.00	\$ 58,000.00
Highway Truck	6/25/14	\$ 93,649.00	\$ 18,649.00	6/15/15	\$ 1,820.96	\$ 75,000.00
Highway Truck	6/18/15	\$ 29,395.00				\$ 29,395.00
Police Cruiser	6/18/15	\$ 41,569.00				\$ 41,569.00
Culvert, Yvonne Dr	6/18/15	\$ 10,025.00				\$ 10,025.00
Overhead Doors	6/18/15	\$ 5,475.00				\$ 5,475.00
911 Grant Temporary Borrowing	6/18/15	\$ 135,739.00				\$ 135,739.00
Total Outstanding Debt as of June 30, 2015						\$ 1,602,203.00

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Deborah J. Merry, 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 DOR Account Administrator for the Town; Federal Census Liaison 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 21 Business Certificates and 5 Discontinuance of Business Certificates; 1,189 dog licenses; 4 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 2015, owners paid 144 late fees, 105 fines for unlicensed dogs, 39 dogs and cats not vaccinated against rabies for a total of \$4,350, in addition to holding fees and miscellaneous fines. Several 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 41 birth, 89 death and 25 marriage records contributing to the basis for the Commonwealth's Central Vital Registration system. In addition, we processed 24 Intentions of Marriage, issuing 25 Marriage Licenses, 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, 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, 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. You will also find a link on the website to access Dalton's new official site for posting meetings, agenda and minutes. You may also go online to mytowngovernment.org/01226 to find meeting postings and other information for Dalton.

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 eleven 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 former Assistant, Melissa A. Davis and also want to express gratitude to my current Assistant Michele Blake for joining us in the Town Clerk's Office to assist us. Michele is warm, kind, friendly, sensitive and diligent, and the Town is fortunate to have such dedicated person willing to serve our community. I would also like to extend my warmest regards to former Town Clerk Barbara L. Suriner, who is hopefully enjoying the retirement that she so deserves. Please also let me take this opportunity to thank the citizens of Dalton for their support 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	82
Neutered Males	478
Females	59
Spayed Females	527
Commercial Kennel	1
Multiple Pet Permit (4 – 6 Dogs)	47
Transfer Licenses & Tag Replacements	
Total 2015 Dog Licenses Issued	1,188

VITAL STATISTICS

Births	40
Deaths	89
Marriages	25

**To visit Dalton's new official meeting posting site, go to
mytowngovernment.org/01226.**

Meeting information is also available 24/7 by calling 413-285-2709.

FISH & WILDLIFE LICENSES ISSUED

DUE TO 2011 STATE CHANGES IN THE LICENSING PROCESS, WE NO LONGER SELL FISH & GAME LICENSES. ALTHOUGH YOU MAY PURCHASE YOUR LICENSES ONLINE, WE RECOMMEND THAT YOU OBTAIN THEM AT THE MA WILDLIFE OFFICE LOCATED AT 88 OLD WINDSOR ROAD AS THEY DO NOT CHARGE ADDITIONAL FEES.

TOWN COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Jane A. Carman, CMMC

Real Estate, Fire District, Personal Property, and Fire Personal Property Taxes are due 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. 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 Feb. 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.

Real Estate and Fire District tax bills can be viewed and printed online at taxbillsonline.com. 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.

I would like to thank Assistant Collector Jodi Hollingsworth for her dedication and hard work.

Please see charts for collection details.

Other Monies Collected FY2015 - Town Collector

Type	Acct#	Amount
Sewer Late Fee	4245	\$4,490.00
Interest FD	4171	\$1,640.15
Interest tax	4171	\$27,650.61
Sewer Interest	4171	\$2,420.35
Late bill interest	4174	\$8.68
Late bill fee	4333	\$5.00
Returned Checks	4330	\$200.00
Demand Fees MV	4178	\$6,730.00
Demand Fees Tax	4177	\$3,110.00
Warrant Fees	4178	\$7,500.00
Deputy Fees	251R	\$15,477.00
RMV Fees	4175	\$6,020.00
MLC	4321	\$3,875.00
Trailer Park	4165	\$4,440.00
Sewer Hookup	4467	\$500.00
Trench Permit	4377	\$750.00
Interest MM	4820	\$793.86
Duplicate Bills	4382	\$850.00
Misc	4840	\$8.42
Prep/Post Tax Title	4844	\$75.00
Court Reimbursement	4844	\$298.90
Code Red	4731	\$1,688.25
Boom Mower	254-400	\$600.00
TOTAL		\$89,131.22

POSTAGE REPORT

Jane A.Carman

Postage Expenses

Maintenance Agreement	\$ -
Reset Charges	-
Meter Rental	576.00
Postage Machine	469.00
Postage	12,184.00
Total Expenses	\$13,229.00

Postage Meter

July 1, 2014 Balance	\$ 16,158.95
Balance June 30, 2015	\$9,592.75

PLUMBING & GAS INSPECTOR

Stanley A. Greenleaf

Plumbing permits issued in 2015	47
Gas Permits issued in 2015	90
Total plumbing & gas permits issued in 2015	137
Plumbing	Gas
Residential 35	Residential 79
Commercial 10	Commercial 8
Industrial 2	Industrial 3

VETERANS' SERVICES/BENEFITS

Rosanne M. Frieri, Director

I am pleased to submit the Veterans' Services report for FY 2015. This report highlights our commitment to helping Veterans in their time of need.

Qualifying Veterans and their dependents receive necessary financial assistance for food, shelter, clothing, fuel, and medical care in accordance with a formula that takes into account the number of dependents with income from all sources. Eligible dependents of deceased Veterans may also qualify for the same benefits as the Veteran.

This past year we have processed 15 veterans that are now receiving Chapter 115 that fit the income criteria. 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.

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. 14	
Building Inspections	Ext. 27	
Conservation Commission	Ext. 11	4th Tues. 7:00 p.m.
Cultural Council	Ext. 11	
Development and Industrial Commission/.....	Ext. 29	1st Weds. 8:00 a.m.
Dalton Redevelopment Authority		
Finance Committee	Ext. 11	On Chair's call
Health Department	Ext. 20	1st Mon. at 4:00 p.m.
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	
Sealer of Weights& Measures.....	Ext. 11	
Select Board	Ext. 13	2nd & 4th Mon. 7:00 p.m.
Town Clerk.....	Ext. 14	
Assistant Town Clerk	Ext. 15	
.....	Ext. 16	
Town Collector.....	Ext. 24	
Assistant Town Collector.....	Ext. 25	
Town Manager	Ext. 12	
Town Moderator.....	Ext. 11	
Town Planner	Ext. 29	
Traffic Commission.....	Ext. 30	
Treasurer	Ext. 18	
Veterans Service.....	Ext. 19	Tues. 1:00-3:30 p.m.;
		at Town Hall, Thurs. 3:00-
		5:30 p.m. at Senior Center

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY (CONTINUED)

The following departments can be reached by dialing the following telephone numbers:

Animal Control	684-0300	24 hours a day
Cemetery Department	684-6117	24 hours a day
Cemetery Trustees.....	684-6117	2nd Wed. 1 p.m.
Communications	684-0300	24 hours a day
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	
Police Department.....	684-0300	24 hours a day
Public Health Nurse	281-4030	
Town Hall Fax.....	684-6107	
Water Department	684-6118	

Town Hall Hours: 8-5 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 MONDAY - WEDNESDAY HOURS
TO 5 PM AND THURSDAY 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.**

2015 ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION BALLOT

Deborah J. Merry, Town Clerk

To Choose and Elect the Following Town Officers:
(May 9, 2016 Annual Town Election)

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