



# ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE TOWN OF DALTON MASSACHUSETTS FOR 2022

Population 2022 Census (As of December 31, 2022).....	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).....	\$20.74
Tax Rate (Fire District).....	\$.77
Total Tax Assessed (Town-Includes Personal Property).....	\$14,181,356
Total Tax Assessed (Fire District).....	\$526,502
Total Valuation.....	\$683,768,362
'23 Town Meeting.....	May 1, 2023 (7:00 PM)
'23 Town Election.....	May 8, 2023 (10:00 AM – 8:00 PM)
'24 Town Meeting.....	May 6, 2024 (7:00 PM)
'24 Town Election.....	May 13, 2024 (10:00 AM – 8:00 PM)

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

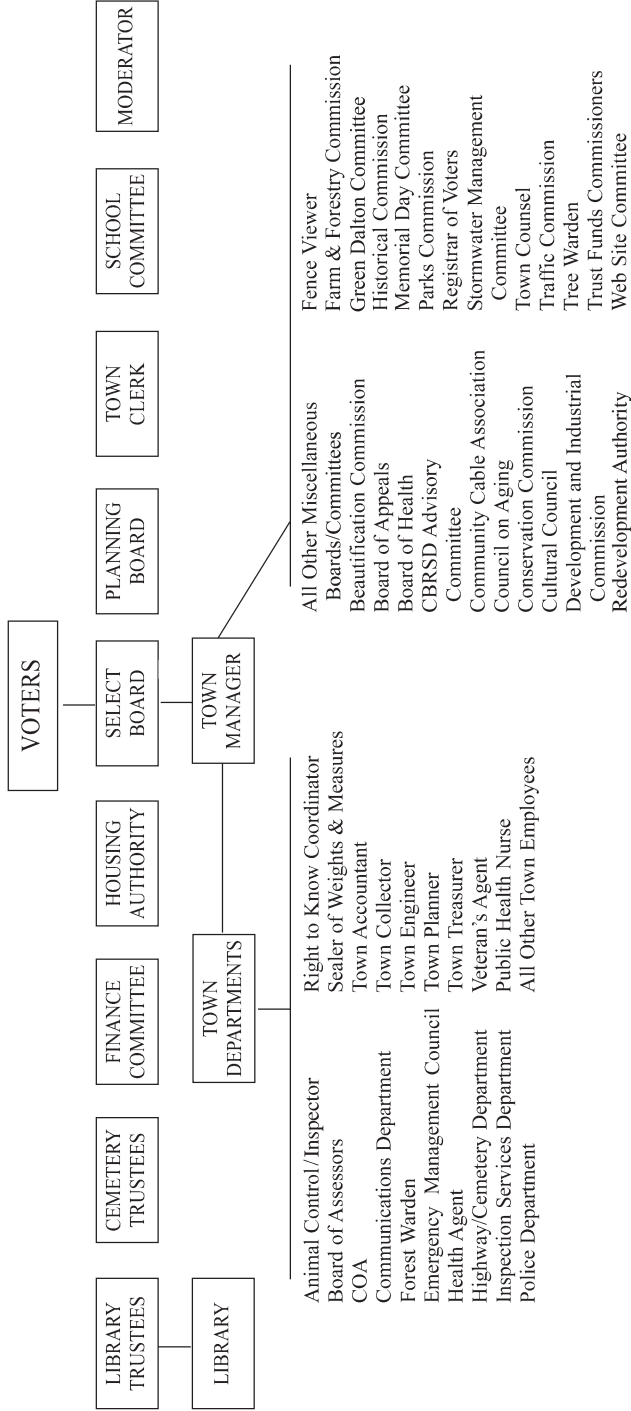
**Please bring this report with you to the May 1, 2023 Annual Town Meeting.  
Please note time is 7:00 p.m. for all Town Meetings.**

**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](http://www.dalton-ma.gov)**

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# TOWN OF DALTON ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



## ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

(Officers serving as of May 2020)

	Term Expires		Term Expires
<b>Select Board</b> (Term 3 Years)		<b>Planning Board</b> (Term 3 Years)	
John F. Boyle.....	2023	Andrew G. Perenick, Chairman .....	2025
Joseph A. Diver, Chairman .....	2025	Zack R. McCain, III, V.Chair.....	2023
Marc E. Strout, .....	2025	Jarred Mongeon .....	2023
Robert W. Bishop, Jr. V. Chairman	2024	Caleb J. Darby.....	2024
Daniel E. Esko .....	2023	Donald A. Davis, Jr .....	2025
<b>Town Clerk</b> (Term 3 Years)		<b>Library Trustees</b> (Term 3 Years)	
Heather A. Hunt .....	2024	Fred J. Sears, Chair .....	2023
		Judith L. Douville, V. Chair .....	2024
<b>Moderator</b> (Term 1 Year)		Max Ehrlich .....	2023
Anthony P. Doyle .....	2023	Mary E. Gingras.....	2025
		Barbara E. Kotelnicki.....	2023
<b>Dalton Housing Authority</b> (Term 5 Years)		Thomas M. Condron .....	2025
Dorin Middlebrook, V. Chairman ...	2026	Anne M. Ronayne .....	2025
Alice Liebenow, Treasurer .....	2023	Joan M. Roy .....	2024
Vacancy .....	2027	Leonardo P. Quiles.....	2025
Robert R. Merry, Chairman .....	2024		
Thomas J. Callahan, Jr. ....	2026	<b>Finance Committee</b> (Term 3 Years)	
(State Aptd)		Thomas Irwin .....	2025
		Michael Lacker .....	2024
<b>Cemetery Trustees</b> (Term 3 Years)		William A. Drosehn III, Chair .....	2025
Judith L. Douville, Chair .....	2023	Kira Smith.....	2023
John W. Bartels, Jr .....	2024	Michael W. Jerome.....	2025
Thomas R. Towne .....	2025	Vacant.....	2023
		Jeffrey S. Noble.....	2025
		Karen J. Schmidt.....	2024
		Susan B. Carroll-Lombardi .....	2024

## APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS

(Effective July 1, 2021 - Serving for one year unless stated otherwise)

### Town Manager (3)

Thomas W. Hutcheson (2024)

### Administrative Assistant (1)

Alyssa Maschino

### Town Accountant (3)

Sandra J. Albano (2022)

Jennifer L. Filippi, 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

Edward M.(Bud)Hall (2024)

**ADA Committee (1)**

(Five Members)  
Deborah B. Horth  
Dorin Middlebrook  
Nancy E. Persson  
George D. White  
Vacancy

**Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Committee**

(committee will dissolve at adoption of by-law, as of 5/2/2022)

Chris Brown  
Caleb Darby, Chair  
Jarred Mongen, Clerk  
Amy Turnbull

**Animal Control Officer (1)**

Gregory M. Elser  
Vacant Asst.

**Assistant Town Clerk (3)**

Michele T. Blake (2024)

**BRPC Brownfields Committee Rep.**

Grant McGregor

**BRPC Transportation Advisory (1) Committee**

Joseph Diver, TAC

**BRPC (1)**

Zack McCain, Delegate  
John F. Boyle, Alt.

**BRTA Advisory Board**

John F. Boyle

**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, Alt. (2022)  
(1) Vacancy Alt (2022)

**Board of Assessors (1)**

(3 Members)

Jean M. Boudreau, Principal Assessor  
Heather K. DuRant, Clerk/Assessor  
Vacancy, Assessor

**Board of Health Agent**

Agnes Witkowski, Health Agent

**Board of Health (1)**

(5 Members)

Andrew G. Perenick  
Claudia Colombari  
Dr. Amanda Staples-Opperman  
Edward F. Gero  
Alyce M. Kendrick

**Board of Health Inspector**

Vacant

**Board of Health Solid Waste Coordinator**

Vacant

**Board of Registrars (3)**

(4 Members)

Jean M. Gingras (2024)  
Deborah J. Merry, Clerk (2024)  
Judith E. Condron (2024)  
Michele T. Blake (2024)

**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)**

Edward M.(Bud) Hall  
Heather A. Hunt  
Deanna Strout, Alt.

**Central Berkshire Regional Emergency Planning Commission**

Daniel D. Filiault (2026)

**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 (2024)  
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 (2024)

Edward F. Gero (2023)

Vacant (2023)

Cheryl D. Rose, Chairman (2024)

Domenick F. Sacco, (2024)

**Constables (1)**

Joshua Bradley

Tyler Miller

Gregory M. Elser

Deanna L. Strout

Geoffrey Powell

Bustin M. Buzzella

Anthony Baroli

Trae Balardini

**Council on Aging Director (1)**

Kelly Pizzi, Director (2022)

**Council on Aging (3)**

(15 members max)

Maureen M. Mitchell (2022)

Gordine A. Galusha (2022)

Jean K. Poopor, (2022)

Yvonne D. Washburn, Co-Clerk(2023)

David DiNicola (2022)

Robert R. Merry, Treasurer (2024)

George Morrell Co-Chairman (2024)

Kathleen Sturm (2022)

Andrea M. Lassar, Co-Clerk (2023)

Linda C. Merry Co-Chairwoman(2023)

Joyce F. Lacatell (2022)

Patricia Suchenicz (2024)

Vacant, Alt. (2024)

Dustin Buchinski (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, Clerk(2022)

Linda C. Merry, Treasurer (2023)

1 Vacancy (2023)

Robert R. Merry,Chairman (2024)

Jean K. Poopor,Clerk (2023)

Peter Gonick (2022)

Tracy A. Manning, V. Chair (2023)

Pamela J. Turner (2022)

Judy Harris (2024)

Deb Wehry (2024)

**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

Vacancy

**Dalton Cultural Council (3)**

(7 members)

Donald E. Harris, Chair (2023)

Alyssa Maschino until 6/30/22 (2023)

Annie E. Pecor, Sec. (2024)

Mary Ferrell (2021)

Deborah A. White (2022)

Kathleen F. Harris (2022)

Kellie M.Harris-Porter,Treas (2024)

**Dalton Development/Industrial Comm.**

(15 members) (5)

Vacant Chairman (2022)

Charles J. Dooley (2024)

Anthony P. Doyle (2023)

Michael J. Ferry (2026)

J. Michael Hoffman (2023)

Donald R. Rochelo (2025)

Augustus J. Schnopp, Jr. (2023)

Vacant (2025)

Isa F. Ali (2026)

Karen Schmidt (2026)

Andrew G. Perenick, Vice Chairman

(2024)

Jared Mongeon (2025)

Anthony Mazzeo (2026)  
2 Vacancies

**Dalton Redevelopment Authority (5)**  
(5 members)

Michael Ferry (2026)  
Charles J. Dooley, V. Chair (2024)  
Vacant (2025)  
Anthony P.Doyle (2023) State Nominee  
Samuel H. Pascual (2025)

**Dalton Emergency Management (1)**  
**Advisory Council**

(13 Members)  
Kelly Pizzi  
Gabrielle Taglieri  
Thomas W. Hutcheson, Ex-Officio  
Patrick Petit  
Daniel Filiault  
Jason Dion  
Robert Benlien  
Sandra Albano  
Jayne Smith  
Deanna Strout  
Scott Baker  
Edward M.(Bud) Hall  
James Peltier

**Dalton Historical Commission (3)**  
(7 members)

George D. White, Chairman (2022)  
Louisa M.Horth, Vice-Chairman (2024)  
Debora D.S. Kovacs (2022)  
Thomas J. Snyder (2024)  
Carolina S. Galliher (2022)  
Mary A. Walsh (2023)  
Ellen M. Chiacchiaretto (2023)

**Dalton Waste Management &  
Recycling Committee (3)**  
(8 Members)

Edward Gero  
Edward M.(Bud)Hall  
Vacant  
Terry Baumann  
John F. Boyle  
Camillus Cachat  
William A. Drosehn, III  
Vacant, EEC Coordinator

**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. (2024)  
3 Vacancy

**Fence Viewer (1)**  
Vacant

**Forest Warden (1)**  
James Peltier

**Green Dalton Committee (1)**  
(7 Members)

Tom Irwin (2022)  
David Wasielewski (2023)  
Wendy E. Brown(2024)  
Richard F. Hall(2024)  
3 VACANCY

**Hazardous Waste Coordinator (1)**  
Vacancy

**Housatonic River Restoration Gov.  
Council Rep (1)**  
Vacancy

**Inspector of Animals (State App't.)(1)**  
Gregory Elser (2023)

**Inspector of Plumbing & Gas (1)**  
Vacant,Asst.

Jason E, Dion, Sr.  
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  
Ken Pease  
Cathy Grady  
Bill Chabot

**Municipal ADA Coordinator (1)**  
Alyssa Maschino

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

**Municipal Approving Authority  
(MAA)**  
Jayne Smith (2021)

**North Mountain Park Advisory  
Committee (3 yr)  
(8 Members)**  
Marc E. Strout (2024)  
Gregory Barry (2024)  
Matthew P. Morrison (2024)  
Eric J. Payson (2024)

Dustin J. Belcher (2024)  
Rebecca L. Whitaker (2024)  
Glenn E. Lagerwall (2024)  
Taylor Staubach (2024)

**Open Space and Recreation Plan  
Advisory Committee  
(Committee will dissolve upon  
completion of updated plan)**

Eric Payson  
Matt Morrison  
Gregory Barry  
Vacant, V. Chair  
Domenick Sacco  
Cheryl Rose  
Daniel Filiault, Chair  
Vacant

**Open Space and Recreation  
Committee (7 members) (3)**

Dan Esko (2022)  
Glenn Lagerwall (2022)  
Eric Payson (2023)  
Cheryl Rose (2023)  
Art Sanders, Clerk (2024)  
Jared Shannon (2022)  
Taylor Staubach, Chair (2024)

**Parking Clerk (1)**  
Rebecca L. Whitaker

**Parks Commission**  
Select Board

**Planning Board Associate (1)**  
Vacant

**Playing Fields Prospective Needs  
Committee**

(Committee will serve until  
Completion of report)  
Marc Strout  
Glen Lagerwall  
Dustin Belcher

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

**Police Sergeant (3)**  
Bustin Buzzella (2024)  
Geoffrey Powell(2024)  
James Duryea(Provisional)



**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

Edward M.(Bud)Hall, 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 Planner (1)**

Grant McGregor

**Traffic Commission (1)**

**(7 members)**

Daniel D. Filiault,

Camillus B. Cachat, Jr.

Edward M.(Bud) Hall

Deanna Strout, Vice Chair

William A. Drosehn III, Chair

Adelard J. Nadeau

James Peltier

**Tree Warden (1)**

Edward M.(Bud)Hall

**Veterans Agent (1)**

Steve Roy

**Veterans Burial Agent (1)**

Steve Roy

**Veterans Service Officer**

Vacant

Vacant, Alternate

**Voluntary Web Master (1)**

Vacant

## SELECT BOARD

**Joe Diver, Chair**

In my role as Select Board Chair, I would like to begin by thanking my colleagues on the Select Board. Vice Chair Robert Bishop, John Boyle, Dan Esko and Marc Strout. The members of the board are the Town's Chief Elected Officials and play an important role in coordinating the Town's policies and its strategic direction. This can occur in many ways; including coordination of other boards' activities, hearing appeals and resolving problems that are not resolved at other levels, and offering direction to their professional administrator, the Town Manager.

This year has been another great year and thank you to the entire staff for the Town of Dalton. You will surely read some excellent reports by the department heads throughout this annual report.

There have been numerous issues that have come before the board over the last several months. The biggest impact is the distribution of ARPA funds received from the Federal Government. The funds have been applied to equipment for safety (Dalton Fire ladder truck, police radios), infrastructure (repaved Dalton Division, sewer line maintenance) and health and recreation programs.

Later this calendar year (July/August), the board will have a retreat day in which we will look out the next 3-5 years for the Town, our strategic/master plan alignment and have open dialogue as we plan for the future. The voices of Dalton are critical at every turn of Town Government and we encourage your participation.

Many other important items are on the Select Board docket. We welcome you to be part of that discussion at our meetings and participate in the process. Your input helps inform the decisions made by your local elected officials.

## TOWN MANAGER

### **Thomas W. Hutcheson, Town Manager**

Fiscal Year 2022, from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, was my first full year as Town Manager and it was very busy. Please note that the regular Town Manager updates to the Select Board at each of their meetings are online via a clickable button on the Town Manager page.

In July of 2021, COVID-19 started rising from the lowest level since the inception of the pandemic. Cases grew until they dipped into November; then the quick rise began to the high peak in January, 2022. Cases declined as quickly as they rose, though, and on Monday, February 21, Town Hall opened to the public after being closed since the beginning of the pandemic, with 7-day reported total cases under 25 for the first time since the previous summer.

Thus, the story of Fiscal Year 2022 was largely the story of keeping the Town functioning during the worst public health crisis in a hundred years. I am immensely grateful, as the whole Town should be, for the excellent staff that responded nimbly and effectively to ensure that basic Town functions remained strong. Beyond that, Town committees were able to continue work using a computer-based meeting program, which is still available for use when desired.

An additional challenge was following through with the results of the personnel study (see under grant news, below), and ensuring continuity through a great deal of staff turnover. Hires included a Highway Superintendent; Town Planner; Town Clerk (appointed to fill an elected position vacancy); Health Agent; Permanent full time officer; Administrative Assistant to Town Manager; Highway Operator; Highway Laborer; Highway Administrative Assistant; Assistant Accountant; Part-time Buildings and Grounds Assistant; Part-time Assessor; and a Part-time Plumbing Inspector.

In addition, I completed three union contracts, with the Dalton Police Officers Union, the Highway-Cemetery Association, and the Dispatcher's Association.

The Town also took over the operation of the Transfer Station, with a new online payment option. Car permit and bag sticker sales started the month preceding the fiscal year, in June, with a first-time discount for buying the first car sticker online, and we set the recycling-only sticker fee at half price from the regular cost. To assist with waste reduction at the Transfer Station, we signed an agreement with CMRK, Inc., out of Northborough, to collect clothing, shoes, and household items. They pay the Town seven cents per pound, and since textiles are now prohibited from municipal solid waste, this was a timely solution.

In grants news, we completed the Shared Streets Pedestrian Lights project finished, and resolved issues with the very effective bollards protecting the light pole and those waiting to cross. For the FEMA Hazard Mitigation grant for Walker Brook, we hired GZA Geoengineering for the preliminary engineering study for hydraulics and hydrology study. We received \$1,632 for chainsaw safety equipment from MIIA, our insurance association. The Stationery Factory was been awarded \$630K from the MassWorks Infrastructure Program, for making suitable space for Lymphedivas, a medical equipment manufacturer. This state program is in its first year and The Stationery Factory was awarded the fourth-

highest amount. While this was not a grant to the Town, the Town did strongly support the application.

We also received three Community Compact grants; the first, for \$4,000, was for revising Transfer Station operations, won by Tighe and Bond, and the second, for \$25,000, for a classification and compensation study to update our job classifications, descriptions, and compensation plan, which was won by Municipal Resources, Inc. I am pleased that my assistant is now an Executive Assistant, with an enhanced job description reflecting her increased responsibility. The Transfer Station grant resulted in contract advice as well as three options for re-designing the facility to meet new and future needs; the personnel study resulted in a wholesale re-design of the Town's classification and compensation program, which was welcomed by staff, the Select Board, and the Finance Committee.

Chief Strout and I also submitted a \$20,000 Community Compact regionalization grant proposal at the request of, and in cooperation with, the Town of Hinsdale for a consultant to produce a study on the possibility of Dalton forming the center of a regional police force. Their chief is due to retire soon, and they use mostly part-time reserve officers, which could become problematic for them as the Police Reform Act is implemented. We awarded the bid for the Police Regionalization Plan to Municipal Resources, Inc., the same company that did the pay and classification study, though this was performed by a different team from a different division, focused on police matters and run by a former police chief with thirty-five years' experience in law enforcement. At the conclusion of the study, the Town of Hinsdale decided not to move forward with regionalization, but we have a complete template for doing so in the future, with any town, should the occasion arise.

Finally, the Community Compact grant program awarded Dalton \$60,000 for constructing a fiber optic ring connecting all of our municipal buildings, as well as Pine Grove Park. The Town is expected to contribute a match of about \$8,000.

At the urging of the Attorney General's office, I filed papers to receive funds from the multi-state opioid settlement, about \$20,000 over fifteen years. The money can only be used for issues related to opioids, or perhaps drug abuse in general.

The Berkshire Regional Planning Commission, as part of managing the Town's portion of the Community Development Block Grant, performed a "Self-evaluation" and a "Transition Plan" for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Representatives toured Town Hall last week as the first step in assessing Town facilities. With a completed Self-Evaluation and a Transition Plan, we will be able to apply for Mass. Office on Disability funding for remediating any deficiencies. (A committee was formed in FY23 to oversee this process.)

We have begun making some changes to the website in order to make it more informative and easy to use. Please see [dalton-ma.gov](http://dalton-ma.gov) and let us know what you think. We intend to keep tightening it up, and would like to see more timely news items, so please let us know. Staff are becoming familiar with Word Press so that we can make most changes on our own.

I would like to thank the Town for approving the proposed budget and capital

projects. I have sent the petition for leaving Civil Service to our Legislative delegation, and Town Counsel has provided further advice on incorporating the approved amendment into the ADU by-law.

In procurement news, I promulgated the Division Road Request for Proposals, which was awarded to Fuss & O'Neill, and I awarded the Request for Proposals for Assessing Services to Patriot Properties, who are assisting with cyclical inspections and various other duties.

So, despite the various difficulties of working during a pandemic, the year was quite productive and helped set the course for a number of projects that will improve the Town's operations.

I offer my deep thanks to all Town staff, each of whom exemplifies the professional and devoted public servant, and all the volunteers, without whom the Town simply could not continue to function.

## **DALTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

**John F. Boyle, Chairman**

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 are 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 of such decadent, substandard, and blighted open areas of residential, governmental recreational, hospital, business, commercial, industrial, or other purposes.

In addition, the DRA is focused on improving the economic climate of Dalton by creating jobs, and enticing business entities to locate in Dalton. Another important function of the DRA is to assist existing businesses with growing their operations, thereby bringing jobs and tax revenue to our Town

There have been several economic projects in Dalton that are in suspension and may never be completed because of COVID, rising construction costs, and a substantial decline in Dalton's population. Very disappointing!

There remains one very bright spot on Dalton's horizon and that is the completion of the necessary renovations on the entire 3rd floor of the Stationery Factory. The improvements will facilitate the occupancy (April 14, 2023) by a manufacturing company which will provide 20 to 25 jobs in downtown Dalton. We believe this economic activity will have a positive effect on the surrounding business community.

We have lost our Town Planner Grant McGregor. His loss has put a severe crimp on our efforts. We all wish Grant the best in all future endeavors.

I want to thank all our active members Mike Ferry, Sam Pascual, Tony Doyle, Andy Perenick, Mike Hofman and Tony Mazzeo for their continuing efforts to make Dalton's economy more vibrant.

## DALTON BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

**Robert Merry, Chairman**

I can't say enough about the group of volunteers who have come together to maintain the gardens around town. These talented and committed individuals have worked through budget shortages, drought, covid 19 and speeding drivers. Thank all of you for what you do and accomplish each year.

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 20 years, we have planted flower-filled baskets decorating the Benjamin/Muraca Bridge and at the steps fronting Dalton's Public Library.

This has been an exciting but challenging year.

In the Fall, we were excited to receive a grant through the Dalton Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

We commissioned local artist, Dorothy Sabean to design and paint a mural on the traffic control box outside of the town hall. She began the project in early spring and completed it the beginning of May. She created a whimsical outdoor scene with playful foxes, rabbits, balloons, and puffy clouds.

It was a big hit! I've enjoyed seeing children and adults stopping to admire the artwork or count the rabbits and balloons. Thank you Dorothy.



The Covid19 virus continues to prove a challenge. Our work force was challenged by quarantines because of exposure as well as having contracted Covid.

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 Town Hall. We planned the coming year and agreed to continue to follow social distancing guidelines. Mask wearing became optional, but we continued to work in small groups.

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

Our budget became an issue because of a tremendous increase in the cost of annual plants. We are looking at planting more perennials. This would be more costly initially but should save money in the future.

The drought caused water to be a serious issue for our gardens again this year. We struggled to ensure that adequate water was 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 thank the Dalton Fire Department for their efforts in helping with the watering as well.

Watering is always a challenge. Maybe we will be able to come up with a permanent solution at some point.

We have 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 <https://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 Chairman
Edward Gero	Clerk
Caleb Darby	Associate

The Recording Secretary is Christine Simeone

The Town Planner position is currently vacant

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.

The board meets at 7:00 pm on the first Tuesday of every month. Occasionally, a special meeting is held to accommodate scheduling issues with the parties involved. Notices of all the board meetings, and agendas, are posted in town hall bulletin board and on the town of Dalton's online calendar. Post COVID-19, the board is meeting in person and all meetings are open to the public. Most meetings are held at the CRA during town hall renovations.

#### ZBA Annual Report:

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.

The Board of Appeals approved the following special permits and variances in 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.



# PLUMBING & GAS INSPECTIONS

## Plumbing:

<b>OFFICE OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR</b>				
<b>TOWN OF DALTON, 462 Main Street</b>				
<b>PERMITS</b>				
<b>ANNUAL REPORT</b>				
Date :- 7/01/2021 To 6/30/2022 Annual Report of: Plumbing				

MONTH	NUMBER OF PERMITS	FEES RECEIVED	CASH	CHECK
JULY	3	180	0	3
AUGUST	4	220	1	3
SEPTEMBER	4	240	0	4
OCTOBER	4	300	0	4
NOVEMBER	5	300	0	5
DECEMBER	4	410	0	4
JANUARY	4	210	0	4
FEBRUARY	4	310	0	4
MARCH	2	170	0	2
APRIL	2	140	0	2
MAY	2	180	0	2
JUNE	5	250	0	5
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>2950</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>42</b>

## Gas:

<b>OFFICE OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR</b>				
<b>TOWN OF DALTON, 462 Main Street</b>				
<b>PERMITS</b>				
<b>ANNUAL REPORT</b>				
Date :- 7/01/2021 To 6/30/2022 Annual Report of: Gas				

MONTH	NUMBER OF PERMITS	FEES RECEIVED	CASH	CHECK
JULY	5	250	0	5
AUGUST	6	300	0	6
SEPTEMBER	13	670	0	13
OCTOBER	6	300	0	6
NOVEMBER	9	490	0	9
DECEMBER	10	500	1	9
JANUARY	3	160	0	3
FEBRUARY	4	200	0	5
MARCH	5	260	0	5
APRIL	1	50	0	1
MAY	4	230	0	5
JUNE	8	370	0	8
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>3780</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>75</b>

## BOARD OF ASSESSORS

**Jean Boudreau, Principal Assessor;  
Laura Maffuccio Assessor & Lee Nunez, Assessors' Clerk**

The housing market and low interest rates that have been driving the real estate values since 2019 have slowed considerably and with the increase in lending rates, may begin to show promise of easing back to regularity soon. However, there was no good news for taxpayers in terms of valuations this year on the interim adjustment, which adjusted all values to reflect the market as of January 1, 2022 using sales that occurred in town from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021.

Land values, building rates, other features and depreciation tables were also adjusted to be more reflective of current market conditions. Personal property Forms of List were reviewed and all new accounts were inspected, while pricing tables and depreciation were updated. Results of all adjustments were reviewed by the Department of Revenue and were found to meet acceptable guidelines.

And with the average single family assessment increasing by roughly 15.53% to \$271,929.00, the drop in the tax rate [assessment per thousand dollars of valuation] by \$2.37 per thousand gave way to an increase of only 2.33% on the average single family tax bill over last year. It should be noted that because the town does "quarterly" tax billing, that the first two "quarterly" tax bills are based on one-quarter of the actual tax paid in the prior year. This can be most confusing as the entire increase in taxes owed [due either to increased spending or valuation or a combination of both] is included in the last two "quarters" of your bill and these 3rd and 4th quarter payments should not be considered as half of the increase going into the following year- but rather the entire increase divided by 4. Anyone who has questions about how their bills are calculated is most welcome to inquire in our office.

Now to some exciting news about the Assessors' Maps. Beginning last fall, the maps became available online and they are interactive! Access to the maps is available through name, location or Map & Lot. Please check out the assessors' page on the town web-site.

The Fiscal Year 2023 Tax Recapitulation breakdown follows:

**Local Expenditures:**

Appropriations	\$ 20,478,519.00
Cherry Sheet Offsets	19,003.00
State & County Cherry Sheet Charges	51,672.00
Assessors' Overlay	<u>80,030.61</u>
<b>Gross Amount to be Raised</b>	<b>\$ 20,629,224.61</b>

**Estimated Receipts and Available Funds:**

Cherry Sheet Estimated Receipts	\$ 1,779,907.00
Local Estimated Receipts	1,100,000.00
Offset Receipts	1,396,326.00
Free Cash appropriated for particular purposes	702,066.00
Other Available Funds	1,046,336.00
Free Cash appropriated to reduce the tax rate	<u>200,000.00</u>
<b>Total Estimated Receipts &amp; Available Funds</b>	<b>\$ 6,224,635.00</b>

<b>Gross Amount to be Raised</b>	<b>\$ 20,629,224.61</b>
<b>Total Estimated Receipts &amp; Available Funds</b>	<b>- 6,224,635.00</b>
<b>Net Amount to be Raised</b>	<b>\$ 14,404,589.61</b>

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<b>Real Property Values</b>	<b>\$ 744,030,004.00</b>
<b>Personal Property Values</b>	<b>40,106,610.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 784,136,614.00</b>

Fiscal Year 23 tax rate is \$18.37 per thousand of valuation, a decrease of \$2.37 from last year.

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

Monday	8:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Tuesday	8:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Wednesday	8:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Thursday	12:00 PM to 6:00 PM

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

## BOARD OF REGISTRARS

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

In 2022, we conducted Special Registration Sessions prior to the May 2nd, Annual Town Meeting, and the May 9th Annual Town Election. Scheduled Special Registration Sessions are held from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 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 2022; 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](http://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](http://www.sec.state.ma.us/VoterRegistrationSearch/MyVoterRegStatus.aspx)

## ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER & ANIMAL INSPECTOR

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

Levi Lisi was hired in December as our Animal Control Officer and our Animal Inspector. Richard Haley is our Assistant Animal Control Officer. Regular scheduled hours for Animal Control are Monday, Thursday, and Friday 4:30PM to 8:30 PM and Saturday 8:00AM- 4:00PM. ACO Lisi 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 Lisi 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 the 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 fall.

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.

### 2022

Dogs licensed	1,206
Dogs License fees collected	\$24,925
Late Fees collected:	\$3,940
Failure to License Citations Issued:	\$
ACO Calls:	511

1. The licensing period in Dalton is January 1<sup>ST</sup> to December 31<sup>ST</sup> 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 2022 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

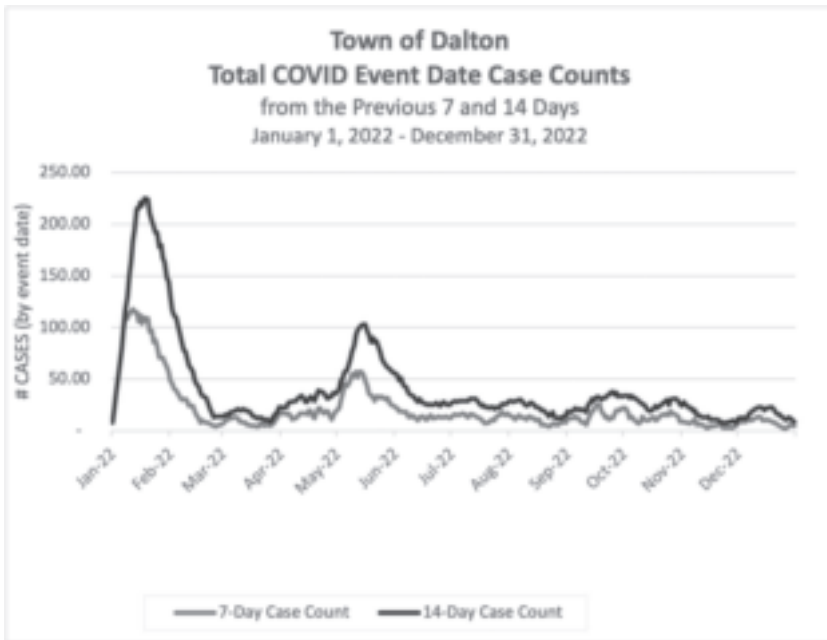
\*\* Our ACO strictly enforces these laws. Failure to license & vaccinate your dog on time and/or failure to pay fines will result in a hearing in district court. It is recommended that people in violation and who receive a notice after April 1st maintain communication with the ACO and the Town Clerk 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/](http://www.dalton-ma.gov/dalton-animal-control-state-animal-inspector/)

# DALTON BOARD OF HEALTH ANNUAL REPORT

**Agnes E. Witkowski, Health Agent**

COVID-19 continues to impact our community health. In January, 2022 and May, 2022 Dalton had experienced COVID 19 surges. The State donated COVID 19 Supplies that were distributed throughout the town to high risk agencies. In addition, the BOH collaborated with Dalton Library to be a resource to the community by offering the state Free COVID 19 antigen test kits. Also, the pharmacies were selling COVID 19 home antigen tests, as well as administering COVID vaccines, and booster shots. In addition, the Berkshire Alliance Nursing continues to support Dalton with COVID 19 and Flu vaccines clinics. The Dalton Health Department remains a resource to the community as State Isolation and Quarantine guidelines were updated throughout the year. In addition, we utilized the CDC County Tracker for Berkshire County and the Pittsfield Waste Water graphs to monitor and use as a resource for tracking COVID 19.



On November 7, 2022, after several monthly meetings discussing the Tobacco Bylaws, the Board of Health approved the Dalton Tobacco Bylaws which went into effect February 1st, 2023.

## **Board of Health**

The Board of Health consists of five appointment volunteer members: Andy Perenick-Chair, Dr. Claudia Columbari- Vice Chair, Dr. Amanda Staples- Opperman, Edward Gero, Alyce Kendrick who resigned in June and was replaced by Jessie Downer in August.

Meetings are mostly held the first Monday of the month at 4:30 pm in the Town of Dalton's Callahan Room, due to Town Hall renovations meeting are currently at the Dalton Senior Center 40 Field Street, both in person and via zoom.

### **Public Health Nursing**

Dalton continues to contract with Berkshire Public Alliance to provide public health nursing services. This past year the nurses continued with contact tracing for COVID 19, and other reportable diseases, COVID 19/Flu clinics and teaching the choke saver courses that support the local restaurants and schools.

### **Dalton Board of Health Agent**

Agnes Witkowski was hired December 2021, who replaced Jayne Smith in the end of January 2022. Agnes continued to be a resource supporting the community with the State COVID 19 Isolation and Quarantine Guidelines updates, distributing several state COVID 19 allocated supplies to the community. In addition, to the standard Food Establishments inspections, which were put on hold by the FDA due to COVID 19, along with inspections of camps, public swimming pools, housing complaints, and Title 5 Inspections, and Septic Systems repairs.

At the end of November 2022, when 2023 December permit renewals started, the Board of Health implemented PermitEyes on-line permitting system which is now accessible from the Town of Dalton website. The year ended with transitioning from paper applications to online permitting and payment.

The Board of Health hours are Monday-Thursday 8:00-5:00 pm. Please call before coming to my office to make sure I am available. While the town offices are under renovation, the office location is currently at the CRA Kittridge House 2nd floor. The phone number remains the same 413 684-6111 ext. 302 and the email is [boh@dalton-ma.gov](mailto:boh@dalton-ma.gov).

Wishing you the best of health, and thank you for making Dalton a special place to live.

## COMMUNICATION CENTER

**Gabrielle Taglieri**

During this past year we have logged 17,660 calls. 2,293 of those calls were through 911 and 696 were walk-ins to the Dalton Police Station.

The Communications Center received a MA State 911 grant (Support & Incentive Grant) in Fiscal Year 2023 for \$169,900 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 a 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 \$8,000 for FY2023. 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 are NO LONGER be able to access the Town Hall via the Police Department stairwell. Please use the Town Hall entrance on the corner of Main and South Carson streets. 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.



## 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 2022, our cultural council received 34 applications requesting support for a wide variety of projects. The following seventeen applicants were approved for funding in an amount totaling \$8,100 for FY 2022:

33041	Baseball in the Berkshires, Inc.	\$500
40010	Berkshire Music School, Inc.	\$750
39780	Berkshire Pulse, Inc.	\$500
37304	Community Recreation Association, Inc.	\$800
46947	Community Recreation Association, Inc.	\$500
44596	Grow Dalton, Inc.	\$500
39464	IS183, Inc.	\$300
42393	Judge, Katherine	\$100
33440	Lewis, Bernice E.	\$800
26504	MUSIC Dance.edu	\$600
27899	Picard-lenski, Laurel	\$200
42864	Pittsfield Shakespeare, Inc.	\$500
36436	Rogers, Scott	\$500
43862	Root, John A.	\$300
43688	Tamarack Hollow Nature and Cultural Center	\$400
28488	The Eagles Band, Inc.	\$500
41296	WAM Theatre, Inc.	\$350

**Total**    \$8,100

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

## COUNCIL ON AGING AND SENIOR CENTER

**Kelly M. Pizzi, Executive Director**

The Dalton Council on Aging is an advisory board made up of thirteen individuals who have been appointed by the Dalton Select Board to serve on behalf of the older adult community. Recommendations for policy, building closures, face mask requirements, distancing and building/program seating capacity were provided during the Covid crisis. Officers include: George Morrell Chair, Linda Merry Vice Chair, Robert Merry Treasurer, Andrea Lassar Clerk, Yvonne Washburn Vice Clerk. Other members appointed: Dustin Buchinski, Gordine Galusha, Joyce Lacatell, Jean Poopor, Maureen Mitchell, Kathleen Sturm and Patricia Suchenicz.

Three board members (George Morrell, Robert Merry and Kathleen Sturm) and the Director were trained to teach the Matter of Balance Program through a grant from Elder Services. MOB is an 8 week interactive educational program that combines classwork with exercise.

Staff of the Council are the Executive Director, Kelly Pizzi; Administrative Assistant/Transportation Coordinator, Dorin Middlebrook; Outreach/SHINE, Pattie Pero; and COA drivers John Aldrich, John Bartels, Colleen Parsons and Dave Lussier.

The services we provide that have the most direct impact on Dalton residents are the SHINE & Outreach and the transportation programs.

Pattie Pero, in her capacity as SHINE worker has helped residents realize \$76,941.00 in savings this year through drug plan changes. Trained annually by Elder Services, Pattie provides comparisons of current and available plans and identifies the plan with the right coverage based on the prescribers medications. In addition, she has helped to access an additional \$8,311.00 in Medicare reimbursements, recouping overpayments, emergency and extra help enrollment.

Through Outreach, Pattie has assisted with information and referral for families learning to navigate resources for loved ones newly diagnosed with Alzheimers or other memory impairments, housing issues, fuel assistance, bereavement, isolation and loneliness, education following diagnosis of new illnesses, scams, and elder abuse, Medicare and retirement planning. To accomplish all of these things, Pattie has a working relationship with Elder Services, Protective, Board of Health, BCAC, Housing Authorities, local nursing facilities and medical facilities. In her two day work-week she also calls, provides home visits and office visits for those in need.

Dorin Middlebrook coordinates the transportation schedule which is no easy task as traffic flow, road conditions, ease of rider mobility, etc., impact travel times for every trip. Happily, particularly for our drivers, we took possession of the Dalton COASTS (Council on Aging Senior Transportation Services) Transit Connect and were able to cover when the COA van falls behind so riders do not have extended wait times. Dorin notes that mobility impaired ridership has increased four-fold as our riders age and we pick up new ridership who are reliant on canes or walkers. Riders who are mobility impaired enter the Van via the chair lift. Fees amounted to \$4,111 for the fiscal year with an average of \$3 per ride. A bargain by any means however some transportation has been offset by stipends, donations and grants received from BRTA, EOEA, memorial donations, AARP Tax, etc., and used to support transportation for riders who might have more financial difficulties. Total revenue for the van

was \$11,214 there were 1,704 rides provided with the BRTA wheelchair van and an additional 164 rides (including out of the County medical as well as shopping trips) provided in the Dalton COASTS van

The Dalton Senior Center: The Challenges we face,  
the accomplishment we have made

Many people were very pensive about returning to the Senior Center and still others were excited to gather with their friends again and get back to their routines. Mask wearing eventually became optional and to date, even though the mandate is over, and we support everyone's personal decision on how they will remain safe in sometimes large groups and offer testing supplies, face masks and hand sanitizer for people who are in the building.

Programs we have not yet brought back is the 90+ Birthday Party which has in attendance some of the Town's most vulnerable residents. We had to cancel 2020's event and have not rescheduled until early fall 2023.

The reopening begged that a review take place of the programs offered and how they are delivered. This review is continuing to present day. We are not looking to eliminate programs but are looking for ways to offer more given the limited time and space. One of the issues that we are hoping to overcome is how we are not really meeting the needs of men. This is an issue that senior centers across the country are dealing with and we would like to be the ones who crack the code. Men make up 25% of the membership at the center where women make up the remaining 75%. Unfortunately we don't believe that women alone will solve the problem and challenge men to be involved in program development. Men will need to be involved in identifying solutions and planning programs that would be more appealing for themselves. We welcome participation in the program committee as future programs are planned.

The return of programs started gradually with limits on attendance and 6' social distancing. All programs returned by the beginning of the year with the exception of Art Class (which returned on the end of October) and Poetry. Elder Services Meals were offered as dine-in or grab-and-go for those not ready to gather. These meals are prepared and delivered in heat sealed packaging. To prevent food from drying out we will continue this system. We will go back to receiving and serving from hotel pans when dine-in numbers return to normal which will allow us to also return to serving on Senior Center china. Larger exercise classes were placed on an a and b schedule to keep the numbers lower. As the year progressed, most programs have returned to normal attendance.

Programs:

Art Class – Monday	Bereavement Group – Third Friday
Bingo – Dates vary, 1 x monthly	Bridge & Cribbage – Thursday
Chair Yoga – Friday	Congregate Meals (grab & go) M/TH
Soup & Sandwich – Tuesday	
Sunday Community Lunch – 1st & 3rd Sunday with various hosts	
Foot Care by appointment only	Knitting – Tuesday
Line Dancing – Monday	Mahjong for Beginners - Fridays
Movie Matinee – Dates vary	Oil Painting – Tuesday
Osteo Exercise – Tuesday and Thursday	Painting - Tuesday

Pitch – Friday  
Pole Walking (weather permitting)  
Rainbow Seniors – Dates vary  
Tai Chi – Tuesday  
TRIAD – Third Wednesday

Poetry – Thursday  
Quilting – Thursday  
Shake Your Soul – Wednesday  
Ted Talks – Dates vary  
The Veteran’s Agent - Wednesday

The Friends of the Dalton Council on Aging are the fundraising entity for programs offered at the COA. They are a 501c3 non-profit entity and all donations made to them are tax-deductible. Their main fundraisers are the annual campaign and the Craft Fair. Persons interested in joining the Friends of the Dalton COA would be welcome.

Chair: Lisa Turner  
Dian Elser  
Diane Hoag  
Sue Salvini

Secretary: Bob Shepherd    Treasurer: Peter Traub  
Francine Germaine        Dennis Hoag  
Deb Maynard        Mary Lamke

## MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE

The traditional parade and ceremony, after cancellations the previous two years due to the Covid outbreak, was; in addition to perfect weather, welcomed back to the community, with the parade starting from the Methodist Church grounds on Main St. led by Boy Scout Troop 4 Scouts Tom Cellantono and Zack Kmetz carrying the town banner and the Nessacus Middle School Band led by music teacher Andrew Garcia playing “Stars and Stripes Forever” proceeding to the Mound in Main St. cemetery where a large number of citizens awaited the ceremony.

Master of Ceremonies and American Legion member Tom Callahan welcomed everyone, noting how good it was to have the parade and ceremony again; calling Rev. Christopher Malatesta, Pastor of St. Agnes Parish for the Invocation and Legion Post 155 Commander Bob Dassatt for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introducing the town Bd. of Selectmen, Tom expressed thanks to all paid and volunteer citizens who contribute to the good of our community. He then introduced three seniors from Wahconah Regional High School that, in addition to giving speeches, were also designated the honor of “Parade Marshalls”, the first time this has happened. Seniors Madeline Reichers, Quinn Walton and Luke DiCicco, outstanding student citizens with impressive resumes of academic, extracurricular and athletic achievements gave wonderful patriotic speeches, noting the military service of family members.

Post 155 member Peter Morrissey led the Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Ceremony, with the Roll Call of all Dalton residents who made the Supreme sacrifice in our nations wars read by Cmdr. Dassatt. The Legion Firing Squad then paid tribute to the veterans followed by the excellent playing of “Echo Taps” by Nessacus Band 6 graders Sandie Wade and Kate Nyhan.

Presenting the wreaths on the base of the mound were Scout Troop 4 members Ben Crocker, Aiden McCausland, Anthony Renee, Caleb Tucker and Thomas Connors. Tom thanked Troop 4 Scout Masters Tim Crocker and Kevin Duncan for their help.

Over 1200 flags were put on graves this year, coordinated by Cmdr. Dassatt, Memorial Day Committee member Ken Pease, Craneville 4th teachers Dawn Sikkell, Christie Mallet and their students.

Tom concluded the ceremony by thanking all for their help and attendance with the parade and ceremony, noted the importance of this national holiday, wishing everyone an enjoyable day with family and friends.

Following the ceremony, the Legion Firing Squad paid tribute to veterans graves in Ashuelot and East main St. cemeteries.

## CRA

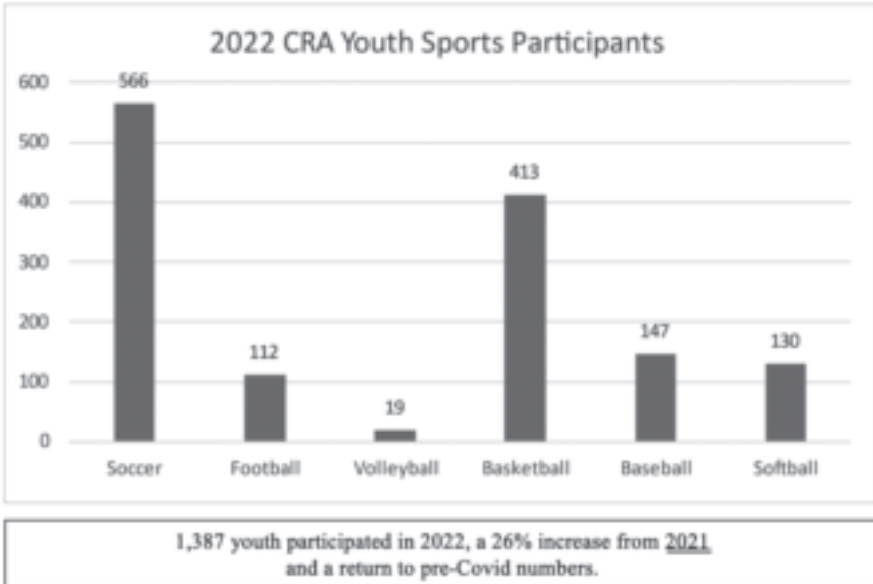
**Alison Peters, Executive Director**

The Community Recreation Association (CRA) has the honor and privilege of providing recreational and social programs in Dalton's three exceptional parks, Pinegrove Park on Carson Avenue, Chamberlain Park on Chamberlain Avenue and Greenridge Park on South Street. Providing programs for all ages, 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, the CRA oversaw a variety of sports leagues to meet the needs of our youth, including soccer, football, volleyball, basketball, baseball and softball leagues.

These programs provide an invaluable experience for our residents and is a showcase for our town and community. An emphasis is placed on good sportsmanship, being a strong team player, and developing technical skills. The impact on our youth includes improved mental health, physical well-being, self-confidence, leadership skills and a love for staying active and healthy.



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 with activities ranging from arts & crafts to carnivals. 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). This past summer we had 15 free concerts providing live music by local musicians and giving families a chance to gather and visit with neighbors and friends. These types of events bring Dalton that sense of community that we are famous for! We plan to continue this tradition, so as summer approaches, check our website for performances.

The CRA offers camps to our elementary aged students, helping 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 of their time and energy to make this a great town to live in and help our youth grow into strong young adults.



## CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

**Heather Hunt, Cemetery Dept. Administrative Assistant**

There was a total of 37 burials in 2022 and are as follows:

Ashuelot Cemetery: 26 burials

Fairview Cemetery: 4 burials

Main Street Cemetery: 7 burials

Monument Restoration projects at the Main Street Cemetery and the East Main Street Cemetery continue. We are now at about the halfway point at East Main St Cemetery. Public Works 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.

Residents are reminded winter decorations should be removed from the cemeteries by April 15th, and those from the summer should be removed by October 15th. Public works employees will remove any that remain after those dates.

At Main Street Cemetery there is an insect that is infecting the hemlock trees called the wooly adelgid. The infected trees have either been trimmed or removed and we will continue to monitor the remaining healthy trees.

During the summer months there are two additional seasonal employees to help with the mowing, and other maintenance needed. Additionally in Spring, and Fall we have a work crew from Berkshire County Sheriff's office come help us with the cleanups. Their help is greatly appreciated.

Cemetery Trustees meet on the second Monday of each month at 10:00 AM, and the meetings take 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, updates, and minutes from past meetings. If you have any cemetery questions please call 684-6115.



## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

### **Glenn Lagerwall, Emergency Management Director**

First and foremost we would like to thank Dan Filiault for his years of dedication to the Town of Dalton and his position as Emergency Management Director. Prior to his retirement Dan completed two major projects, the Town of Dalton Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and the Town of Dalton Continuity of Operations Plan, both of which are the blueprint for the management of emergency response here in the town. Upon Dan's retirement, Glenn Lagerwall was appointed as his replacement by the Selectmen. A Dalton resident, Glenn brings over 30 years of experience in incident management at federal, state, and local levels.

Recently the Emergency Management webpage was updated to include advice for residents on emergency procedures and survival. The site also provides the link to sign up for or update your CodeRed information. Emergency Management has also been working with the Green Committee on the implementation of some of the potential projects listed in the Town's Vulnerability Plan. Other projects such as a Town Emergency Evacuation Plan and a Civilian Emergency Response Team are in the works. In the very near future Emergency Management will be compiling a database of persons with mobility issues so plans can be made to quickly accommodate them in the event of any sort of emergency. Thank you.

## **DALTON FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**James Peltier, Chief Dalton Fire Department**

The past year here at the Fire Department has been busy to say the least. We have had the busiest incident year in the history of the department, we responded to a total of 1462 fire & EMS calls. These calls for service ranged from Building fires, Vehicle fires, outside fires, Fire alarms as for EMS calls, we responded to Cardiac arrests, Drownings, Chest pains, house medicals, overdoses, Motor vehicle crashes, technical rescues, and Lift assists.

The Fire department upgraded the ambulance service from a basic level that it had been for years, this consisted of EMTs only. To the Paramedic service we have today, this means we currently provide a paramedic to all medicals that our ambulance responds to. We also have been able to provide this service to the surrounding communities as the private ambulance companies from the Pittsfield area are busy and unable to provide the higher level of care needed for many of these medical calls. A paramedic can use a heart monitor to interpret your heart rhythm and potentially adjust it as needed via medications, they are also able to intubate (place a specialized airway) as well as use medication to assist in most emergency situations. These upgrades have been a huge positive step forward for the community.

The department has been running with 2 members working 24 hour shifts these shifts consist of 1 Firefighter/EMT and 1 Firefighter/EMT-P. We currently have a total of 8 members working these shifts on a rotating basis and 1 Captain EMT/P working days for the administration portion of the medic/EMS program, he responds to calls for assistance as well as his clerical duties.

We are excitedly awaiting the delivery of the refurbished Tower ladder truck, due in this April. There will be training conducted and then it will be placed in service. Then the loaner ladder truck will be returned to Boston with our thanks.

In closing I would like to thank all the members of the Dalton community for assisting us either at an emergency scene with cold water for our members or giving the best information to the dispatch center when calling in an emergency, then updating the arriving crews to the situation at hand. Again, thank you for helping us help you all in a better manner.

We are always looking for on call EMS providers as well as call firefighters, stop by the station and ask some questions as to how you can help your community. Together we can do more.

## FOREST WARDEN

**James Peltier, Forest Warden/Fire Chief**

The Forest fire department (which operates in conjunction with the Dalton Fire Department) has been awarded a grant to outfit our UTV side by side, as well as the Emergency Management side by side with Tracks for the snow and mud seasons. These units have been used several times in the past year to locate lost or injured hikers not only in our community but in several other bordering towns, all with positive outcomes. We would not have been able make access to these individuals as quick as we did if we had to walk in to find them and carry them out.

Through the budget last year, we were allowed to purchase Wildland fire gear and shelters to protect the members while dealing with forest fires. This equipment is due in at any time. Like most things now, there is a delay in obtaining.

We have had several outside fires due to careless disposal of smoking materials, brush permits, and arson. These have been relatively small in area. The department was able to control them quickly. As Smokey the Bear says “Only you can prevent forest fires” so let’s all do our part and keep our beautiful town safe from fire.

## DALTON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

**Robert DiFazio, Library Director**

Covid-19 continued to pose unique challenges for the library in 2022. 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, the Dalton Board of Health, and our Building Superintendent, Pat Pettit, the library was able to provide 100% of our pre-covid services.

As usual, the highlight of our year was an extremely successful Summer Reading Program. We were thrilled to be able to continue offering in person children's programming three times per week. We were also able to reopen on Saturdays, returning us to being open 6 days per week.

Along with being open for in person browsing/borrowing, we still provided lobby pickup and by appointment visits for anyone who preferred 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. Our subscription to the Wowbrary service provides library patrons with a weekly update on new acquisitions via email or facebook. You can sign up for this outstanding service by going to [www.wowbrary.org](http://www.wowbrary.org). You can also find the newsletter on our facebook page.

### **Programs:**

Covid-19 continued to limit programming, however we were able to resume our pre-school age children's STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) program Tuesdays at 10, and Storytime Thursdays at 10. Additionally, we resumed our Tiny Tots program for infants and toddlers Mondays at 10. The impact of Covid forced us to eliminate snacks and institute an advance registration component to these programs, but in-person attendance has returned to pre-covid levels. We also began monthly kids craft programming and resumed our Lego days. Moving into 2023, we anticipate resuming a full slate of adult programming.

Our summer reading program continued to reach a high level of success. Over 300 children participated in reading challenges and educational programming! 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 maintain a subscription 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 amazing gift baskets provided by the Friends organization.

### **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 and winter reading programs. They've accomplished this through membership dues, fund drives, and book sales. With-

out 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. Longtime Assistant Librarian, Helen Cultrera, stepped down from her position in 2022. Among other things, Helen's willingness to adjust her schedule to the needs of the library and her ability to repair even the most damaged of books will be missed. Fortunately, staff member, Ellen Snyder was willing to take on Helen's responsibilities. Assistant Director, Kim Gwilt, and staff members Joanne Delmolino, and Mary Turner continue to serve the Library well. Our staff welcomed Erin Morris as a new Library Assistant.

Finally, I would like to recognize the hard work and donated time of the Library Board of Trustees. The Board is the elected governing body of the library, with legal responsibility for library funding, contents, policy, and service. 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 2022**

**Communications**

State 911 Support & Incentive Grant	\$169,900.00
State 911 Training Grant Program	\$6,894.00

**Police Department**

DataPilot/Secureview	\$6,435.00
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**Council on Aging**

COA Formula Grant	\$20,128.00
MA Council on Aging Grant	\$8,000.00

**Cultural Council**

MA Cultural Council State Grant	\$8,100.00
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**Dalton Free Public Library**

Crane 3D Charitable Foundation Grant	\$3,000.00
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**Highway Department**

MIIA Risk Grant	\$2,000.00
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**Emergency Management**

Emergency Performance Grant	\$2,700.00
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<b>TOTAL FY 2022 GRANTS</b>	<b>\$227,157.00</b>
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## DALTON GREEN COMMITTEE

This year offers a mixed bag for the Green Committee. The committee struggled with the effects resuming operations after a 6-month hiatus. Coordinating the efforts of Dalton's town hall renovation with the opportunities to incorporate grant funded energy and decarbonization efforts has proven a challenge. Green Grant deadlines, supply chain issues and effective communications conspired to limit our effectiveness.

On the positive side the Green Committee saw clear evidence of its efforts to marry energy savings with financial benefits to our residents. While other Western Mass communities struggled with significant increases in their electric utility bills, Dalton enjoyed stable and cheaper rates this fall and winter. The Dalton CCA electricity program (see the town website) has kept rates for most community residents almost 60% below the prevailing Eversource rate. CCA allows residents to choose greener, stable, and cheaper electricity rates than those offered by Eversource. The creation of a Climate Leader program within Green Communities allows outstanding communities access additional state sponsored energy incentives. The Green committee sees us attaining this status in the near future. This accelerates our opportunities to become a truly sustainable community despite our rural location and limited resources. New member Tom Irwin adds engineering and medical expertise to the green committees' list of expertise while educator Tony Pagliarulo has enthusiastically embraced the possibility of electrifying Dalton in order to accommodate the coming electric vehicle (EV) revolution. His efforts are focused on limiting the cost of these upgrades by tracking and taking advantage of state and local EV incentive programs. We welcome and support the efforts of these new members to transform Dalton into a demonstrably sustainable economy. Lessons learned over the past year and new member resources have us excited about the future.

## 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	Vacant	
Member	Patricia Suchenicz	293 High St. #A-4

Regular meetings are held on the Third Tuesday of each month at 1:00 PM at 38 E. Deming Street in the Community Room or Virtual via GoToo. The Annual meeting is held on the third Tuesday 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 the link below

<https://www.mass.gov/champ>

The physical location or the office is located at 38 E. Deming St. inside the Community Room.

Mailing address remains at 293 High St. Dalton, MA 01226

Telephone# 413-684-1470

SGregory@daltonhousing.org

## 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. in the Crane Room at Town Hall or 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	Henry Rose
Robert Bishop, Jr.	Dominick Sacco
Edward Gero	Mary Tierney
Cheryl Rose (Chair)	



## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

The Department of Public Works consists of the Highway, Sewer, Parks, and Cemetery departments along with the Transfer Station. This work is performed and accomplished by a very dedicated and professional staff.

During the fall of 2022 we resurfaced and paved Dalton Division Road and a portion of Washington Mountain Road, which was a much needed improvement. Dalton Division Road is on the Federal TIP program which is scheduled to begin in 2027/2028, and will consist of a sidewalk, bike lanes, new drainage, signage, guard rails, and a much improved roadway.

The Sewer department is busy with routine maintenance, as well as emergency calls. This past year the Town voted to approve the purchase of an inspection camera, which allows us to inspect and locate trouble spots for repairs to be made. This past year we implemented the mandated SSO (Sanitary Sewer Overflow) Public Notification Plan which would notify residents of an issue with the sewer system involving any streams or rivers in town. More information is available on the Town of Dalton website.

The Parks department continues to make improvements throughout the three parks. A parking area was needed at Chamberlain Park to minimize the amount of cars parking on the grass. A new roof was installed on the maintenance garage at Pinegrove Park due to a leaking issue. The Town approved repaving the basketball courts at Pinegrove Park and expect the work to be done this Spring.

In July the Department of Public Works took over operations of the Transfer Station with little disruption. As of November 1, 2022 it was mandated that mattresses be recycled, and we were able to obtain a grant for a container to store the mattresses to be recycled. Also mandated was textile recycling, and you will notice the two light blue bins at the transfer station for recycling. We hope to institute more recycling options in the upcoming year as well.

We have had another successful year, due largely in part to the staff of the Department of Public Works. We thank the residents, Select Board, Town Manager and all other Town employees for their guidance and support. If you have any questions please call 684-6115.

## INSPECTOR OF WIRING

**John M. Broderick, Wiring Inspector**

Service Work .....	38
New Houses.....	2
Renovations/Additions .....	26
Solar Installations .....	76
Furnaces.....	6
Lighting Retrofits.....	0
Pools/Hot Tubs .....	3
Security Systems .....	1
Fire Alarms .....	0
Misc. Electric Work.....	20
A/C Equipment.....	4
<b>Total Permits 2022 .....</b>	<b>176</b>

## OPEN SPACE PLANNING REPORT COMMITTEE

**Taylor Staubach, Chair**

The six-member Open Space and Recreation Committee was formed in December 2021 and charged with implementing the Open Space Report devised by the Open Space Planning Report Committee in November 2021. It is the Committees responsibility to take the goals and objectives developed and apply them to the community. The committee is made up of private volunteer citizens who have an interest in the subject. In 2022, the committee lost some members, making it challenging to hold regular meetings. However, the committee held eight meetings during the fiscal year to continually plan and develop open space and recreational amenities across the town.

The committee's primary focus for 2022 was the Pines property, ~40 acres of town-owned forest located at the intersection of High and Field Street. Two community trail clean-ups took place in 2022, including a clean-up that focused on invasive removal. The committee explored options to protect and enhance access to The Pines through an improved walking and hiking trail network, working actively with Berkshire County's Greenagers to apply for a MassTrails Grant.

The committee also applied for a grant and received approval to conduct a 10-year forestry management plan funded in part by MA Dept of Conservation & Recreation. This Forest Stewardship Plan will document options and best management practices for achieving our goals. Outdoor education and recreation, wildlife habitat, as well as soil and water quality are among the many factors taken into account when developing the Forest Stewardship Plan. The plan will also recommend actions that will protect or increase the environmental value of the forest while providing social or economic benefits.

## TOWN MODERATOR

**Anthony Doyle**

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

The primary function of the moderator is to conduct the 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. Additional meetings may be held as needed.

The Planning Board brought forth to the Town Meeting and passed the ADU (Accessory Dwelling Unit) Bylaw, which creates more housing options for town residents, provides homeowners with a separate space for family, companionship, security or service providers, downsize option for people who decide to remain comfortably on their property and provides homeowners with an opportunity for supplemental income.

Current members of the Planning Board are Andrew Perenick, Zack McCain, Jarred Mongeon, Caleb Darby and Donald Davis Jr. The Recording Secretary is Brittany Miller.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

What a year 2022 has been!!

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

In the spring of 2022 we welcomed Officers Bradley, Balardini, and Coote back from the full-time academy and into patrol.

In September we hired Chelsea Eichstedt to our ranks. She began the academy in October and will be graduating in March of 2023. Once graduated, she will continue her training in our Field Training Program. Upon successful completion of the FTO program she will be given full patrol responsibilities.

In May we voted, through Town Meeting, to leave Civil Service. In November we held our first non-civil service entrance exam and we have given a conditional offer an employment to candidate Taggart Roosa and he will be starting the next academy in April.

This past August we held our 1st annual National Night Out with the community. We shut down South Carson Ave for a few hours. Dalton Fire Department came over and joined the fun. We had music, face painting, water balloons, and lots more. We had a great time and look forward to doing it again on August 1, 2023.

Last fall we were awarded the sixth highest grant in Massachusetts for body worn cameras. We tested several vendors and chose Utility. The officers will complete training and the cameras will be implemented in March 2023.

In late September we held our first Citizen's Police Academy since 2013. We had 14 citizens for 10 weeks learn about different aspects of law enforcement from our officers and other members of the Law Enforcement Community, including District Attorney Tim Shrugue and the Pittsfield Police Department Drug Unit. Watch for another academy to start soon.

In December we hired Levi Lisi as our Animal Control Officer and Richard Haley as our Assistant Animal Control Officer.

**Dalton Police Department 2022 Statistics:**

Total call responses:

Business & Non 911 Calls	12,928
Officer Initiated responses	6,557 (includes building checks)
911 Calls	1,181
Intrusion Alarm Calls	172
Incidents	310
Arrests	109
Motor Vehicle Accidents	111
Motor Vehicle Citations Issued	243
2022 Citations Fines Levied	\$2,460 Issued; Town Collected \$
Parking citations Issued	19
Firearms Permits Issued	168
2022 Firearms Permit Fees Received	\$13,700; Local \$3,425
Citizen Complaints filed in 2022	3

**Dalton Police Department Members:**

Chief Deanna Strout  
Sgt. Geoffrey Powell  
Sgt. Bustin Buzzella  
Sgt. James R. Duryea, Jr.

**Officers:**

Nickolas Gaudette  
Anthony Baroli  
Tyler Miller  
Trae Balardini  
Joshua Bradley  
Joseph Coote  
Chelsea Eichstedt  
Gregg Stefanik  
Lucas Perry  
Dorothy Litz

**Executive Assistant**

Rebecca Whitaker

**Animal Control Officer/Inspector**

Levi Lisi

**Assistant Animal Control Officer**

Richard Haley

**Crossing Guard**

Millie Boucher

Firearm permits are processed by appointment only. Please contact the department to schedule your appointment. Recommendation is to renewal four to 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/police-department](http://www.dalton-ma.gov/police-department)

**SHADE TREE DEPARTMENT**

**Edward Hall, Tree Warden**

The Shade Tree Department had another busy year, as many hazardous trees have been removed or pruned. There are many trees that still need attention, with a limited budget we focus on the most dangerous trees first. The power company does assist with tree removal and trimming when it poses 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.

If you have a question about a tree call the Department of Public Works at 684-6115.

## HISTORICAL COMMISSION

**Debora Kovacs**

2022 Commission Members: George White, Chair; Louisa Horth, Vice-Chair; Debora Kovacs, Secretary; Mary Walsh, Treasurer; Ellen Chiacchiarotto, Carolina Gallier, and Thomas Snyder.

The year 2022 started off with some unexpected surprises for those of us with offices in the Town Hall. After the discovery of bat infestation and the presence of asbestos, we were advised to find temporary storage space for the Town of Dalton's historical collection and files. Thanks to our good friends at the First Congregational church, we have been allowed two rooms which provide safe and secure storage. The generous individuals at the CRA have given us a temporary space for our computer and phone which will allow us to keep communications going until the repairs to our office in the Town Hall annex are complete in the spring.

We were very saddened by the passing of Mary Jane Caliento, a long-time Historical Commission member, in March. Mary Jane was, for over 50 years, a dynamic force on the Dalton Historical Commission. She researched and unearthed vital information for the Fitch-Hoose House. This information was key in getting the Fitch-Hoose House on the National Register of Historic Places in 2010. Mary Jane's own extensive Dalton family heritage, especially the Warren Family and Warren Farm, has added richly to the colorful fabric of Dalton's local history through many generations. Her priceless knowledge, with, and love for Dalton will be missed, but her dedication and perseverance in the preservation of our town's history will live on in her many contributions to the Town of Dalton.

The Fitch-Hoose House was a success again this year. We had 73 visitors during the summer-fall season, and all who came through had a sincere appreciation for the historical significance of the Fitch-Hoose House, and of the Hoose Family legacy that it honors and represents. In addition to our seasonal visitors we had six classes of approximately 150 students from Cranville Elementary School in Dalton come for a field trip in June. The students were enthusiastic to learn about the Hoose Family and Dalton's local individuals who were instrumental in guiding travelers seeking refuge in Berkshire County along the Underground Railroad.

We are attempting to continue our efforts to establish the 2nd and 3rd Historic Districts in the Town of Dalton. The members of the Town of Dalton voted in favor of a grant-match contribution which, together with Mass. Historical, will make it possible to continue with this project. This will enable the protection and preservation of Dalton's precious historical buildings and areas.

The Commission received several more interesting artifacts from local residents. One especially precious donation is an African-American handmade cloth doll, "Dinah Grant", made by a Dalton woman over 100 years ago in honor of a member of the Hoose Family. She will now take her rightful place in the Fitch-Hoose House.

As we continue to receive precious artifacts and contributions, it is our hope that some day soon we will be able to display our collections in our Dalton Historical Museum. We look forward to another year of historical projects and events in 2023.



**Ode to Mary Jane**

We will never forget your eyes, so blue,  
Your gentle smile, your heart, so true.  
Living your life just as it should be,  
Love, hard work, and family.  
Giving your all each and every day,  
Loving and laughing along the way.  
Tasks well-done with a smiling face,  
Colorful years of beauty and grace.  
Imprints of you will forever remain  
In our hearts, until we meet again.

**Dalton Historical Commission Election of Officers 2023**

**Co-Chairs** - Louisa Horth, Deborah Kovacs      **Vice-Chair** - Thomas Snyder  
**Secretary** - Carolina Galliher      **Treasurer** - Mary Walsh  
**Commission Members:** George White, Louisa Horth, Ellen Chiacchiaretto,  
Mary Walsh, Carolina Galliher, Thomas Snyder, Deborah Kovacs  
**Associate Members:** Joyce White, Bonnie Eastwood

**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 2022, Veterans' Agent Stephen Roy processed \$66,596.46 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 have come home. While this is a 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, New Ashford 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 the Dalton Senior Center.



# 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, 2022.

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 FY22 books have been closed. Free Cash is estimated to be certified in the amount of \$1,500,000 for use in FY23. 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.

Christine Bialobok was appointed as my Assistant Accountant at the end of September 2022. Christine works efficiently to complete the biweekly Vendor Warrant process and other various tasks relating to Accounts Payable. She has also helps with reconciliations that are part of reporting requirements sent to the Division of Local Services.

Welcome aboard Christine!

**Schedule 1: Combined Balance Sheet, June 30, 2022  
Town of Dalton Massachusetts**

	Governmental Fund Types						Totals	
	General Fund	Special Revenue		Capital Projects	Fiduciary Fund Types			Account Group
		Funds	Funds		Trust & Agency Funds	Long Term Debt		
<b>Assets</b>								
Cash and Cash Equivalents	3,637,235	1,250,720	19,760	7,810,543	-	-	12,718,253	
Receivables	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Personal Property Taxes	80,493	-	-	-	-	-	80,493	
Real Estate Taxes	156,504	-	-	-	-	-	156,504	
Less: Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts	(133,333)	-	-	-	-	-	(133,333)	
Tax Liens	232,844	-	-	-	-	-	232,844	
Tax Foreclosures	49,575	-	-	-	-	-	49,575	
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes and Other Excise Taxes	121,532	-	-	-	-	-	121,532	
User Fees	56,667	-	-	-	-	-	56,667	
Utility Liens Added to Taxes	7,069	-	-	-	-	-	7,069	
Departmental	44,035	10,395	-	-	-	-	54,430	
Due From Other Governments	-	419,352	-	-	-	-	419,352	
Due From Other Agencies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Amount to be Provided for the Payment of Debt	-	-	-	-	-	1,650,061	1,650,061	
<b>Total Assets:</b>	<b>4,253,519</b>	<b>1,680,467</b>	<b>19,760</b>	<b>7,810,543</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,650,061</b>	<b>15,414,370</b>	
<b>Liabilities and Fund Equity</b>								
Liabilities:								
Vendor Warrants Payable	55,948	33,615	-	-	-	-	89,563	
Accrued Payroll	42,110	368	-	-	-	-	42,478	
Accrued Town Share Medicare	560	-	-	-	-	-	560	
Payroll Withholdings	33,558	-	-	-	-	-	33,558	
Due to Other Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Due to Other Governments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Due to Other Agencies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Unclaimed Items	-	-	-	30,669	-	-	30,669	
Prepaid Highway Excavation Fees	600	-	-	-	-	-	600	
Deferred Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Property Taxes	103,664	-	-	-	-	-	103,664	
Tax Liens	232,844	-	-	-	-	-	232,844	
Tax Foreclosure	49,575	-	-	-	-	-	49,575	
Motor Vehicle Excise	121,532	-	-	-	-	-	121,532	
User Fees	56,667	-	-	-	-	-	56,667	
Utility Fees Added to Tax	7,069	-	-	-	-	-	7,069	
Departmental	44,035	10,395	-	-	-	-	54,430	
Due From Other Governments - State	-	419,352	-	-	-	-	419,352	
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
BAN Payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Bond Indebtedness	-	-	-	-	-	1,650,061	1,650,061	
<b>Total Liabilities:</b>	<b>749,085</b>	<b>463,730</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,669</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,650,061</b>	<b>2,893,565</b>	

**Schedule 1: Combined Balance Sheet, June 30, 2022**  
**Town of Dalton Massachusetts**

**LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY (continued)**

<b>Fund Equity:</b>					
Reserved for Encumbrances	750,260	143,026	63,315	-	957,501
Reserved for Expenses	265,000	-	-	-	265,000
Reserved for Veterans Benefits	1,896	-	-	-	1,896
Reserved for Continuing Appropriation	-	-	-	-	-
Reserved for Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Reserved for E911 Support/Training Grant Deficits	-	3,256	-	-	3,256
Reserved for Nonspendable Trust Principal	-	-	-	125,100	125,100
Undesignated	2,487,278	1,069,555	(63,555)	7,654,774	11,168,052
<b>Total Fund Equity</b>	<b>3,504,434</b>	<b>1,216,737</b>	<b>19,760</b>	<b>7,779,874</b>	<b>12,520,805</b>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Fund Equity:</b>	<b>4,253,519</b>	<b>1,680,467</b>	<b>19,760</b>	<b>7,810,543</b>	<b>15,414,370</b>

**Schedule 1-A: Special Revenue Funds**  
**Fund Equity for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022**

<b>Special Revenue Funds</b>	Balance		Prior Year	Transfers			Balance
	7/1/21	Revenue	Corrections	In	Expenses	Transfers Out	6/30/22
Cultural Council	11,495	7,055	-	-	10,933	-	7,617
Insurance Claims Under \$10,000	46,311	6,894	-	-	14,608	-	38,596
CATV Local Broadcasting	-	121,912	-	-	121,912	-	-
BJA Recovery Act JAG Grant - Federal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Community Development Block Grant	21,394	360,508	-	-	360,426	-	21,476
Planning Board Deposits-PineCrest	350	-	-	-	-	-	350
Planning Board Engineering Follow-Up	3,474	-	-	-	-	-	3,474
Planning Board Deposits-BCC Craft	2,100	-	-	-	-	-	2,100
Outside Consultants GL CH 44 S 53	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FEMA Grant - Covid 19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GARES ACT Grant - Covid 19	67	-	-	-	-	-	67
ARPA - Federal CVLFRF	-	979,541	-	-	232,512	-	747,029
Community Septic Mgt.	18,500	-	-	-	-	-	18,000
COA Formula Grant	80	20,148	-	-	20,480	-	(251) *
Sale Of Real Estate	100,000	-	-	-	-	-	100,000
Transportation Infrastructure Fund	368	10	-	-	-	-	378
Insurance Reimbursements over \$20K	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Library Incentive Grant	79,513	17,000	-	-	9,016	-	87,497
Police Vest Grant	(2,783)	-	-	-	-	-	(2,783) *
Canine Officer Grant	237	-	-	-	-	-	237
Records Preservation Project	592	-	-	-	-	-	592
Extended Polling Hours	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
State 911 Comm Dept Incentive Grant	(20,818)	175,209	(259)	-	153,132	-	1,000
Drug Task Force/Bye Grant	5,422	-	-	-	-	-	5,422
Miscellaneous Non-Recurring Grants/Gifts	96,444	141,002	259	2,066	154,923	-	96,848
Highway Chapter Funds	(5,165)	8,411	-	-	8,453	-	(5,207) *
COA Transportation Fund	25,435	11,331	-	-	17,176	-	19,590
Composting Bin Grant	494	-	-	-	-	-	494
Legal Advertising Revolving	3,000	2,675	-	-	3,824	-	1,851
Plumbing Inspections Revolving	-	6,460	-	-	6,460	-	-
Electric Inspections Revolving	3,375	13,780	-	-	15,040	-	2,115
Grave Digging OT Revolving	2,390	3,875	-	-	3,449	316	2,500
Police Outside Detail	10,568	33,905	-	-	39,988	-	4,485
Cemetery Vandalism Restitution	383	-	-	-	-	-	383
Parks Maintenance Revolving	2,650	-	-	-	-	-	2,650
COA Programs Revolving	6,629	-	-	-	3,657	-	3,572
Boom Mower Intermunicipal Consortium	9,622	-	-	-	280	-	9,342
Municipal Recycling Program Grant	614	-	-	-	-	-	614
Dalton Papers	2,358	-	-	-	-	-	2,358
Police Dept Local Gifts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Library Donations	8,859	425	-	-	-	-	9,284
Historical Commission	2,459	-	-	-	167	-	2,292
Wetlands Protection Fund	6,928	1,012	-	-	909	-	7,032
Cultural Council Donations	779	-	-	-	-	-	779
COA Gifts/Donations/Programs	16,399	9,588	-	-	1,779	-	24,208
Beautification Commission Donations	827	200	-	-	1,195	-	(168) *
Skateboard Park Donations	1,841	-	-	-	-	-	1,841
Cemetery Repair Donations	9,073	-	-	-	-	-	9,073
<b>Total Fund Equity</b>	<b>473,764</b>	<b>1,920,941</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,066</b>	<b>1,179,719</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>1,216,737</b>

\*Fund 230 MA DOT Chapter 90 - FY22 Reimbursement of \$5,267 dated 07/06/22 received from State.

\*Fund 288 Dalton Beautification Commission - FY22 Cultural Council Grant Reimbursement of \$750 deposited 07/07/2022

\*Fund 205 COA Formula Grant - FY22 Deficit of \$251.31 - Overspent Grant Funds

\*Fund 212 Police Vest Grant - FY21 Expense Reimbursement of \$2,783 not received by State as of 09/30/22

Schedule 1-B: Capital Projects Fund Equity for the Year Ended June 30, 2022

	Balance		Revenues		Transfers		Expenses		Transfers		Fund Equity		Projects		
	07/01/21				In	Out					Balance	6/30/22	Authorized	Not Complete	
<b>Capital Projects</b>															
<b>Building Projects</b>															
Old Dalton High Demolition	5,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,000		43,779		
Green Community Grant Project - Town Buildings LED Lights	3,143	-	-	3,142	-	-	-	-	-	-	1		-		
Town Hall 3rd Floor Renovation	-	77,918	-	77,517	-	-	-	-	-	-	401		422,483		
<b>Capital Projects</b>															
COA - Ford Transit Van	-	17,859	-	17,859	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		7,141		
Public Works - Five Ton Plow Truck	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1		5,891		
Public Works - Pedestrian Flasher Install	-	3,154	-	3,154	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		60,896		
Public Works - Dalton Division Road Engineering	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		800,000		
Public Works - Equipment	1,654	-	-	1,094	-	-	-	-	-	-	560		209,500		
Public Works - Sidewalks	-	3,387	-	3,387	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		11,319		
Public Safety	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-		
<b>Highway Street Projects</b>															
Housatonic Street	1,600	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,600		1,600		
<b>Sewer Projects</b>															
Sewer System Engineering	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		12,006		
Sewer Dmg: Housatonic Laterals; Willis/Flansburg	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		21,642		
Sewer Interceptor; Willis/Fmsbrg Drainage	758	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	758		35,344		
Sewer System Evaluation Survey	66,770	36,007	-	91,338	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,439		38,240		
<b>Total Fund Equity</b>	78,926	138,325	-	197,491	-	-	-	-	-	-	19,760		1,669,841		

**Schedule 1-C: Trust and Agency Funds  
Fund Equity and Liabilities for the Year Ended June 30, 2022**

	Balance 7/1/21	Receipts	Due from Others	Transfers In	Expenses	Transfers Out	Balance 06/30/22
<b>Trust Funds</b>							
<b>Non-Expendable Trust</b>							
Principal - Cemetery	35,100	-	-	-	-	-	35,100
Principal - Library	60,000	-	-	-	-	-	60,000
Principal - School	30,000	-	-	-	-	-	30,000
	<u>125,100</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>125,100</u>
<b>Expendable Trust</b>							
Cemetery	16,674	593	-	-	-	-	17,267
Library	72,622	1,278	-	-	-	-	73,900
School	88,405	933	-	-	-	-	89,338
Local Law Enforcement	517	-	-	-	138	-	379
	<u>178,218</u>	<u>2,804</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>138</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>180,884</u>
<b>Stabilization Funds</b>							
General Stabilization	968,659	4,834	-	50,000	-	75,000	968,693
Capital Stabilization	1,329,201	5,885	-	100,000	-	557,158	877,728
Litigation Stabilization	418,638	2,197	-	50,000	-	-	471,035
Sewer Stabilization	855,230	4,356	-	100,000	-	30,000	929,586
	<u>3,592,128</u>	<u>17,072</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>300,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>662,158</u>	<u>3,247,042</u>
<b>OPFB Liability Trust</b>							
Pension Reserve Fund	3,957,341	(160,532)	-	300,000	-	-	4,096,809
Unemployment Compensation Fund	125,147	751	-	-	-	-	125,897
	<u>4,117</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,142</u>
<b>Total Fund Equity</b>	<b>7,982,051</b>	<b>(139,880)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>600,000</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>662,158</b>	<b>7,779,874</b>

**Schedule 1-C: Trust and Agency Funds  
Fund Equity and Liabilities for the Year Ended June 30, 2022**

	Balance		Due from		Transfers In	Disbursements	Liabilities	Balance
	07/01/21	Receipts	Others					
<b>Liabilities:</b>								
<i>Agency Funds</i>								
Dalton Fire District	3,567	542,332	-	-	-	545,899	3,092	3,092
Dalton Redevelopment Authority Operations	35,184	177	-	-	-	13,059	-	22,302
Deputy Collector Fees	1,315	13,128	-	-	-	14,443	-	-
State Share of Gun Permit Receipts	1,875	8,800	-	-	-	5,875	-	4,800
Town Clerk Fees	1,070	7,315	-	-	-	8,275	365	475
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>43,011</b>	<b>571,752</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>587,551</b>	<b>3,457</b>	<b>30,669</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Equity:</b>	<b>8,025,062</b>	<b>431,872</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>600,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>587,689</b>	<b>665,615</b>	<b>7,810,543</b>

**Schedule 2: General Fund Revenues, Budget to Actual  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2022**

	<u>FY22</u> <u>Estimated</u> <u>Receipts</u>	<u>FY22</u> <u>Actual</u> <u>Receipts</u>	<u>Variance FY22</u> <u>Estimates to</u> <u>FY22 Actual</u>
<b><u>Sewer Offset Receipts</u></b>			
Interest & Penalties Sewer User #4173		3,832	
Sewer Late Fees #4245		4,510	
Sewer User Fees 10 #4246-21		27,533	
Sewer User Fees 10 #4246-22		1,104,277	
Sewer Lien Fees, #4247		40,250	
Sewer Hook-Up Charges, #4467		1,000	
Hinsdale Sewer Bill, #4746		69,408	
<b>Total Offset Receipts</b>	<b>1,224,520</b>	<b>1,250,810</b>	<b>26,290</b>
<b><u>Local Receipts</u></b>			
<b><u>Motor Vehicle Excise, #4150</u></b>			
2017 & Prior		600	
2018		264	
2019		1,604	
2020		6,238	
2021		149,332	
2022		772,934	
	<b>750,000</b>	<b>930,972</b>	<b>180,972</b>
<b><u>Other Excise,</u></b>			
Farm Animal Excise #4162		-	
Rooms Local Excise #4167		31,354	
Meals Local Excise #4167		43,282	
	<b>38,850</b>	<b>74,636</b>	<b>35,786</b>
<b><u>Penalties &amp; Interest on Taxes &amp; Excise:</u></b>			
Interest & Penalties on Taxes #4171		24,675	
Interest & Penalties on Tax Titles #4172		15,598	
Interest & Penalties on Other A/R #4174		-	
Property Tax Demands #4177		4,110	
Motor Vehicle Demands/Warrants #4178		17,420	
Demand/Fees Tax Liens Redeemed #4179		655	
Income & Expense Penalties Added to Tax #4190		-	
	<b>46,000</b>	<b>62,458</b>	<b>16,458</b>
<b><u>Payment in Lieu of Taxes</u></b>			
Trailer Park Fees #4165		4,320	
Pmts in Lieu of Taxes #4180		2,365	
Pingrove Manor Plot #4181		1,661	
	<b>6,600</b>	<b>8,346</b>	<b>1,746</b>
<b><u>Other Charges for Services</u></b>			
Board of Appeals #4373		250	
Planning Board #4374		1,025	
Zoning #4375		-	
	<b>900</b>	<b>1,275</b>	<b>375</b>



**Schedule 2: General Fund Revenues, Budget to Actual**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2022**  
 (continued)

	FY22 Estimated Receipts	FY22 Actual Receipts	Variance FY22 Estimates to FY22 Actual
<b><u>Fees</u></b>			
Registry of Motor Vehicles #4175		4,560	
Municipal Lien Fees #4321		4,725	
Parking Fine Demand #4327		-	
Bad Check Fees #4330		125	
Default Warrant Removal Fee #4332		-	
Collector Late Fees Ch40 S21E #4333		-	
Duplicate Bill Fee #4382		128	
Code Red Emergency Network Fee #4731		2,124	
Communication Center Fees #4810		17,862	
Private Hauler Recycling Fee #4335		-	
Highway Excavation Fees #4377		1,900	
	<u>16,500</u>	<u>31,424</u>	<u>14,924</u>
<b><u>Departmental Revenue Council On Aging #4379</u></b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(4,000)</b>
<b><u>Departmental Revenue Cemetery #4378</u></b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>49,415</b>	<b>19,415</b>
<b><u>Departmental Revenue - Transfer Station</u></b>			
Car Permit Annual Fee - Trans Stn #4323		17,078	
Bag Sticker Fee - Trans Stn #4324		1,202	
Bulky Waste Disposal Fee - Trans Stn #4326		-	
	<u>-</u>	<u>18,280</u>	<u>18,280</u>
<b><u>Other Departmental Revenue</u></b>			
Town Clerk - Street List #4371		60	
Town Clerk - Other #4372		1	
Assessors Maps #4383		75	
Assessors Information Requests #4384		50	
Dalton Fire District Tax Reimbursement #4811		10,000	
Photocopies #4391, 4392		-	
Town Maps/Bicentennial Sales #4393, 4394		3	
Recycled Goods #4329		4,753	
School Census #4841		3,198	
Charge for Bid Specs #4380		-	
Police Reports #4397		-	
Police Outside Detail Cruiser Fee #4396		800	
Police - Outside Detail Admin Fee #4398		2,307	
Town Collector Miscellaneous #4844		53	
	<u>20,800</u>	<u>21,300</u>	<u>500</u>
<b><u>Licenses &amp; Permits</u></b>			
All Alcohol Licenses On Premise #4411		7,232	
Beer & Wine Licenses #4413		960	
All Other Alcohol Licenses Off Premise #4414		1,800	
Dog Licenses #4420		29,535	
Raffle Permits #4455		20	
Cable TV Franchise #4458		881	
Building Permits #4460		32,056	
Health Agent Receipts #4462		7,575	
Police Pistol Permits #4473		2,950	
Other Licenses & Permits #4499		3,580	
	<u>62,650</u>	<u>86,589</u>	<u>23,939</u>

**Schedule 2: General Fund Revenues, Budget to Actual**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2022**  
(continued)

	FY22 Estimated Receipts	FY22 Actual Receipts	Variance FY22 Estimates to FY22 Actual
<b><u>Fines and Forfeits</u></b>			
Motor Vehicle Fines #4694		2,982	
District Court Restitution #4698		-	
Parking Fines #4771		50	
Library Fines #4772		-	
Unlicensed Dog Fines #4773		9,765	
Police Fines #4774		-	
Youth Tobacco Fines #4776		3,000	
Other Fines #4775		-	
	<b>13,700</b>	<b>15,797</b>	<b>2,097</b>
<b><u>Investment Income</u></b>			
Earnings on Investment #4820		11,163	
	<b>10,000</b>	<b>11,163</b>	<b>1,163</b>
<b><u>Miscellaneous Recurring</u></b>			
Miscellaneous Revenue #4840		-	
Miscellaneous State Revenue #4699		-	
Federal Retiree Drug Subsidy #4544		-	
Retiree Insm Reimb Chap 32B S 9A 1/2 #4846		-	
	-	-	-
<b><u>Miscellaneous Non-Recurring</u></b>			
Miscellaneous Revenue #4840		12,821	
Miscellaneous State Revenue #4699		3,958	
Miscellaneous Federal Revenue #4540		2,500	
Workman's Comp Refund #4843		1,429	
Charging Station Receipts #4845		-	
Sale of Surplus Inventory #4815		-	
	-	<b>20,708</b>	<b>20,708</b>
<b><u>Total Local Receipts</u></b>	<b>1,000,000</b>	<b>1,332,363</b>	<b>332,363</b>
<b><u>State Cherry Sheet Receipts: (Net of Offsets)</u></b>			
Exemptions - Vets, Blind, Svcg. Sps, Elderly #4617, 4616	32,609	73,776	41,167
State Owned Land #4611	61,544	61,544	-
School Aid (Ch70) #4621	236,581	236,581	-
Vocational Students Transportation #4637	-	7,375	7,375
Veterans Benefits #4667	77,633	67,722	(9,911)
Unrestricted General Government Aid #4671	1,250,432	1,250,432	-
<b>Total State Receipts</b>	<b>1,658,799</b>	<b>1,697,430</b>	<b>38,631</b>
<b><u>Total General Fund Receipts</u></b>	<b>3,883,319</b>	<b>4,280,603</b>	<b>397,284</b>

Schedule 3: General Fund Appropriations, Expenditures and Encumbrances  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

Dept.	Department Title	FY22 Final Budget Inclusion		Vendor Payments Encumbered	Year End Department Balance	Amount Encumbered or Carried Forward to FY2023	Transition Closing Entries	Unencumbered Balance
		Commodities and Transfers	Salary Encumbered					
114	Moderator	521	421	-	100	-	-	100
122	Select Board	24,522	20,617	2,191	1,714	-	-	1,714
123	Town Manager	171,628	152,084	7,696	11,848	-	-	11,848
131	Finance Committee	1,685	-	180	1,505	-	-	1,505
132	Reserve Fund	11,100	-	-	11,100	-	-	11,100
133	Prior Year Bills	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
135	Accountant	88,810	69,385	9,258	10,167	-	-	10,167
138	Group Purchasing	800	-	800	-	-	-	-
139	Town Audit	16,000	-	16,000	-	-	-	-
141	Assessors	92,238	39,533	38,258	14,447	-	-	14,447
142	Triennial Revaluation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
145	Treasurer	115,707	95,428	6,557	13,722	-	-	13,722
146	Town Collector	105,326	89,670	10,268	5,388	-	-	5,388
151	Town Counsel	60,000	-	41,292	18,708	-	-	18,708
152	Telephone	29,553	-	28,566	987	354	-	633
154	Recording Secretary	8,789	7,965	-	824	645	-	179
157	Computer	49,000	-	48,349	651	-	-	651
158	Postage Meter	17,875	-	17,053	822	-	-	822
159	Tax Title Foreclosures	2,500	-	-	2,500	-	-	-
161	Town Clerk	111,995	97,336	9,909	4,750	-	-	4,750
162	Elections	11,281	2,139	3,550	5,992	-	-	5,992
163	Board of Registrars	11,953	1,522	3,362	7,069	-	-	7,069
171	Conservation	1,975	-	538	1,437	-	-	1,437
175	Planning Board/Board of Appeals	50,724	47,073	176	3,475	-	-	3,475
182	Development & Industrial Commission	1,300	-	15,753	1,300	-	-	1,300
192	Building Maintenance	83,278	55,817	-	11,708	1,019	-	10,689
195	Town Report	6,650	-	6,587	63	-	-	63
196	Town Hall	99,830	6,874	84,080	8,876	2,589	-	6,287
197	Central Supplies	19,500	-	18,821	879	799	-	80
198	Town Advertising	10,500	-	6,923	3,577	-	-	3,577
210	Police Department	1,215,099	1,035,883	108,602	70,614	4,132	-	66,482
222	Communications	155,012	123,905	10,773	20,334	-	-	20,334
240	Building Inspector	46,945	35,635	4,430	6,880	-	-	6,880
244	Weights and Measures	7,249	2,149	868	4,232	-	-	4,232

Schedule 3: General Fund Appropriations, Expenditures and Encumbrances  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

Dist.	Department Title	FY22 Final Budget Including		Salary Expended	Vendor Payments Expended	Year End Department Balance	Amount Encumbered or Canceled Forward to FY2023	Transfers Closing Entries	Unencumbered Balance
		Commodities and Transfers	Transfers						
247	Meat & Cattle	1,660	-	1,654	-	6	-	-	6
292	Animal Control	28,206	-	20,104	1,692	6,410	-	-	6,410
293	Traffic Commission	2,955	-	-	1,221	1,734	-	-	1,734
294	Forest Warden	3,908	-	1,773	1,950	85	-	-	85
295	Emergency Management	16,572	-	6,000	6,608	3,964	-	-	3,964
296	Tree Warden	32,813	-	2,423	30,500	(110)	-	-	(110)
310	CBRSD	9,951,416	-	-	9,951,416	-	-	-	-
320	Vocational Education	473,010	-	-	348,432	124,578	-	-	124,578
401	Town Engineer	28,425	-	-	6,325	22,100	21,900	-	200
420	Highway	525,183	-	292,236	204,681	29,266	6,200	-	23,066
423	Snow and Ice	182,931	-	35,014	147,916	1	-	-	1
424	Street Lights	27,540	-	-	20,239	7,301	-	-	7,301
433	Landfill Closure	16,136	-	581	12,531	3,024	-	-	3,024
434	Transfer Station	65,206	-	-	22,341	42,865	576	-	42,289
440	Sewer	127,909	-	83,883	27,630	16,296	-	-	16,296
449	Sewer Treatment	977,109	-	-	962,370	14,739	-	-	14,739
491	Cemeterly	90,714	-	60,783	20,458	9,473	-	-	9,473
510	Health Agents/Board	59,543	-	53,105	6,192	246	-	-	246
522	Visiting Nurse Association	6,999	-	-	6,339	260	-	-	260
541	Council on Aging	160,276	-	111,456	29,532	19,288	1,075	-	18,213
543	Veterans Services	125,604	-	-	74,419	51,185	-	-	51,185
591	Berkshire Regional Planning	15,383	-	-	5,383	10,000	-	-	10,000
610	Library	208,767	-	136,038	66,744	5,985	-	-	5,985
630	CRA - Parks Programs	60,125	-	-	60,125	-	-	-	-
650	Parks Maintenance	53,823	-	16,864	17,412	19,547	-	-	19,547
691	Historical Commission	4,300	-	-	2,975	1,325	-	-	1,325
692	Memorial Day	2,250	-	-	1,495	755	-	-	755
693	Cultural Activities	2,500	-	-	2,500	-	-	-	-
710	Maturing Debt and Interest	764,328	-	-	756,314	8,014	-	-	8,014
820	State Assessments	51,446	-	-	52,226	(780)	-	-	(780)
911	Retirement	528,053	-	-	523,437	4,616	-	-	4,616

**Schedule 3: General Fund Appropriations, Expenditures and Encumbrances  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2022**

Dept.	Department Title	FY22 Final Budget Included		Salary Expended	Vendor Payments Expended	Year End Department Balance	Amount Encumbered or Carried Forward to FY2023	Transfers Closing Entries	Unencumbered Balance
		Carryforwards and Transfers FY21	7,500						
913	Unemployment Insurance	7,500	-	-	-	7,500	-	-	7,500
914	Health Insurance	728,663	-	-	531,948	196,715	520	-	196,195
915	Life Insurance	15,811	-	-	14,254	1,557	-	-	1,557
916	Town Share - Medicare	42,000	-	-	39,184	2,816	-	-	2,816
919	Fringe Benefits	59,281	-	54,708	2,845	1,928	-	-	1,928
932	FY08 Vote - Capital Projects	16,578	-	-	-	16,578	16,578	-	-
932	FY16 Vote - Capital Projects	2,449	-	-	-	2,449	2,449	-	-
932	FY17 Vote - Capital Projects	24,199	-	-	-	24,199	24,199	-	-
932	FY18 Vote - Capital Projects	35,052	-	-	-	35,052	35,052	-	-
932	FY19 Vote - Capital Projects	54,829	-	4,650	-	50,179	50,179	-	-
932	FY21 Vote - Capital Projects	28,872	-	-	-	28,872	28,872	-	-
932	FY22 Vote - Capital Projects	402,476	-	-	146,536	255,940	255,940	-	-
932	FY23 Vote - Capital Projects	294,682	-	-	-	294,682	294,682	-	-
941	Court Judgments & Claims	3,000	-	-	-	3,000	-	-	3,000
945	Town Insurance Coverage	228,200	-	-	222,860	5,340	2,500	-	2,840
948	Police Dept Separation Agreement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
950	Trust Fund Commissioners	200	-	-	-	200	-	-	200
981	Landfill Monitoring Continuing Appr	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
983	Transfers to Capital Project Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
984	OPEB Liability Trust	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
987	Transfer to Stabilization - Sewer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
988	Transfer to Pension Reserve Fund 84	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL:</b>		19,168,627	2,760,058	14,834,120	1,574,449	750,260	-	-	824,189

**Schedule 4: Schedule of Bond Indebtedness  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2022**

<u>Description</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Month/Year Issued</u>	<u>Final Maturity Date</u>	<u>Original Amount Due</u>	<u>Outstanding</u>
<b>Outside Debt Limit:</b>					-
					\$ -
<b>Inside Debt Limit:</b>					
Capital Projects Bonded FY18	2.80%	08/23/17	06/15/22	355,664	-
Capital Projects Bonded FY18	2.75%	06/20/18	06/15/23	93,401	18,677
Capital Projects Bonded FY19	3.25%	06/25/19	06/15/24	168,540	60,000
Capital Projects Bonded FY20	1.85%	04/15/20	04/15/22	943,221	-
Capital Projects Bonded FY20	2.50%	06/17/20	06/15/25	268,185	160,909
Capital Projects Bonded FY21	2.10%	06/23/21	06/15/26	370,253	296,063
Capital Projects Bonded FY22	3.50%	06/15/22	06/15/27	138,325	138,325
<b>Total Inside:</b>					<b>\$ 673,974</b>
<b>Short Term</b>					-
					\$ -
<b>Grand Total all Debt</b>					<b>\$ 673,974</b>

<u>Authorized and Unissued Debt</u>	<u>Date of Vote</u>	<u>Authorized Debt</u>	<u>Bond Issued</u>	<u>Retired Rescinded Revoted</u>	<u>Unissued</u>
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	151,681	-	11,319
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	1,262,000	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	150,000	-	-
Capital Projects Departmental FY20	06/22/20	545,000	271,073	-	273,927
Capital Projects Departmental FY20	06/02/21	533,000	84,118	-	448,882
<b>Total Authorized and Unissued Debt</b>		<b>\$ 11,833,285</b>	<b>\$ 8,834,575</b>	<b>\$ 1,348,629</b>	<b>\$ 1,650,081</b>

**Schedule 5: Analysis of General Fund Undersigned Fund Balance  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2022**

<b>Beginning Undesignated Fund Balance 7/1/21</b>		<b>\$ 1,975,798</b>
<b>Add:</b>		
Prior Year Reserve for Encumbrances and Carry Forwards	224,456	
Prior Year Reserve for Expenses	<u>265,000</u>	
		489,456
<b>Less:</b>		
Prior Year Reserve for Appropriation Deficits	-	
Prior Year Reserve for Snow and Ice Deficits	<u>-</u>	
		-
Prior Year Total Fund Balance		<b>\$ 2,465,254</b>
<b>Deduct:</b>		
Current Year Reserve for Encumbrances and Carry Forwards	750,260	
Current Year Reserve for Expenses	265,000	
Current Year Reserve for Veteran Benefits	1,896	
Current Year Reserve for Continuing Appropriations	-	
Current Year Reserve for Special Purpose	<u>-</u>	
		1,017,156
<b>Add:</b>		
Current Year Reserved for Appropriation Deficits	-	
Current Year Reserve for Snow and Ice Deficits	-	
Current Year Revenue Closeouts	18,573,110	
Other Financing Sources	662,158	
Adjustments - Cemetery OT > \$2,500 Closed to GF	316	
Adjustments - Legal Ad Revolving > \$3,000 Closed to GF	-	
Adjustments - Unused Polling Grant Closed to GF	-	
Adjustments - Closed Penny Variance to GF	<u>-</u>	
		19,235,584
<b>Less:</b>		
Current Year Expenditure Closeouts	17,594,178	
Other Financing Uses	602,066	
Adjustments - Senior Tax Work-Off Withholding	160	
Adjustments -	-	
		18,196,404
<b>Undesignated Fund Balance June 30, 2022</b>		<b><u>\$ 2,487,278</u></b>



## TREASURER'S REPORT

**Dawn M. Fahey, Town Treasurer**

I am pleased to submit the Treasurer's Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2022. 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.



**GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES**

Personal Property Taxes 2022 and Prior	\$ 752,544.90
Real Estate Taxes 2022	\$ 13,386,816.54
Real Estate Taxes Prior Years	\$ 90,434.92
Motor Vehicle Taxes 2022	\$ 772,935.14
Motor Vehicle Taxes 2021	\$ 149,331.22
Motor Vehicle Taxes Prior Years	\$ 8,705.36
Interest and Penalties on Taxes	\$ 24,675.44
Demands, Warrants and Fees	\$ 21,530.00

**\$ 15,206,973.52**

**TAX LIEN RECEIVABLES**

Tax Liens	\$ 62,709.56
Interest and Penalties on Liens	\$ 15,598.31
Demand Fees on Tax Liens Redeemed	\$ 655.00

**\$ 78,962.87**

**STATE RECEIPTS (CHERRY SHEET)**

State Owned Land	\$ 61,544.00
Elderly Persons	\$ 9,036.00
Unrestricted General Government	\$ 1,250,432.00
School Aid (Chapter 70)	\$ 236,581.00
Hotel/Meals Tax	\$ 74,636.45

**\$ 1,632,229.45**

**COMMONWEALTH OF MA STATE RECEIPTS**

911-Dept. Support and Incentive	\$ 112,676.83
Arts Cultural Council	\$ 7,000.00
Council on Aging Formula Grant	\$ 20,148.00
Library Incentive Grant	\$ 16,999.77
Motor Vehicle Fines	\$ 2,981.87
Highway Chapter Money	\$ 8,410.76
Veterans Benefits	\$ 67,722.00
Vocational Transportation	\$ 7,375.00
Veterans, Blind & Surviving Spouse	\$ 64,740.00
ARPA Municipal Emergency Disaster Relief Reimb.	\$ 3,471.00
FY21 MVE Exemption Reimbursement	\$ 487.00

**\$ 312,012.23**

**OTHER GOVERNMENT REVENUE**

Communications Center Services	\$ 17,862.00
Hinsdale Sewer Services	\$ 69,408.00
Dalton FD Tax Bill Assessment	\$ 10,000.00
Miscellaneous Grants	\$ 203,533.98

**\$ 300,803.98**

**FEDERAL REVENUE**

Federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$ 2,365.00
FDAAFDO Grant Reimbursement	\$ 2,500.00
ARPA Municipal	\$ 341,481.16
ARPA County	\$ 633,702.37
Community Development Block Grant	\$ 360,425.81

**\$ 1,340,474.34**

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT - CHARGES FOR SERVICES/FEES**

Interest Sewer User Fees	\$	3,831.71	
Registry Of Motor Vehicle Charges	\$	4,560.00	
Trailer Park Fees	\$	4,320.00	
Sewer Late Fees	\$	4,510.00	
Sewer User Fees 2022	\$	1,104,276.93	
Sewer User Fees Prior Year	\$	27,533.58	
Sewer Liens 2022	\$	35,698.56	
Sewer Liens Prior Year	\$	4,551.53	
Municipal Lien Fees	\$	4,725.00	
Bad Check Fees	\$	125.00	
Sale of Street Lists	\$	60.00	
Highway Excavation Fees	\$	1,900.00	
Cemetery Charges	\$	49,415.00	
Assessors Maps/Cards	\$	75.00	
Assessors Info	\$	50.00	
Police Outside Detail Admin Fees	\$	2,307.00	
Cable Franchise Fee	\$	880.50	
Sewer Hook Up Charges	\$	1,000.00	
Unlicensed Dog Fines	\$	9,765.00	
Recycled Goods	\$	4,753.15	
Parking Fines and Demand Fees	\$	50.00	
Duplicate Bill Charge	\$	128.00	
Pilot Payments Pine Grove Manor	\$	1,661.33	
Code Red Emergency Network Annual Fee	\$	2,124.03	
POD Cruiser Fee	\$	800.00	
Transfer Station Annual Car Permits	\$	17,078.12	
Transfer Station Bag Stickers	\$	1,202.12	
Youth Tobacco Fines	\$	3,000.00	
			<b><u>\$ 1,290,381.56</u></b>

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT - LICENSES/PERMITS**

Planning Board	\$	1,025.00	
Alcohol Licenses	\$	7,232.00	
Beer and Wine Licenses	\$	960.00	
All Other Alcohol Licenses	\$	1,800.00	
Raffle Permits	\$	20.00	
Building Permits	\$	32,055.90	
Health Agent	\$	7,575.00	
Police Firearms Permits	\$	2,950.00	
Board of Appeals Postage	\$	250.00	
All Other Licenses and Permits	\$	3,580.00	
			<b><u>\$ 57,447.90</u></b>

**MISCELLANEOUS GENERAL REVENUE**

Beautification Committee Donations	\$	200.00	
Town Collector Miscellaneous Revenue	\$	52.89	
Council on Aging Van Receipts	\$	11,331.00	
Council on Aging Gifts/Donations	\$	9,588.32	
Town Clerk Other	\$	1.00	
Town Maps	\$	3.00	
Grave Digging Overtime	\$	3,875.00	
Library Donations	\$	425.00	
School Census	\$	3,198.08	

Insurance Claims Under \$10,000	\$	6,893.77	
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$	12,821.20	
Warner Cable TV Franchise	\$	121,912.11	
Dog Licenses	\$	29,535.00	
Police Outside Details	\$	33,905.00	
Workers Comp Reimbursement	\$	1,428.57	
Transportation Infrastructure Fund	\$	10.40	
			<b>\$ 235,180.34</b>
<b><u>REVOLVING FUNDS</u></b>			
Wetland Protection Funds	\$	1,012.50	
Legal Advertising	\$	2,675.00	
Plumbing Inspections	\$	6,460.00	
Electrical Inspections	\$	13,780.00	
			<b>\$ 23,927.50</b>
<b><u>AGENCIES</u></b>			
Revenue Dalton Redevelopment Operations	\$	176.73	
Deputy Collector Fees	\$	13,128.00	
Fees Retained by Town Clerk	\$	7,315.00	
			<b>\$ 20,619.73</b>
<b><u>EARNINGS ON INVESTMENTS</u></b>			
General Fund	\$	11,163.17	
Capital Stabilization Fund	\$	5,684.60	
Litigation Stabilization Fund	\$	2,197.57	
General Stabilization Fund	\$	4,833.80	
Sewer Stabilization Fund	\$	4,355.83	
Pension Reserve Funds	\$	750.94	
CDBG Housing Rehab Program Interest	\$	82.01	
ARPA CLFRF Grant Interest	\$	4,357.44	
Arts Cultural Council	\$	54.88	
Unemployment Compensation Fund	\$	24.63	
OPEB Liability Trust Investments	\$	59.39	
OPEB State Retiree Benefits Trust Fund	\$	(160,590.99)	
Cemetery Trust Fund Interest	\$	592.74	
Library Trust Fund Interest	\$	1,277.95	
School Trust Fund Interest	\$	932.88	
			<b>\$ (124,223.16)</b>
<b>TOTAL ALL RECEIPTS</b>			<b><u>\$ 20,374,790.26</u></b>

**GENERAL STABILIZATION FUND**

Balance June 30, 2021	\$	988,859.39	
Transfers In	\$	50,000.00	
Transfers Out	\$	(75,000.00)	
Interest Income FY22	\$	4,833.80	
<b>Balance June 30, 2022</b>			<b><u>\$ 968,693.19</u></b>

**CAPITAL STABILIZATION FUND**

Balance June 30, 2021	\$	1,329,201.20	
Transfers In	\$	100,000.00	
Transfers Out	\$	(557,158.00)	
Interest Income FY22	\$	5,684.60	
<b>Balance June 30, 2022</b>			<b><u>\$ 877,727.80</u></b>

**LITIGATION STABILIZATION FUND**

Balance June 30, 2021	\$	418,838.23	
Transfers In	\$	50,000.00	
Interest Income FY22	\$	2,197.57	
<b>Balance June 30, 2022</b>			<b><u>\$ 471,035.80</u></b>

**SEWER STABILIZATION FUND**

Balance June 30, 2021	\$	855,230.06	
Transfers In	\$	100,000.00	
Transfers Out	\$	(30,000.00)	
Interest Income FY22	\$	4,355.83	
<b>Balance June 30, 2022</b>			<b><u>\$ 929,585.89</u></b>

**LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS**

Non-Expendable Funds	\$	60,000.00	
Expendable Funds	\$	4,945.00	
	\$	<u>64,945.00</u>	
Interest Balance June 30, 2021	\$	67,677.02	
Interest Income FY22	\$	1,277.95	
	\$	<u>68,954.97</u>	
<b>Balance June 30, 2022</b>			<b><u>\$ 133,899.97</u></b>

**CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS**

Non-Expendable Funds	\$	35,100.00	
Expendable Funds	\$	2,955.00	
	\$	<u>38,055.00</u>	
Interest Balance June 30, 2021	\$	13,719.23	
Interest Income FY22	\$	592.74	
	\$	<u>14,311.97</u>	
<b>Balance June 30, 2022</b>			<b><u>\$ 52,366.97</u></b>

**SCHOOL TRUST FUNDS**

Non Expendable Funds	\$	30,000.00	
	\$	<u>30,000.00</u>	
Interest Balance June 30, 2021	\$	88,404.88	
Interest Income FY22	\$	932.88	
	\$	<u>89,337.76</u>	
<b>Balance June 30, 2022</b>			<b><u>\$ 119,337.76</u></b>

**ARTS CULTURAL COUNCIL**

Balance June 30, 2021	\$	11,495.34	
Commonwealth of MA Grant	\$	7,000.00	
Warrants FY22	\$	(10,933.00)	
Interest Income FY22	\$	<u>54.88</u>	
<b>Balance June 30, 2022</b>			<b><u>\$ 7,617.22</u></b>

**LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST**

Balance June 30, 2021	\$	517.04	
Warrants FY22	\$	(137.63)	
<b>Balance June 30, 2022</b>			<b><u>\$ 379.41</u></b>

**OPEB LIABILITY TRUST INVESTMENTS**

Balance June 30, 2021	\$	42.78	
Transfers In	\$	300,000.00	
Transfers Out	\$	(300,097.08)	
Interest Income FY22	\$	<u>59.39</u>	
<b>Balance June 30, 2022</b>			<b><u>\$ 5.09</u></b>

**STATE RETIREE BENEFITS TRUST FUND (OPEB)**

Balance June 30, 2021	\$	3,957,297.86	
Transfers In	\$	300,097.08	
Net Fund Gains/Losses FY22	\$	<u>(160,590.99)</u>	
<b>Balance June 30, 2022</b>			<b><u>\$ 4,096,803.95</u></b>

**PENSION FUNDS**

Balance June 30, 2021	\$	125,146.34	
Interest Income FY22	\$	<u>750.94</u>	
<b>Balance June 30, 2022</b>			<b><u>\$ 125,897.28</u></b>

**UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION**

Balance June 30, 2021	\$	4,116.64	
Interest Income FY22	\$	<u>24.63</u>	
<b>Balance June 30, 2022</b>			<b><u>\$ 4,141.27</u></b>

**DALTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

Balance June 30, 2021	\$	35,183.71	
Warrants FY22	\$	(13,058.28)	
Interest Income FY22	\$	176.73	
<b>Balance June 30, 2022</b>			<b><u>\$ 22,302.16</u></b>

# MATURING DEBT AND INTEREST SCHEDULE FY22

PURPOSE	DATE ISSUED	BORROWING AMOUNT	PRINCIPAL PAID FY22	INTEREST PAID FY22	PRINCIPAL PAID TO DATE	OUTSTANDING BORROWING
Sewer Engineering	8/23/17	\$ 8,268.00	\$ 1,650.00	\$ 46.20	\$ 8,268.00	\$ -
Sewers & Drains		\$ 237,396.00	\$ 47,350.00	\$ 1,325.80	\$ 237,396.00	\$ -
Playground Equipment		\$ 90,000.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 504.00	\$ 90,000.00	\$ -
Fire Alarm System		\$ 20,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 112.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -
Sidewalks	6/20/18	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 49.50	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 900.00
Police Cruiser		\$ 42,789.00	\$ 8,558.00	\$ 470.66	\$ 34,232.00	\$ 8,557.00
ACO Truck		\$ 24,863.00	\$ 4,972.00	\$ 273.46	\$ 19,891.00	\$ 4,972.00
Sewer Interceptor/INI Study		\$ 21,249.00	\$ 4,249.00	\$ 233.68	\$ 17,001.00	\$ 4,248.00
Sewer Drainage Proj FY17						
Town Hall Carpets	6/25/19	\$ 25,159.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 487.50	\$ 15,159.00	\$ 10,000.00
Sewer Interceptor		\$ 143,381.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 93,381.00	\$ 50,000.00
Old School Demolition	4/15/20	\$ 943,221.00	\$ 475,933.00	\$ 8,804.76	\$ 943,221.00	\$ -
Dump Truck	6/17/20	\$ 229,728.00	\$ 45,946.00	\$ 4,594.56	\$ 91,892.00	\$ 137,836.00
Gas Pumps		\$ 38,457.00	\$ 7,692.00	\$ 769.12	\$ 15,384.00	\$ 23,073.00
Dump Truck	6/23/21	\$ 244,110.00	\$ 49,000.00	\$ 5,012.40	\$ 49,000.00	\$ 195,110.00
SSES Study		\$ 120,193.00	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 2,467.97	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 96,193.00
Pedestrian Flashers		\$ 5,950.00	\$ 1,190.00	\$ 122.18	\$ 1,190.00	\$ 4,760.00
Town Hall Renovations	6/22/22	\$ 77,918.00				\$ 77,918.00
Sidewalks		\$ 3,387.00				\$ 3,387.00
COA Van		\$ 17,859.00				\$ 17,859.00
SSES Study		\$ 36,007.00				\$ 36,007.00
Pedestrian Flashers		\$ 3,154.00				\$ 3,154.00
<b>TOTAL OUTSTANDING DEBT JUNE 30, 2022</b>						<b>\$ 673,974.00</b>

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

**Heather A. Hunt, Town Clerk**

In 2022 we issued 64 Business Certificates, of which 19 were renewals, and 11 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](http://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 2022 owners paid 359 late fees, 180 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 event occurring elsewhere to local residents. We recorded and preserved 39 Birth, 128 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](http://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](http://mytowngovernment.org/01226) to find meeting postings and other information for Dalton.

I extend my sincere appreciation and thanks to both Assistant Town Clerks Michele Blake and Patty Mele-Nichols for their diligence, patience, and continuing to go above and beyond the call of duty. The Town is fortunate to have such dedicated and capable individuals willing to serve our community. I also wish to thank the residents of the Town of Dalton for their support which is greatly appreciated.

**DOG LICENSES ISSUED/FINES COLLECTED**

**(Please note that Dog Licenses are due January 1 each year**

Males	109
Females	68
Neutered Males	497
Spayed Females	528
MPP	34
Total	1,236
Kennel	2

**VITAL STATISTICS**

Births	39
Deaths	128
Marriages	17

Visit Dalton’s official meeting posting site, go to [mytowngovernment.org/01226](http://mytowngovernment.org/01226). Meeting information is also available by calling 413-285-2709.



# BUILDING & ELECTRICAL INSPECTIONS

## Building:

OFFICE OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR TOWN OF DALTON, 462 Main Street PERMITS								
ANNUAL REPORT								
Date :- 7/01/2021 To 6/30/2022 Annual Report of: Building								
MONTH	NUMBER OF PERMITS	RESIDENTIAL PERMITS	PERMITS FOR DWELLINGS	RESIDENTIAL PERMITS FOR GARAGES	ALL OTHER	COMMERCIAL	CONSTRUCTION VALUE	FEES RECEIVED
JULY	26	25	0	0	26	1	49620.56	2662.46
AUGUST	30	28	0	0	28	2	309057.68	1949.99
SEPTEMBER	31	29	0	0	29	2	308896.15	1895.09
OCTOBER	29	29	0	0	29	0	825439	3920.46
NOVEMBER	27	25	0	0	25	2	316676.5	1901.92
DECEMBER	18	14	0	0	14	4	712046.5	1520.13
JANUARY	11	8	0	0	8	3	192696	673.75
FEBRUARY	15	14	0	0	14	1	721357.98	1667.78
MARCH	31	29	0	0	29	2	420245.93	1829.66
APRIL	40	39	0	0	39	1	1339176.89	5782.4
MAY	27	25	0	0	25	2	593226.95	2459.66
JUNE	24	21	0	0	35	3	572389.55	2035.14
TOTALS	309	286	0	0	301	23	6806101.71	28498.46

## Electrical:

OFFICE OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR TOWN OF DALTON, 462 Main Street PERMITS				
ANNUAL REPORT				
Date :- 7/01/2021 To 6/30/2022 Annual Report of: Electrical				
MONTH	NUMBER OF PERMITS	FEES RECEIVED	CASH	CHECK
JULY	8	650	0	8
AUGUST	9	810	0	9
SEPTEMBER	13	1240	0	13
OCTOBER	11	1020	0	11
NOVEMBER	19	1540	0	19
DECEMBER	13	1010	0	13
JANUARY	7	520	0	7
FEBRUARY	10	720	0	10
MARCH	13	1240	0	13
APRIL	20	1670	0	20
MAY	17	1220	0	17
JUNE	22	1890	0	22
TOTALS	162	13530	0	162

## 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](http://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



**Other Monies Collected FY2022 - Town Collector**

Type	Acct#	Amount
Sewer Late Fee	4245	\$4,510.00
Interest FD	4171	\$2,030.87
Interest tax	4171	\$24,675.44
Sewer Interest	4173	\$3,882.56
Demand Fees MV	4178	\$11,070.00
Demand Fees Tax	4177	\$4,110.00
Warrant Fees	4178	\$6,350.00
Deputy Fees	251R	\$13,128.00
RMV Fees	4175	\$4,560.00
MLC	4321	\$4,725.00
Trailer Park	4165	\$4,320.00
Sewer Hookup	4467	-
Trench Permit	4377	-
Interest MM	4820	\$509.68
Duplicate Bills	4382	\$128.00
Misc.	4840	-
Prep Ad	4844	\$15.00
Ad Reimbursement	4844	\$37.89
Return Checks	4330	\$100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$84,152.44</b>

**POSTAGE REPORT**

Melissa A. Davis

Postage Expenses		Postage Meter	
Meter Rental/Lease	\$2,136.00	July 1, 2021 Balance	\$2,806.27
Postage	\$14,501.28	Deposits	\$7,000.00
Supplies	\$415.82	Postage Available	\$9,806.27
		Meter Balance June 30, 2022	\$1,955.12
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$17,053.10</b>	Postage Used FY2022	<b>\$7,851.15</b>

**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

- 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 in 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.
  - 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 at 3:00pm; 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 web site as if there is nothing to come before the committee it may be canceled.

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.
- We have been receiving requests in this past year for no parking in given areas of the town. These requests need to be reviewed and checked for many factors. Such as effect on the neighborhood, the traveling public, as well as sight distance and amount of space needed. It can also be governed by emergency vehicles. Making a written request for a review by the committee is always recommended but can be done at our meetings as these are public.
- There have been concerns about the intersection between Fox Rd. Housatonic St. and Route 8 (Nessacus intersection). These concerns arise from people not using care at this intersection causing accidents. I would like to ask all that use the school and drop children to exercise caution and be willing to move in a manor that allows for all to get into the school yard.

# 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/.Ext.	304	1st Weds. 8:00 a.m.
Dalton Redevelopment Authority		
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

## 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 8, 2023 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
(2) Member Planning Board	For 3 Years
(3) Library Trustees	For 3 Years
(2) Members Finance Committee	For 3 Years





*We would like to dedicate the 2022 Town of Dalton Annual Report to three very important people, who devoted many years of service to the Town.*

Deborah Merry retired this year, after working for the Town since 1995. She had many roles in the Town, including the Assistant to the Town Manager and Select Board, with her last position being the Town Clerk. Deb was also a Justice of the Peace and married a couple in Town Hall.

Dan Filiault retired in June after dedicating 42 years of service to the Town, including being the Chief of Police and Emergency Management Director, among many other positions.

Pattie Pero celebrated her 35th anniversary with the Town. Pattie has dedicated many years to helping the senior population, being a compassionate resource to allow them to age safely and with dignity in our community.

What do these three Rockstar's all have in common? You would be hard-pressed to find any resident within the Town's boundaries and beyond that have not been affected in one way or another by at least one of these folks!



# Dalton Day

Presented by the Dalton Cultural Council

**What:**

Dalton Day, a celebration of our town including live music performances and food

**When:**

Saturday, July 15, 1-5 p.m.

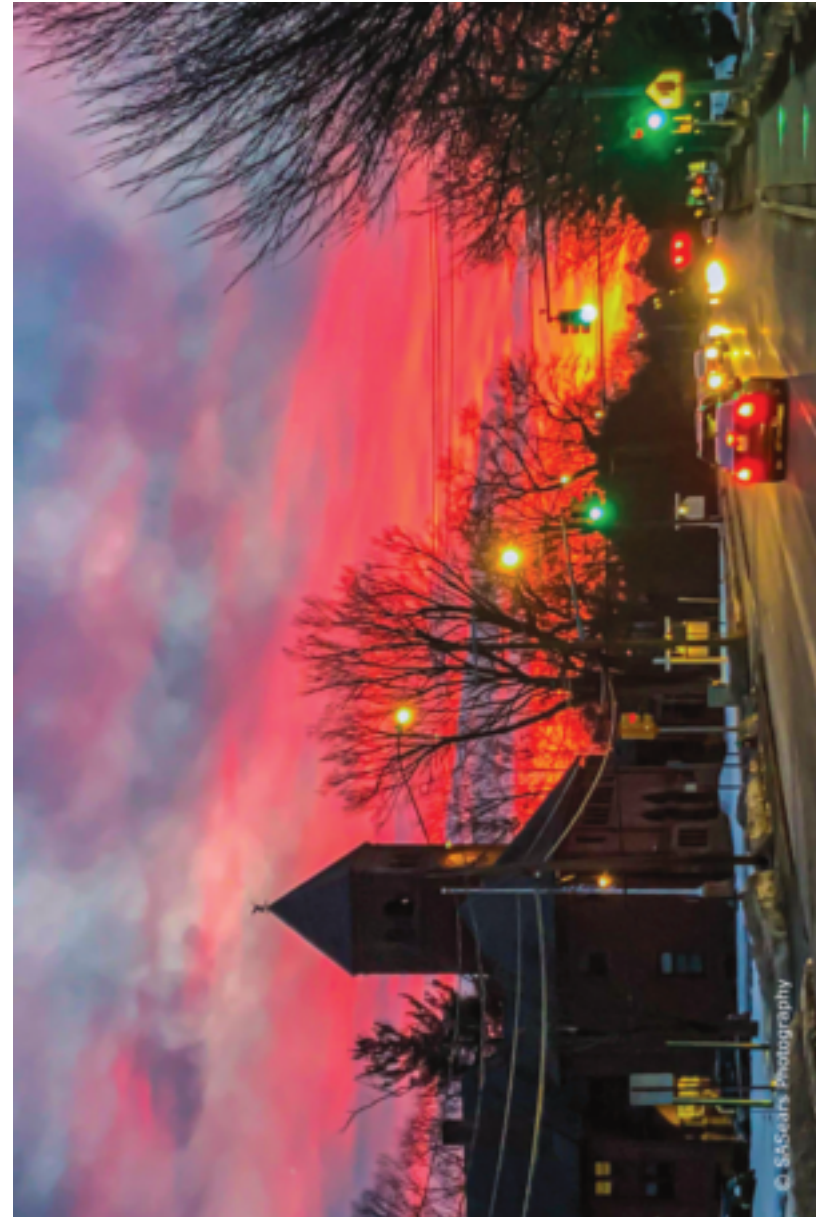
**Where:**

Dalton Senior Center grounds, 40 Field St. Ext., Dalton

**Who:**

All residents and non-residents are welcome

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