ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE TOWN OF DALTON MASSACHUSETTS FOR 2021

Population 2021 Census (As of December 31, 2021)	6,053
Number of Registered Voters	4,713
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)	$21.51
Tax Rate (Fire District)	$.91
Total Tax Assessed (Town-Includes Personal Property)	$13,529,412
Total Tax Assessed (Fire District)	$572,375
Total Valuation	$634,983,122
‘22 Town Meeting	May 2, 2022 (7:00 PM)
‘22 Town Election	May 9, 2022 (11:00 AM – 7:00 PM)
‘23 Town Meeting	May 1, 2023 (7:00 PM)
‘23 Town Election	May 8, 2023 (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, 2022 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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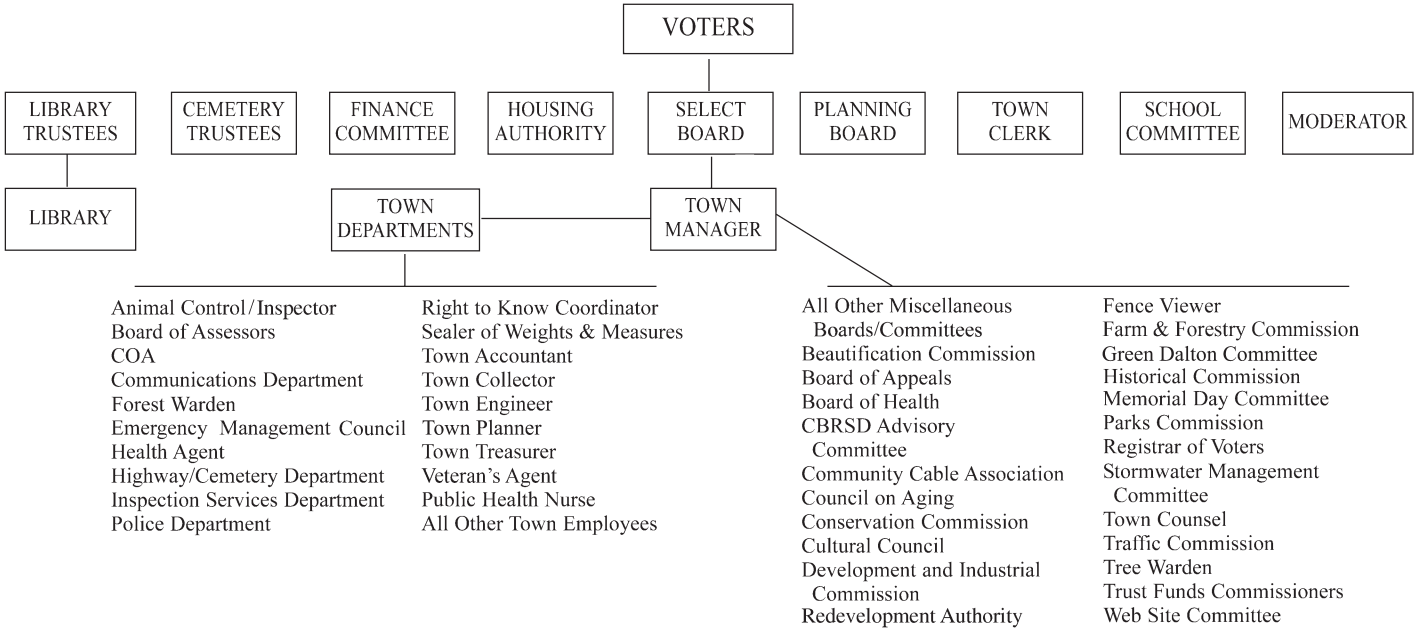
TOWN OF DALTON ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



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ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

(Officers serving as of May 2020)

	Term Expires
Select Board	
(Term 3 Years)	
John F. Boyle	2023
Joseph A. Diver, Vice Chairman	2022
Marc E. Strout,	2022
Robert W. Bishop,Jr.,Chairman	2021
Daniel E. Esko	2023
Town Clerk	
(Term 3 Years)	
Deborah J. Merry	2021
Moderator	
(Term 1 Year)	
Anthony P. Doyle	2021
Dalton Housing Authority	
(Term 5 Years)	
Kathleen M. Burke, Chair	2021
Alice Liebenow	2023
Thomas Snyder	2022
Robert R. Merry	2024
Thomas J. Callahan, Jr.	2021
(State Appointed)	
Cemetery Trustees	
(Term 3 Years)	
Judith L. Douville, Chair	2023
John W. Bartels, Jr	2021
Thomas R. Towne	2022

	Term Expires
Planning Board	
(Term 3 Years)	
Andrew G. Perenick,Chairman	2022
Zack R. McCain,III, V.Chair	2023
Joseph Fish	2023
Donald E. Harris	2021
Daniel Esko, Clerk	2022
Library Trustees	
(Term 3 Years)	
Fred J. Sears, Chair	2023
Judith L. Douville, V.Chair	2021
Max Ehrlich	2023
Mary E. Gingras	2022
Barbara E. Kotelnicki	2023
Thomas M.Condron	2022
Anne M. Ronayne	2022
Joan M. Roy	2021
Leonardo P. Quiles	2022
Finance Committee	
(Term 3 Years)	
Vacancy	2022
Vacancy	2021
William A. Drosehn III,Chair	2022
Kira Smith	2023
Michael W. Jerome	2022
David Boino	2023
Jeffrey S. Noble	2022
Karen J. Schmidt	2021
Susan B. Carroll-Lombardi	2021

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS

(Effective July 1, 2020 - Serving for one year unless stated otherwise)

Town Manager (3)
Ken Walto / Sandra J. Albano, Interim

Administrative Assistant (1)
Judith M. Wagner

Town Accountant (3)
Sandra J. Albano (2022)
Alecia N. Herrick, Asst.

Town Collector (1)
Melissa A. Davis
Ana-Lisa M. Parise, Asst.

Town Treasurer (1)
Dawn M. Fahey
Sandra J. LaFrance, Asst.

Police Chief (3)
Deanna Strout(2024)

Superintendent of Streets (3)
Sewers, Cemeteries & Parks
John W. Roughley (2022)

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ADA Committee (1)
(Five Members)
Deborah B. Horth
Vacancy
Nancy E. Persson
George D. White
Vacancy

Animal Control Officer (1)
Gregory M. Elser
Vacant Asst.

Assistant Town Clerk (3)
Michele T. Blake (2021)

BRPC Transportation Advisory (1)
Committee
Daniel D. Filiault, TAC

BRPC (1)
Daniel Esko, Delegate
John F. Boyle, Alt.

BRTA Advisory Board
John F. Boyle

Berkshire Retirement Advisory (1)

Berkshire Retirement Advisory
Board
Dawn M. Fahey

Board of Appeals (3)
(3 members 2 alternates)
Anthony P. Doyle, Chair (2022)
Stephen J. Psutka, V. Chair (2022)
Edward F. Gero, Clerk (2023)
Caleb Darby, Assoc. (2021)
2 Vacancy, Alt. (2021)

Board of Assessors (1)
(3 Members)
Jean M. Boudreau
Heather K. DuRant, Clerk

Board of Health Agent
Jayne Smith, Health Agent

Board of Health (1)
(5 Members)
Andrew G. Perenick
Claudia Colombari
Daniel M. Doyle, Chairman
Edward F. Gero
Alyce M. Kendrick

Board of Health Inspector
Mary Stucklen

Board of Health
Solid Waste Coordinator
Mary Stucklen

Board of Registrars (3)
(4 Members)
Jean M. Gingras (2021)
Deborah J. Merry, Clerk (2021)
Judith M. Wagner (2021)
Michele T. Blake (2021)

Building Commissioner/ (1)
Zoning Enforcement Officer
Brian Duval CB BC/ZEO
Vacant, Alt. ZEO
Timothy X. Sears, Alt. BC/ZEO

Building Superintendent/ (1)
Purchasing Agent
Patrick Pettit

Burial Agent (1)
Deborah J. Merry
Vacant, Alt.

Central Berkshire 7-Town Municipal
Advisory Committee (1)
(2 members)
Joseph A. Diver
William A. Drosehn, III

Commissioner of Trust Funds (3)
(3 members)
J. Michael Hoffman (2021)
Richard A. Lombardi (2022)
Susan C. Vigeant (2023)

Conservation Commission (3)
(7 members)
Robert W. Bishop, Jr. (2022)
Esther T. Balardini (2022)
Henry J. Rose (2021)
Edward F. Gero (2023)
John F. Burnham (2023)
Cheryl D. Rose, Chairman (2021)
Domenick F. Sacco, (2021)

Constables (1)
2 Vacant
Christopher J. Furlong
Deanna L. Strout
Geoffrey Powell
Bustin M. Buzzella

Council on Aging Director (1)
Kelly Pizzi, Director (2021)

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Council on Aging (3)
(15 members max)
Maureen M. Mitchell,Chairman (2022)
Gordine A. Galusha (2022)
Jean K. Poopor, (2022)
Yvonne D. Washburn,Asst Clerk(2023)
David DiNicola (2022)
Robert R. Merry, Treasurer (2021)
George Morrell (2021)
Kathleen Sturm (2022)
Andrea M. Lassor, Clerk (2023)
Linda C. Merry(2023)
Joyce F. Lacatell (2022)
Patricia Suchenicz (2021)
Ralph W. Young, Alt. (2021)
Dustin Buchiniski (2024)

Senior Center Building/ (1)
Maintenance Committee
(9 members)
Maureen M. Mitchell
Carol A. Morrison
Kelly Pizzi
Vacancy
David DiNicola
Vacancy
Vacancy
Vacancy
Vacancy

Custodian of Tax Title Property (1)
Dawn M. Fahey

Dalton Beautification Commission
(3 Years)(10 members)
Annmarie Cicchetti,Co-Chair.(2022)
Linda C. Merry, Treasurer (2023)
3 Vacancy (2023)
Robert R. Merry, Co-Chair (2021)
Jean K. Poopor,Clerk (2023)
Peter Gonick (2022)
Tracy A. Manning, V. Chair (2023
Pamela J. Turner (2022)

Dalton Community Cable Assoc.
Rep (1)
Thomas J. Murray

Dalton Cable Advisory Comm. (1)
(7 Members)
Vacancy,Chair
Vacancy
John W. Ostresh
Vacancy
Vacancy
Richard H. White
Adelard J. Nadeau

Dalton Cultural Council (3)
(7 member, 1 alt.)
Donald E. Harris,Co-Chair(2023)
Vacancy (2023)
Annie E. Pecor, Sec. (2021)
Mary Ferrell(2021)
Deborah A. White (2022)
Kathleen F. Harris (2022)
Kellie M.Harris-Porter,Treas(2021)

Dalton Development/Industrial
Comm. (15 members)(5)
John F. Boyle, Chairman (2022)
Charles J. Dooley (2024)
Anthony P. Doyle (2023)
Michael J. Ferry (2021)
J. Michael Hoffman (2023)
Donald R. Rochelo (2025)
Augustus J. Schnopp, Jr. (2023)
Susan C. Vigeant (2025)
Isa F. Ali (2021)
Karen Schmidt (2021)
Andrew G. Perenick, Vice Chairman (2024)
Joseph F. Fish (2025)
Vacancy
Vacancy
Vacancy

Dalton Redevelopment Authority (5)
(5 members)
Vacancy, Chair (2022)
Charles J. Dooley, V. Chair (2024)
John F. Boyle (2025)
Anthony P.Doyle (2023) State Nominee
Susan C. Vigeant (2025)

Dalton Emergency Management (1)
Advisory Council
(13 Members)
James E. Scolforo
Kelly Pizzi
Gabrielle Taglieri
Lysander Bone
9 Vacancies

Dalton Historical Commission (3)
(7 members)
George D. White, Chairman (2022)
Louisa M.Horth, Vice-Chairman (2021)
Debora D.S. Kovacs (2022)
Thomas J. Snyder (2021)
Carolina S. Galliher (2022)
Mary A. Walsh (2023)
Ellen M. Chiacchiaretto (2023)

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Dalton Waste Management & Recycling Committee (3) (8 Members)
Vacancy
John W. Roughley
Jayne Smith
Terry Baumann
John F. Boyle
Daniel M. Doyle, M.D.
William A. Drosehn, III
Mary Stucklen, EEC Coordinator
Finance Commitee Member (TBD)

Director of Communications (1)
Gabrielle Taglieri

Emergency Management Director & (1) Community Emergency Response Coord.
Daniel D. Filiault

Environmental Certified Officer (1) (Temporary)
Sandra J. Albano

Farm and Forestry Commission (3) (7 members)
Beth A.Salvatore-LeBeau,V. Chair(2023)
J. Dicken Crane (2023)
Peter J. Cachat (2022)
Dina L. LaBeau, Alt. (2021)
3 Vacancy

Fence Viewer (1)
Vacant

Forest Warden (1)
Vacant

Green Dalton Committee (1) (7 Members)
Vacancy
Joseph F. Fish, Chairman
VACANCY
VACANCY
Wendy E. Brown
Richard F. Hall, Co-Chair
VACANCY

Hazardous Waste Coordinator (1)
Vacancy

Housatonic River Restoration Gov. Council Rep (1)
Vacancy

Inspector of Animals (State App't.)(1)
Gregory Elser

Inspector of Plumbing & Gas (1)
James R. Rando
Jason E, Dion, Sr. Asst.
Richard A. DeGiorgis Asst.

Inspector of Wiring (1)
John M. Broderick
John M. Broderick Jr., Asst.
Brian Smith, Alt.

Insurance Advisory Committee (no terms of expiration) (9 members)
Vacancy
Vacancy
Vacancy
Victoria M. Sedgwick
Vacancy
Sandra J. Albano ex-officio
Dawn M. Fahey ex-officio
Vacancy
Vacancy

Librarian (1)
Robert J. DiFazio

Licensing Board
Select Board

Local Census Liaison
Deborah J. Merry

Mass Broadband Institute
Vacancy

Memorial Day Committee (1) (9 members)
Robert J. Dassat, Chair
Thomas J. Callahan, Jr.
James Harris
James D. Slater
Corey A. White
George D. White
3 Vacancies

Municipal ADA Coordinator (1)
Vacancy

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

Municipal Approving Authority (MAA)
Jayne Smith (2021)

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North Mountain Park Advisory Committee (3 yr) (8 Members)
Marc E. Strout (2021)
Gregory Barry (2021)
Matthew P. Morrison (2021)
Eric J. Payson (2021)
Dustin J. Belcher (2021)
Rebecca L. Whitaker (2021)
Glenn E. Lagerwall (2021)
Taylor Staubach (2021)

Open Space and Recreation Plan Advisory Committee (Committee will dissolve upon completion of updated plan)
Eric Payson
Matt Morrison
Gregory Barry
John Roughley, V. Chair
Domenick Sacco
Cheryl Rose
Daniel Filiault, Chair
Vacant

Parking Clerk (1)
Rebecca L. Whitaker

Parks Commission
Select Board

Planning Board Associate (1)
Caleb Darby

Playing Fields Prospective Needs Committee (Committee will serve until Completion of report)
Marc Strout
Glen Lagerwall
Dustin Belcher

Police Chief Search Committee (Until position filled)
Joseph Diver
Andrew Perenick
Amy Aldridge
Geoffrey Powell

Police Matrons (1)
Rebecca L. Whitaker
Betsy E. Balardini

Police Sargeant (3)
Christopher J. Furlong(2022)
Bustin Buzzella (2024)
Geoffrey Powell(2024)

Acting Police Sargeant
Geoffrey Powell
Deanna Strout

Public Safety Official
Vacant

Records Access Officer
Rebecca Whitaker

Right to Know Coordinator
Vacancy

Sealer of Weights & Measures (1)
Brian P.Duval

Sewer Commission
Select Board

Stormwater Management Commission (3) (7 members)
Brian P. Duval,Chairman, ex-officio
John W. Roughley, ex-officio
Andrew Perenick (2023)
Jayne Smith (2022)
Edward F. Gero(2023)
Alison Dixon,Vice Chair, HVAR Rep
Melissa Provencher, BRPC Rep.
2 vacant

Town Counsel (1)
K P LAW, P.C.

Town Manager Screening Committee (Until position filled)
John Kelly
Sandra Albano
Louisa Horth
Jeffrey Noble
Stephen Sears

Town Planner (1)
Vacant

Traffic Commission (1) (7 Members)
Daniel D. Filiault, Chair
Camillus B. Cachat, Jr.
2 Vacancies
Deanna Strout
William A. Drosehn III
Adelard J. Nadeau, Vice-Chair.

Tree Warden (1)
Vacancy

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Veterans Agent (1)
Steve Roy

Veterans Burial Agent (1)
Steve Roy

Veterans Service Officer
Vacant
Vacant, Alternate

Voluntary Web Master (1)
William E. Chabot

SELECT BOARD

Joe Diver, Chair

Thank you to all Dalton residents for doing your part during the COVID pandemic! It takes a village to stop the spread. As I write this, we are entering a new phase. Mask mandates have been dropped and we are once again seeing smiling faces!

During the pandemic, our Public Health strategy and operations were led by a great Board of Health Team. The Select Board would like to recognize two of the leaders specifically. Dr Dan Doyle as our chairperson: Dr Doyle provided the Board of Health, Town of Dalton and Central Berkshire Regional School District with his clinical insights, leadership and overall expertise to keep our community as safe as possible. In addition, we would like to recognize our previous Board of Health Agent, Jayne Smith, who not only led the communication with all Town departments, Central Berkshire Regional School District and businesses within the Town. She offered her expertise and approached each situation with a true sense of partnership and that we are in this together. We are very appreciative of Jayne's impact on Dalton. Although she made a personal decision to take a new opportunity closer to her home in South County, we could not have made it through this without the great leadership of Dr Doyle & Jayne Smith. When we look back on this Covid crisis many years from now, these two individuals will be seen as community heroes.

As I look around our community, there are so many other groups and individuals to thank for their great work during the pandemic. Our first responders and critical operations support the same. The Dalton Police Department, Dalton Fire Department, and the Communications Department managed the 911 calls. That's not all, a special thank you to Pat Petit, our Department lead for Facilities Management. Pat was instrumental in leading the disinfection process when a staff member notified the town that they were infected. With the appropriate protection gear, Pat would swoop in and disinfect the office. Thank you to you all!

Town operations do not stop during a pandemic. Everyone steps in and continues their work. Whether that is remote from home or in the Town Hall. Thank you to all of our Department Heads, staff and our Town Manager for not missing a beat!

During the past year, we have experienced a few changes in our town leadership. Town Manager, Tom Hutcheson; Police Chief, Deanna Strout; Highway Superintendent Bud Hall; Town Planner, Grant McGregor and Executive Assistant Alyssa Maschino. The board is very appreciative of their knowledge, professionalism and of course dedication to the Town of Dalton. All are exceeding expectations and Thank You!

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As a reminder to the great residents of Dalton, all Select Board members are accessible to you. We are an email or phone call away and happy to engage in conversations and assist as needed. Over the past year, we have been leveraging social media to get the news out about topics in front of the board and ask for engagement from our community. We encourage engagement and participation. The board is here to serve you!

In the coming year, we will have challenges and opportunities. With our great town management leadership, dedicated staff, numerous volunteers and an engaged community, we will overcome challenges and thrive on opportunities. If you see opportunities where we can improve services for residents, please do not hesitate to engage and have a conversation.

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TOWN MANAGER

Thomas W. Hutcheson, Town Manager

As most people in Dalton know, Fiscal Year 2021 was a triple-whammy: the Town Manager resigned in August; the Police Chief resigned and then-Sgt. Deanna Strout became the Town's new Police Chief, and COVID-19 hit. By the time the fiscal year ended, the Highway Superintendent had also submitted his resignation, along with the Town Planner, a Highway equipment operator, and the Town Manager's Administrative Assistant. All those positions were filled (some in FY22) and the Department heads have shown themselves to be excellent leaders.

So in FY 2021, there were three Town Managers in Dalton. Long-time Town Manager Ken Walto retired in August, and the Select Board chose as their Interim Town Administrator the Town Accountant, who worked overtime for eight months keeping the Town moving forward.

Tom Hutcheson came on board as Town Manager the beginning of May, 2021; below is a summary of the major activities of those last two months. On the day Hutcheson started work, a sparsely populated annual Town Meeting braved Covid to approve the Fiscal Year 2022 operating budget and a few other financial items.

In Town Hall, some systems were upgraded, including procuring a new phone system new security cameras.

While President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act in March, the rules were not announced till June, when it became clear the Town was going to receive just under two million dollars as a grant. Hutcheson convened a meeting of Select Board, Finance Committee, and financial staff to discuss the situation, and the group agreed to use the funds for the Town's infrastructure. A sewer study was already underway and it was apparent that despite the size of the grant, it could easily be used for projects that had been waiting for some time.

The June special Town Meeting provided Town matching funds for a Federal grant for a hydrology and hydraulics study of the Walker Brook area in anticipation of a construction grant to help solve area flooding issues. A number of capital items were approved, along with funds for recycling improvements and a personnel study, but the largest appropriation was $500,000 for Town Hall renovation. Around the time of the vote, it became clear that to staff and elected officials that ridding the ceiling and upper walls of the attic of asbestos-containing plaster was a priority. This far-seeing decision stops deferring the costs of such work to the future, when it will no doubt be more expensive, and I commend the Town for taking responsibility for this clean-up.

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DEVELOPMENT & INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION & REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

John F. Boyle, Chairman & Grant McGregor, Town Planner

The Dalton Development/Industrial Commission (DDIC) was organized as a direct result of the priority recommendations found in the 2001 Master Plan. The voters at 2002 Annual Town Meeting accepted the commission and subsequently the Select Board appointed nine commissioners. The organization's purpose is 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".

The Dalton Redevelopment Authority (DRA) was organized at Special Town Meeting held on June 29, 2009. The formation was based on the belief that substandard and blighted conditions in the Town is beyond the remedy and control solely by the ordinary operations of private enterprise. The DRA is needed for acquisition, planning, clearance, conservation, rehabilitation or rebuilding or such decadent, substandard and blighted open areas for residential, governmental, recreational, educational, hospital, business, commercial, industrial, or other purposes.

This fiscal year, the DDIC/DRA saw some economic successes and some shortcomings. The old Train Depot on Housatonic Street had a prospective buyer with a major commercial development plan for the property. The sale and plan were abandoned and the property remains for sale.

Bill and Melissa Zink of 51 Gulf Road recently purchased Jacob's bar on Daley Ave. They have spent $80,000-$100,000 on renovations and are now open for business. This establishment will now be known as "Zinky's Pub". We wish them well.

Due to a general economic downturn and the COVID-19 virus several longtime Dalton businesses have closed permanently. This extensive list includes: Dalton Autobody, Dalton General Store, Stacy's Café, and Rip City Gym.

In good news, Steve and Maria Sears recently received from the Massachusetts Development Commission (MDC) a $630,000 grant to refurbish and update the entire second floor of the Stationery Factory building on Flansburg Ave. The Underutilized Properties grant applied for through the One-Stop for Growth in partnership for leasehold improvements such as HVAC, climate control, electrical, etc. This was one of the largest private awards received in the Commonwealth. When the updates have been completed the Sears' have a committed tenant ready to move in and occupy the entire space. This will result in 20-25 well-paying jobs being brought to Dalton.

I would like to single out for particular praise Mike Ferry, a member of the DRA and a retired banker, it was his dedication, knowledge, and expertise with the MDC that helped make this grant possible.

A Housatonic Street business plans to construct a 25,000 sq ft addition to increase their operating capacity and bring to Dalton approximately 25 jobs.

The former Burgner Property located at 813 Dalton Division Road is welcoming two new businesses to Dalton, a locally owned doughnut shop and a

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high-tech indoor virtual golf facility. Opening dates haven't been confirmed but I'm sure many are looking forward to having a donut and a coffee before working on their golf game.

The DDIC/DRA through partnership with Trout and Coffee, a Dalton-based business specializing in content creation, social media, photography, videography, and storytelling released a promotional video for the Town. The video highlights Dalton as a close-knit community for all ages and seasons. The video has received fantastic reviews, great circulation, and is being used by local businesses as both a tool for self-promotion and promotion of Dalton as not just a place, but a destination. This wonderful video is viewable on the Town's website.

The DDIC/DRA membership is comprised of many professionals, bankers, lawyers, and retired businesspersons. We stand at the ready to assist any existing or prospective business entity in Dalton. We have expertise in zoning, regulations, grant procurement, and tax incentives.

Thank you, members, for your volunteer contributions to the Dalton economy!

Finally, a special shout out to Grant McGregor, Dalton's new Town Planner. His assistance and skill set have been invaluable to the DDIC/DRA.

MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE

Robert Dassat, Memorial Day Committee Chairman

Due to the continued pandemic, the Memorial Day Parade did not take place in 2021. The Memorial Day Committee still went forward with the placement of flags on Veterans' graves in all cemeteries in Town, with help from Boy Scouts Troop #4 and their parents. The Cub Scouts helped to complete the placement, which we were very grateful for. I also went forward with the reading of names of the War Dead from each conflict, followed by rifle volleys at all of the Town cemeteries, by the Dalton American Legion.

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DALTON BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

Robert Merry, Chairman

The Dalton Beautification Commission, established in 2001, has created, annually, in-ground gardens at the intersection at Main/North, Main/Orchard, at 707 Main Street and a mini garden at Main/South. In addition, for the past 19 years, we have planted flower-filled baskets decorating the Benjamin/Muraca Bridge and at the steps fronting Dalton's Public Library.

The Covid19 virus continues to prove a challenge. Our hope is that our gardens have helped offset the need for social isolation, quarantine, and the restrictions of large public gatherings. We hope the gardens have brought a smile to those passing by.

Our spring meeting was held at The Dalton Senior Center because of covid requirements. We planned the coming year and agreed to continue to follow for following social distancing guidelines, mask wearing, and small work groups.

Our first planting each year are the Pansies in front 707 Main St and was done once the ground had thawed. This along with the bulb that sprout in the other gardens added a bit of color to the town and hinted at glory of things to come.

Minimum preparation was needed at all the gardens and they were planted just before Memorial Day.

We were fortunate this year because mother nature provided plenty of water for the in-garden plants. That said, we still struggle to assure that adequate water is available for plants during extended dry periods. We would like to thank the Beans and Thompsons for allowing us to access their outside faucets for our watering efforts.

We did experience several problems with the gardens this year. There were 2 motor vehicle accidents at the Main/Orchard Road location. The most serious one was a car driving through the garden. We were able to save some of the plants. The second was a truck drove over the corner of the garden and crushed a number of plants.

There was repeated vandalism in the bridge baskets. Plants were pulled up and thrown into the pond. It's difficult to replace plants in the middle of the year. Not only because of budget constraints, but because they are simply no longer available. We were fortunate that Dr. Lahey's donated plants to help fill in the gaps in the planters and Main/Orchard location.

We had a change in leadership this year. Annmarie Cicchetti stepped down as chairperson. She has held a leadership role since 2001 when the commission was created. Her vision, enthusiasm energy and guidance have made the beauty of the gardens what they are today. We are fortunate that she is continuing on the commission as secretary. Jean Poopor who has done an outstanding job in the secretary position for many years now devotes her time to the care and maintenance of the gardens.

We are thrilled to have had 4 new volunteers this year, Judy Harris and Deb Wehry agreed to be commissioners. Marie Stanger, Pam Walak, Judy Condron and Dave Warren will continue as volunteers. They have added much knowledge and energy and are great addition to our group. Many hands make for light work,

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and we were able to have 2 teams working at separate locations which cut down on potential Covid19 exposure

We launched a Facebook page to share our efforts with everyone and it has been well received and provide us with a lot of positive feedback. Find us at ttps://www.facebook.com/DaltonBeautification/ or search Facebook for Dalton Massachusetts Beautification Commission

The Dalton Highway Department continues to be generous in providing winter storage for our planter boxes/baskets as well as transporting them to and from their growing season locations. We are grateful for their support.

The DBC is very grateful to local businesses who donate or give at cost necessary materials: L.P. Adams, Holiday Brook Farms, Dr Lahey's, and Superior Graphics. Additionally Blossoming Acres, Jaeschke's Fruit and Flowers provide discounted materials supporting DBC efforts.

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 four-member board. Two alternate members are available to sit on the board, in place of a regular member, who may be absent or have a conflict of interest with a case before the board.

Current Board members are:

Anthony P. Doyle	Chairman
Stephen Psutka	Vice-chair
Edward Gero	
Caleb Darby	Alternate

The Recording Secretary is Christine Simeone.

The Town Planner, who assists the board, is Grant McGregor.

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 Fiscal Year 2021, the Board held six regular meetings. There were

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five public hearings, four of which were special permit hearings and one was an administrative appeal hearing.

The board meets at 7:00 pm on the first Tuesday of every month. Occasionally, a special meeting is held to accommodate scheduling problems. Notices of all the board meetings, and agendas, are posted in town hall and to mytowngovernment.org/01226. All meetings are open to the public. The Board will be meeting in person for the first time since April 7, 2020 on April 5, 2022. Meeting style moving forward will be determined.

The Board of Appeals is the primary Special Permit Granting Authority (SPGA)in Dalton. The Board of Appeals approved a total of six (6) special permits and one (1) variance in FY21. The special permits and variances can be found below.

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Calendar Year 2021

1. 6-8-21 Foster Special Permit – 1069 Main St.
2. 11-9-21 Esko – Admin Appeal resulted in Variance – 110 Central Ave.
3. 12-7-21 Ali – Dimensional Variance and Special Permit – 197 Main St.

FY21

1. 8-26-20 Liccardi SP – 227 Main St.
2. 9-10-20 McLaughlin/Robert Admin Appeal resulted in Variance – 190 Hubbard Ave.
3. 11-10-20 Solis – Lot 1 SP, Lot 2 SP, Lot 3 SP – 124 Crane Ave.
4. 10-6-20 Qamar – SP – 251 Main St
5. 6-8-21 Foster Special Permit - 1069 Main St.

FY22

1. 11-9-21 Esko – Admin Appeal resulted in Variance – 110 Central Ave.
2. 12-7-21 Ali – Dimensional Variance and Special Permit – 197 Main St.
3. 2-1-22 Davis – Special Permit – 53 Gertrude Rd.

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PLUMBING & GAS INSPECTOR

Jim Rando, Inspector, Rick DeGiorgis, Alternate Inspector

Plumbing:

Date :- 7/01/2020 To 6/01/2021 Annual Report of: Plumbing

MONTH	NUMBER OF PERMITS	FEES RECEIVED	CASH	CHECK
JULY	7	390	0	7
AUGUST	2	100	0	2
SEPTEMBER	7	3755	0	7
OCTOBER	5	320	0	5
NOVEMBER	3	180	0	3
DECEMBER	4	360	0	4
JANUARY	6	360	0	6
FEBRUARY	3	160	0	3
MARCH	6	430	0	6
APRIL	5	330	0	5
MAY	3	330	0	3
JUNE	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	51	6715	0	51

Gas:

Date :- 7/01/2020 To 6/30/2021 Annual Report of: Gas

MONTH	NUMBER OF PERMITS	FEES RECEIVED	CASH	CHECK
JULY	5	250	0	5
AUGUST	4	220	0	4
SEPTEMBER	12	640	0	12
OCTOBER	12	620	0	12
NOVEMBER	6	300	0	6
DECEMBER	6	300	0	6
JANUARY	6	310	0	6
FEBRUARY	5	250	0	5
MARCH	2	100	0	2
APRIL	7	350	0	7
MAY	4	240	0	4
JUNE	4	210	0	4
TOTALS	73	3790	0	73

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BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Jean Boudreau, Principal Assessor; Heather Durant, Assessor Clerk

What began as a spark in the housing market at the very end of 2019, continued to progress throughout 2020 and 2021 into what some see as a virtual forest fire as far as both the availability of homes and the sellers' market that has resulted with many homes being sold above asking price and way beyond assessed valuation after potential buyers have gotten into bidding wars. And it hasn't stopped yet. Part of this can be explained by the "new" normal that we find ourselves living in - with many offices remaining closed and with the availability of remote access it is much easier to live in a rural community and avoid the commuting, hustle and bustle of the city, while still coping with the restrictions of the presence of varieties of Covid. While we may never fully realize the causes of our current situation, we can certainly recognize its' effects.

Each year the state mandates what is called an Interim Adjustment, with a complete revaluation of all properties in town being completed every five years. The purpose of the interim adjustment is to help keep assessments current with the housing market and to attempt to regulate tax increases each year and keep them at a manageable level. This year's interim adjustment has seen an overall increase in values across town, including a slight increase in land values as we attempt to comply with the state mandate of keeping our assessments true to market value. Those who have taken out Building Permits during the past year will be contacted about assessment inspections as well as properties that are due for Cyclical inspection. Notifications on both of these types of field review will be forthcoming.

In other areas, we have updated our web page on the town's website as well as adding an additional area on the main page to try to explain tax Exemptions in an easier to understand and less complicated manner in the hope that anyone interested in filing for the tax relief will be able to do so. Of course, we remain ready and able to supply applications and information from the office or over the phone as well.

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The Fiscal Year 2022 Tax Recapitulation breakdown follows:

Local Expenditures:		
Appropriations	$	19,385,459.00
Cherry Sheet Offsets		15,303.00
State & County Cherry Sheet Charges		51,446.00
Assessors' Overlay		79,282.83
Gross Amount to be Raised	$	19,531,490.83
Estimated Receipts and Available Funds:		
Cherry Sheet Estimated Receipts	$	1,674,102.00
Local Estimated Receipts		1,000,000.00
Offset Receipts		1,221,141.00
Free Cash appropriated for particular purposes		666,237.00
Other Available Funds		588,655.00
Free Cash appropriated to reduce the tax rate		200,000.00
Total Estimated Receipts & Available Funds	$	5,350,135.00
Gross Amount to be Raised	$	19,531.490.83
Total Estimated Receipts & Available Funds		- 5,350,135.00
Net Amount to be Raised	$	14,181,355.83
Real Property Values	$	657,256,682.00
Personal Property Values		26,511,680.00
Total	$	683,768,362.00

Fiscal Year 22 tax rate is $20.74 per thousand of valuation, a decrease of 77 cents from last year.

With expected renovations to town hall, we will be located across the street in the former bank building. We welcome you to call us with any questions or concerns that you might have. Email is an option and voicemail is available as well. Office hours remain changed to:

Monday	8:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Tuesday	8:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Wednesday	8:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Thursday	8:00 AM to 6:00 PM

We thank you for your continuing cooperation in all assessment matters and wish you continued safety and good health.

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BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Members: **Jean M. Gingras** — **Heather A. Hunt,** *Town Clerk*
Michele T. Blake — *Elections Administrator*
Judith Condron — *Supervisor, Board of Registrars*

In 2021, we conducted Special Registration Sessions prior to the May 3, Annual Town Meeting, and the May 10 Annual Town Election. Scheduled Special Registration Sessions are held from 9:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. in the office of the Town Clerk. Additional Special Registration Sessions are scheduled as required. The place of voting will remain at the Community House for both precincts. There is a ramp and handicap parking located at the rear of the building.

The Board processed new voter registrations plus name changes, address changes and party 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 2021; 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, be sure to: 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, On-line at The Secretary of State web site at www.sec.state.ma.us, as well as at the Town Clerk's office.

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

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ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER & ANIMAL INSPECTOR

The Animal Control Officer/Animal Inspector is under supervision of the Chief of Police.

Gregory M. Elser of Dalton is our Animal Control Officer and our Animal Inspector. He has served the Town of Dalton since September 2019. Regular scheduled hours for Animal Control are Monday and Friday 8:00AM-4:00PM and Wednesday 8:00AM- 12:00PM. ACO Elser 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 or wildlife. Barking dog complaints and loose dogs are not emergencies. If available Police Officers will respond to calls of a non-emergency nature and will inform ACO Elser of their findings during non-business hours. It is important to keep all dogs properly licensed so if found loose they can be quickly returned to the owner. If unable to locate owner, loose dogs will be brought to a Shelter in Pittsfield for reunification with its owner and the owner may be charged a storage fee by the shelter. The Town is not responsible for charges incurred as a result of a loose dog.

The Animal Inspector is responsible for completing the State Barn Book which consists of inspections of barns, counting of livestock and ensuring 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. Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 140, Section 145B also requires all cats and ferrets over the age of 6 months must be vaccinated for rabies.

2021

Dogs licensed	1,206
Dogs License fees collected	$25,220
Late Fees:	$2,750
Failure to License Citations:	$7,925
ACO Calls:	470

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 2021 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 $50.00 each
5. Failure to Vaccinate for Rabies - April 1 $50.00 each

** Our ACO strictly enforces these laws. Failure to license & vaccinate your dog on time and/or failure to pay fines will result in a hearing in district court. It is recommended that people in violation and who receive a notice after April 1st maintain communication with the ACO and the Town Clerk to resolve any issues and become compliant with the law. Doing this will help avoid being summonsed to court. **

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

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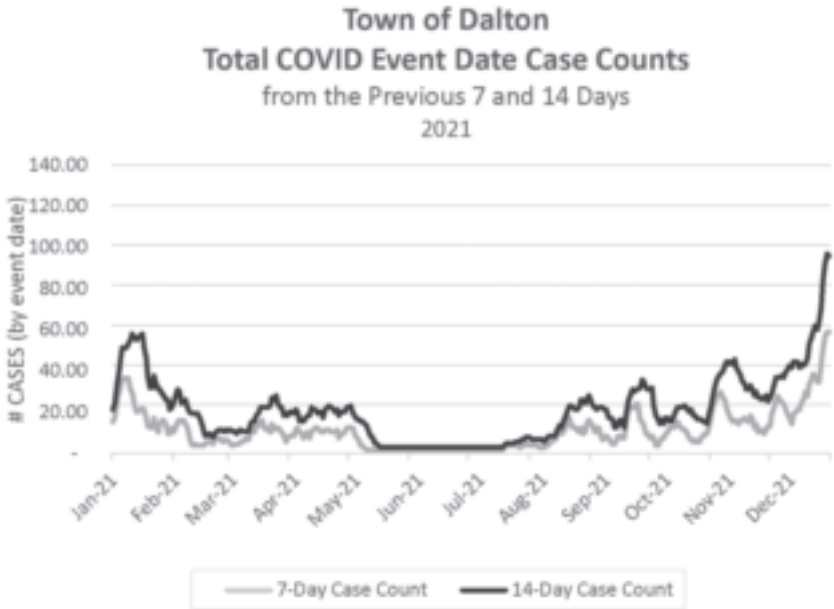
DALTON BOARD OF HEALTH ANNUAL REPORT

SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) continued to heavily impact day-to-day life in the spring and fall of 2021, with a welcomed reprieve in the summer. Berkshire County mobilized efforts to hold major vaccination clinics in Pittsfield, North Adams and Great Barrington which provided both primary shots of Pfizer, Moderna and Janssen in the spring and booster shots and pediatric doses in the fall. Dalton's schools, nursing homes, businesses, non-profit organizations, and the town all worked with our Board of Health to provide updated guidance and advice on how to handle isolation and quarantines in a way that kept services continuing the best we could.



Dalton's response to the COVID pandemic response was a three-pronged approach that served both the Town and Berkshire County.

Board of Health

Dalton was fortunate to be under the guidance of Board of Health Chair, Dan Doyle, MD who was also the Medical Director for the Berkshire Public Health Alliance (BPHA). Through his conversations with the school district and health agents, Dr. Doyle provided a consistent and data-driven approach to protect our health systems and keeping our community safe. Dalton will always be grateful for his leadership as Dr. Doyle retired from the Dalton Board of Health after 17-years of service to that board.

The Dalton Board of Health consists of five appointed volunteer members. Public meetings are typically held at 4:30PM on the first Monday of each month.

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In most years, meetings are held in the Callahan Room at Town Hall, however, the BOH ran most of its meetings over the ZOOM platform for the spring, and then adopted a hybrid in-person/remote meeting model from the summer through the end of the year. The members of the Board of Health in 2021 included Chairman Daniel Doyle, MD, Andrew Perenick, Ed Gero, Alyce Kendrick and Dr. Claudia Columbari.

Public Health Nursing

The Dalton BOH contracts with the Berkshire Public Health Alliance to provide public health nursing services. In a normal year, the public health nurse(s) would monitor reportable diseases infecting Town residents, provide a series of flu clinics and offer a variety of local classes to either seniors (matter of balance) or the restaurant community (chokesaver). This role focused in 2021 on providing COVID case management, contact tracing and vaccine clinics throughout Berkshire County. There were approximately 530 known cases of COVID in Dalton in 2021.

Dalton Board of Health Agent

Jayne Smith, RS continued to serve as Health Agent through 2021 and oversaw the Town's response to the pandemic, including review of safety plans for businesses, CBRSD, informing residents and businesses with understanding isolation/quarantine, enforcing mask mandates, assisting with public communication and more. This was in addition to the normal business of the BOH, which includes licensure and inspection of food establishments, camps, tobacco, public swimming pools; follow up on housing and public nuisances; and reviewing designs for the construction and repairs of septic systems and private wells.

At the end of 2021, Dalton welcomed their new agent, Agnes Witkowski, as their new health agent.

The office hours for the Board of Health are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30am – 5:00pm. The BOH agent can be contacted at 413 684-6111 x302 or boh@dalton-ma.gov.

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COMMUNICATION CENTER

Gabrielle Taglieri

The Dalton Communication Center has completed its 11th year at the Police Station. During this past year we have logged 17,708 calls. 2170 of those calls were 911 and 684 were walk-ins to the Dalton Police Station.

The Communications Center again received a MA State 911 grant (Support & Incentive Grant) in Fiscal Year 2022 for $152,132.00 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.

In addition to the Support & Incentive Grant the Dalton Communications Center received an additional Training Grant, to be used for training purposes, and the installation of an Emergency Medical Dispatch program. Emergency Medical Dispatch is State approved and required list of questions and instructions a Dispatcher must follow during a Medical Emergency. This year instead of a flat rate award, the grant is a "Needs based" award depending on the number of dispatchers and hours allotted for training within the year. Dalton Communications received nearly $10,000.00 for FY2022. This grant has been used to offset costs of training for dispatchers in compliance with new State mandated training, such as the E.M.D., and a minimum of 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 main entry doors to the lobby of the Police Department are unlocked and the Police Department Lobby is open to the public 24/7. In the event that the main doors are locked, please press intercom button located on right door, below the glass to contact Dispatch. Upon entering the lobby of the Police Department, for the safety of Town Hall employees, citizens will NO LONGER be able to access the Town Hall via the Police Department stairwell. Please use Town Hall entrance on the left-hand side of building. COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS: All parties entering the Police Department lobby are requested to wear a mask. We ask that no more than 2 people in the lobby at a time. Upon entering the lobby there is a "Call/Intercom" button to the left of the interior double wooden doors, and to the right of the mirrored window. Please use this call button to access the Dispatcher on duty.

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CULTURAL COUNCIL

Donald Harris, Chair

The Dalton Cultural Council's mission is to promote access, excellence, education and diversity in the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences 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 considers population and property values and is weighted to give larger distributions to poorer communities. In October of 2021, our cultural council received 33 applications requesting support for a wide variety of projects. The following seventeen applicants were approved for funding in an amount totaling $9,219 for FY 2022:

Berkshire Music School, Inc.	$750
The Eagles Band, Inc.	$500
Rhonda M Fazio	$289
MUSIC Dance.edu	$580
Marney Schorr	$750
Dalton Beautification Commission	$750
Scott Rogers	$400
Raianne Richards	$500
Pittsfield Shakespeare, Inc.	$500
Bernice E. Lewis	$800
Community Recreation Association, Inc.	$800
Davis R. Bates III	$475
Osher Lifelong Learning Institute	$750
Grow Dalton, Inc.	$500
IS183, Inc.	$300
Tamarack Hollow Nature and Cultural Center, Inc.	$375
Jason Ennis	$200

The current members of the Dalton Cultural Council are Donald Harris – Chair, Kellie Harris-Porter - Treasurer, Mary Ferrell - Clerk, Kathleen Harris, Annie Pecor, and Debbie White. We are now looking for one new member. Thank you for your continued support of cultural programs in our community.

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COUNCIL ON AGING AND SENIOR CENTER

Kelly M. Pizzi, Executive Director

The Dalton Senior Center is running on limited hours (M-F 8:00 – 3:00) although COA staff are often available beyond these hours. Prior to May 23th the Center was closed to foot traffic with few exceptions due to COVID-19.

Staff:

Kelly Pizzi, Executive Director (M-F)
Dorin Middlebrook, Administrative Assistant/Transportation Coordinator (M-F)
Patricia Pero, Outreach Coordinator/SHINE (M & TH)
Drivers: John Aldrich, John Bartels, David Lussier, (Coleen Parsons, Sept.-Nov.)
Cheryl Walden, Meal Site Manager (M & TH)

Council on Aging Board appointed for FY'22

George Morell, Chair	Linda Merry, Co-Chair
Andrea Lassor, Clerk	Yvonne Washburn, Co-Clerk
Robert Merry, Treasurer	
Dustin Buchinski	David DiNicola
Gordine Galusha	Joyce Lacatell
Maureen Mitchell (outgoing Chair)	Jean Poopor
Kathleen Strum	Patricia Suchenicz

Ex. Officio: Francine Germaine (Friends of the DCOA Liaison), Kelly Pizzi COA Ex. Director

The beginning of 2021 was marked with the availability of COVID 19 Vaccines for healthcare workers, nursing home/assisted living, etc., By mid-January, Governor Baker announced that persons over the age of 75 would become eligible beginning February 1. Mentioned in prior town reports, it was noted that Dalton has an incredible number of older residents – well into their 90's and even 100's.

Relatively quickly it became evident that the rollout was not senior friendly. The senior community was either not familiar with computers, didn't own one, or the one they had was severely outdated and unable to manage the reservations system. Two full-time staff members and one part-time were inundated with phone calls looking for assistance making appointments for those unable; as well as, those who were so frustrated with the system that they were giving up. Particularly after the Mayor of the largest local city in the county announced that those needing help should call their Council on Aging to schedule—before most COAs were recruited by the Boards of Health and given the tools to help. Many of the area Councils on Aging that surround Dalton do not have a senior center, and are volunteer driven by limited staff and limited hours. Calls for assistance came from Hinsdale, Peru, Savoy, Washington, Windsor and even into Hampshire County. Calls also came from Pittsfield, Lenox, Lee, Great Barrington who do have Senior Centers but they were unable to reach a "live" person. Regardless of where they called from they received the help they needed to the best of our ability.

As people were becoming vaccinated, our focus then turned toward reopening the Senior Center. After fourteen months of the doors being locked people were ready to come back to their Center where they could socialize, dine and participate in rec-

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reation events and exercise (many reported significant loss of muscle tone and loss of balance).

Weeks of research looking for best practices and guidance from CDC, Mass. gov., businesses, other COA's gave a tremendous amount of information; followed by consulting with Town Council, Board of Health and the Town Select Board for recommendations a comprehensive plan was put into place.

Doors were opened to limited capacity for a soft reopening on May 24, 2021. Approximately half of those we normally serve have opted not to return until the crisis is over. As weather warmed, with the purchase of a 20x40 tent, programs that could be held outside were held there. For example, committee meetings, movies, bingo games, and tai chi. Since then, guidelines have been adjusted to reflect the vaccination/Covid infection rates in the area as to how to best protect our guests -- vaccinated or not. Without on-site janitorial staff the two full time staff members have also become experts in sanitizing techniques and policing agents.

During the time that we were closed, we took the opportunity to have work done on the building which included removing peg-boards and converting over to electronic bulletin boards, wall repairs and repainting was done, and lighting in the building was converted to energy efficient LED lighting. The town's maintenance person made shields to enclose the reception area and the SHINE/Outreach desk for added protection as well as two portable shields so AARP Tax Aid could be held in person prior to reopening.

There were some bright spots during lock-down that are important to note. Although we had to cancel congregate meals provided by Elder Services, Soup & Sandwich (COA) and Sunday Lunch, we were able to provide the Tuesday/Thursday lunches on a Grab & Go or home delivery basis. As an added treat, a bingo card was sent home with their meal and utilizing FreeConferenceCall.com. Those who wished to play could dial in to play two games (bingo and cover all) with their lunch mates twice a week. After the games, staff stepped off the call and allowed the remainder to stay on and talk as a group for as long as they wanted. There were no prizes but they still had a great deal of fun and appreciated being able to touch base with everyone. When we were able to allow them to join us at the Senior Center in June they were treated to lunch and a "real" in-person bingo game with prizes ($5 gift cards to local markets).

Package delivery of adult coloring books, jigsaw puzzles, brain games and special treats were delivered to the town's most vulnerable elders to provide some activity. Former Director, Sue Jacobs, was kind enough to record an orientation and full exercise program so it would run on the same days/times of her normal class. A shout out goes to Dalton Community Television for recording the program and hosting the programs for such a long period of time and can still be viewed and followed on YouTube.

Veteran's Day events were moved outside in the parking lot with the Changing of the Flag Ceremony and a grab & go dinner for the veteran and their household was sponsored by Sugar Hill.

Many COAs cancelled AARP Tax Aid but in Dalton, the Building & Grounds Manager for the town build barriers so we could allow people to meet briefly with the

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Aid, return for their completed taxes and have their questions answered.

Zoom wasn't as successful as we had hoped, as mentioned earlier, computers and computer savviness is lacking for seniors in this area. Not all areas are able to get internet yet and the few places that offer free Wi-Fi were closed because of Covid. We did offer craft classes online. Crafters were able to pick up a project kit and join online to be walked through the activity. Those who were able to join created some lovely pieces of work.

By late spring we focused on reopening. The Director had to develop and institute a plan of how to keep people safe while they were at the Center that was acceptable to the local Board of Health and approved by the Dalton Select Board. Limited attendance, mask requirements, social distancing, rotating classes, sanitizing and handwashing stations, combined with cleaning and sanitizing all contact points between events enabled us to reopen the end of May 2021.

One of the concerns we heard from people as they were beginning to come out (besides COVID) was the fact that they had been so stagnant for such an extended period of time. Many reported muscle loss and also loss of balance. When the opportunity arose to have training in Matter of Balance, three COA Board members, George Morell, Robert (Bob) Merry and Kathleen Strum as well as the COA Director were all trained to provide this evidence based program. Classes will begin in 2022.

I would like to extend a special thank you to one community hero, Diane, who called religiously every week to check on the wellbeing of staff. Also a shout-out for the staff of the Dalton Council on Aging. Although the building was closed to visitors, the Transportation Coordinator/Administrative Assistant and Director were present and ready to respond to any community need, provide wellness checks, write out note cards, plan for ways to keep people engaged. SHINE and Outreach was available working from home by telephone expanding days from Monday and Thursday to Monday through Friday. The Van drivers were working limited hours because it was unsafe for elders to leave their homes, and with extensive closures there was no place to transport them. But, drivers were ready and willing to deliver prescriptions or pick up preordered food packages on the seniors behalf.

As doors to businesses cautiously opened, the Council on Aging van drivers were anxious to transport to medically necessary appointments and trips to market. Eventually giving rides to personal care appointments and to the Senior Center as lunches became available. Notable is the fact that drivers and Center staff are also in the same high-risk (65 or older) age categories or caregivers to vulnerable people in their own lives taking on unknown risk for the betterment of our community.

As passengers were vaccinated and eventually boosted, the drivers were able to combine passengers but limited to no more than three at a time.

Transportation has always brought a modest profit; in 2019 earning $2790.00, 2020, (the beginning of COVID) brought $2,138 and full COVID quarantines, the return was $891. After paying the committed $10,000 towards the Transit Connect, our loss for 2021 was $9,109.

The Outreach Program has been a part of the Council on Aging since 1987 with Pattie Pero as it's long time counselor. Her duties include assistance to all town elders (and their families) in the areas of wellness, safety, health education and SHINE

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(Servicing the Health Information Needs of Everyone) counseling. She was trained by the Executive Office of Elder Affairs and keeps her certification current by attending monthly meetings at Elder Services. Along with offering information on Medicare and public benefits, a major area of assistance is prescription counseling. During the annual Medicare Part D Open enrollment, she counseled 154 clients (30 more than last year) with a total saving in premiums and copays of $76, 940.90 ($20,330 over last year's amount). In addition to assisting other staff scheduling COVID shot appointments, a major part of the Outreach Program is dealing with a multitude of elder concerns by either phone, in office or at home visits. These often involve referrals to or from the following entities:

Dalton's Board of Health (Fire, Police, Highway and Town Hall departments). Elder Services, Berkshire Elder Protective, Social Workers (hospital, doctors, nursing homes) Pharmacies, Berkshire Taconic Foundation Grants, Bereavement groups, Housing Authorities, Banks, BCAC, AdLib, Durable Medical Equipment Programs, Home Health Agencies, Private Caregivers, Lawyers, Advocacy for Access, Transportation Programs, Clergy and MassHealth.

Programs offered at the Senior Center are individually monitoring COVID rates in the county and schedule and cancel accordingly. It is always best to call 684-2000 and confirm classes before coming to attend. Keeping in mind that masks must be worn at all times and hand sanitizing upon entering the building.

Programs:

Congregate Meals (grab & go/delivery) - Monday and Thursday

Chair Yoga – Friday	Line Dancing – Monday	
Osteo Exercise – Tuesday and Thursday		Shake Your Soul – Wednesday
Tai Chi – Tuesday	Art Class – Monday	Oil Painting – Tuesday
Knitting – Tuesday	Quilting – Thursday	Bridge – Thursday
Pitch – Friday	TRIAD – Third Wednesday	

Bereavement Group – Third Friday

Crafting With Kathy – Dates vary, Movie Matinee – Dates vary

The Veteran's Agent meets with veterans the first, third and fourth Wednesdays per month. Foot Care meets for appointments on the second Wednesday.

The Friends of the Dalton Council on Aging have been particularly generous in their financial support through all this turmoil. Persons interested in joining the Friends of the Dalton COA would be welcome.

Chair: Lisa Turner, Secretary: Bob Shepherd, Treasurer: Peter Traub

Judith Trumble – outgoing Treasurer Doris Lamica – outgoing Chair

Dennis & Diane Hoag	Donna Digennaro
Francine Germaine	Helga Knappe
Mary Lamke	Sue Salvini

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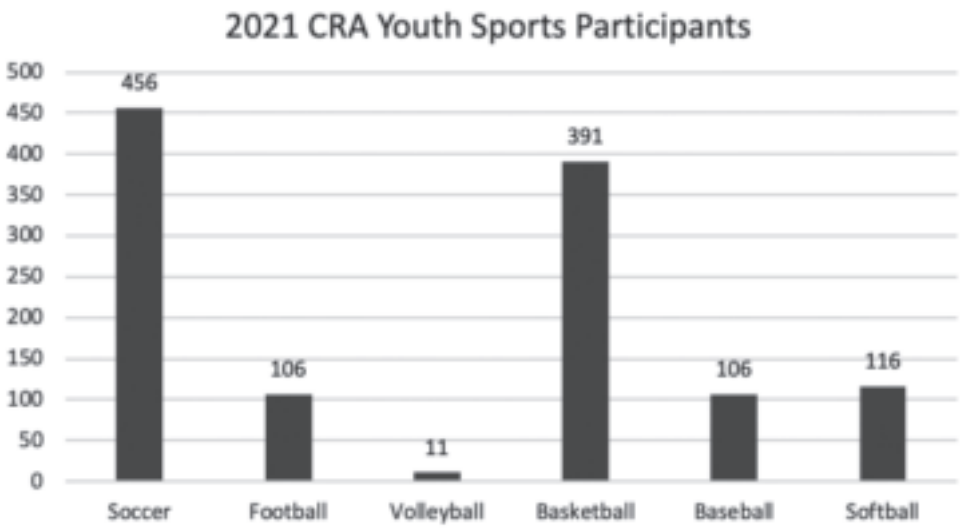
CRA

Alison Peters, Exceutive Director

The town of Dalton has three exceptional parks that are used by people all of ages: Pinegrove Park on Carson Avenue, Chamberlain Park on Chamberlain Avenue and Greenridge Park on South Street. These areas are highly utilized for a variety of activities, including:

- Youth sports leagues
- High school athletics
- Adult Co-ed softball
- Playground activities
- Family events
- Teen programs
- Picnics at the pavilion

Last year, despite the continuation of COVID-19, the Community Recreation Association (CRA) oversaw many activities in the parks for our town, including the youth sports leagues. Working with the local health officials, we continually modified our sports programs so we could offer safe, healthy and fun leagues for our youth, including high school athletes. Soccer, football, volleyball, basketball, baseball and softball were offered, with an emphasis on developing skills, sportsmanship and having fun. Focusing primarily on ages 4 to 18, over 1100 youth participated in sports leagues in 2021. This is 40% increase from 2020, when we experienced a serious decrease due to COVID. It is wonderful to see the athletes back out on the fields and courts again!



Youth Sports programs rebounded in 2021 with a 40% increase in participation.

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Adult recreation is also important and the CRA offers a fitness center, pool, Pickleball, adult basketball leagues, and a co-ed softball league that calls Pinegrove park its home. Running most nights of the week in the summer, the crack of the bat can be heard long after dark as the field lights illuminate the grounds and cheers can be heard around the field.

The CRA also provides many free family activities in the parks during the warm, summer nights. Activities range from bike rodeos and water games to literacy night and arts & crafts. Music on Main is a free concert series that takes place on the CRA's Memorial Lawn and at Mill + Main (the old Kittredge House). Some of these activities were canceled this past summer due to COVID, but our outdoor concerts were very popular. The opportunity for live music and safe socializing was greatly appreciated in 2020 so we have added many dates to our 2021 calendar. We plan to continue this tradition, so as summer approaches, check our website for performances.

The CRA offers many teen programs, and the parks provide a great venue for many of their activities. The Home Run Baseball program, which matches up high school students with special needs youth, utilizes the Pinegrove Park diamond. You can find them on the field any Sunday afternoon in the autumn, where the smell of popcorn and the cheers of family and friends will warm your soul. The CRA also helps working families that need a safe, fun place for their children during school vacations, holidays and snow days. The "camps" program runs out of the youth center, but they make many visits to the park to release energy in the open space and on the playground.

Keep in mind that Pinegrove Park has a good-sized pavilion that can be rented for a minimal fee for your next get together. Just stop in the CRA to reserve your spot!

Many of the programs offered in the Dalton parks are run by the dedicated staff of the CRA, but it takes hundreds of volunteers to make them successful. We are fortunate to have so many people in our community step forward to help make all this happen. A heart-filled thank you goes out to all the volunteers who give their time and energy to make this a great town to live in and help our youth grow into strong young adults.

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CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

Heather Hunt, Cemetery Dept. Administrative Assistant

There was a total of 53 burials in 2021 and are as follows:

Ashuelot Cemetery: 36 burials
Fairview Cemetery: 15 burials
Main Street Cemetery: 2 burials

Our Monument Restoration projects at the Main Street Cemetery and the East Main Street Cemetery continue. Town of Dalton Cemetery employees have been trained in the restoration of these monuments through a combination of funds from the Friends of Dalton Cemeteries budget and interest in endowment funds. Our Cemetery employees not only keep busy restoring aging stones but also removing dangerous trees and repairing broken fences in all of the Town Cemeteries.

We thank the lot-holders, families, friends, and citizens for their cooperation in abiding by the Rules and Regulations posted in the cemeteries. The complete Rules and Regulations may be seen at the Main Street Cemetery office and also on the Town's website. A reminder that no monument may be placed in any of the cemeteries without prior approval and authorization from the Town's burial agent.

Spring is when our four cemeteries are cleaned up in preparation for our Memorial Day observance. Winter decorations should be removed from the cemeteries by April 15th and summer decorations should be removed by October 15th.

The Berkshire County Sheriff's Department provided a group of workers to assist us with spring and fall grounds cleanup, for which we thank them greatly. Thank you for helping us keep our cemeteries beautiful!

Finally, the Cemetery Trustees continue to meet on the second Monday of each month at 10:00 AM. The meetings are now taking place at the Cemetery Office located in the Main Street Cemetery. Anyone wishing to speak to the Trustees is invited to attend. Please check the Town's website for the latest meeting agendas and updates.

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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Daniel D. Filiault, Emergency Management Director

Year two of the Covid 19 Pandemic was a challenging one for the Town of Dalton. We saw stellar work by the Board of Health Agent, Jayne Smith and the Board of Health to monitor the situation and to take action to address the needs of the community.

Constant changes in requirements and mandates from the state and local levels made their efforts even more challenging.

The Town Open Space Committee completed work on the Open Space Plan for the town and it was submitted to the state. It was approved with some conditions. One of the conditions related to work being done by BRPC to address a county wide issue so we were allowed to move forward with the Plan.

Once again I would like to thank the members of the Open Space Plan Committee for their efforts and the work that Lauren Gaherty and Emily Kirby from BRPC did to help us develop the plan.

The Town has commissioned a new Open Space Committee to oversee the implementation of the Open Space Plan that we developed. The new committee is tasked with addressing the goals of the plan. If anyone wishes to review the plan it can be found on Dalton's Website.

In Mid-October the town experienced a major wind event that caused a great deal of tree and property damage in the center of town. The storm which struck in the early evening of October 16th knocked trees down from Housatonic Street to North Mountain. There were reports of trees into houses along a two mile path with many homes effected.

Per request of the Emergency Management Department the National Weather Service was called in to review the path of the storm and the damage to determine the type of event we had. At first we believed that a small Tornado may have struck the town but the evidence from the damage indicated that the event was a series of major wind shears that followed a path through town. Fortunately no one was injured by the storm. There was no State or Federal Emergency Declarations made on the event.

CodeRED continued to be an asset for the community in 2021 we issued messages to the Community for many reasons from notices involving missing persons, flood warnings and public notices concerning issues in town.

If you have questions or seek information on procedures to follow during emergencies the Dalton Emergency Management Department can be reached at the following.

- em@dalton-ma.gov
- 413-684-6111 ext. 116
- Dalton Emergency Management on Facebook

You can also seek information on what to do during an emergency from the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency on the State Website: Mass.gov/MEMA

Chief Gerry Cahalan of the Fire Department retired this fall and was replaced by James Peltier who comes to Dalton with 20 years of service as a firefighter and

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Lieutenant on the Southborough Fire Department. We welcome him to Dalton and look forward to working with him.

As Emergency Manager I depend on many people for advice and whom I consult often on what we need to do locally. I consult with MEMA often on many different issues and want to thank Robert Barry and Bonnie Roy from MEMA District 3 /4 for their help and guidance.

The Town of Dalton is fortunate to have extremely dedicated and professional Police and Fire Departments. They are the first to respond to any calls, they are the ones we rely on when we have an emergency. Thank you to the men and women of these agencies for what they do every day for all of us.

Please remember to Wear a Mask, Wash your Hands and practice Social Distancing at all times.

DALTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

James Peltier, Chief Dalton Fire Department

Proudly serving since 1899 without a day off.

This report will contain information from September 27, 2021 on as I was hired and started with the department on that day. It is an amazing department with a wealth of knowledge and passion. It has been a pleasure to work with the great women and men of this department, and look forward to being here for many years.

The call volume has increased this past year, in 2020 we had 995 calls for service and in 2021 we responded to 1233. With the increase of 227 calls for service this has put more of a burden on the department as the calls for service in the overnight hours has increased. We will be hiring personnel to be able to staff the department with 2 members 24 hours 7 days a week. This is a giant positive step to the protection of the towns' people as well as the town.

A brief rundown of the major calls we have in counted this past year, 3 building fires ranging in severity from a well involved home on Thanksgiving Day to small fires in one or two rooms.

The District currently employees 7 full-time members. This includes 1 Chief and 6 career firefighters that is assisted by 27 highly motivated and trained on call staff. We are always looking for new members that would like to serve their community, whether a firefighting role or in a medical role, we have several spots could be filled so come on down and look around.

With the slowdown in COVID 19 cases we have been able to get back to our hands on training. We have conducted drills on all aspects of our service including but not limited to, live fire training with neighboring departments, auto extrication, advancing hose lines, SCBA competence courses. Ground ladders, firefighter safety and survival skills and also driver/operator classes. This has been a very busy time since October.

During the year we disposed of 2 former military vehicles that had been decommissioned from the dept many years ago as well as the former Engine 1 was sold at auction. We also disposed of several lengths of hose that is out of date or damaged.

We have established a Fire Prevention and code enforcement position within

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the department and they are doing a great job bring the businesses up to date with their permitting and licensing that is needed annually.

The EMS director of the department is constantly hard at work to better the department's capabilities with an ongoing training program and introducing new skills to the EMS members.

The Fire training division has been hard at work making sure we are ready at a moment's notice to react to any fire call that arises, this is a thankless job as he is always pushing the membership out of their comfort zone, this is to make us all better and be able to better protect the community.

Our Mission

The Mission of the Dalton Fire Department is to provide a safe community

Through exceptional, professional service.

Organizational Values

We value:

Trustworthiness

Being reliable, honest, and acting with integrity

Resourcefulness

Doing the most with what we have, accomplishing the goal creatively

Compassion

Being caring, courteous, and understanding

Diversity

In all aspects including race, ethnicity, gender, and age.

Excellence

Setting clear expectations, providing necessary resources and guidance, recognizing achievement

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DALTON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Robert DiFazio, Library Director

2021 and Covid-19 posed unique challenges for the library. Our desire to maintain the highest level of service possible, while meeting the need to provide a safe environment for our staff and community, led to some new workflow and service developments.

Thanks to the work of library staff, Dalton Board of Health, and our Building Superintendent, Pat Pettit, the library was able to remain open for all of 2021. Additionally, we were able to run an extremely successful Summer Reading Program. We were also thrilled to be able to begin offering in person children's programming three times per week. While we were unable to open on Saturdays, we did manage to maintain a regular Monday-Friday schedule.

Along with being open for in person browsing/borrowing, we're still providing lobby pickup and by appointment visits, outside of our regular hours, for anyone who would prefer that added layer of safety.

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 traditional print books, we continue to expand our collection of electronic books and e-audio books, available via the Libby platform. We recently added a service to inform our users of all new material, via a weekly email newsletter. You can sign up for this outstanding service by going to www.wowbrary.org. You can also find the newsletter on our facebook page.

Programs:

Covid-19 has obviously had a significant impact on our ability to offer programming.

Prior to Covid restrictions, our most popular programming continued to be our pre-school age 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, Kim Gwilt. STEAM consists of a story, small snack, and an educational project. Storytime consists of several stories, a snack, and a craft project. Additionally, we added a Tiny Tots program for infants and toddlers Mondays at 10. The impact of Covid forced us to eliminate snack and institute an advanced registration component to these programs, but we were able to once again hold them in the library.

Our summer reading program returned to its pre-covid level of success, with just over 300 children registering and reading for over 300,000 minutes! As always, much of the success of this program is due to the spectacular prize table provided through the generosity of the Friends of the Dalton Free Public Library. Through the Massachusetts Library Association, we were able to obtain a license to the Beanstack app. This allowed participants to opt for paperless or contactless participation in the program.

With summer dedicated to the kids, we ran our extremely popular adult reading challenge over the winter. Adults competed to win one of 3 gift baskets provided by the Friends organization.

We're hoping to resume a more robust schedule of in person programming as soon as possible!

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Friends:

The Friends group continues to provide a great deal of support and assistance to the library. This year, they provided the funding for newspapers, museum passes, reading club books, and our summer reading program. They've accomplished this through membership dues, fund drives, and book sales. Without their generous support, the library would've been forced to go without a good deal of material.

Personnel:

The library staff continues to be our strongest asset. Assistant Director, Kim Gwilt, and staff members Helen Cultrera, Joanne Delmolino, Ellen Snyder, and Mary Turner continue to serve the Library well. I would also 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. The current Board members are: Fred Sears (Chairperson), Judith Douville, Anne Ronayne, Max Ehrlich, Joan Roy, Mary Gingras, Leo Quiles, Barbara Kotelnicki and Tom Condron.

TOWN OF DALTON DEPARTMENTAL GRANTS 2021

Police Department	
State 911 Support & Incentive Grant	$153,132.00
State 911 Training Grant Program	$7,198.00
DOJ Police Vest Grant	$2,385.00
Council on Aging	
COA Formula Grant	$20,148.00
Cultural Council	
MA Cultural Council State Grant	$6,400.00
Dalton Free Public Library	
Library Incentive Grant	$13,916.00
Crane 3D Charitable Foundation Grant	$2,500.00
Highway Department	
MA DOT Shared Street Grant (Pedestrian Lights)	$70,442.00
Emergency Management	
COVID-19 Cares CVRF Grant	$76,568.00
COVID-19 FEMA Grant	$9,820.00
Emergency Performance Grant	$2,700.00
TOTAL FY 2021 GRANTS	**$365,209.00**

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DALTON GREEN COMMITTEE

Despite the challenges of personnel changes and the pandemic, the Green Committee moved forward with a continued reduction in municipal energy use. Dalton maintained its Green Community status by surpassing the goal of reducing energy consumption by more than 20% over the past 5 years. This included the conversion of Dalton's 700+ streetlights from HPS to energy saving LEDs (saving the Town over $75,000 per year), and the conversion of the Public Works Buildings and cemetery office and Sr. Center lights to LEDs. The committee was instrumental in bringing Dalton waste management in compliance with state guidelines. Thanks to Cheryl Rose and Jenny Gitlitz for their efforts these past years and welcome to Tom Irwin as he brings his engineering expertise to our team. Our Chair David Wasielewski rejoined the group this year, and has recently completed his Master's degree in Public Policy at UMass

Wendy Brown's expertise in building energy and Richard Hall's knowledge of electric utilities will continue to be of use as we pursue efforts to insulate our Town Hall, reducing the use of fossil fuels as well as saving money on our municipal fuel bills. This includes procurement and management of state grants to exceed $200K.

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DALTON HOUSING AUTHORITY

Susan I. Gregory, Executive Director

Board of Commissioners:

Chairperson	Robert Merry	33 Ensign St
Vice Chairperson	Dorin Middlebrook	7 Home Terrace
Treasurer	Alice Liebenow	293 High St. #D-4
State Appointee	Tom Callahan	One Melissa Way
Member	Thomas Snyder	91 Daly Ave.

Regular meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 6:30 PM at 293 High Street or Virtual via GoToo 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 both programs. We are seeking local families and minorities for this program.

Eligibility criteria are under requirements adopted by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development. Annual Income limits for one- person household is $47, 150. Two- person is $53,850.

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.

Dept. of Housing & Community Development now has an on-line application called CHAMP at:

https://publichousingapplication.ocd.state.ma.us/

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Conservation Commission is the local, legal authority to enforce the MA Wetlands Protection Act (WPA), with oversight by the MA Dept. of Environmental Protection. The WPA protects wetlands and the public interests they serve including flood control, prevention of pollution and storm damage, and protection of public and private water supplies, groundwater supply, fisheries, and wildlife habitat. These public interests are protected by requiring a careful review of proposed work that may alter wetlands. The law protects not only wetlands, but other resource areas, such as land subject to flooding, the riverfront area (added by the Rivers Protection Act), and land under water bodies and waterways.

Any work proposed to be performed within 100 feet of a wetland, within 200 feet of a perennial stream, in the flood plain or within 100 feet of other resource areas protected by the state Wetlands Protection Act must be reviewed by the Conservation Commission prior to activity. Please see our webpage for details - https://dalton-ma.gov/conservation-commission/.

Review by the Commission is also required for any work proposed to be performed above 1500 feet elevation per the Town of Dalton, Berkshire Scenic Mountain Act Regulations.

A large percentage of Dalton homeowners have wetlands resource areas on or near their property. Please contact the Commission if you are planning a project, and do not assume your contractor will pull the necessary permits. We are here to advise you in complying with the regulations and to help minimize any expense to you. Preemptive action is much preferred to enforcement.

The Commission welcomes conservation concerned citizens to attend monthly meetings. Regular monthly meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. by Zoom. Our agenda, with meeting details, can be found at https://www.mytowngovernment.org/01226. The Commission also welcomes new Associate Members, even while we have a full complement of Commissioners. Please join us.

Commission Members

Esther Balardini	Cheryl Rose (Chair)
Robert Bishop, Jr.	Henry Rose
John Burnham	Dominick Sacco
Edward Gero	

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HIGHWAY AND PARKS DEPARTMENT

Heather Hunt, Highway Administrative Assistant

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. Next year's street resurfacing program will include various streets throughout the Town.

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 the Town's streets, parking lots and sidewalks are cleared by Department personnel.

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 another 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.

INSPECTOR OF WIRING

John M. Broderick, Wiring Inspector

Service Work	23
New Houses	2
Renovations/Additions	31
Solar Installations	30
Furnaces	8
Lighting Retrofits	4
Pools/Hot Tubs	8
Security Systems	1
Misc. Electric Work	22
A/C Equipment	4
New WRHS	1
Total Permits 2021	134

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OPEN SPACE PLANNING REPORT COMMITTEE

Daniel Filiault

The OSPR Committee was formed in early 2020 and charged with formulation of a report to be provided to the State on available open space in Dalton and potential uses for that space. The Town is required to have this report on file and to review and revise the plan every five years.

The Committee was made up of town employees, volunteer members of town committees and private citizens who had an interest in the subject. Berkshire Regional Planning Commission advisors worked with the committee to formulate the plan.

The charge for the committee was to look at the community as a whole, identify areas that were considered open space that could be transitioned into use by the community. A great deal of what we see as open space in Dalton is under state restrictions that does not allow for the development of the property's in any way. Most have restrictions that allow only agricultural use.

Other properties are privately owned and the town does not have the authority to designate the property for use by the community. So the committee had to identify what areas actually could be used and work from there.

For example the area of town were Gulf Road goes through the woods to Lanesboro. One side of the property is protected woodlands (Appalachian Trail) and the other side is owned by Berkshire Natural Resources, both sides allow passive recreational use but the town has no control over that use. However the town can work with either group to enhance the use.

Shortly after our first meeting Covid struck the country and we transitioned to remote meetings and using other forms of communication to work on the plan. In the late fall of 2020 we presented a Draft report to the Select Board and townspeople for comments.

During this comment period we continued to work on the plan focusing on the series of goals and objectives that we developed for the plan.

In the spring of 2021 the Committee presented to the State and the Town a final draft of the report with 5 specific goals and 13 objectives that we felt were feasible for the town.

The report included a 5 year action plan that addressed time frames and responsibilities for implementation of specific goals.

We also opened another comment period to allow townspeople to comment on the proposed plan looking for public input and suggestions on sections of the report.

The Open Space Report was accepted by the State with some conditions, one of the conditions related to work being done by BRPC to address a county wide issue so we were allowed to move forward with the Plan.

I would like to thank the members of the Open Space Plan Committee for their efforts and the work that Lauren Gaherty and Emily Kirby from BRPC did to help us develop the plan.

Once the plan was accepted the Open Space Planning Committee disbanded and a new Open Space Committee charged with implementation of the plan was formed. It is their responsibility to take the goals and objectives that we developed and apply them to the community.

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TOWN MODERATOR

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 annual town meeting (and the Fire District meeting) in conformance with the appropriate rules of procedure. Dalton has specifically adopted Parliamentary Rules that are set forth in "Town Meeting Time, A Handbook of Parliamentary Law" written in 1963. This is "not" Robert's Rules of Order that most people are familiar with.

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 the Select Board prepares to call the meeting. Dalton has one annual town meeting, set for the first Monday in May and may schedule other "special meetings" throughout the year, as the need arises.

PLANNING BOARD

Andrew Perenick, Chairman-Dalton Planning Board

The Dalton Planning Board was formed in 1939. It's primarily responsible for issues involving land uses such as writing Zoning Bylaws, Special Permit approval and parcel division. The current quality of life and the character of Dalton can be attributed to the hard work of 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 alternate member. The Planning Board meets regularly on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm. The Planning Board held meetings on Zoom in Fiscal Year 2021. Meeting style moving forward is to be determined. Additional meetings may be held as needed.

In Fiscal Year 2021, the Planning Board held thirteen regular meetings, and four special meetings. During these meetings two Special Permit renewals were granted for earth removal. The Board endorsed a number of Form A applications for the division of land.

Current members of the Planning Board are Andrew Perenick, Daniel Esko, Zack McCain, Jarred Mongeon, and Caleb Darby. The Town Planner is Grant McGregor and the Recording Secretary is Brittany Miller.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT

What a year 2021 has been!!

In 2021, we said goodbye to Interim Chief Anthony Riello. We thank him for his guidance and assistance in hiring our permanent chief, Deanna Strout.

As we continued to navigate through COVID, we spent the last year working on training, the new Police Reform guidelines, and adjusting to new roles and endeavors.

In 2021, Officer Tyler Miller, formerly of Hinsdale Police, traded uniforms and started working with us in April. We also welcomed Officer Dorothy (Dimouro) Litz back to our ranks after a year away. We welcomed another new officer, Joseph Coote. Officers Trae Balardini, Joshua Bradley, and Joseph Coote started the MPTC Police Academy in October and we are awaiting their graduation in April. Officers James Duryea and Lucas Perry have been certified as Firearms Instructors, in addition to Officer Gregg Stefanik.

In November, we welcomed Wendell, our first comfort dog, to the police department courtesy of Berkshire Poodles, Berkshire Dogs Unleashed, and the Kohlenberger family. Together with his handler, Officer Miller, Wendell has been working on socialization at DPD and visiting locations around town and the schools. He will begin training later in the winter. If you see Wendell and Officer Miller out and about, stop over and say hi. He loves to meet new people and give high fives.

Dalton Police Department 2021 Statistics:

Total call responses:	14,057
Business & Non 911 Calls	5,400
Officer Initiated responses	7,514 (includes building checks)
911 Calls	1,143
Intrusion Alarm Calls	397
Incidents	279
Arrests	115
Motor Vehicle stops	399
Motor Vehicle Accidents	136
Motor Vehicle Citations Issued	120
2021 Citations Fines Levied	$3,225 Issued; Town Collected
$2,513	
Parking citations Issued	4
2021 Parking Fines Levied	0
Firearms Permits Issued	122
2021 Firearms Permit Fees Received	$11,425; Local $2,887.50
Citizen Complaints filed in 2020	

Dalton Police Department Members:

Chief Deanna Strout
Sgt. Geoffrey Powell
Sgt. Bustin Buzzella

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Officers:
James Duryea
Nickolas Gaudette
Anthony Baroli
Tyler Miller
Trae Balardini
Joshua Bradley
Dorothy Litz
Joseph Coote
Gregg Stefanik
Lucas Perry

Executive Assistant
Rebecca Whitaker

Animal Control Officer/Inspector
Greg Elser

Crossing Guard
Millie Boucher

Firearm permits are processed by appointment only. Please contact the department to schedule your appointment. Recommendation is to renewal six months in advance.

Blank operator accident forms, completed police accident reports, license to carry and firearm identification card applications and other forms can be found on line at www.dalton-ma.gov on the police department webpage.

SHADE TREE DEPARTMENT

Edward Hall, 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 Eversource 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.

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HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Debora Kovacs, Secretary

The year 2021 was a more positive and productive year than 2020 for all in the Town of Dalton, thanks to the temporary but welcomed break in the Covid pandemic restrictions. The members of the Dalton Historical Commission were able to resume monthly meetings at the Dalton Senior Center. The Fitch-Hoose House was able to open its doors for the summer-fall season and had many interested visitors. A highlight of the Fitch-Hoose House 2021 season was a field trip visit from Theresa Bills' fifth grade class from Craneville School. The delightful students walked to the Fitch-Hoose House, eager to learn about the Hoose Family and the story of Dalton's ties to the Underground Railroad.

The Dalton Historical Commission sadly lost two long-time members and friends, Bernie Smith and Gail Pinna. Bernie contributed years of research and dedication to the organization and preservation of Dalton's historical records and artifacts, and his wealth of knowledge and cheerful disposition will be greatly missed. Gail Pinna, also a long-time member and Commission secretary, was instrumental in having one of Dalton's historic trees, the Crane House Purple Beech, placed on the National Register of Historic Trees in 2005. The tree is located on property formerly owned by Crane and Company, now owned by Crane Currency. Thanks to our friends at Crane Currency, the Dalton Historical Commission has been granted permission to place a commemorative plaque by the tree, "Gail's Tree", dedicated in Gail's honor for her dedication and tireless efforts in preserving the extraordinary tree.

Crane Currency also generously allowed the Dalton Historical Commission to erect an additional sign on their property. A sign designating the Cranesville Historic District, funded by a grant from the William G. Pomeroy Foundation, has been placed near the Dalton entrance.

The Commission received several donations and artifacts from Dalton residents, including some negatives of priceless photos donated by Martin Glendon that were taken by his father, Martin Glendon Sr., Berkshire Eagle photographer. Another item of interest is an antique scale that was used in Don's Market, a local grocery store which was located on Park Avenue.

A future project that the Commission is hoping to accomplish is the establishment of the 2nd and 3rd Historic Districts in the Town of Dalton. The 1st district, The Cranesville Historic District, has already been established. Establishing the 2nd and 3rd districts will provide designation and protection for places of historical significance in these additional areas of Dalton.

The Dalton Historical Commission is looking forward to another great year of preserving and sharing the precious history of the Town of Dalton and thanks all of our residents who have helped to keep Dalton's historical legacy alive and well.

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VETERANS' SERVICES

Stephen R. Roy, Director of Veteran Services

The Dalton Office of Veteran Services is directly responsible for providing veterans' benefits under Chapter 115 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the US Department of Veteran Affairs at the Federal level. These important programs provide a great many resources and financial assistance to eligible veterans and their dependents. The veterans of our community who are disabled, homeless, unemployed or suffering from the trauma of war with nowhere else to turn can find relief in the services provided by the Office of Veteran Services.

Accurate bookkeeping and 100% approval of all submitted claims to the Department of Veteran Services (DVS) in Boston continues to be a priority in this time of financial insecurity, which all of our communities face. The Office of Veteran Services can assure full reimbursement to the Town of Dalton under the guidelines of 108 CMR § 13.02 (3). Consequently, the need for meticulous recordkeeping and guaranteed reimbursement by the Commonwealth to the Town is imperative. In 2021, Veterans' Agent Stephen Roy processed $70,592.21 in c.115 benefit claims without a single penny rejected by the Commonwealth - funding which would've otherwise been a liability to the community. Many widows and veterans have been saved from homelessness, hunger and despair by these funds.

With the drawdown in America's foreign engagements, many service members are coming home from Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere. While this is wonderful, the unfortunate truth of the matter is America continues to recover. Worse, many soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines come home greatly challenged due to the horrific effect of war on the human psyche. The Office of Veteran Services assists a great number of veterans with filing claims through the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). This intimidating (and time consuming) process is extremely difficult to accomplish successfully; without assistance many claims would otherwise be denied by the VA. We assist veterans in acquiring the correct documentation, proper completion and submission to the appropriate entity. Other services provided include, but are not limited to, educational/employment assistance, dependency and indemnity compensation, alcohol/drug rehabilitation, housing assistance, referrals, and close contact with funeral homes and cemeteries to ensure all veterans' graves are properly honored. The Veterans' Office also serves as a depository for hundreds of thousands of documents and important records of historic value to the sons and daughters of Williamstown in secure archives.

VSO Roy maintains a very dynamic and flexible schedule serving the veterans of not only the Town of Dalton but the City of North Adams, Adams, Williamstown, Clarksburg, Florida, Savoy, Cheshire and Lanesborough. The Veterans' Agent often makes special appointments and house calls to the sick, bedridden or elderly who cannot easily make it to the Municipal Building to process documentation; the Dalton Office of Veteran Services is staffed on Wednesdays mornings from 08:30 – 1:30 PM at both the Dalton Town Hall and Senior Center.

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FOREST WARDEN

James Peltier, Forest Warden/Fire Chief

This report will be from September 27, 2021 forward as that is when I took office. We have had a very positive time so far, with conducting training and readying the forest fire equipment for the upcoming season. The department has not had many outside fire calls since I have been here. That being said there is a lot of downed trees and leaf litter throughout the wooded areas of town and with brush burning season in full swing now this could pose a significant issue and fire danger.

We have found a few needs while doing our training and are looking for funding of these projects. We are in need of tracks for our UTV to be able to access the remote areas of town during most of the seasons as there is either snow or mud hampering our response. The next need is the personal protective equipment that we use, this gear has a life expectancy of ten years set by the NFPA (national fire protection agency) and we are over that date on most of it at this point. Our third need is for personal fire shelters. As mentioned earlier, due to the amount of trees and leaf litter in many areas, the potential for burn over is great when we have very limited water and firefighting capabilities at this point in time.

A reminder that the burning season runs from January 15th through May 1st hours of burning are 10am to 4pm. All fires must be fully out by 4pm. Stay safe and call if you need us.

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TOWN ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

Sandra J. Albano, Town Accountant

I am pleased to submit the 45th Annual Report of the Town Accountant for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2021.

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 FY21 books have been closed. Free Cash is estimated to be certified in the amount of $1,250,000 for use in FY22. The Town of Dalton continues to look for more sources of revenue other than tax 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.

My former assistant Alecia left her position in the summer of 2021 to further her career with a full time postion. We wish her good luck and thank her for her dedication to the Town while she was employed as Assistant Accountant. Jennifer Filippi was appointed Assistant Accountant at the end of October 2021. Jennifer works hard to complete the biweekly Vendor Warrant process and is helping with various reconciliations and reports that are requirements of the Division of Local Services. Welcome aboard Jennifer!

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Schedule 1: Combined Balance Sheet, June 30, 2021
Town of Dalton Massachusetts

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Types	Account Group	Totals
	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects	Trust & Agency Funds	Long Term Debt	Memorandum Only
Assets						
Cash and Cash Equivalents	2,643,045	476,363	92,156	8,025,062	-	11,236,626
Receivables						
Personal Property Taxes	23,420	-	-	-	-	23,420
Real Estate Taxes	137,388	-	-	-	-	137,388
Less: Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts	(163,701)	-	-	-	-	(163,701)
Tax Liens	232,903	-	-	-	-	232,903
Tax Foreclosures	49,575	-	-	-	-	49,575
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes and Other Excise Taxes	123,450	-	-	-	-	123,450
User Fees	63,858	-	-	-	-	63,858
Utility Liens Added to Taxes	6,895	-	-	-	-	6,895
Departmental	62,037	4,312	-	-	-	66,349
Due From Other Governments	-	205,584	-	-	-	205,584
Due From Other Agencies	-	-	-	-	-	-
Amount to be Provided for the Payment of Debt	-	-	-	-	1,264,089	1,264,089
Total Assets:	3,178,870	686,259	92,156	8,025,062	1,264,089	13,246,436
Liabilities and Fund Equity						
Liabilities:						
Vendor Warrants Payable	65,389	1,178	13,230	-	-	79,797
Accrued Payroll	80,492	1,421	-	-	-	81,913
Accrued Employer Taxes	1,193	-	-	-	-	1,193
Payroll Withholdings	30,415	-	-	-	-	30,415
Due to Other Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Due to Other Governments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Due to Other Agencies	-	-	-	43,011	-	43,011
Unclaimed Items	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prepaid Highway Excavation Fees	300	-	-	-	-	300
Deferred Revenue						
Property Taxes	(2,892)	-	-	-	-	(2,892)
Tax Liens	232,903	-	-	-	-	232,903
Tax Foreclosure	49,575	-	-	-	-	49,575
Motor Vehicle Excise	123,450	-	-	-	-	123,450
User Fees	63,858	-	-	-	-	63,858
Utility Fees Added to Tax	6,895	-	-	-	-	6,895
Departmental	62,037	4,312	-	-	-	66,349
Due From Other Governments - State	-	205,584	-	-	-	205,584
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-
BAN Payable	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bond Indebtedness	-	-	-	-	1,264,089	1,264,089
Total Liabilities:	713,615	212,495	13,230	43,011	1,264,089	2,246,440

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Schedule 1: Combined Balance Sheet, June 30, 2021
Town of Dalton Massachusetts

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY (continued)

Fund Equity:						
Reserved for Encumbrances	224,456	10,000	120,636	-	-	355,092
Reserved for Expenses	265,000	-	-	367,476	-	632,476
Reserved for Continuing Appropriation	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reserved for Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reserved for E911 Support/Training Grant Deficits	-	3,256	-	-	-	3,256
Reserved for Nonexpendable Trust Principal	-	-	-	125,100	-	125,100
Undesignated	1,975,799	460,508	(41,710)	7,489,475	-	9,884,072
Total Fund Equity	2,465,255	473,764	78,926	7,982,051	-	10,999,996
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity:	3,178,870	686,259	92,156	8,025,062	1,264,089	13,246,436

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Schedule 1-A: Special Revenue Funds
Fund Equity for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

Special Revenue Funds	Balance 7/1/20	Revenue	Prior Year Corrections	Transfers In	Expenses	Transfers Out	Balance 6/30/21	
Cultural Council	6,598	6,447	-	-	1,550	-	11,495	
Insurance Claims Under $10,000	36,729	9,582	-	-	-	-	46,311	
CATV Local Broadcasting	-	115,975	-	-	115,975	-	-	
BIA Recovery Act JAG Grant - Federal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Community Development Block Grant	17,394	4,000	-	-	-	-	21,394	
Planning Board Deposits-PineCrest	350	-	-	-	-	-	350	
Planning Board Engineering Follow-Up	3,474	-	-	-	-	-	3,474	
Planning Board Deposits-BCC Cnslt	2,100	-	-	-	-	-	2,100	
Outside Consultants GL CH 44 S 53	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
FEMA Grant - Covid 19	(8,082)	9,820	-	-	1,738	-	-	
CARES ACT Grant - Covid 19	(28,914)	76,568	-	-	47,587	-	67	
Community Septic Mgt.	18,000	-	-	-	-	-	18,000	
COA Formula Grant	-	20,148	-	-	20,068	-	80	
Sale Of Real Estate	100,000	-	-	-	-	-	100,000	
Transportation Infrastructure Fund	319	49	-	-	-	-	368	
Insurance Reimbursements over $20K	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Library Incentive Grant	66,322	13,916	-	-	725	-	79,513	
Police Vest Grant	(398)	2,385	-	-	4,770	-	(2,783)	*
Canine Officer Grant	237	-	-	-	-	-	237	
Records Preservation Project	592	-	-	-	-	-	592	
Extended Polling Hours	-	1,545	-	-	-	1,545	-	
State 911 Comm Dept Incentive Grant	(7,558)	139,612	-	-	152,872	-	(20,818)	*
Drug Task Force/Byrne Grant	3,942	1,480	-	-	-	-	5,422	
Miscellaneous Non-Recurring Grants/Gifts	68,842	87,871	-	-	58,269	-	98,444	*
Highway Chapter Funds	(2,645)	689,430	-	-	691,949	-	(5,165)	*
COA Transportation Fund	24,083	8,352	-	-	7,000	-	25,435	
Composting Bin Grant	494	-	-	-	-	-	494	
Legal Advertising Revolving	2,737	2,750	-	-	1,207	1,280	3,000	
Plumbing Inspections Revolving	660	10,715	-	-	11,375	-	-	
Electric Inspections Revolving	2,375	11,490	-	-	10,490	-	3,375	
Grave Digging OT Revolving	2,500	1,395	-	-	1,377	128	2,390	
Police Outside Detail	2,863	55,971	-	-	48,266	-	10,568	
Cemetery Vandalism Restitution	383	-	-	-	-	-	383	
Parks Maintenance Revolving	2,650	-	-	-	-	-	2,650	
COA Programs Revolving	15,253	33	-	-	8,657	-	6,629	
Boom Mower Intermunicipal Consortium	9,622	-	-	-		-	9,622	
Municipal Recycling Program Grant	614	-	-	-	-	-	614	
Dalton Papers	2,358	-	-	-	-	-	2,358	
Police Dept Local Gifts	-	-	-	-		-	-	
Library Donations	7,894	965	-	-	-	-	8,859	
Historical Commission	4,194	465	-	-	2,200	-	2,459	
Wetlands Protection Fund	6,322	1,340	-	-	734	-	6,928	
Cultural Council Donations	779	-	-	-	-	-	779	
COA Gifts/Donations/Programs	10,167	7,105	-	-	873	-	16,399	
Beautification Commission Donations	1,093	25	-	-	291	-	827	
Skateboard Park Donations	1,841	-	-	-	-	-	1,841	
Cemetery Repair Donations	8,073	1,000	-	-	-	-	9,073	
Total Fund Equity	384,257	1,280,434	-	-	1,187,973	2,953	473,764	

*Fund 223 State 911 Support/Incentive Grant - **FY21 Reimbursement of $22,077.18 dated 07/7/21 received from State.**

*Fund 229 Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant - **FY21 Reimbursement of $23,475.04 dated 08/18/21 received from State.**

*Fund 229 Public Safety CESFP - **FY21 Reimbursement of $1,364 dated 08/30/21 received from State.**

*Fund 230 MA DOT Chapter 90 - **FY21 Reimbursement of $5,355 dated 10/22/21 received from State. Requested reimbursement 09/16/21.**

*Fund 212 Police Vest Grant - **FY21 Expense Reimbursement of $2783 not received by State as of 09/30/21**

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Schedule 1-B: Capital Projects Fund Equity for the Year Ended June 30, 2021

Capital Projects	Balance 07/01/20	Revenues	Transfers In	Expenses	Transfers Out	Fund Equity Balance 6/30/21	Projects Authorized Not Complete
Building Projects							
Old Dalton High Demolition	35,300	-	-	30,300	-	5,000	43,779
Green Community Grant Project - Town Buildings LED Lights	-	7,508	-	4,365	-	3,143	25,665
Town Hall 3rd Floor Renovation	-	-	-	-	-	-	500,000
Capital Projects							
COA - Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	25,000
Public Works - Five Ton Plow Truck	-	244,110	-	244,109	-	1	5,891
Public Works - Pedestrian Flasher Install	-	5,950	-	5,950	-	-	64,050
Public Works - Dalton Division Road Engineering	-	-	-	-	-	-	800,000
Public Works - Equipment	1,654		-		-	1,654	225,300
Public Safety	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Highway Street Projects							
Housatonic Street	1,600	-	-	-	-	1,600	1,600
Sewer Projects							
Sewer System Engineering	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,006
Sewer Drng; Housatonic Laterals; Willis/Flansburg	-	-	-	-	-	-	21,642
Sewer Interceptor; Willis/Frnsbrg Drainage	758	-	-		-	758	35,344
Sewer System Evaluation Survey	-	120,193	-	53,423	-	66,770	129,578
Total Fund Equity	39,312	377,761	-	338,147	-	78,926	1,889,855

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Schedule 1-C: Trust and Agency Funds
Fund Equity and Liabilities for the Year Ended June 30, 2021

Trust Funds	Balance 7/1/20	Receipts	Due from Others	Transfers In	Expenses	Transfers Out	Balance 06/30/21
Non Expendable Trust							
Principal - Cemetery	35,100	-	-	-	-	-	35,100
Principal - Library	60,000	-	-	-	-	-	60,000
Principal - School	30,000	-	-	-	-	-	30,000
	125,100	-	-	-	-	-	125,100
Expendable Trust							
Cemetery	15,859	816	-	-	-	-	16,675
Library	70,943	1,678	-	-	-	-	72,621
School	87,262	1,143	-	-	-	-	88,405
Local Law Enforcement	517	-	-	-	-	-	517
	174,581	3,637	-	-	-	-	178,218
Stabilization Funds							
General Stabilization	791,194	7,665	-	190,000	-	-	988,859
Capital Stabilization	1,244,075	10,174	-	160,902	-	85,950	1,329,201
Litigation Stabilization	355,753	3,085	-	60,000	-	-	418,838
Sewer Stabilization	549,136	6,094	-	300,000	-	-	855,230
	2,940,158	27,018	-	710,902	-	85,950	3,592,128
OPEB Liability Trust	2,528,560	828,781	-	600,000	-	-	3,957,341
Pension Reserve Fund	124,341	806	-	-	-	-	125,147
Unemployment Compensation Fund	4,090	27	-	-	-	-	4,117
Total Fund Equity	5,896,830	860,269	-	1,310,902	-	85,950	7,982,051

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Schedule 1-C: Trust and Agency Funds
Fund Equity and Liabilities for the Year Ended June 30, 2021

Liabilites:	Balance 07/01/20	Receipts	Due from Others	Transfers In	Disbursements	Liabilities	Balance 6/30/21
Agency Funds							
Dalton Fire District	1,156	604,082	-	-	605,238	3,567	3,567
Dalton Redevelopment Authority Operations	38,002	240	-	-	3,058	-	35,184
Deputy Collector Fees	-	18,950	-	-	17,635	-	1,315
State Share of Gun Permit Receipts	2,025	10,050	-	-	10,200	-	1,875
Town Clerk Fees	562	8,523	-	-	8,445	430	1,070
Total Liabilities	41,745	641,845	-	-	644,576	3,997	43,011
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity:	5,938,575	1,502,114	-	1,310,902	644,576	89,947	8,025,062

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Schedule 2: General Fund Revenues, Budget to Actual
For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

	FY21 Estimated Receipts	FY21 Actual Receipts	Variance FY21 Estimates to FY21 Actual
Sewer Offset Receipts			
Interest & Penalties Sewer User #4173		3,470	
Sewer Late Fees #4245		4,070	
Sewer User Fees 10 #4246-20		26,155	
Sewer User Fees 10 #4246-21		1,098,234	
Sewer Lien Fees, #4247		33,306	
Sewer Hook-Up Charges, #4467		1,000	
Hinsdale Sewer Bill, #4746		69,397	
Total Offset Receipts	1,214,415	1,235,632	21,217
Local Receipts			
Motor Vehicle Excise, #4150			
2016 & Prior		1,377	
2017		2,489	
2018		2,444	
2019		13,429	
2020		174,524	
2021		763,262	
	750,000	957,525	207,525
Other Excise,			
Farm Animal Excise #4162		-	
Rooms Local Excise #4167		29,516	
Meals Local Excise #4167		30,580	
	38,850	60,096	21,246
Penalties & Interest on Taxes & Excise:			
Interest & Penalties on Taxes #4171		25,526	
Interest & Penalties on Tax Titles #4172		14,604	
Interest & Penalties on Other A/R #4174		-	
Property Tax Demands #4177		3,960	
Motor Vehicle Demands/Warrants #4178		19,995	
Demand/Fees Tax Liens Redeemed #4179		545	
Income & Expense Penalties Added to Tax #4190		500	
	46,000	65,130	19,130
Payment in Lieu of Taxes			
Trailer Park Fees #4165		4,320	
Pmts in Lieu of Taxes #4180		2,308	
Pingrove Manor Pilot #4181		1,668	
	6,600	8,296	1,696
Other Charges for Services			
Board of Appeals #4373		400	
Planning Board #4374		725	
Zoning #4375		-	
Pole Hearings #4376		-	
Sealer of Wghts/Measures #4466		-	
	900	1,125	225

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Schedule 2: General Fund Revenues, Budget to Actual
For the Year Ended June 30, 2021
(continued)

	FY21 Estimated Receipts	FY21 Actual Receipts	Variance FY21 Estimates to FY21 Actual
Fees			
Registry of Motor Vehicles #4175		6,300	
Municipal Lien Fees #4321		7,200	
Parking Fine Demand #4327		-	
Bad Check Fees #4330		100	
Default Warrant Removal Fee #4332		-	
Collector Late Fees Ch40 S21E #4333		-	
Duplicate Bill Fee #4382		163	
Code Red Emergency Network Fee #4731		2,083	
Communication Center Fees #4810		11,321	
Private Hauler Recycling Fee #4335		-	
Highway Excavation Fees #4377		1,350	
	16,500	28,517	12,017
Departmental Revenue Council On Aging #4379	4,000	33	(3,967)
Departmental Revenue Cemetery #4378	30,000	40,875	10,875
Other Departmental Revenue			
Town Clerk - Street List #4371		20	
Town Clerk - Other #4372		1	
Assessors Maps #4383		50	
Assessors Information Requests #4384		25	
Dalton Fire District Tax Reimbursement #4811		10,000	
Photocopies #4391, 4392		-	
Town Maps/Bicentennial Sales #4393, 4394		-	
Recycled Goods #4329		773	
School Census #4841		3,473	
Charge for Bid Specs #4380		-	
Police Reports #4397		-	
Police Outside Detail Cruiser Fee #4396		3,560	
Police - Outside Detail Admin Fee #4398		4,644	
Town Collector Miscellaneous #4844		98	
	20,800	22,644	1,844
Licenses & Permits			
All Alcohol Licenses On Premise #4411		-	
Beer & Wine Licenses #4413		720	
All Other Alcohol Licenses Off Premise #4414		1,800	
Dog Licenses #4420		28,411	
Raffle Permits #4455		20	
Cable TV Franchise #4458		915	
Building Permits #4460		48,049	
Health Agent Receipts #4462		3,902	
Police Pistol Permits #4473		3,400	
Other Licenses & Permits #4499		1,340	
	62,650	88,557	25,907

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Schedule 2: General Fund Revenues, Budget to Actual
For the Year Ended June 30, 2021
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	FY21 Estimated Receipts	FY21 Actual Receipts	Variance FY21 Estimates to FY21 Actual
Fines and Forfeits			
Motor Vehicle Fines #4694		2,513	
District Court Restitution #4698		1,000	
Parking Fines #4771		25	
Library Fines #4772		181	
Unlicensed Dog Fines #4773		7,825	
Police Fines #4774		67	
Youth Tobacco Fines #4776		-	
Other Fines #4775		-	
	13,700	11,611	(2,089)
Investment Income			
Earnings on Investment #4820		8,289	
	10,000	8,289	(1,711)
Miscellaneous Recurring			
Miscellaneous Revenue #4840		-	
Miscellaneous State Revenue #4699		-	
Federal Retiree Drug Subsidy #4544		-	
Retiree Insrn Reimb Chap 32B:5 9A 1/2 #4846		-	
	-	-	-
Miscellaneous Non-Recurring			
Miscellaneous Revenue #4840		1,069	
Miscellaneous State Revenue #4699		-	
Miscellaneous Federal Revenue #4540		-	
Workman's Comp Refund #4843		-	
Charging Station Receipts #4845		-	
Sale of Surplus Inventory #4815		350	
	-	1,419	1,419
Total Local Receipts	1,000,000	1,294,117	294,117
State Cherry Sheet Receipts: (Net of Offsets)			
Exemptions - Vets, Blind, Srvg. Sps, Elderly #4617, 4616	37,564	7,028	(30,536)
State Owned Land #4611	54,735	56,560	1,825
School Aid (Ch70) #4621	236,011	232,673	(3,338)
Vocational Students Transportation #4637	-	5,738	5,738
Veterans Benefits #4667	69,253	74,572	5,319
Unrestricted General Government Aid #4671	1,208,147	1,208,147	-
General Fund Supplemental	-	-	-
Total State Receipts	1,605,710	1,584,718	(20,992)
Total General Fund Receipts	3,820,125	4,114,467	294,342

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Schedule 3: General Fund Appropriations, Expenditures and Encumbrances
For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

Dept.	Department Title	FY21 Final Budget Including FY20 Carry Forwards and Transfers	Salary Expended	Vendor Payments Expended	Year End Department Balance	Amount Encumbered or Carried Forward to FY2022	Transfers Closing Entries	Unencumbered Balance
114	Moderator	513	413	-	100	-	-	100
122	Select Board	23,869	20,212	2,237	1,420	-	-	1,420
123	Town Manager	189,688	171,631	12,958	5,099		-	5,099
131	Finance Committee	1,685	-	180	1,505	-	-	1,505
132	Reserve Fund	3,700	-	-	3,700	-	-	3,700
133	Prior Year Bills	1,237	-	1,237	-	-	-	-
135	Accountant	71,805	37,480	8,268	26,057	300	-	25,757
138	Group Purchasing	800	-	800	-	-	-	-
139	Town Audit	16,000	-	-	16,000	16,000	-	-
141	Assessors	128,665	47,842	32,994	47,829	-	-	47,829
142	Triennial Revaluation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
145	Treasurer	118,504	91,605	9,646	17,253	-	-	17,253
146	Town Collector	103,528	85,530	11,014	6,984	-	-	6,984
151	Town Counsel	66,500	-	64,631	1,869	-	-	1,869
152	Telephone	23,500	-	23,349	151	33	-	118
154	Recording Secretary	11,184	8,658	-	2,526	263	-	2,263
157	Computer	38,035	-	35,911	2,124	-	-	2,124
158	Postage Meter	21,417	-	17,543	3,874	-	-	3,874
159	Tax Title Foreclosures	2,500	-	1,592	908	-	-	908
161	Town Clerk	105,529	91,805	2,073	11,651	2,630	-	9,021
162	Elections	22,983	4,613	5,263	13,107	-	-	13,107
163	Board of Registrars	12,680	4,025	2,798	5,857	-	-	5,857
171	Conservation	1,921	-	783	1,138	-	-	1,138
175	Planning Board/Board of Appls	49,783	34,501	1,485	13,797	-	-	13,797
182	Development & Industrial Commission	1,300	-	-	1,300	-	-	1,300
192	Building Maintenance	71,769	46,856	10,876	14,037	3,094	-	10,943
195	Town Report	6,650	-	5,943	707	-	-	707
196	Town Hall	106,536	3,861	88,866	13,809	3,230	-	10,579
197	Central Supplies	16,387	-	16,334	53	-	-	53
198		-	-	-	-	-	-	
210	Police Department	1,049,428	910,190	118,735	20,503	3,495	-	17,008
222	Communications	189,044	104,857	12,157	72,030	-	-	72,030
240	Building Inspector	53,877	37,742	4,706	11,429	-	-	11,429
244	Weights and Measures	7,207	2,107	-	5,100	-	-	5,100

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For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

Dept.	Department Title	FY21 Final Budget Including FY20 Carry Forwards and Transfers	Salary Expended	Vendor Payments Expended	Year End Department Balance	Amount Encumbered or Carried Forward to FY2022	Transfers Closing Entries	Unencumbered Balance
247	Meat & Cattle	1,629	1,629	-	-	-	-	-
292	Animal Control	27,757	20,366	1,474	5,917	-	-	5,917
293	Traffic Commission	1,500	-	-	1,500	1,455	-	45
294	Forest Warden	3,772	1,822	500	1,450	-	-	1,450
295	Emergency Management	14,883	4,763	7,971	2,149	114	-	2,035
296	Tree Warden	27,765	2,375	24,264	1,126	-	-	1,126
310	CBRSD	9,911,265	-	9,911,265	-	-	-	-
320	Vocational Education	587,557	-	370,684	216,873	18,400	-	198,473
401	Town Engineer	28,400	-	4,375	24,025	6,525	-	17,500
420	Highway	456,718	267,942	152,043	36,733	403	-	36,330
423	Snow and Ice	159,422	28,056	122,124	9,242	-	-	9,242
424	Street Lights	53,538	-	11,571	41,967	32	-	41,935
433	Landfill Closure	16,136	1,219	11,578	3,339	-	-	3,339
434	Transfer Station	37,055	-	13,072	23,983	-	-	23,983
440	Sewer	120,855	90,183	22,668	8,004	-	-	8,004
449	Sewer Treatment	981,947	-	904,614	77,333	32	-	77,301
491	Cemetery	103,997	71,873	14,599	17,525	33	-	17,492
510	Health Agent/Board	69,932	32,108	4,812	33,012	-	-	33,012
522	Visiting Nurse Association	6,309	-	5,809	500	-	-	500
541	Council on Aging	155,521	107,158	25,329	23,034	3,266	-	19,768
543	Veterans Services	125,604	-	92,757	32,847	-	-	32,847
591	Berkshire Regional Planning	16,361	-	6,224	10,137	-	-	10,137
610	Library	205,214	129,630	66,118	9,466	-	-	9,466
630	CRA - Parks Programs	60,125	-	60,125	-	-	-	-
650	Parks Maintenance	50,820	17,894	5,111	27,815	2,347	-	25,468
691	Historical Commission	4,300	-	1,927	2,373	-	-	2,373
692	Memorial Day	1,970	-	1,965	5	-	-	5
693	Cultural Activities	2,500	-	2,500	-	-	-	-
710	Maturing Debt and Interest	767,827	-	761,346	6,481	-	-	6,481
820	State Assessments	36,309	-	36,309	-	-	-	-
911	Retirement	501,821	-	489,036	12,785	-	-	12,785

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Dept.	Department Title	FY21 Final Budget Including FY20 Carry Forwards and Transfers	Salary Expended	Vendor Payments Expended	Year End Department Balance	Amount Encumbered or Carried Forward to FY2022	Transfers Closing Entries	Unencumbered Balance
913	Unemployment Insurance	25,000	-	24,100	900	-	-	900
914	Health Insurance	749,772	-	562,350	187,422	289	-	187,133
915	Life Insurance	15,273	-	13,991	1,282	-	-	1,282
916	Town Share - Medicare	41,000	-	38,446	2,554	-	-	2,554
919	Fringe Benefits	66,794	61,702	2,375	2,717	536	-	2,181
932	FY08 Vote - Capital Projects	16,578	-	-	16,578	16,578	-	-
932	FY12 Vote - Capital Projects	603	-	-	603	-	603	-
932	FY16 Vote - Capital Projects	2,571	-	-	2,571	2,449	122	-
932	FY17 Vote - Capital Projects	24,640	-	-	24,640	24,199	441	-
932	FY18 Vote - Capital Projects	35,052	-	-	35,052	35,052	-	-
932	FY19 Vote - Capital Projects	63,276	-	-	63,276	54,829	8,447	-
932	FY20 Vote - Capital Projects	2,254	-	-	2,254	-	2,254	-
932	FY21 Vote - Capital Projects	105,950	-	77,078	28,872	28,872	-	-
941	Court Judgments & Claims	3,000	-	-	3,000	-	-	3,000
945	Town Insurance Coverage	220,500	-	210,561	9,939	-	-	9,939
948	Police Dept Separation Agreement	141,340	141,340	-	-	-	-	-
950	Trust Fund Commissioners	200	-	-	200	-	-	200
991	Landfill Monitoring Continuing Appr	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
993	Transfers to Capital Project Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
994	OPEB Liability Trust	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
997	Transfer to Stabilization - Sewer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
998	Transfer to Pension Reserve Fund 84	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL:		18,570,836	2,683,988	14,553,450	1,333,398	224,456	11,867	1,097,075

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Schedule 4: Schedule of Bond Indebtedness
For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

Description	Interest Rate	Month/Year Issued	Final Maturity Date	Original Amount Due	Outstanding
Outside Debt Limit:					
					-
					$ -
Inside Debt Limit:					
Capital Projects Bonded FY16	2.35%	06/22/16	06/15/21	400,571	-
Capital Projects Bonded FY18	2.80%	08/23/17	06/15/22	355,664	71,000
Capital Projects Bonded FY18	2.75%	06/20/18	06/15/23	93,401	37,356
Capital Projects Bonded FY19	3.25%	06/25/19	06/15/24	168,540	95,000
Capital Projects Bonded FY20	1.85%	04/15/20	04/15/22	943,221	475,933
Capital Projects Bonded FY20	2.50%	06/17/20	06/15/25	268,185	214,547
Capital Projects Bonded FY21	2.10%	06/23/21	06/15/26	370,253	370,253
Total Inside:					$ 1,264,089
Short Term					
					$ -
Grand Total all Debt					$ 1,264,089

Authorized and Unissued Debt	Date of Vote	Authorized Debt	Bond Issued	Retired Rescinded Revoted	Unissued
Prior Year Authorizations Debt Paid	Various	6,983,685	5,810,128	1,173,557	-
Capital Projects Departmental FY12	06/27/11	157,600	150,475	-	7,125
Capital Projects Departmental FY14	10/29/13	140,000	127,922	72	12,006
Capital Projects Departmental FY16	06/29/15	163,000	148,294	-	14,706
Capital Projects Departmental FY17	06/27/16	605,000	583,086	-	21,914
Capital Projects Departmental FY17	11/14/16	190,000	155,414	-	34,586
Capital Projects Departmental FY18	05/01/17	1,282,000	1,243,221	-	38,779
Capital Projects Departmental FY18	06/26/17	109,000	107,457	-	1,543
Capital Projects Departmental FY18	06/25/18	800,000	-	-	800,000
Capital Projects Departmental FY18	06/25/18	75,000	-	75,000	-
Capital Projects Departmental FY19	10/01/18	100,000	-	100,000	-
Capital Projects Departmental FY19	06/24/19	150,000	120,193	-	29,807
Capital Projects Departmental FY20	06/22/20	545,000	250,060	-	294,940
Capital Projects Departmental FY20	06/02/21	533,000	-	-	533,000
Total Authorized and Unissued Debt		$ 11,833,285	$ 8,696,250	$ 1,348,629	$ 1,788,406

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Schedule 5: Analysis of General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance
For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

Beginning Undesignated Fund Balance 7/1/20		$ 1,407,689
Add:		
Prior Year Reserve for Encumbrances and Carry Forwards	180,385	
Prior Year Reserve for Expenses	265,000	
Prior Year Reserve for Transfer	700,000	
Prior Year Reserve for Special Purpose	141,340	
Prior Year Reserve for Continuing Appropriations	11,134	
		1,297,859
Less:		
Prior Year Reserve for Appropriation Deficits	-	
Prior Year Reserve for Snow and Ice Deficits	-	
		-
Prior Year Total Fund Balance		$ 2,705,548
Deduct:		
Current Year Reserve for Encumbrances and Carry Forwards	224,456	
Current Year Reserve for Expenses	265,000	
Current Year Reserve for Continuing Appropriations	-	
Current Year Reserve for Special Purpose	-	
Current Year Reserve for Transfers	-	
		489,456
Add:		
Current Year Reserved for Appropriation Deficits	-	
Current Year Reserve for Snow and Ice Deficits	-	
Current Year Revenue Closeouts	18,219,165	
Other Financing Sources	85,950	
Adjustments - Cemetery OT > $2,500 Closed to GF	128	
Adjustments - Legal Ad Revolving > $3,000 Closed to GF	1,281	
Adjustments - Unused Polling Grant Closed to GF	1,545	
Adjustments - Closed Penny Variance to GF		
		18,308,069
Less:		
Current Year Expenditure Closeouts	17,237,438	
Other Financing Uses	1,300,000	
Adjustments - Close Multiple Years Capital Projects Completed	10,902	
Adjustments - Senior Tax Work-off Withholdings	22	
Adjustments -	-	
		18,548,362
Undesignated Fund Balance June 30, 2021		$ 1,975,799

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Dawn M. Fahey, Town Treasurer

I am pleased to submit the Treasurer's Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2021. The treasurer's office is responsible for the input and processing of a weekly payroll; preparation and submittal of quarterly and yearly payroll reports; maintaining employee benefits; assisting town manager with human resource issues; overseeing town insurances and any claims; receipt, expenditure, investment and borrowing of municipal funds; and maintenance of tax titles.

I would like to thank my **Assistant Treasurer, Sandra LaFrance** for all her hard work, dedication and professionalism. The town is truly fortunate to have her.

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GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES

Personal Property Taxes 2021 and Prior	$ 612,487.81	
Real Estate Taxes 2021	$ 13,298,166.48	
Real Estate Taxes Prior Years	$ 127,107.44	
Motor Vehicle Taxes 2021	$ 763,262.49	
Motor Vehicle Taxes 2020	$ 174,523.78	
Motor Vehicle Taxes Prior Years	$ 19,739.09	
Interest and Penalties on Taxes	$ 25,526.10	
Inc. & Exp. Penalty added to Tax	$ 500.00	
Demands, Warrants and Fees	$ 23,955.00	
		$ 15,045,268.19

TAX LIEN RECEIVABLES

Tax Liens	$ 66,936.47	
Interest and Penalties on Liens	$ 14,603.94	
Demand Fees on Tax Liens Redeemed	$ 545.00	
		$ 82,085.41

STATE RECEIPTS (CHERRY SHEET)

State Owned Land	$ 56,560.00	
Elderly Persons	$ 7,028.00	
Unrestricted General Government	$ 1,208,147.00	
School Aid (Chapter 70)	$ 232,673.00	
Hotel/Meals Tax	$ 60,096.01	
		$ 1,564,504.01

COMMONWEALTH OF MA STATE RECEIPTS

911-Dept. Support and Incentive	$ 139,611.84	
Arts Cultural Council	$ 6,400.00	
Police Vest Grant	$ 2,385.00	
Council on Aging Formula Grant	$ 20,148.00	
Elections Extended Polling Hours	$ 1,544.58	
Library Incentive Grant	$ 13,915.96	
Motor Vehicle Fines	$ 2,513.39	
Highway Chapter Money	$ 689,429.94	
Veterans Benefits	$ 74,572.00	
Vocational Transportation	$ 5,738.00	
Green Community Grant	$ 7,507.50	
		$ 963,766.21

OTHER GOVERNMENT REVENUE

Receipts Drug Task Force	$ 1,479.80	
Communications Center Services	$ 11,321.00	
Berkshire District Court Restitution	$ 1,000.00	
Hinsdale Sewer Services	$ 69,397.00	
Miscellaneous Grants	$ 87,870.68	
Dalton FD Tax Bill Assessment	$ 10,000.00	
		$ 181,068.48

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FEDERAL REVENUE

Federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes	$	2,308.00	
Community Development Program Payback	$	4,000.00	
Covid19 FEMA Revenue	$	9,820.00	
Covid19 Cares CVRF Revenue	$	76,568.00	
			$ 92,696.00

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - CHARGES FOR SERVICES/FEES

Interest Sewer User Fees	$	3,469.96	
Registry Of Motor Vehicle Charges	$	6,300.00	
Trailer Park Fees	$	4,320.00	
Sewer Late Fees	$	4,070.00	
Sewer User Fees 2021	$	1,098,233.80	
Sewer User Fees Prior Year	$	26,155.02	
Sewer Liens 2021	$	27,919.82	
Sewer Liens Prior Year	$	5,386.07	
Municipal Lien Fees	$	7,200.00	
Bad Check Fees	$	100.00	
Sale of Street Lists	$	20.00	
Highway Excavation Fees	$	1,350.00	
Cemetery Charges	$	40,875.00	
Assessors Maps/Cards	$	50.00	
Assessors Info	$	25.00	
Police Outside Detail Admin Fees	$	4,643.75	
Cable Franchise Fee	$	915.09	
Sewer Hook Up Charges	$	1,000.00	
Library Fines	$	181.26	
Unlicensed Dog Fines	$	7,825.00	
Recycled Goods	$	773.40	
Parking Fines and Demand Fees	$	25.00	
Duplicate Bill Charge	$	162.50	
Pilot Payments Pine Grove Manor	$	1,668.15	
Code Red Emergency Network Annual Fee	$	2,083.46	
POD Cruiser Fee	$	3,560.00	
Police Fines	$	66.75	
			$ 1,248,379.03

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - LICENSES/PERMITS

Planning Board	$	725.00	
Beer and Wine Licenses	$	720.00	
All Other Alcohol Licenses	$	1,800.00	
Raffle Permits	$	20.00	
Building Permits	$	48,048.69	
Health Agent	$	3,902.50	
Police Firearms Permits	$	3,400.00	
Board of Appeals Postage	$	400.00	
All Other Licenses and Permits	$	1,340.00	
			$ 60,356.19

MISCELLANEOUS GENERAL REVENUE

Beautification Committee Donations	$	25.00
Council on Aging Van Receipts	$	8,352.20
Council on Aging Gifts/Donations	$	6,855.22
Council on Aging Sunday Lunch	$	250.00
Grave Digging Overtime	$	1,395.00

Library Donations	$	825.00	
School Census	$	3,472.52	
Insurance Claims Under $10,000	$	9,581.37	
Miscellaneous Revenue	$	1,069.02	
Historical Donations	$	465.00	
COA Program Fees	$	33.00	
Warner Cable TV Franchise	$	115,975.25	
Dog Licenses	$	28,411.00	
Police Outside Details	$	55,971.50	
Transportation Infrastructure Fund	$	49.20	
Reimburse Town for Overpayment to Town Clerk	$	235.00	
Town Clerk Other	$	1.28	
Miscellaneous Gifts	$	140.00	
Town Collector Miscellaneous Revenue	$	97.60	
Cemetery Repair Donations	$	1,000.00	
Sale of Surplus Inventory	$	350.00	
			$ 234,554.16

REVOLVING FUNDS

Wetland Protection Funds	$	1,340.00	
COA Program Revolving	$	33.00	
Legal Advertising	$	2,750.00	
Plumbing Inspections	$	10,715.00	
Electrical Inspections	$	11,490.00	
			$ 26,328.00

AGENCIES

Revenue Dalton Redevelopment Operations	$	239.70	
Deputy Collector Fees	$	18,950.00	
Fees Retained by Town Clerk	$	8,523.25	
			$ 27,712.95

EARNINGS ON INVESTMENTS

General Fund	$	8,288.58	
Capital Stabilization Fund	$	10,174.65	
Litigation Stabilization Fund	$	3,085.28	
General Stabilization Fund	$	7,665.02	
Sewer Stabilization Fund	$	6,093.85	
Pension Reserve Funds	$	806.06	
Arts Cultural Council	$	47.20	
Unemployment Compensation Fund	$	26.45	
OPEB Liability Trust investments	$	49.53	
OPEB State Retiree Benefits Trust Fund	$	828,731.02	
Cemetery Trust Fund Interest	$	815.71	
Library Trust Fund Interest	$	1,678.29	
School Trust Fund Interest	$	1,142.92	
			$ 868,604.56

TOTAL ALL RECEIPTS **$ 20,395,323.19**

GENERAL STABILIZATION FUND			
Balance June 30, 2020	$	791,194.37	
Transfers In	$	190,000.00	
Interest Income FY21	$	7,665.02	
Balance June 30, 2021			**$ 988,859.39**
CAPITAL STABILIZATION FUND			
Balance June 30, 2020	$	1,244,074.68	
Transfers In	$	160,901.87	
Transfers Out	$	(85,950.00)	
Interest Income FY21	$	10,174.65	
Balance June 30, 2021			**$ 1,329,201.20**
LITIGATION STABILIZATION FUND			
Balance June 30, 2020	$	355,752.95	
Transfers In	$	60,000.00	
Interest Income FY21	$	3,085.28	
Balance June 30, 2021			**$ 418,838.23**
SEWER STABILIZATION FUND			
Balance June 30, 2020	$	549,136.21	
Transfers In	$	300,000.00	
Interest Income FY21	$	6,093.85	
Balance June 30, 2021			**$ 855,230.06**
LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS			
Non-Expendable Funds	$	60,000.00	
Expendable Funds	$	4,945.00	
	$	**64,945.00**	
Interest Balance June 30, 2020	$	65,998.73	
Interest Income FY21	$	1,678.29	
	$	**67,677.02**	
Balance June 30, 2021			**$ 132,622.02**
CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS			
Non-Expendable Funds	$	35,100.00	
Expendable Funds	$	2,955.00	
	$	**38,055.00**	
Interest Balance June 30, 2020	$	12,903.52	
Interest Income FY21	$	815.71	
	$	**13,719.23**	
Balance June 30, 2021			**$ 51,774.23**
SCHOOL TRUST FUNDS			
Non Expendable Funds	$	30,000.00	
	$	**30,000.00**	
Interest Balance June 30, 2020	$	87,261.96	
Interest Income FY21	$	1,142.92	
	$	**88,404.88**	
Balance June 30, 2021			**$ 118,404.88**

ARTS CULTURAL COUNCIL				
Balance June 30, 2020	$	6,598.14		
Commonwealth of MA Grant	$	6,400.00		
Warrants FY21	$	(1,550.00)		
Interest Income FY21	$	47.20		
Balance June 30, 2021			$	11,495.34
LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST				
Balance June 30, 2020	$	517.04		
Balance June 30, 2021			$	517.04
OPEB LIABILITY TRUST INVESTMENTS				
Balance June 30, 2020	$	145.76		
Transfers In	$	600,000.00		
Transfers Out	$	(600,152.51)		
Interest Income FY21	$	49.53		
Balance June 30, 2021			$	42.78
STATE RETIREE BENEFITS TRUST FUND (OPEB)				
Balance June 30, 2020	$	2,528,414.33		
Transfers In	$	600,152.51		
Net Fund Gains/Losses FY21	$	828,731.02		
Balance June 30, 2021			$	3,957,297.86
PENSION FUNDS				
Balance June 30, 2020	$	124,340.28		
Interest Income FY21	$	806.06		
Balance June 30, 2021			$	125,146.34
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION				
Balance June 30, 2020	$	4,090.19		
Interest Income FY21	$	26.45		
Balance June 30, 2021			$	4,116.64
DALTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY				
Balance June 30, 2020	$	38,002.29		
Warrants FY21	$	(3,058.28)		
Interest Income FY21	$	239.70		
Balance June 30, 2021			$	35,183.71

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MATURING DEBT AND INTEREST SCHEDULE FY21

PURPOSE	DATE ISSUED	BORROWING AMOUNT	PRINCIPAL PAID FY21	INTEREST PAID FY21	PRINCIPAL PAID TO DATE	OUTSTANDING BORROWING
Sidewalk Repair	6/22/16	$ 10,794.01	$ 2,158.00	$ 50.72	$ 10,794.01	$ -
Dump Truck & Equip.		$ 74,908.97	$ 14,980.00	$ 352.04	$ 74,908.97	$ -
Commercial Lawn Equip.		$ 17,182.12	$ 3,436.00	$ 80.74	$ 17,182.12	$ -
Town Hall Furnishings		$ 9,840.90	$ 1,967.00	$ 46.22	$ 9,840.90	$ -
Land Purchase, Pines		$ 91,445.00	$ 18,289.00	$ 429.80	$ 91,445.00	$ -
Hoose House		$ 100,000.00	$ 19,890.00	$ 467.42	$ 100,000.00	$ -
Sewer System Eng. Study		$ 96,400.00	$ 19,280.00	$ 453.08	$ 96,400.00	$ -
Sewer Engineering	8/23/17	$ 8,268.00	$ 1,650.00	$ 92.40	$ 6,618.00	$ 1,650.00
Sewers & Drains		$ 237,396.00	$ 47,350.00	$ 2,651.60	$ 190,046.00	$ 47,350.00
Playground Equipment		$ 90,000.00	$ 18,000.00	$ 1,008.00	$ 72,000.00	$ 18,000.00
Fire Alarm System		$ 20,000.00	$ 4,000.00	$ 224.00	$ 16,000.00	$ 4,000.00
Sidewalks	6/20/18	$ 4,500.00	$ 900.00	$ 74.26	$ 2,700.00	$ 1,800.00
Police Cruiser		$ 42,789.00	$ 8,558.00	$ 706.00	$ 25,674.00	$ 17,115.00
ACO Truck		$ 24,863.00	$ 4,973.00	$ 410.22	$ 14,919.00	$ 9,944.00
Sewer Interceptor/INI Study		$ 21,249.00	$ 4,250.00	$ 350.54	$ 12,752.00	$ 8,497.00
Sewer Drainage Proj FY17						
Town Hall Carpets	6/25/19	$ 25,159.00	$ 5,000.00	$ 650.00	$ 10,159.00	$ 15,000.00
Sewer Interceptor		$ 143,381.00	$ 30,000.00	$ 3,575.00	$ 63,381.00	$ 80,000.00
Old School Demolition	4/15/20	$ 943,221.00	$ 467,288.00	$ 17,449.60	$ 467,288.00	$ 475,933.00
Dump Truck	6/17/20	$ 229,728.00	$ 45,946.00	$ 5,711.29	$ 45,946.00	$ 183,782.00
Gas Pumps		$ 38,457.00	$ 7,692.00	$ 956.08	$ 7,692.00	$ 30,765.00
Dump Truck	6/23/21	$ 244,110.00				$ 244,110.00
SSES Study		$ 120,193.00				$ 120,193.00
Pedestrian Flashers		$ 5,950.00				$ 5,950.00
TOTAL OUTSTANDING DEBT JUNE 30, 2021						**$ 1,264,089.00**

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TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Heather A. Hunt, Town Clerk

As of December 31, 2021 Debbie Merry who served as the Town Clerk since 2015 has retired. All of her friends at the Town Hall and beyond would like to wish her a happy, healthy retirement!

In 2021 we issued 42 Business Certificates, of which 18 were renewals, and 6 Discontinuances of business certificates: 1,206 Dog Licenses were issued, 2 Permits for Raffles and Bazaars.

Remember, dog licenses are due annually on January 1st of each year. We do not send you an invoice for the dog licenses, but send a reminder to you with the census form. A $10 late fee is assessed as of February 1st of each year, and a fine of $50 per dog for Failure to License after April 1st. Dog licensing information is available on the Town website at www.dalton-ma.gov . We 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.

In 2021 owners paid 275 late fees, 153 fines for unlicensed dogs, and dogs not vaccinated against rabies, and miscellaneous fines.

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 59 Birth, 112 Death, and 17 marriage records contributing to the basis for the Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records and Statistics system.

In addition, we processed 17 Intentions of Marriage, issuing 17 Marriage Licenses, as well as notarization or certifying numerous documents.

At the recommendation of the Registry of Vital Records and Statistics and the United States Department of State, we no longer print the individual names from Vital Records in the Town Report. This will assist in protection of the privacy of individuals and well as help curb identify theft.

This office is also responsible for administering the oath of office to all elected and appointed members of local committees, commissions, and boards.

We performed innumerable search requests and conducted or assisted with genealogical research for members of the public.

Be sure to visit the Town's website at www.dalton-ma.gov, which contains lists and telephone numbers of town officers, Rules and Regulations of various Town Boards. You will also find a link on the website to access Dalton's official site for posting meetings, agendas and minutes. You may also go to mytowngovernment.org/01226 to find meeting postings and other information for Dalton.

I extend my sincere appreciation and thanks to Assistant Town Clerk Michele Blake for her diligence, patience, and continuing to go above and beyond the call of duty. The Town is fortunate to have such a dedicated and capable person willing to serve out community. I also wish to thank the residents of the Town of Dalton for their support which is greatly appreciated.

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DOG LICENSES ISSUED/FINES COLLECTED
(Please note that Dog Licenses are due January 1 each year

Males	121
Females	81
Neutered Males	486
Spayed Females	492
MPP	23
Total	1,206

VITAL STATISTICS

Births	59
Deaths	112
Marriages	17

Visit Dalton's official meeting posting site, go to mytowngovernment.org/01226. Meeting information is also available by calling 413-285-2709.

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2021 BUILDING INSPECTOR ANNUAL REPORT

MONTH	NUMBER OF PERMITS	NEW DWELLINGS	RESIDENTIAL PERMITS	COMMERCIAL	CONSTRUCTION VALUE	FEES RECEIVED
JANUARY	39	0	14	3	$543,505	$2,162.50
FEBRUARY	12	0	10	2	$124,464	$748.93
MARCH	26	0	25	1	$368,678	$1,896.74
APRIL	38	0	36	2	$561,529	$2,593.93
MAY	22	0	22	0	$335,264	$1,715.90
JUNE	21	0	18	3	$317,227	$1,860.85
JULY	39	1	34	5	$60,136,589	$15,436.59
AUGUST	33	0	31	2	$413,607	$2,300.28
SEPTEMBER	29	0	29	0	$331,805	$1,656.75
OCTOBER	44	0	40	4	$725,104	$3,890.81
NOVEMBER	25	0	24	1	$350,566	$1,988.90
DECEMBER	11	0	9	2	$737,785	$3,605.80
TOTALS	**339**	**1**	**277**	**25**	**$64,946,123**	**$39,857.98**

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TOWN COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Melissa A. Davis, Collector

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 $10.00 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 $10.00 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.

Tax Bills can now be paid online through Unibank please visit Town's website for this payment option.

I would like to acknowledge Assistant Town Collector Ana-Lisa Parise for all her work and dedication to the position in the Collector's Office

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TOWN COLLECTOR'S REPORT FY 2021 7/1/20 - 6/30/21

Town Collector's Report FY2021 7/1/2020 - 6/30/2021

Taxes	FY	Balance 6/30/20	Commitment	Abatement	Exemption	Refunds	Received	Transfer In	Transfer Out	Liened	Tax Title	Balance 6/30/21
Real Estate	2021		$ 13,529,402.54	$ 4,484.89	$ 51,574.20	$ 37,147.78	$ 13,335,314.26				$ 37,798.65	$ 137,388.53
Real Estate	2020	$ 143,812.09				$ 400.00	$ 127,507.44				$ 16,704.65	$ (3.00)
Sewer Liens	2021	$ -	$ 37,687.22				$ 27,919.82				$ 3,619.44	$ 6,147.96
Sewer Liens	2020	$ 6,299.07					$ 5,386.07				$ 913.00	$ -
Water Liens	2021	$ -	$ 4,060.63				$ 2,645.50				$ 668.13	$ 747.00
Water Liens	2020	$ 1,591.50					$ 999.50				$ 592.00	$ -
I & I Liens	2020	$ 500.00					$ 500.00					$ -
Personal Prop	2021	$ -	$ 617,040.42	$ 786.18		$ 746.13	$ 604,938.87					$ 12,061.50
Personal Prop	2020	$ 14,979.57					$ 8,191.41					$ 6,788.16
Personal Prop	2019	$ 2,105.03					$ 103.66					$ 2,001.37
Personal Prop	2018	$ 1,712.42					$ -					$ 1,712.42
Personal Prop	2017	$ 791.45					$ -					$ 791.45
Personal Prop	2016	$ 65.87					$ -					$ 65.87
Fire District	2021	$ -	$ 572,375.47	$ 181.84		$ 6,371.73	$ 568,409.35				$ 1,347.66	$ 8,810.37
Fire District	2020	$ 8,965.43					$ 8,136.11				$ 829.32	$ 0.00
Fire Personal	2021	$ -	$ 26,104.45	$ 33.27		$ 56.04	$ 25,622.57					$ 504.65
Fire Personal	2020	$ 672.11					$ 278.50					$ 393.61
Fire Personal	2019	$ 107.33					$ 9.54					$ 97.79
Fire Personal	2018	$ 83.91					$ -					$ 83.91
Fire Personal	2017	$ 43.57					$ -					$ 43.57
Motor Vehicle	2021	$ -	$ 837,711.86	$ 13,083.85		$ 9,517.18	$ 772,779.67					$ 81,365.52
Motor Vehicle	2020	$ 100,269.45	$ 97,555.76	$ 10,511.12		$ 11,569.35	$ 186,093.03					$ 12,790.41
Motor Vehicle	2019	$ 19,735.49		$ 908.89		$ 822.64	$ 14,251.20					$ 5,398.04
Motor Vehicle	2018	$ 6,179.08		$ 497.92			$ 2,444.47					$ 3,276.69
Motor Vehicle	2017	$ 5,897.95					$ 2,488.98					$ 3,408.97
Motor Vehicle	2016	$ 3,837.39					$ 993.33					$ 2,844.06
Motor Vehicle	2015	$ 3,119.39					$ 242.92					$ 2,876.47
Motor Vehicle	2014	$ 3,261.48					$ 86.25					$ 3,175.23
Motor Vehicle	2013	$ 3,367.51					$ -					$ 3,367.51
Motor Vehicle	2012	$ 3,281.68					$ -					$ 3,281.68
Motor Vehicle	2011	$ 1,665.11					$ -					$ 1,665.11
Motor Vehicle	2008	$ -	$ 28.33				$ 28.33					$ -
Motor Vehicle	2001	$ -	$ 26.25				$ 26.25					$ -
Sewer User	2021	$ -	$ 1,162,119.80	$ 46.13		$ 2,572.94	$ 1,100,806.74					$ 63,839.87
Sewer User	2020	$ 57,311.38				$ 211.31	$ 26,366.33	$ 10.00		$ 31,128.65		$ 17.71
Police Detail	2021		$ 48,266.50				$ 43,954.50					$ 4,312.00
Cruiser Fee	2021		$ 3,225.00				$ 3,225.00					$ -
Admin Fee	2021		$ 4,036.25				$ 3,656.25					$ 380.00
Police Detail	2020	$ 12,017.00					$ 12,017.00					$ -
Cruiser Fee	2020	$ 335.00					$ 335.00					$ -
Admin Fee	2020	$ 1,026.50		$ 40.00			$ 986.50					$ -
Admin Fee	2019	$ 1.00					$ 1.00					$ -
500 Comm Ctr	2021		$ 16,965.00				$ 11,321.00					$ 5,644.00
Code Red	2021		$ 2,083.46				$ 2,083.46					$ -
Code Red	2019	$ 633.59					$ -					$ 633.59
Fire Dist Reimb	2021	$ -	$ 10,000.00				$ 10,000.00					$ -
Hinsdale Sewer	2021	$ -	$ 69,397.00				$ 69,397.00					$ -
Clerk Comm	2021	$ -					$ -					$ -
Clerk Comm	2020	$ -	$ 3,472.52				$ 3,472.52					$ -
Pinegrove	2021	$ -	$ 1,668.15				$ 1,668.15					$ -
Totals		$ 403,667.85	$ 17,063,236.61	$ 30,534.09	$ 51,574.20	$ 69,417.10	$ 16,984,687.46	$ 10.00	$ -	$ 31,128.65	$ 62,472.85	$ 375,914.31
					Collections	this page	$ 16,984,687.46					
						Other	$ 96,417.32					
						Total 2021	$ 17,081,104.78					

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Other Monies Collected FY2021 - Town Collector

Type	Acct#	Amount
Sewer Late Fee	4245	$4,070.00
Interest FD	4171	$1,626.28
Interest tax	4171	$25,526.10
Sewer Interest	4171	$3,469.96
Demand Fees MV	4178	$11,400.00
Demand Fees Tax	4177	$3,960.00
Warrant Fees	4178	$8,595.00
Deputy Fees	251R	$18,950.00
RMV Fees	4175	$6,300.00
MLC	4321	$7,200.00
Trailer Park	4165	$4,320.00
Sewer Hookup	4467	-
Trench Permit	4377	-
Interest MM	4820	$639.88
Duplicate Bills	4382	$162.50
Misc.	4840	-
Prep Ad	4844	$30.00
Ad Reimbursement	4844	$67.60
Return Checks	4330	$100.00
TOTAL		**$96,417.32**

POSTAGE REPORT

Melissa A. Davis

Postage Expenses		**Postage Meter**	
Meter Rental/Lease	$1,974.54	July 1, 2020 Balance	$2,101.26
Postage	$17,503.26	Deposits	$9,000.00
Supplies	$118.69	Postage Available	$11,101.26
		Meter Balance June 30, 2021	$2,806.27
Total Expenses	$19,596.49	Postage Used FY2021	$8,294.99

TRAFFIC COMMISSION

William Drosehn, Dalton Traffic Commission

The Dalton Traffic Commission was established in October of 1969 by the Select Board (SB) as an Advisory Board to assist them in developing rules and orders for the regulation of wheeled vehicles used within the Town.

The TC consist of seven members: the Police Chief and Fire Chief, both of whom are de facto members of the Commission, and five citizen volunteers who are appointed by the SB because of their willingness to serve the community in some capacity.

The Traffic Commission (TC) was established to address issues that are connected to the proper and safe movement of pedestrian and vehicular traffic in the Town of Dalton.

- Our jurisdiction is to address the use of sidewalks and streets owned and maintained by the Town of Dalton for all pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists.
- If there is a sidewalk that needs repair or a street that needs to be repaved, then you should contact the Highway Department. These areas are not under control of the TC

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- Any issue with speeding should be reported to the Police Department.
- Issues that involve State Highways, the TC has no authority to act. MassDOT has sole authority on matters involving State Highways.

Citizens often ask how they can get an issue related to Traffic addressed by the Town. We would like to take a minute and explain the process of how the Traffic Commission receives requests.

Things you should know:

- The TC is only an Advisory Board to the SB. We have no authority to make final decisions on any matters or take any direct action. Our purview is the safe movement of vehicles and pedestrians on town roadways. The TC reports directly to the Town Manager who forwards the info to the SB.
- The SB has the final decision on any corrective action taken regarding the placement of signage etc. They are not obligated to take the TC's recommendation on any matter.
- There is no obligation for the SB to submit a request for traffic signs or other traffic measures to the TC. If there is a request brought to the SB that they feel must be addressed immediately then they can act on the matter.
- Just because the TC receives a complaint or request does not mean that action will be taken. The TC must review each request and the potential impact it has on public safety. It tries to get as much information as possible on each request for use during consideration of the request.

Requests to the TC come in various ways;

- The SB / Town Manager receive a request and forwards it to us for review.
  - This is the preferred method of receiving requests.
  - The request can either be verbal or written. Written is preferred for clarity as well as proof of submission
- A Department Head or Town Board (Police, Fire, Highway) sees an issue and requests we look at it.
- A Board or Commission (Planning Board, Zoning Board) has an issue that they want reviewed. Usually this involves new or existing permits that have been submitted.
  - If this request has no impact on motor vehicle or pedestrian traffic, we may not review the request but simply issue a 'No Comment '.
- A member of the TC asks that we look at an issue that they have seen or heard about.
- A member of the public directly requests us to review an issue.
- The TC informs the Town Manager of any such request and often seeks their and/or SB input on the issue before proceeding.
- In all cases we prefer written requests that contain details as to why something is needed. Justification for the need helps in the decision.
  - Traffic volume, number of vehicles, types of vehicles
  - Is the problem caused by operators using the street to get from one place to another to avoid other streets (shortcut) or is the issue a neighborhood problem?
  - For issues that affect an entire neighborhood we suggest and prefer a petition of neighbors affected be submitted.

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    - Number of people that would be positively affected by the action.
- We can request from the Police any reports of accidents and complaints received about an area under consideration.

Once we review a request and make a determination on what action we feel should be taken we submit a report to the Town Manager/SB with our recommendations.

- The TC does not automatically approve requests.
- Acceptance or denial of requests are based on information that we have on the request when we deliberate.
- The TC may request that further information be provided by whomever requested the action, this will delay the decision by the TC.
- Upon request the TC may provide a verbal report directly to the SB but otherwise our involvement is done.
    - However, we have in the past assisted the Town Manager in follow ups on issues if requested.
    - The ability to do this is based on the availability of the volunteer members of the Commission.

The SB reviews the request and then takes any action they deem fit. They may:

- Accept the recommendation and approve the action as submitted.
- Deny the recommendation for whatever reason they determine to do so.
- Overrule the recommendation and decide to take any action they deem appropriate.
- They may send it back for further review if new information comes forward.

This is a basic overview on how the TC tries to handle requests. We try to be fluid and adapt to the needs of a request. Meetings are tentatively set for the second Wednesday of every month; however, we try to schedule meetings based on the business before us so our meeting schedules can change. Be sure to check on the town website as if there is nothing to come before the committee, it may be canceled.

Obviously, COVID 19 has had a significant impact on meeting schedules.

In addition to our duties as Traffic Commission we also perform the following functions for the Town.

- Parking Ticket Appeal Board. In this capacity we hear any appeals of tickets for violations of parking regulations within the community.
- Complete Streets Committee. In this capacity we work with the Town Planner, Highway Superintendent, and BRPC to review and address the specific mobility needs of the town.
- In 2016 we developed a list of streets and sidewalks that we would seek to get state assistance on through grants. Our first year we received a grant to rebuild the sidewalks on High Street and to add a sidewalk on Field Street Ext.
- Since then, we have received no further grants despite applying whenever we are eligible.

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TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

Emergency Calls

For Ambulance Service	911
To Report a Fire	911
For Emergency Police Calls.	911
For Other Fire Dept. Business	684-0500
For Other Police Dept. Business	684-0300
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. 216	
Animal Inspector	Ext. 109	
Assessors	Ext. 206	
Board of Appeals	Ext. 304	1st Tues.7:30 p.m.
Board of Registrars	Ext. 210	
Building Inspections	Ext. 301	
Building and Grounds Superintendent	Ext. 115	
Conservation Commission	Ext. 221	4th Tues.7:00 p.m.
Development and Industrial Commission/ Dalton Redevelopment Authority	Ext. 304	1st Weds. 8:00 a.m.
Finance Committee	Ext. 222	On Chair's call
Health Department	Ext. 302	2nd Mon. at 4:00 p.m.
Historical Commission	Ext. 303	
Inspector of Wiring	Ext. 301	
Planning Board	Ext. 304	3rd Wed. 7:00 p.m.
Plumbing and Gas Inspect.	Ext. 301	
Sealer of Weights & Measures	Ext. 301	
Select Board	Ext. 204	2nd & 4th Mon. 7:00 p.m.
Town Clerk	Ext. 210	
Town Collector	Ext. 208	
Town Manager	Ext. 201	
Assistant to Town Manager	Ext. 202	
Town Moderator	Ext. 202	
Town Planner	Ext. 304	
Traffic Commission	Ext. 222	
Treasurer	Ext. 213	
Veterans Service	Ext. 218	Every Wed. 8:30a.m.-11:30a.m. at Town Hall; 1:30p.m.-3:30p.m. at Senior Center

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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	
Cemetery Trustees	684-6117	2nd Friday. 10 a.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	
Town Hall Fax	684-6107	
Water Department	684-6118	

Town Hall Hours: 8a.m.–5p.m Mon.-Wed; Thurs. 8a.m.–6 p.m.

Transfer Station Hours: Tues. & Wed., 2–6; Fri. & Sat., 8-4
Boy Scout Bottle Drive: First Saturday each month at the Transfer Station

There are two locked drop boxes, one located in the first Town Hall entryway and the second next to the Handicap ramp near the Sidewalk on South Carson Avenue for the convenience of residents who cannot make payments, etc., during regular town hall hours.

TOWN OF DALTON

Heather A. Hunt, Town Clerk

To Choose and Elect the Following Town Officers:
(May 9, 2022 Annual Town Election)

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

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About the Cover

The front image is the newly completed Wahconah Regional High School. The back cover is Boy Scout Troop #4 at their 100th anniversary.

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