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2024 Annual Report Dalton, Massachusetts



ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE TOWN OF DALTON MASSACHUSETTS FOR 2024

Population 2024 Census (As of April 8, 2025).....	6,211
Number of Registered Voters.....	5,194
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).....	\$16.47
Tax Rate (Fire District).....	\$1.66
Total Tax Assessed (Town-Includes Personal Property).....	\$15,797,640.66
Total Tax Assessed (Fire District).....	\$1,592,233.36
Total Valuation.....	\$959,176,725
2025 Town Meeting.....	May 5, 2025 (7:00 PM)
2025 Town Election.....	May 12, 2025 (11:00 AM – 7:00 PM)

**All elections are held at the Dalton Senior Center located at
40 Field Street Extension, Dalton, MA 01226.**

**Please bring this report with you to the May 5, 2025
Annual Town Meeting.**

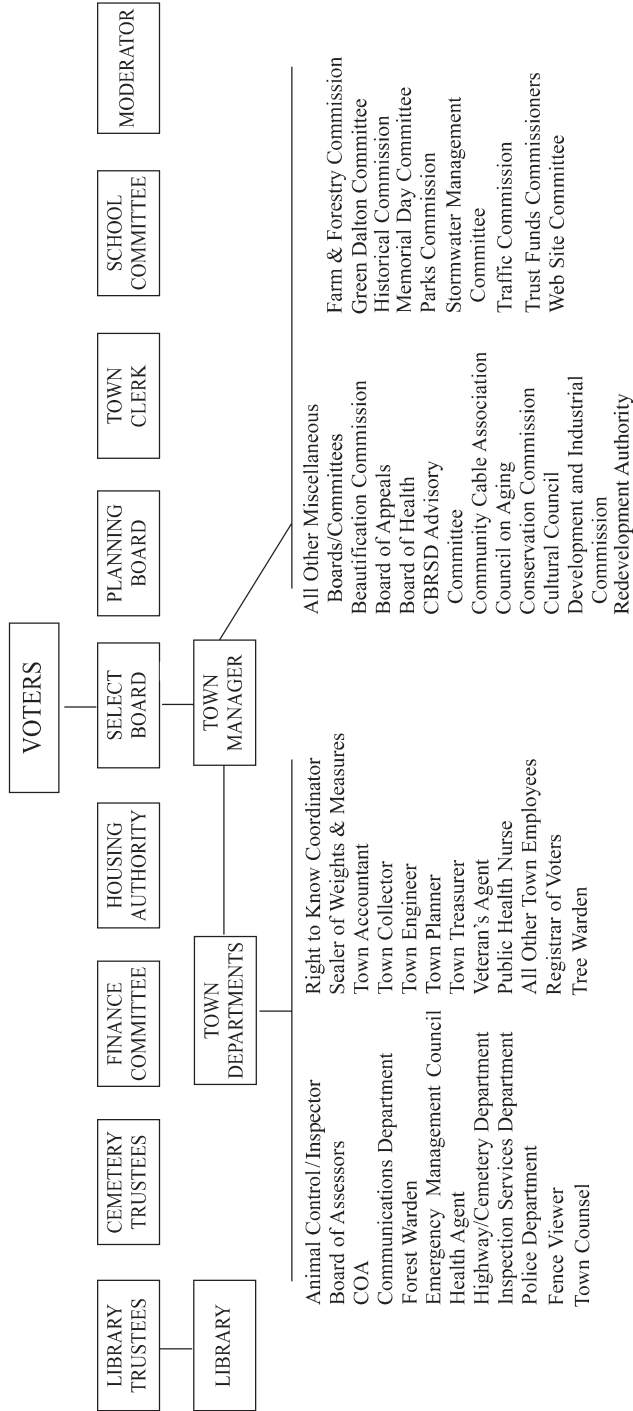
Please note time is 7:00 p.m. for all Town Meetings.

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

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TOWN OF DALTON ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS SERVING AS OF MAY 2024

<u>SELECT BOARD:</u>	<u>3 YR TERM EXPIRES</u>
John F. Boyle	2026
Marc E. Strout	2025
Robert W. Bishop, Jr. Chairman	2027
Daniel E. Esko, Vice Chairman	2026
Robert E.W. Collins	2025

<u>TOWN CLERK:</u>	<u>3 YR TERM EXPIRES:</u>	<u>MODERATOR</u>	<u>1 YR TERM EXP:</u>
Heather A. Hunt	2027	Anthony P. Doyle	2025

<u>HOUSING AUTHORITY:</u>	<u>5 YR TERM EXP:</u>	<u>PLANNING BOARD:</u>	<u>3 YR TERM EXP:</u>
Doris Middlebrook V. Chairman	2027	Andrew G. Perenick, Chairman	2025
Alicia Jost	2029	Zack R. McCain, III, V. Chair	2026
Deborah Wehry	2025	Jarred Mongeon, Clerk	2026
Laurie A. Chivers	2029	Donald A. Davis, Jr.	2025
Vacancy (State Appointed)		Robert E.W. Collins	2027

<u>FINANCE COMMITTEE:</u>	<u>3 YR TERM EXP:</u>	<u>LIBRARY TRUSTEES:</u>	<u>3 YR TERM EXP:</u>
Thomas Irwin	2025	Fred J. Sears, Chair	2026
William A. Drosehn III. Chair	2025	Max Ehrlich	2026
Michael W. Jerome	2025	Mary E. Gingras	2025
Scott Beaulac	2027	Barbara E. Kotelnicki	2027
Jeffrey S. Noble	2025	Thomas M. Condron	2025
Karen J. Schmidt	2027	Anne M. Ronayne	2025
Susan B. Carroll-Lombardi	2027	Jean M. Roy	2027
Susan Vigeant	2027	Leonardo P. Quiles	2025
Vacancy		Kathleen Hoag	2027

<u>CEMETERY TRUSTEES:</u>	<u>3 YR TERM EXPIRES:</u>
Judith L. Douville, Chair	2026
John W. Bartels, Jr.	2027
Thomas R. Towne	2025

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024
(Serving for one year unless stated otherwise)

TOWN MANAGER (3)

Thomas W. Hutcheson (2027)

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT (1)

Alyssa Maschino

TOWN ACCOUNTANT (3)

Sandra J. Albano (2025)

Christine Bialobok, Assistant

TOWN COLLECTOR (1)

Melissa A. Davis

Ana-Lisa Parise, Assistant

TOWN TREASURER (1)

Dawn M. Fahey

Sandra J. LaFrance, Assisant

POLICE CHIEF (3)

Deanna Strout (2027)

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS, SEWERS,

CEMETERIES & PARKS (3)

Edward M. (Bud) Hall (2027)

ADA COMMITTEE (1)

(5 members)

Anthony Barone

Lynn Clements

David Wasielewski

George White

Vacancy

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER (1)

Levi Lisi

Vacant Asst.

ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK (3)

Patricia Mele-Nichols

BRPC BROWNFIELDS COMMITTEE

REP.

Janko Tomasic

BRPC TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY

COMMITTEE (1)

Janko Tomasic

BRPC (1)

Daniel Esko, Delegate

John F. Boyle, Alt.

BRPC ADVISORY BOARD

John F. Boyle, Alt.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION (3)

(10 members)

Annmarie Cicchetti, Secretary (2025)

Robert R. Merry, Co-Chairman (2027)

Judy Harris, Co-Chairman (2027)

BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION (3)

CON'T

Linda C. Merry, Treasurer (2026)

Jean K. Poopor, Clerk (2026)

Peter Gonick (2025)

Pamela J. Turner (2025)

Deb Wehry (2027)

Pamela Walak (2027)

Judy Condrion (2027)

BERKSHIRE RETIREMENT

ADVISORY BOARD

Dawn M. Fahey

BOARD OF APPEALS (3)

(3 members 2 alternates)

Anthony P. Doyle, Chair (2025)

Stephen J. Psutka, Vice-Chair (2025)

Edward F. Gero, Clerk (2026)

Caleb Darby, Alt. (2025)

Vacancy Alt.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS (1)

(3 members)

Jean M. Boudreau, Principal Assessor

Lee Nunez, Clerk/Assessor

Laura Maffuccio, Assessor

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024
(Serving for one year unless stated otherwise)

BOARD OF HEALTH AGENT

Agnes Witkowski, Health Agent

BOARD OF HEALTH INSPECTOR

Amy Coates

BOARD OF HEALTH (1)

(6 members)

Claudia Colombari

Jessie Downer

Edward F. Gero

Dr. Amanda Staples-Opperman

Agnes Witkowski, Health Agent

Vacancy

BOARD OF REGISTRARS (3)

(4 members)

Jean M. Gingras (2027)

Heather Hunt, Clerk (2027)

Patty Mele-Nichols (2027)

Judith E. Condron (2027)

BUILDING COMMISSIONER (1)

ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Brian Duval CB BC/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)

Daniel Esko

William A. Drosehn, III

COMMISSIONER OF TRUST FUNDS (3)

(3 members)

Susan C. Vigeant (2027)

2 Vacancies

CONSERVATION COMMISSION (3)

(7 members)

Edward F. Gero (2026)

6 Vacancies

CONSTABLES (1)

Joshua Bradley

Tyler Miller

Deanna L. Strout

Geoffrey Powell

Anthony Baroli

Trae Balardini

COUNCIL ON AGING DIRECTOR (1)

Kelly Pizzi, Director (2022)

COUNCIL ON AGING (3)

(15 members max.)

George Morrell, Co-Chair (2026)

Linda Merry, Co-Chair (2026)

Robert R. Merry, Treasurer (2027)

Andrea Lassar, Co-Clerk (2026)

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APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024
(Serving for one year unless stated otherwise)

Lisa Stankiewicz (2026)
Gordine A. Galusha (2027)
Joyce Lacatell (2025)
Maureen Mitchell (2025)
Jean K. Poopor (2025)
Patricia Suchenicz (2027)
Ken Walto (2025)
Cynthia Riggs-French (2027)
Vacancy

CUSTODIAN OF TAX TITLE

PROPERTY (1)

Dawn M. Fahey

COMMUNITY CABLE ASSOC. REP. (1)

Thomas J. Murray

CABLE ADVISORY COMM. (1)

(7 members)

John W. Ostresh
Richard H. White
5 Vacancies

CULTURAL COUNCIL (3)

(7 members)

Donald E. Harris, Chair (2026)
Alyssa Maschino (2026)
Annie E. Pecor, Sec. (2027)
Mary Ferrell (2027)
Deborah A. White (2025)
Kathleen F. Harris (2025)
Kellie M. Harris-Porter, Treasurer (2027)

**DALTON REDEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY (5)**

(5 members)

Michael Ferry (2026)
John Boyle, Chair (2027)
Anthony P. Doyle (2023) State Nominee
Samuel H. Pascual (2025)
J. Michael Hoffman (2027)
Vacancy

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS (1)

Gabrielle Taglieri

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

ADVISORY COUNCIL (1)

(13 members)

Kelly Pizzi
Gabrielle Taglieri
Thomas W. Hutcheson, Ex-Officio
Patrick Petit
Jason Dion
Robert Benlien
Sandra Albano
Deanna Strout
Scott Baker
Edward M.(Bud) Hall
James Peltier
Brian Duval
Glenn Lagerwall
Agnes Wikowski

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

DIRECTOR & COMMUNITY

EMERGENCY RESPONSE COORD. (1)

Glenn Lagerwall

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFIED

OFFICER (1)

Thomas Hutcheson

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024
(Serving for one year unless stated otherwise)

FARM AND FORESTRY COMMISSION (3)

(7 members)
Beth A. Salvatore-LeBeau, Vice-Chair (2026)
J. Dicken Crane (2026)
Peter J. Cachat (2025)
Dina L. LaBeau, Alt. (2027)
3 Vacancies

FENCE VIEWER (1)

Vacant
FOREST WARDEN (1)
Christian Tobin

GREEN DALTON COMMITTEE (1)

(7 members)
Tony Pagliarulo
Tom Irwin
David Wasielewski
Steven Marantz
3 Vacancies

HISTORICAL COMMISSION (3)

(7 members)
Debora D.S. Kovacs, Co-Chair (2025)
Thomas J. Snyder, Vice-Chairman (2027)
Nancy Kane, Secretary (2025)
Mary A. Walsh, Treasurer (2026)
Ellen M. Chiacchiarretto (2026)
Bonnie Eastwood (2025)
Dennis Croughwell (2027)

**HOUSATONIC RIVER RESTORATION
GOV. COUNCIL REP. (1)**

Vacancy

**INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS (STATE
APP'T.) (1)**

Levi Lisi (2025)

INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING & GAS (1)

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 (9)**

(No terms of expiration)
Victoria M. Sedgwick
Sandra J. Albano ex-officio
Dawn M. Fahey ex-officio
6 Vacancies

LIBRARIAN (1)

Janet Forest

LICENSING BOARD

Select Board

LOCAL CENSUS LIAISON

Heather Hunt

MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE (1)

(9 members)
Robert J. Dassat, Chair
James Harris
Corey A. White
George D. White
Ken Pease
4 Vacancies

**MOBILE HOME PARK RENT
CONTROL BOARD (5)**

(5 Years)
Select Board

MUNICIPAL ADA COORDINATOR (1)

Alyssa Maschino

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024
(Serving for one year unless stated otherwise)

**OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION
COMMITTEE (3)**

(7 members)
Eric Payson (2026)
Cheryl Rose (2026)
Jared Shannon (2025)
Judy Condron (2025)
Bonnie Eastwood (2027)
2 Vacancies

PARKING CLERK (1)
Rebecca L. Whitaker

PARKS COMMISSION
Select Board

PLANNING BOARD ASSOCIATE (1)
Janko Tomasic

POLICE MATRONS (1)
Rebecca L. Whitaker
Betsy E. Balardini

POLICE SERGEANT (3)
Geoffrey Powell (2027)
Tyler S. Miller (2027)
James R. Duryea, Jr. (Provisional)

RECORDS ACCESS OFFICER
Rebecca Whitaker

SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES (1)
Brian P. Duval / Commonwealth of MA

SEWER COMMISSION
Select Board

**STORMWATER MANAGEMENT
COMMISSION (3)**

(7 members)
Brian P. Duval, Chairman, ex-officio
Edward M. (Bud) Hall, ex-officio
Edward F. Gero (2026)
Alison Dixon, Vice Chair, HVAR Rep
Melissa Provencher, BRPC Rep.
2 Vacancies

TOWN COUNSEL (1)
KP Law, P.C.

TOWN PLANNER (1)
Janko Tomasic

TRAFFIC COMMISSION (1)
(7 members)
Camillus B. Cachat, Jr.
Edward M.(Bud) Hall
Deanna Strout, Vice Chair
William A. Drosehn III, Chair
Adelard J. Nadeau
2 Vacancies

TREE WARDEN (1)
Edward M. (Bud) Hall

VETERANS AGENT (1)
Steve Roy

VETERANS BURIAL AGENT (1)
Steven Roy

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER
Vacant
Vacant, Alternate

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (3)
See "Board of Appeals"

SELECT BOARD

Robert Bishop, Chair

The Select Board has been busy during the year. The Board voted to move future elections to the Dalton Senior Center. In May, the Board reorganized and elected Bob Bishop Chair and Dan Esko Vice-Chair. The Board approved licenses including alcohol, common victualers, entertainment, game machine, juke box, and storage of flammable liquids. The Board approved the sale of a house on Gulf Road to Habit for Humanity. We also approved the sale of the former Bardin APR property. The Board reviewed the plans for Dalton Division Road and approved the proposed round about near the Washington Mountain Road area. The Board is also viewing costs to repair the Town Hall Basement sewer and heating systems. The Board appointed a public Safety Facility Advisory Committee to explore options for a new police, communications and emergency building. The board also set a date for the vacant select board seat due to Joe Diver's resignation. In FY2024, the Town was involved in one lawsuit, Hayes v. Town of Dalton.

We spent a lot of time approving ARPA funds for much needed projects and supplies. Some of the major ARPA projects included (through December of FY2025), for the DPW, \$740,000 for Paving; \$230,000 for Sewer System rehabilitation; \$70,200 for an excavator; \$30,000 for heat pumps for the garage; \$25,000 for a roller; \$16,000 for octagon dumpsters; \$13,500 for garage doors; \$12,700 for a trailer; and \$10,000 for a compactor.

For the Police Department, we spent \$65,000 for a feasibility study for a new police station; \$54,000 for tasers; \$53,816 for a radio repeater; \$20,000 for a drone and associated equipment; \$19,000 for cruiser laptops; and \$13,000 for rifles.

We also spent \$68,000 for Town Hall renovations and \$23,000 for engineering for Town Hall basement (Police Department) renovations.

We also shared \$145,000 with the Water District for engineering prior to system improvements and \$20,000 with the Fire District for a truck insert for woods fires.

In closing, I would like to thank Board members John Boyle, Dan Esko, Marc Strout, and Joe Diver for their hard work and support.

TOWN MANAGER

Thomas W. Hutcheson, Town Manager

General

The first Dalton Day was a great success, even though it was produced on a shoestring budget and very few volunteers, especially the Cultural Council. I want to especially thank my Executive Assistant Alyssa Maschino for her central role in providing energy and focus to the event.

Our insurance association, MIIA, is assisting us in reinvigorating our Safety Committee, which helps us get the best rates possible. Our Buildings and Grounds Superintendent is the lead on that, and he is highly trained in OSHA, so it seems a good fit. We'll have quarterly meetings and go over our activities and claims with MIIA to be sure we're doing the best we can.

The Town hosted a Volunteer Appreciation Brunch in December for those who work with the Town on its many areas of work as volunteers, including all board and committee members. We honored about 65 volunteers at the Volunteer Brunch. I would like to thank Alyssa Maschino for organizing the event and give great thanks to all those who donated to the raffles.

We convened the Cable Advisory Committee, which has been working with an independent lawyer to negotiate a contract with Spectrum.

We also received notice from the state that \$120,797 will be added to our Chapter 90 account from the "Fair Share" program created by the initiative to tax income over \$1M at a higher rate and apply those taxes to education and transportation.

Human Resources

Town Planner Janko Tomasic started work on Monday, July 10. He is working primarily with the Planning Board, the Board of Appeals, and the Open Space Committee, with additional support for the Conservation Commission and Green Committee as necessary. Also in July, Jeffrey Burch joined the Town as Buildings and Grounds Superintendent. We welcomed Janet Forest as Library Director in December of 2023 and John David (JD) Hebert as Emergency Management Director in April of 2024. We also hired Kira Smith as a part-time administrative assistant for various offices but based in the Town Manager's office, and Christina Parkinson as a part-time administrative assistant to the Health Agent.

Projects and Procurement

We progressed greatly in selling the Bardin property and continue to work on the details to transfer the land, which we expect to do in the first part of FY 2025.

The Town Hall renovation project has been completed. It turned into a larger asbestos abatement project than initially anticipated, as well as having to remove bats and seal the attic, so some insulation work on the third floor was unable to be done due to limited resources. The building is tight and clean, though. In Information Technology work, the Town Hall Data Wiring project is complete. The various wiring jobs done over many years are now consolidated and labelled. The Fiber Ring project is also complete, so all Town computers are on the same

network. This work is being done through a Community Compact grant I applied for in March of 2022. The Town's cybersecurity was audited by the State's MassTech office, which performs this service for municipalities free of charge. There are several areas of focus; we requested audits for both internal systems and external threats and are taking appropriate action based on the results. Finally, we are working on developing a new website, as approved by Town Meeting. With the aid of an exceptional volunteer, we developed a comprehensive scope, and the bid was won by Town Web Designs.

We received an estimate for constructing a sewer line along Dalton Division Road as part of the eventual reconstruction. The low number was \$1.7M for an alternative that the DPW Superintendent, Bud, and I do not prefer due to its requiring pumping; another option, for \$1.8M, also requires some pumping. Bud and I think the best option is the one that is completely gravity-fed, which would cost \$2M.

We accepted the low bid for sewer rehabilitation, at \$470,071, based on an "inflow and infiltration" study. This should lower sewer rates as less extraneous water goes to Pittsfield for treatment.

For those concerned about the Orchard Road project, the state contract was executed January 24. We hired a designer very quickly and I received an e-mail on February 22 informing me that easements would be necessary before going out to bid. I found the name of a recommended appraiser and wrote them the next day for quotes (for both Orchard Road and the L.P. Adams easement) and they replied they would get me the quotes. I got the money for the quotes from the Select Board from ARPA funds and hired an appraiser. We got preliminary plans and figures and brought the items to Town Meeting for the necessary approval. I plan to get the Orders of Taking from Town Counsel and complete the easement work by this fall.

When the easements are finalized, we will be prepared to bid the work. I will note that it was already late in January, when the grant contract was signed by the State, to bid a project for this construction year. By the time the easements were approved, construction companies were well into their planned season. We will be bidding during the usual time for such activity, the fall preceding the construction season in which the work is to be done (FY 2025). This is when companies are looking to schedule their next year and are at their most competitive, which we anticipate will lead to lower prices.

We have nearly completed the Town's Hazard Mitigation Plan, thanks to the work of the Emergency Management Director and Town Planner. We have just one item to adjust and expect to have a completed plan in FY 2025.

Select Board member Dan Esko and I met with the Open Space Committee and received their support for forming a group to work on a skateboard park. Due to preliminary research on other skate parks, though, we decided that the likely costs were too great to continue at this time.

I continued working with Town Counsel on negotiations for a Payment In Lieu Of Taxes (PILOT) agreement with Citizens Energy for their solar installation project at Berkshire Sand and Gravel.

The Green Committee has been working hard on the Electric Vehicle Charging Station project, funded by ARPA, which will create two charging stations (with four chargers) in back of the CRA. They hope to create more charging stations with the reimbursements the Town will get from that project. The Electric Vehicle Charging Station at the CRA project, from ARPA funding, is in process after many small delays.

The Town successfully installed heat pumps at the Town Garage, a welcome addition. We also installed insulation in the Town Garage, using Green Community grant funds and utility incentives, so at no monetary cost to the Town. The Town Garage roof improvement project fared less well - there were no bidders, so we will re-bid in FY 2025. We also partially completed the replacement of Town Garage doors and will complete that project next year as well.

After an appraisal, Town Meeting approved an easement from L. P. Adams for land the Town installed drainage in during Housatonic Street reconstruction, apparently with the promise that we would follow up with the purchase. I am pleased to have been able to move this forward toward a final resolution.

DALTON BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

Robert Merry & Judy Harris, Co-Chairs

Thank you to the volunteers, businesses and the community who have so generously given their time and support to help make Dalton a little nicer place to live. The camaraderie found in the Dalton Beautification Commission is something unique and is rarely found these days.

The Dalton Beautification Commission, established in 2001, annually has created gardens at the intersection at Main/North, Main/Orchard, 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.

Our spring meeting was held at the Senior Center where we planned the coming year.

Our efforts of planting more perennials seems to be working in that we were able to reduce the number of annuals that we purchased this year. We will, continue to pursue finding other perennials and native plants that can meet our needs.

2023, started with an adequate amount of water. As a result the gardens were looking good through the end of the fiscal year in June. However, the additional moisture resulted in an invasion of aphids which literally, sucked the life out of many of our plants.

In the 2024-2025 year we plan on introducing lady bugs to the gardens. They are a natural predator of aphids and hopefully they will control them. We hope that that will eliminate the need to use any insecticides which are harmful to pollinators.

Watering is always a challenge during dry years. The fire department committed to helping us this year but were not needed. Maybe we will be able to come up with a permanent solution at some point.

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, and Jaeschke's Fruit and Flowers provide discounted materials supporting DBC efforts. We'd like to give a special thanks to the Beans and Thompson Family Estate for allowing us access to their water.

We have a FaceBook page to share our efforts with everyone and it has been well received and provides us with a lot of positive feedback. Find us at <https://www.facebook.com/DaltonBeautification/> or search FaceBook for Dalton Massachusetts Beautification Commission.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA)

No report was received from this committee.

DALTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

John F. Boyle, Chairman

The Dalton Redevelopment Authority has been working hard trying to help Dalton-based businesses.

A longtime Dalton Main Street business (Dalton Mobile 1933) was sold, and the new owners, Lipton Oil of Pittsfield, MA were refused a permit to operate this business based on the conclusion that the former owner had ceased to sell petroleum products. A violation of the Zoning By-law.

On December 12, the Zoning Board of Appeals found this ruling inaccurate and granted Lipton Oil permission to proceed with the development of a gas station and convenience store at this site. We welcome Lipton Oil to the Dalton business community.

The Old Dalton Garage on Main Street will remain on the tax rolls as private property. By rumor, we understand the property will be subdivided into small units for commercial use. This decision by the owners will be very important in our quest to have all Main Street, vacant business properties occupied and vibrant. There remain several.

I would like to thank the Board members for their hard and industrious work, Mike Ferry, Sam Pascual, Tony Doyle, and Mike Hofman. Term 2024 was a year in which there were no significant new businesses brought to Dalton however we managed to help and hold to the ones that are currently here. Thank you.

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.

BOARD OF APPEALS

Anthony P. Doyle, Chairman

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

Dalton has a three-member board. Two alternate members are authorized 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
Caleb Darby, Vice Chairman
Edward Gero, Clerk
Ryan Psutka, Associate

The Town Planner is Janko Tomasic

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 on a different date to accommodate scheduling issues with the parties involved. Notices of all the board meetings, and agendas, are posted in the Town Hall bulletin board and on the Town of Dalton's online calendar. The Board meets in person and all meetings are open to the public. Most meetings are held at the Senior Center to allow for handicap access.

TOWN PLANNER

Janko Tomasic, Town Planner

The board held several public hearings in 2024 including two variances three special permits and two applications for administrative appeals.

The Town Planning department consists of the Town Planner, who works with the various boards and committees within the Town of Dalton, to help with their projects in a liaison, grant procurement, and planning capacity. The Town Planner also uses their expertise to network outside of the town to local and regional agencies who can provide resources and expertise for the various projects the boards and committees are pursuing.

The Town Planner works with the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Conservation Commission, Green Committee, Open Space and Recreation Committee, and the Dalton Redevelopment Authority. Janko has been working as the Town Planner since July 2023. Major projects worked on are:

- District Local Technical Assistance (DLTA) Housing Grant
- Digital Equity Plan and BEAD (Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment) Challenge
- Individualization of Special Permit, Variance, and Appeal Fees
- Comprehensive Review of the Dalton Master Plan
- Ongoing Review of the Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Zoning By-laws

The Planning Board met 10 times during FY2024. The Planning Board is chaired by Andy Perenick and consists of five members. Caleb Darby parted ways with the board in May of 2024. Robert Collins was welcomed as its newest member in June 2024. The Board is in the process of reviewing and discussing the ADU bylaw, to comply with the upcoming state Affordable Homes Act provisions regarding ADUs. The board has also been exploring Mobile Accessory Dwelling Units (MADUs), and how they may fit into the new bylaw, and what provisions should be around them. Decisions were made on annual Special Permits for Berkshire Concrete Corporation, Nichols Sand and Gravel, and Ray Robert Trucking and Excavating. The Board chose to renew all three permits. A stipulation change regarding Nichols Sand and Gravel was petitioned for and approved. The Planning Board decided in favor of granting a minor modification to the site plan relative to Petition #575: Warren Farms Solar, Inc. The Board reviewed one Form 2 (ANR), for 39041 Lake Street. The Board reviewed and approved the change in fee structure proposed by the Town Planner, the new fees took effect in July of 2024.

The ZBA is chaired by Tony Doyle and consists of four members. Stephen J. Psutka, stepped down as Vice Chair and parted ways with the Board in September 2023, the board welcomed Ryan Psutka in October 2023. The ZBA met 10 times during Fiscal Year 2023. Decisions were made on four petitions. These were:

- 575 – Citizens Energy – Variance Extension Request
- 587 – Korte – Special Permit
- 588 – Carver – Special Permit
- 589 – Karch – Variance

Green Committee met 18 times during FY2024 and is chaired by David Wasielewski. The Green Committee had discussions around the Town Hall renovations and library roof upgrades with building superintendent Jeffery Burch. They have been working with Earthlight to install Level 2 and 3 chargers in Dalton at different locations. Potential grants for the upcoming year was addressed, as well as doing a trail of heat containing window shades in the Dalton Library, insulating the Dalton highway garage, community compact grants, paint disposal, and potential grants for the upcoming year. The Green Committee submitted an RFP for the Climate Action Plan and is going to be working with Blue Strike Environmental to further develop a climate action plan for Dalton.

Open Space and Recreation met five times during FY2024 and consists of four members. Taylor Staubach stepped down as Chair in May 2024 and the seat is currently vacant. They had several projects in FY2024. The ongoing rehabilitation of The Pines working with the “Greenagers” group, and addressing the unfinished work on the trail. They discussed signage and how to mitigate potential damage to town trails by motorized recreational vehicles, invasive species, and recruitment of new members.

Dalton Redevelopment Authority met five times during FY2024. They discussed the general business climate in Dalton and what can be done to improve it. The property of 630 Main Street has been a topic of discussion for potential redevelopment, as the property currently sits abandoned and underutilized.

Conservation Commission met 11 times during FY2024. The Commission is Co-Chaired by Cheryl and Henry Rose. They will continue to allow the Chair of the Conservation Commission to sign on behalf of the

Conservation Commissioners when meetings are held via video conference, a decision voted on in FY2023. A commissioner, Bob Bishop, resigned from the commission in May 2024. The commission still is without a vice chair.

Addressed Requests for Determination (RDA) include: The Pines – Build accessible trail over existing trail; 130 West Housatonic Street - Berkshire Gas installation of a pressure regulator station; and 15 Judith Drive- construction of a single level addition to existing home. They conducted site visits to Ashley Reservoir, Berkshire Concrete, 64 East Street, and the Old Mill trail. They issued several NOIs to parties within Dalton, these were followed up on and addressed. They issued enforcement orders for: 92 Marcella Way for fill and construction of patio in Riverfront without a permit, 110 Grange Hall Road for construction of an addition within 200 feet of a perennial stream (Riverfront), without permit. Bringing fill into Riverfront. Current open projects are: Ashley Reservoir, Pioneer Mill, Byron Weston Mill, Eversource Transmission Line 39.

OPEN SPACE & RECREATION COMMITTEE

No report was received from this committee.

INSPECTOR OF WIRING

John M. Broderick, Wiring Inspector

Service Work	44
New Houses	1
Renovations/Additions	13
Solar Installations	68
Furnaces	4
Lighting Retrofits	1
Pools/Hot Tubs	0
Security Systems	1
Fire Alarms	0
Misc. Electric Work	18
A/C Equipment	8
Total Permits 2024	158

ELECTRICAL PERMITS

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PERMITS</u>	<u>FEES RECEIVED</u>
JULY	9	\$720.00
AUGUST	17	\$1,400.00
SEPTEMBER	10	\$965.00
OCTOBER	21	\$1,860.00
NOVEMBER	19	\$1,560.00
DECEMBER	7	\$670.00
JANUARY	14	\$1,130.00
FEBRUARY	13	\$1,300.00
MARCH	6	\$640.00
APRIL	14	\$1,300.00
MAY	15	\$1,220.00
<u>JUNE</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>\$960.00</u>
TOTALS	155	\$13,725.00

PLUMBING & GAS INSPECTIONS

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PERMITS</u>	<u>FEES RECEIVED</u>
JULY	6	\$310.00
AUGUST	14	\$880.00
SEPTEMBER	9	\$480.00
OCTOBER	11	\$620.00
NOVEMBER	13	\$670.00
DECEMBER	12	\$710.00
JANUARY	12	\$630.00
FEBRUARY	15	\$860.00
MARCH	7	\$350.00
APRIL	15	\$880.00
MAY	8	\$440.00
JUNE	11	\$660.00
TOTALS	133	\$7,490.00

BUILDING PERMITS

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PERMITS</u>	<u>FEES RECEIVED</u>
JULY	36	\$2,809.81
AUGUST	28	\$2,963.72
SEPTEMBER	35	\$4,967.45
OCTOBER	32	\$3,185.44
NOVEMBER	25	\$2,265.39
DECEMBER	16	\$1,616.56
JANUARY	19	\$1,590.15
FEBRUARY	21	\$3,682.84
MARCH	22	\$1,463.28
APRIL	35	\$3,443.74
MAY	43	\$5,703.73
JUNE	30	\$9,874.18
TOTALS	342	\$43,566.29

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Susan Koziara, Assessor, Lee Nunez, Assessor,
Tristan Manzolini, Assessors' Clerk

Fiscal Year 2025 was a Certification year for the Town of Dalton. This is also commonly referred to as a "Reval" year, however every year all properties are revaluated and adjustments made primarily due to changes in the market. The rise in real estate sale values since 2020 continues, which contributes to the rise in assessed property values. Certification of these values is required every five years by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue. During this time, a Field Advisor from the Department of Local Assessment came to Dalton and conducted field reviews as well as data quality checks.

The total assessment of all taxable properties in the Town of Dalton for FY 2025 is \$959,176,725. This is an increase of \$63,853,860 or about 7% over last year's taxable value. As mentioned, residential properties continue to rise in value and represent most of the total value in the town at 86% with commercial/industrial and personal property making up the remaining 14%.

The tax rate for FY 2025 is \$16.47/thousand in valuation which is a decrease of 54 cents from last year's rate of \$17.01. At this rate the average real estate tax bill for a single-family residence in Dalton is \$5,561 and the average assessed value is \$337,648.

The Fiscal Year 2025 Tax Recapitulation breakdown is as follows:

Local Expenditures:

Appropriations	\$22,804,986.28
Cherry Sheet Offsets	22,019.00
State & County Cherry Sheet Charges	51,450.00
Assessors' Overlay	83,218.66
Total Amount to be Raised	\$22,961,673.94

Estimated Receipts:

Cherry Sheet Estimates	\$ 1,815,235.00
Local Estimated Receipts	1,270,450.00
Offset Receipts	1,724,729.00
Free Cash appropriated for particular purposes	1,420,463.28
Other available funds	733,156.00
Free Cash to reduce the tax rate	200,000.00
Total Estimated Receipts & Revenue Sources	\$ 7,164,033.28

Total Amount to be Raised	\$22,961,673.94
Total Estimated Receipts & Revenue Sources	7,164,033.28
Total real & personal property tax levy	\$15,797,640.66

Real Property Values	\$ 918,006.315
Personal Property Values	41,170,410
Total	\$ 959,176.725

Our website allows anyone to view property record cards and maps online. If you have any questions or concerns, we'd be happy to help you. We can be reached during our office hours at 413-684-6111 extensions 205, 206 or 207.

Monday	8:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Tuesday	8:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Wednesday	8:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Thursday	8:00 AM to 2:00 PM

We sincerely thank you for continued cooperation in allowing us to do our job to serve you.

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Jean M. Gingras, *Member*
Patricia Mele-Nichols, *Member*
Judith Condron, *Member*

Heather A. Hunt, *Town Clerk*
Elections Administrator
Supervisor, Board of Registrars

In 2024, we conducted Special Registration Sessions prior to the May 6th Annual Town Meeting and the May 13th 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. We are so pleased to announce that relocating voting to our Senior Center has been a huge success. We would like to thank those who have been supportive.

The Board processed new voter registrations, 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 2024; and deleted inactive (moved or deceased) voters. Our computerized program enabled us to complete this arduous task in a timely and efficient manner, transmitting totals to the Secretary of State automatically.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind residents that when signing nomination papers or petitions, be sure to:

1. Sign only if you are a registered voter.
2. Sign your name and your residential address as listed on our census records (no post office boxes are allowed).
3. If you have poor penmanship, print your name in the same box with your signature, as an undistinguishable signature cannot be certified.
4. Do not sign your spouse's name or any name other than your own.

Also, if you move, please inform the Town Clerk so that we will change our records and notify you of any precinct changes. If any of your family members are not registered to vote, please encourage them to do so.

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

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

DALTON BOARD OF HEALTH ANNUAL REPORT

Agnes E. Witkowski, Health Agent

Maven (Massachusetts Virtual Epidemiologic Network), the Massachusetts State reportable disease system showed the most predominant disease remains the same as the prior year: (1) COVID 19, (2) Influenza, and (3) Lyme Disease. As we continue to adapt to the post COVID 19 pandemic, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) update the General Public Respiratory Guidelines from just COVID 19 to include COVID 19, RSV, and Influenza. COVID 19 antigen testing became more accessible in pharmacies, grocery stores and on-line. Therefore, one had the ability to test sooner in their own home, received a quicker result, and was able to change their behavior sooner. The MDPH recommended guidelines were to stay home when you are sick to prevent the spread of respiratory illnesses, test and if positive, once your symptoms are improving and after 24 hours of being fever free and no fever reducing medicine, you can resume activities and wear a mask for five days while in public.

The Berkshire Alliance Nurses continued to strengthen and support the vaccinations clinics which continued to play a key role in preventive care reducing the likelihood and severity of illness. The Board of Health's Health Agent continued to request free COVID 19 test kits through the state, which were distributed to high risk community organizations and to the general public with the support of the Dalton Free Public Library. We like to thank the Dalton Library staff for their continual support.

Another health concern was opioid overdose. In order to support the reduction of opioid overdoses, the Health Agent distributed free Narcan kits to the community, restaurants, churches and the general community, along with resource information. The AJ De Angelus Post 9566 VFW Hall on East Housatonic Street hosted the Berkshire Medical Systems' Harm Reduction Van from July 2023 – January 2024, on the second Tuesday of the month, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. The Harm Reduction Van had to staff educated on drug addictions, sexually transmitted disease, community resources, had a sharps disposal program, and offered free Narcan. In April 2024, the Berkshire Harm Reduction also offered a free Narcan training to the community at the Dalton United Methodist Church.

In the spring 2024, the MDPH released health alerts on Measles and Avian Influenza in Cow's Milk of which none were detected in Dalton. In July, the Health Agent participated in the Dalton Day's annual event raising awareness on Lyme Disease, promoting preventive care and gave out free tick removal kits.

Board of Health

The Board of Health consists of five appointed volunteer members: Co-Chairs were Dr. Claudia Columbari and Jessie Downer. Dr. Amanda Staples- Opperman, Edward Gero, and Dr. Cindy Geyer are members. In June 2024, Rob Kinzer and Nancy Hoper joined the Board of Health to replace Jessie Downer and Claudian Columbari.

We want to extended a heart warm thank you to all the members for donating their time and support.

The Board of Health meets the second Wednesday of the month at 4:30 pm in the Town of Dalton's Callahan Room, unless otherwise announced.

Public Health Nursing

Dalton continues to contract with Berkshire Public Alliance Public Health Nursing Services for disease contact tracing, vaccination clinics and educational events. The Fall/Winter the nurses' efforts were focused on organizing COVID 19/Flu clinics which were held at Craneville Elementary School, Riverbrook Homes, and Dalton

Senior Center. Throughout the year, the nurses offer Choke Saver courses to support the local restaurants and schools.

Dalton Board of Health Staff:

Agnes Witkowski, Health Agent and Christine Parkington, Board of Health Administrative Assistant work together to support the community. Throughout the year, the Health Agent completed state inspections for food, camps, public swimming pools, Title 5/septic inspections and housing complaints. Some of these housing complaints were time extensive resulting in housing court and demolition.

The Board of Health office is located at 642 Main Street, 2nd floor, phone number is 413 684-6111 ext. 302 and email is boh@dalton-ma.gov.

DALTON CULTURAL COUNCIL

Alyssa Maschino, 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 (MCC) has overseen the Local Cultural Council (LCC) 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 fall of 2024, our Cultural Council received 39 applications requesting support for a wide variety of projects, totaling \$41,977. The following 14 applicants were approved for funding in an amount totaling \$7,800 for FY 2024:

ID	PROJECT ID	REQUESTED	APPROVED
59817	Book Donations to Wahconah Regional High School	335	335
70583	Blues Stories: Culture & History told through Song & Narrative	350	350
58274	Pick Up the Pen: Start Your Writing Project	350	350
67956	Halloween Family Walk	500	400
65005	ARTcentric: Berkshires After-school at Craneville school	500	400
56511	Eagles Band Annual Concert at Dalton CRA	500	400
56828	Social Emotional Learning Through Kinesthetic Play!	600	480
56488	Hip Hop Chair Dance for Seniors!	600	480
56644	Willie was Different: A Musical Enrichment Program	750	600
68495	Intro to Dance for PE in Nessacus Middle School	800	640
57160	Uncommon Paths Program	810	648
60524	Sugar Hill Folk Festival	900	720
62759	Music on Main Concert Series	1,000	997
63224	Town Hall and Fire Department Traffic Control Boxes	1,500	1000

The Dalton Cultural Council received a grant from the Select Board to hold the first annual Dalton Day on July 15, 2023, which was a day to celebrate the community and culture of Dalton. Hundreds of residents attended the event, which included local food, music, artists, and town departments and committees.

The Cultural Council has been working hard to plan the second annual Dalton Day, which will be held in July, 2024. It will include a car show in dedication of long-time Cultural Council member Don Harris, who passed away in 2023, local vendors, and crafts, Dalton restaurants, live music, kids activities, town committees, plus more!

The current members of the Dalton Cultural Council are Alyssa Maschino – Chair, Leslee Bassman – Treasurer, Mary Ferrell – Clerk, Kellie Harris-Porter – Member, Linda Galok – Member, Cathy Grady – Member, and Cathy Harris – Member. I cannot thank this group of wonderful women enough for the hard work they continue to provide and dedication to this council and this community!

Thank you for your continued support of cultural programs in our community.

COUNCIL ON AGING AND SENIOR CENTER

Kelly M. Pizzi, Executive Director

The Council on Aging is an advisory council appointed by the Dalton Select Board. Our dedicated members include:

George Morell, Co-Chair	Cynthia Riggs-French	Jean Pooper
Linda Merry, Co-Chair	Gordine “Gordie” Galusha	Lisa Stankiewicz
Andrea Lassar, Clerk	Joyce Lacatell	Kathleen Sturm
Robert Merry, Treasurer	Maureen Mitchell	Pat Suchenicz
		Ken Walto

The Council on Aging is staffed by:

Kelly Pizzi, *Executive Director*

Dorin Middlebrook, *Admin Assistant / Transportation Coordinator*

John Bartels, *Van Driver*

Dave Lussier, *Van Driver*

Pattie Pero, *Outreach Coordinator & SHINE*

Cheryl Walden, *Meal Site Manager*

Lisa Turner, *Program Assistant*

In addition to paid staff, our volunteers are key members of our community who lead, provide instruction, and support the activities held at the Senior Center. All of our volunteers are important for keeping programs running smoothly and we would like to highlight our receptionists who keep the front end warm and welcoming for in-person guests, field phone calls, answers questions, tour the facility, and even act as a gatekeeper for staff member during periods of closed door operations. These special volunteers are Pattie Yates, Ann Rudd, Sharon Shepard, and Patty Suchenicz.

The COVID pandemic highlighted for nearly everyone nationwide the importance of connection. In an effort to ensure that everyone has the resources to communicate, participate, educate, and even congregate online there has been a massive effort to funnel funds for building infrastructure, capacity building, and education to bring the Commonwealth up to high speed internet. The internet is not beneficial unless people have access to equipment and training. In December of 2023 the Council on Aging was awarded a grant to provided hybrid programming to Dalton and hill town residents. As part of this effort we were able to purchase cameras, a BenQ Smart Board, and computers. We were able to hire an intern from Wahconah Regional High School, Kalen Spratt, to begin working with us to provide one-on-one assistance with laptops, tablets and cell-phones. We were also thankful for Keith French who volunteered to outline and teach Introductory to Computers for the truly inexperienced who wanted to learn the basics should an event shut down society again. Our first hybrid program was launched in May with an in-person and online Mass Bar Association Elder Law Project presentation. Attorney James Loughman of the Law Offices of

Donovan, O'Connor & Dodig presented on Basic Estate and Medicare Planning. Programs are announced in our calendars on our FaceBook page.

The Council on Aging provides critical services to the community. Outreach provided by Pattie Pero helps those at home link to community services and benefits helping them to live more safely at home. Examples of referrals include Elder Services for home care assessments and Meals on Wheels, Protective Services for individuals who may be at risk of neglect (self or imposed) or physical/financial abuse, caregiver support, fuel assistance, emergency assistance, and advocacy.

As a trained SHINE (Serving the Health and Information Needs for Everyone) worker through Elder Services, Pattie also works with Dalton residents reviewing drug plans during open enrollment, helping people choose Medicare Part D plans. Trained by Elder Services, Pattie has been trained to compare drug plans based on a person's individual situation. In FY2024 Pattie and Bonnie DiTomasso assisted 178 individuals helping them realize \$311,486 (combined) in prescription drug savings through better drug coverage lower cost plans and lower copays!

The Dalton Council on Aging Senior Transportation Services has been pleased to offer safe and affordable transportation to Dalton residents who are 60 and over as well as persons with disabilities of any age. The COA chair lift van service is a door to door service operation within Dalton and Pittsfield while our Transit van offers supplemental rides and long-distance medical trips.

We successfully fulfilled our mission of keeping older adults independent and engaged in the community; giving them the ability to travel to the market, pharmacy, library, social events, and medical appointments thanks to the commitment and contributions of our dedicated van drivers John Aldrich, John Bartels, and Dave Lussier.

We congratulate and thank John Aldrich on his retirement in 2023, graciously serving our seniors for over eight years!

Despite having to limit service days due to staffing challenges the COA provided 2,176 rides and served 62 Dalton residents. Ridership has not fully rebounded to pre-pandemic numbers but trends are up as more older adults are requesting our services as their needs change.

The Dalton Senior Center is not a "drop-in" center but rather a program driven agency. Several ongoing programs are offered daily and people join according to their interests.

Exercise programs include at least one program offered per day: Osteo Exercise (requires orientation), Line Dancing, Shake Your Soul, Tai Chi, and Chair Yoga. Volunteer programs and grant funded programs are offered free of charge however external instructors do charge a small fee (normally \$8-\$10).

Nutritional programs include Elder Services Congregate Meals on Monday and Thursdays and has a \$3 suggested donation; Tuesday Soup & Sandwich prepared in house has a \$5 fee. Both of these programs require 24-hour preregistration. Sunday Lunch is a community meal offered by different local groups, churches, and businesses. This program is offered free to anyone (families included), and is held on the first and third Sunday of each month at 1:00 p.m. Donations to support our guest chefs are welcome.

Wellness Programs: We are proud to offer two evidence based interventions: A Matter of Balance and The Aging Mastery Program annually. These proven effective programs are multi week and address balance issues and multiple issues important for aging well informed.

Foot Care is a fee based service provided by a trained Registered Nurse for diabetic nails and hard to care for nails. In the fall we held our annual Flu & COVID Vaccine Clinic in one-stop vaccine service offered by the Berkshire County Boards of Health to prepare people for the winter months when flu and COVID rates increase. Lisa Turner has been very active recruiting volunteers to participate in The Life Program. Through this program volunteers visit with residents of Craneville Place bringing activities and entertaining them twice per month. Many of the residents do not have family and volunteers going in to entertain is a welcome treat for the residents. For those learning to deal with the loss of a partner or family member, The Life After Loss group is led by Hospice Care of the Berkshires.

Quilting, Knitting/Crochet, Art and painting groups tap into the creative side of our participants while Bridge, Cribbage and Pitch brings out the competitive side.

We held several special events throughout the year including: Field Day, Davis Bates-Halloween Harvest, the Holiday Party, Movies, Bingo, Veteran's Luncheon & Changing of the Flag Ceremony, Volunteer Appreciation Cookout, Hip Hop Chair Yoga, musical entertainers, etc.

Community Services: Dalton Veteran's Agent holds office hours at the Senior Center on Wednesdays from 9AM to 1PM. State Senator Paul Mark and/or his Constituent Service Director Casey Pease, holds Senate Hours on the second Tuesday of the month from 1PM to 3PM. Drop in or appointments may be made by calling his district office at 413-464-5635. TRIAD, a union of Law Enforcement, senior citizens, and community with the goal of education and prevention of crimes against elders holds open meetings at the Senior Center on the third Wednesday of the month from 1PM to 3PM often with guest speakers. The AARP Tax Aid program assists Dalton elders with simple tax returns at no cost.

The Friends of the Council on Aging is a 501c 3 organization that is always in need of volunteers who like to have fun and raise money while doing it. The Friends has sponsored Crafts with Lisa, Veteran's Luncheon, Holiday Party, the Speakeasy music and mocktails, Bingo Gift Cards, and a multitude of other offerings enabling us to provide many of the wonderful programs. Anyone interested in volunteering with the Friends should contact the Council on Aging at 684-2000.

MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE

Robert Dassat, Chairman

The traditional parade stepped off from the First Methodist church at 9:30am under ideal weather conditions, marchers were honored by Dalton citizens as they proceeded along the parade route. The Nessacus Regional Middle School band played Patriotic music up to mound of the unknown dead in the Main Street Cemetery.

Aaron Robb, Principal of Wahconah Regional High School, served as master of ceremonies. After opening the ceremony, Father Christopher Malatesta led the invocation. The National Anthem was performed by the Nessacus Regional Middle School Band, followed by Robert Dassat, Commander of the Legion Post 155 who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Aaron Robb then introduced the Town Selectmen and State Senator Paul Mark. Aaron then introduced student speakers Elena Iovieno and Aidan Garcia from Wahconah Regional High School.

Wreathes were then placed at the foot of the mound by Boy Scout Troop 4 and Cub Scouts. Placing the wreaths were Owen Crocker, Alex McClasland, Joe Rennie, Evan Niance, and Camden Jones.

Post 155 Member Pete Morrissey led the Prisoner of War/Missing in Action table ceremony. Followed by roll call of the Dalton residences who made the supreme sacrifice read by Commander Robert Dassat, assisted by Pete Morrissey.

Commander Dassat then spoke about the help rendered placing over 1,200 flags on Veterans graves by Boy Scout Troop 4, the Cub Scout Pack 42, and students from Craneville Elementary. He stated it is not any easy task. He then thanked cemetery workers for the great job done at all the cemeteries.

The Legion firing squad paid tribute to veterans with rifle volleys in Ashuelot, Fairview, and East Main Street ceremonies.

COMMUNITY RECREATION ASSOCIATION (CRA)

Alison Peters, Executive Director

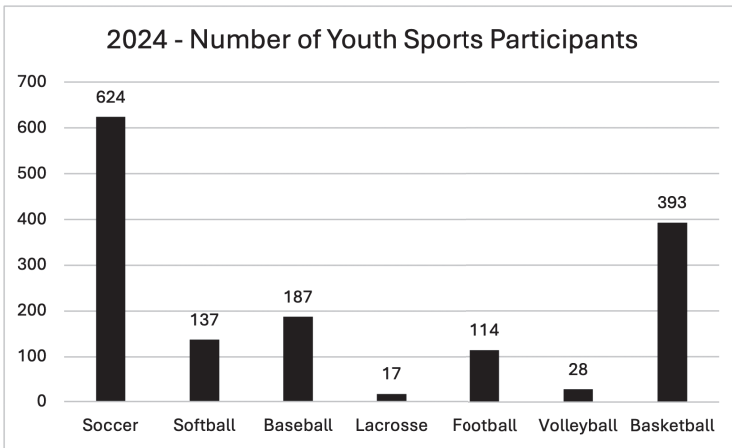
Parks and Recreation

Over the past year, the CRA has had the pleasure and privilege of providing recreational and social programs in all of the Dalton town parks: Pinegrove, Chamberlain, and Greenridge parks. These programs are for young and old alike and they keep the parks buzzing with 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
- Pop up workshops

In 2024, the CRA oversaw a variety of sports leagues to meet the needs of our youth, including soccer, lacrosse, football, volleyball, basketball, baseball, and softball leagues.

Our leagues not only help our youth develop technical skills, but we also emphasize good sportsmanship and how to be a strong team player. Our youth also build confidence, learn compassion, make friends, and learn the value of hard work. And they experience old fashioned fun and develop a love for staying active and healthy.



1,500 youth participated in 2024, showing an increase from 2023 and continuing an upward trend that surpasses pre-COVID numbers!

Adult recreation is also a focus at the CRA as we offer a pool, fitness center, exercise classes, Pickleball, adult basketball, and a co-ed softball league. Holding multiple games a week in the summer, the Pinegrove Park lights illuminate the grounds, the crack of the bat echoes through the night, and cheers can be heard around the field.

This summer the CRA also provided many free family activities in Chamberlain, Greenridge, and Pinegrove parks. Activities ranged from arts & crafts and carnivals to Legos and music bingo! 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). We held 12 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 2025 approaches, check our website for performances.

The CRA offers camps to our kindergarten through sixth grade students, helping working families that need a safe, fun place for their children during school vacations, holidays, and snow days. The camp programs are held at the youth center, but they visit the parks often to release energy in the open space and on the playground. If you are ever driving through town on a summer day, there's a good chance you'll see them running under a sprinkler on the front lawn or walking to one of our parks!

As a reminder, Pinegrove Park has a good-sized pavilion that is available to rent for a minimal fee. It's great for family gatherings so call or stop by the CRA to reserve your spot!

The CRA youth programs are run by our hard-working staff, but it takes hundreds of volunteers to make them successful. We are incredibly grateful to the many people in our community who have stepped forward to help make all this possible. Thank you! We couldn't do it without you!

After 15 years at the CRA, I am still overwhelmed by the caring, generous and dedicated volunteers who give their time and energy to help our youth grow into strong young adults, build a sense of community and strengthen our town.



CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

There was a total of 52 burials in 2024 and are as follows:

Ashuelot Cemetery: 36 burials
Fairview Cemetery: 11 burials
Main Street Cemetery: 5 burials

The Cemetery Department is a division under the Public Works Department, and as such all employees are trained in the Cemetery department tasks. The Department is always busy whether it is trimming bushes, repairing fences, road repair, leveling graves, and so on. We have a continuing issue at Main Street Cemetery with the health of the hemlock trees that we continue to monitor, but unfortunately a few more have been removed due to an insect problem. It is planned to replace most trees that come down due to ill health with a new one each year, but sometimes budget constraints do not allow that to happen.

The Cemetery Trustees are in the process of gathering information regarding Green Burials at Ashuelot Cemetery. The process will be very extensive, and will take some time to implement. This work will be done in conjunction with the Health Department as well as Mass DEP. This project continues to move along.

This past summer there was power installed to the Chapel/Vault at Main Street Cemetery for the possible transformation of that building into a columbarium in the future. The Department of Public Works will be doing the excavating on this project, and the electrical work will be done by a contractor.

Every year the Berkshire County Sheriff's Department provides a group of workers to assist us with cemetery cleanup. Their help is greatly appreciated.

Memorial decorations can be only live plant material or artificial plants. Artificial plants may be used as winter memorial decorations between November 1 and April 1. Live plant or summer memorial decorations are held only by urns, vessels, containers, common commercial floral frames, or baskets placed at ground level. Summer decorations may be used between April 1 and November 1.

As a reminder, winter decorations should be removed from the cemeteries no later than April 15th and summer decorations should be removed by November 15th. Public Works employees will remove any that remain after these dates.

Cemetery Trustees continue to meet on the second Monday of each month at 10:00 AM. The meetings are now taking place at the Cemetery Office located in the Main Street Cemetery. Anyone wishing to speak to the Trustees is invited to attend. Please check the Town's website for the latest meeting agendas and updates. If you have any questions feel free to call 684-6115.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

John “JD” Hebert, Emergency Management Director

The past year has presented both challenges and opportunities for the Dalton Emergency Management team. I am pleased to provide an update on our progress in enhancing the Town’s preparedness and response capabilities. From improving our online resources to strengthening our volunteer base and refining our emergency plans, we have been actively working to ensure the safety and well-being of our community. This report highlights key initiatives and accomplishments, demonstrating our commitment to proactive emergency management.

This has been a busy year, with Emergency Management involved in numerous projects. We have completely updated our website, accessible through the Town of Dalton website. Our new page includes vital information on how to prepare for severe weather events, such as winter storms and flooding.

Focusing on Response and Recovery, we have accomplished the following:

- Our Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) has received a grant from the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA). This grant will fund training and equipment for the team, with training beginning this winter and a drill planned for the fall. CERT teams are trained volunteers who support their communities during disasters. Members learn disaster preparedness, basic response skills like first aid and search and rescue, and how to assist first responders. They also often engage in community outreach and education to promote overall preparedness. CERT provides a trained volunteer force ready to assist our community before, during, and after a disaster.
- We have purchased equipment to establish several Points of Distribution (PODs).
- We have been reviewing and updating the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP), consulting regularly with our MEMA partners.
- We continue to seek out grants to support our operations.

Morgan McDonough, Assistant Emergency Management Director, is currently pursuing her Master’s Degree in Emergency Management. She has taken on the crucial roles of developing policy and procedure, coordinating training, and procuring equipment for the newly formed CERT team.

In closing, the Dalton Emergency Management team, under my leadership and with the dedicated efforts of Assistant Director Morgan McDonough, has made significant strides this year in enhancing our community’s preparedness and response capabilities. From website updates and the development of essential PODs to ongoing CEMP plan reviews and the exciting launch of our CERT program, we are continually working to strengthen our community’s resilience. We are confident that these initiatives, along with the continued support of our MEMA partners, will ensure Dalton is well-prepared for any future emergencies.

DALTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Christopher Cachat, Acting Chief Dalton Fire Department

FY24 brought some significant transitions to the Dalton Fire Department, but our dedication to serve the community with professionalism and excellence has been unwavering. The Dalton Fire Department remains a combination department staffed by full-time firefighters/EMTs as well as call members. We have eight full-time staff including four paramedics who provide advanced life support services, the highest level of pre-hospital care an ambulance can supply. This ambulance is staffed 24-7 and responded to 1,063 calls this year. Our call membership is 18 strong including some long serving as well as some very new firefighters.

In addition to emergency medical services, the Fire Department remains committed and equipped to respond to many other emergencies including structure fires, motor vehicle accidents, and hazardous material incidents. There were four structure fires in Dalton this past year, all of which the DFD responded to first on scene. While these incidents fortunately did not result in loss of life, there was still significant loss of property. This is a good reminder that we are all vulnerable to the risk of fire, and we should all take as many preventative measures as possible. Check that your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are in good working order, ensure that flammables are stored away properly, and always extinguish possible ignition sources.

The department maintains three fire apparatus, two engines, and a rescue truck, as well as a utility pick-up truck and three all-terrain vehicles ready to respond to any form of emergency. This year, we received grant funding to support our efforts to fully outfit all of our members with up-to-date, well-fitting turn out gear and other personal protective equipment. In addition, the DFD works tirelessly to remain trained and equipped to respond to any emergency, and we train weekly on Monday nights from 6:30 – 8:30 to keep those skills sharp.

We are accepting applications for new call members. If you have ever been interested in serving your community as a first responder, we hope you will consider joining us. We are looking forward to another productive year of proudly serving our town, and are grateful for the support, past, present, and future that we continue to receive from our fellow Dalton residents.

Thank you and stay safe!

FOREST WARDEN

Christopher Cachat, Acting Forest Warden

As the forest warden I feel it is necessary to draw our attention to the ever-increasing risk of wild fires. We are seeing more fires, closer to home than we ever have in the past. I feel obligated to remind you that we must work together to reduce the risk of wild fire in our community. This includes taking measures to reduce combustible material around our homes including forest debris such as sticks, branches, and fallen leaves. In addition, it is important to employ proper fire safety practices and adhere to local outdoor fire restrictions. Please remember that burning brush is only permissible between January 15 and May 1 of each year, and a permit must be completed each day of burning at bcburnpermits.com. Furthermore, please check the fire risk level prior to lighting any outdoor fire – including for cooking and entertaining – as we have had many Red Flag Warning days this year on which any outdoor fire is not permitted.

In an effort to remain equipped and prepared to mitigate any potential risk of wild fire, the Dalton Fire Department, with funds from the Emergency Management Department, was able to acquire a tank-pump insert for one of our ATVs which allows us to get water on fires that are inaccessible to our larger fire apparatus.

In addition, the Town of Dalton was able to fund the purchase of forestry turn out gear so that our members can be properly equipped with well-fitting protective gear when responding to wild fire incidents. The Select Board has allocated funds for another, larger forestry skid unit that can be inserted into the bed of the Department's pick-up truck, so be on the look out for that in the coming year.

As the climate continues to change, we must work together to prevent the risk of wild fire for our community. As Forest Warden and Chief of the Fire Department, I would like to thank Dalton and our Town leadership for continuing to support the equipment of the DFD in preventing and mitigating the risk of wild fire.

DALTON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Janet Forest, Library Director

The Library has been very busy. Our circulation numbers continue to rise, and attendance for children and adult programs continues to grow.

In February, the Board of Trustees appointed Janet Forest to replace Rob DiFazio as Library Director.

The Library once again took part in Literacy on the Lawn, Dalton Days, Light Up the Holidays, and Berkshire Baby Bonanza. We also collaborated with the Coordinated Family and Community Engagement on a Story Walk at Pinegrove Park.

Some of the activities that have been enjoyed while visiting the Library this year include a puzzle table, family craft nights, Lego night, middle school art display, scavenger hunts, game days, creative displays to explore and borrow materials from and what has quickly become an all time favorite - reminiscing about the “old days” while flipping through the Dalton News Record that’s been on display weekly.

We also invested in an upgrade to our internet that increased the speed and reach of our public WiFi.

COLLECTIONS:

As always, we strive to build the most well-rounded collection possible. It’s our hope we can provide something for everyone in our community. Along with traditional print books.

We continue to expand our collection to include a “library of things.” Each of these items are available to library card holders.

- *Thermal Cameras:* The Green Dalton Committee received a grant to purchase two thermal cameras that work with smartphones and measure energy loss in homes and buildings.
- *Hiking Backpacks:* Taylor Staubach, founder of Berkshire Family Hikes, received a Cultural Council grant to purchase two hiking backpacks that include binoculars, bugs nets, and other items.
- *Stay Sharp Kits:* The library purchased 10 Stay Sharp Kits that are for people experiencing memory loss. Each kit includes books, games and activities specially curated for adults with dementia and Alzheimers.

PROGRAMS:

We continue to offer in-person programs for both adults, kids, and families.

Adult programs included workshops on mediation, gratitude journaling, vision boards, and crafts. Thanks to the generosity of the Dalton Cultural Council we invited Blues musician Barrett Anderson to perform at the library. We also partnered with the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission on a Safe Streets Public Forum.

Wendy Provencher from Coordinated Family and Community Engagement continues to offer several children’s programs each week at the Library. All are very popular and well attended.

Our summer reading program grew even larger this year and drew in hun-

dreds of kids of all ages, who all had the chance to win raffle prizes. We once again offered gift cards as prizes for young adults and used the online platform Beanstack to keep track of reading activity.

In addition to the summer reading program, the library hosted visits from the Forest Park Zoo, puppet shows, weekly crafts, scavenger hunts, Legos, and other programs. We partnered with J. Michael Mastronardi from the Berkshire Museum, who delivered a series of different mini mobile museums (MoMus) that featured skulls, currency, shells, and other artifacts.

FRIENDS:

The Friends of the Dalton Free Public Library continue to provide support and assistance to the library. This year, they provided the funding for the print newspaper subscription, museum passes, summer reading, and special community event supplies. We have also brought back the monthly book discussion thanks to one of our patrons who volunteered to run the group. Four paperback copies of each selection are purchased by the Friends group.

The Friends accomplished all of this through their annual donation drive, gifts from community members, and their year round lobby book sale. Many of our programs would not be possible without their generous support.

PERSONNEL:

In February, I started as the new Director replacing Rob Difazio, who accepted the job as Librarian at Wahconah Regional High School in August. The transition would not have been possible without Assistant Director Kimberly Gwilt, who served as the Interim Director.

At the end of April, Library Page Erin Morris left her position to pursue a new opportunity. We thank her for her work at the library. In June, we welcomed Lily Somerville as a new Library Page.

I am so grateful to the Library staff, Board of Trustees and my colleagues in the Town offices for their patience, support, and knowledge as I settled into my new role. A special thank you to Joanne Delmolino, Lily Somerville, Ellen Snyder, and Mary Turner for their dedication and service to the Dalton community.

I would also like to recognize the effort and 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), Anne Ronayne (Secretary), Max Ehrlich (Treasurer), Joan Roy, Mary Gingras, Leo Quiles, Barbara Kotelnicki, Tom Condron, and Kathy Hoag.

DALTON GREEN COMMITTEE

David Wasielewski, Chair

The Green Dalton Committee spent a sizable portion of last year preparing an RFP for the approved Climate Action Plan (CAP). (Recall Tom Irwin's presentation at the 2023 Town Meeting). The unexpectedly complex process left little time for other projects but did result in our successfully engaging Bluestrike Environmental as partners for actual creation of the plan. The extra effort with the RFP left us with a strong foundation for the creation of a robust Climate Action plan in FY2025. Other efforts included monitoring the evolving situation at Town Hall, assuring that renovation plans are consistent with Dalton's decarbonization efforts, and maintaining access to state green grants that mitigate the cost of any renovation efforts.

The Committee was pleased to welcome Laurie Martinelli, a long-time Dalton resident returning to town after years in Boston working for various non-profits. Laurie quickly got up to speed with the committee and details of our efforts. Find her riding her bike around town or charging her electric car.

Todd Logan applied his IT expertise to improvements in the Green Committee page on the Dalton Town website. Green Dalton Committee - Town of Dalton (dalton-ma.gov) The page is updated frequently with educational materials for residents looking to green their homes as well as updates on Dalton's Climate Action Plan.

Unfortunately, Wendy Brown stepped down in order to pursue her new business as a local green architect, Terra Design -Build. (About - Terra Design-Build (terradesignbuild.com) Thanks to Wendy for her significant contributions over the years and advice as the committee pursued the green aspects of Town Hall and Senior Center renovations.

Tony Pagliarulo continued his efforts to incorporate composting into Dalton's transfer station activities as well as increasing the number of EV charging stations in town, accessing grants to minimize or eliminate costs.

And finally a reminder that previous Green Committee investments (LED streetlight conversion and Town building modifications) continue to yield real budget savings and tax relief to all town residents.

As always, you are welcome to contact the Green Committee for advice on 'greening' your Berkshire life.

DALTON HOUSING AUTHORITY

Susan I. Gregory, Executive Director

Board of Commissioners:

Chairperson	Dorin Middlebrook, 7 Home Terrace
Vice Chairperson	Deborah Wehry, 38 E. Deming St 5B
Treasurer	Alicia Jost, 575 Main St.
State Appointee	Vacant
Member	Laurie Chivers, 49 Orchard Road

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 virtually via GoTo. 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 Executive Office of Housing & Livable Communities in Boston. We have a long waiting list for both programs. We are seeking local residents, veterans, and minorities for both programs.

Eligibility criteria are under requirements adopted by the Commonwealth of Executive Office of Housing & Livable Communities.

Annual income limits for one- person household is \$55,800. Two- person is \$63,800.

Tenants in senior housing pay 30% of their adjusted income for rent which includes all utilities.

Income for limits for a three-person household is \$71,750 and \$79,700 for a four-person household.

Families pay 27% of their adjusted income and pay their own utilities.

The Executive Office of Housing & Livable Communities now has an on-line application called CHAMP available at <https://publichousingapplication.ocd.state.ma.us/>

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

Mailing address remains at 293 High Street Dalton, MA 01226

Telephone# 413-684-1470

SGregory@daltonhousing.org

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Cheryl Rose

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. Dalton also passed a Municipal Wetlands Protection Bylaw in 2022, to update the protections of the WPA.

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 third Tuesday of each month at 7 pm, usually via Zoom. Our agenda, with meeting details and Zoom link, can be found at <https://www.mytowngovernment.org/01226>. The Commission is currently seeking candidates to fill vacancies. Experience is not required and training is available. Contact the Commission if interested. The Commission can be reached at conservationcommission@dalton-ma.gov

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Rose
Henry Rose
Dom Sacco
Edward Gero
Esther Balardini

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Edward (Bud) Hall

The Department of Public Works consists of the Highway, Sewer, Parks, and Cemetery departments along with the Transfer Station. All employees are cross trained through all the departments so they are able to handle any job that comes up in the DPW.

Routine maintenance performed within our department on roads include cutting brush, patching pot holes, painting crosswalks and road lines, and replacing street signs. During the winter season, we aim to keep all streets and sidewalks clear and safe. All the Town's streets, parking lots, and sidewalks are cleared by the department personnel.

In the spring Sleepyhollow, Frederick Drive, and Whippoorwill Lane were paved and reclaimed. This work was done through the Chapter 90 program. The Town is allotted a certain amount each year for road improvements. We will begin work repaving and upgrading the drainage on Orchard Road in the spring of 2025 with the grant through the Mass Works program.

The sewer systems are cleaned and flushed on a regular basis. The known problem areas are on a scheduled maintenance program to alleviate blockages. We also maintain over 800 catch basins during the year. In the fall of 2023 the sewer rehabilitation project began and was completed in the summer of 2024. The project consisted of sealing sewer manholes and lining pipes to reduce the groundwater getting into the system. Sewer is metered at the town line on its way to the sewer treatment plant in Pittsfield. By reducing the infiltration, it is less that the town is paying to the City of Pittsfield.

The Town's parks are also cleaned up each spring for the upcoming recreational season. We work with the CRA to make sure all the ball fields are ready for the upcoming baseball and softball seasons. Over the past year we have repaired faulty fencing and broken equipment. We also planted two trees and installed security cameras at Pinegrove Park.

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 feel free to call the DPW at 684-6115.

SHADE TREE DEPARTMENT

Edward (Bud) Hall

The Shade Tree Department had another busy year. Many hazardous trees have been removed or pruned. With increased cost for removal, the number of trees that are pruned or cut down has been reduced.

The Department of Public Works has worked with outside vendors to remove many hazardous trees throughout the town that are town trees. The power company does assist in tree removal when trees pose a risk to their equipment.

There is much confusion over the definition of a town tree. There was a study done in 2009 and town trees were mapped out, which is the list we use today. 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.

The Town has a stump grinding policy that will provide reimbursement of one stump per residential address per year. The reimbursement is limited to \$250.00 per stump of a town tree.

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Deanna Strout

This is a summary of our year from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. In August of 2023, we held our third annual National Night Out with the community. We gathered on the lawn of the Town Hall on South Carson Avenue for a few hours. We had live music, face painting, water balloons, Dalton Fire Department cooked hot dogs, cornhole, and lots more. The entire police department and animal control officer were there and we look forward to this annual tradition.

In September 2023, we were awarded the Municipal Roads Safety Grant. This grant pays for officers to just focus on traffic enforcement and each month has a different focus, such as, speeding, crosswalk violations, impaired operation, or distracted driving.

In October 2023, we started working with Lexipol to help our department become an accredited agency. We have been working to update our policies and procedures to ensure they are best practice for our officers and community. As part of this accreditation plan, we had a tour of our department with Lexipol and accreditation assessors, and it was determined that we would not be able to be accredited in our current location due to inaccessibility, poor cell design, lack of heating in portions of the station, and plumbing issues. With this in mind and several other factors, the Town of Dalton has started a Public Safety Facilities Advisory Committee to determine the best location to either move the current police department and communications center or to build a new building. More details to come in the next few months.

In December 2023 we again hosted our Santa for Seniors event. With help from our very generous community, we collect gifts for the residents of Craneville Place Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center. Our senior friends can get lonely during the holiday season and we wanted to make sure they knew we remembered them and love bringing them a little joy.

Also, in December of 2023, our Santa letter box appears. We loved watching all of the children drop their letters to Santa off in the Santa mailbox in front of our station. Santa reads these letters and sends a letter back to each child.

We held our second placement exam in December of 2023 and in the spring of 2024, we welcomed Jacob Tiffany to our department. Officer Tiffany started the academy in April of 2024 and graduated in October 2024.

In the spring of 2024 we hosted our second annual bike rodeo. We had a bike course, and thanks again to our community, we collected almost 30 new bikes which we gave away to children! We received grant funding to help with this event, and we purchased bike helmets, which were also given away.

Dalton Police Department 2022 Statistics:

Total call responses:	13,553
Business & Non 911 Calls	5,189
Officer Initiated responses	7,043 (includes building checks)
911 Calls	1,321
Intrusion Alarm Calls	137
Investigations	279
Arrests	117
Vehicle Stops	1,081
Motor Vehicle Accidents	152
Motor Vehicle Citations Issued	505
FY2024 Citations Fines Levied	\$2,790 Issued
Parking citations Issued	24
Firearms Permits Issued	160
FY2024 Firearms Permit Fees Received	\$12,450 total collected; \$3,125 to the Town

Dalton Police Department Members:

Chief Deanna Strout
Sgt. Geoffrey Powell
Sgt. James R. Duryea, Jr.
Sgt. Tyler Miller

Officers:

Nickolas Gaudette
Anthony Baroli
Trae Balardini
Joshua Bradley
Joseph Coote
Chelsea Eichstedt
Taggart Roosa
Jacob Tiffany
Lucas Perry

Executive Assistant

Rebecca Whitaker

Crossing Guard

Millie Boucher

Animal Control Officer/Inspector

Levi Lisi

Assistant Animal Control Officer

Richard Haley

Firearm permits are processed by appointment only. Please contact the department at 413-684-0300 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, public records requests, and other forms can be found on line at www.dalton-ma.gov/police-department.

COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

Gabrielle Taglieri

During this past year we logged 18,159 calls. Of those, 2,590 were through 911 and 791 were walk-ins to the Dalton Police Station.

The Communications Center received a MA State 911 grant (Support & Incentive Grant) in FY2024 for \$169,900 to offset operating costs. We were 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.

The Communications Center also 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 \$11,932 for FY2024. 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 40-hour 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 Avenue. 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 the intercom button located on the right door, below the glass to contact Dispatch. 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.

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER & ANIMAL INSPECTOR

The Animal Control Officer/Animal Inspector is under supervision of the Chief of Police. Levi Lisi is our Animal Control Officer. Regular scheduled hours for Animal Control are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 4:30PM to 8:30 PM and Saturday 7:00AM- 3:00PM. 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 six 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 six months must be vaccinated for rabies.

FY2024

Dogs licensed	1,171
Failure to License Citations Issued:	163
ACO Calls:	436

1. The licensing period in Dalton is January 1st to December 31st of each calendar year. New residents to Dalton shall license their dogs upon taking up residency in Dalton even if the animal was licensed in the previous jurisdiction for rabies and tracking reasons per state law.
2. The fine schedule established for 2025 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 and 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/

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Debora Kovac, Co-Chair

The year 2024 was an interesting and productive year for the Dalton Historical Commission. It was also a year that brought unexpected growth and changes.

Our year began with the sadness of the passing of our dear friend, longtime member, and Chairman George White, in January. George was a truly dedicated individual who was a driving force behind the Fitch-Hoose House restoration. George will be truly missed by all of his fellow Commission members, as well as by his friends at the Town Hall.

We also welcomed our two newest members, Bonnie Eastwood and Nancy Kane, whose keen interest, knowledge, and dedication will be a great addition to the Commission.

The Dalton Historical Commission had a wonderful 2024 season at the Fitch-Hoose House. We hosted four second-grade classes from Craneville Elementary School in May. The students thoroughly enjoyed seeing an 1800s home built for Dalton's earliest African-American settlers, which has connections to the Underground Railroad and was inhabited by several generations of the Hoose Family for over a century. We also welcomed 81 visitors during our seasonal Saturday hours, including many thru-hikers making their way north and south on the Appalachian Trail.

We are still working on the establishment of the second Historic District in the Town of Dalton. The commission is working closely with Mass. Historical to establish maps and boundaries and to catalogue buildings and sites located in the proposed district area, extending through the Dalton Flats to Depot Street. The boundaries have yet to be clearly defined.

We continue to receive wonderful and amazing Dalton artifacts and memorabilia and look forward to the time when we will have a Dalton Historical Museum in which to display Dalton's precious and fascinating history.

TRAFFIC COMMISSION

William Drosehn

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

The Commission consists 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 Select Board because of their willingness to serve the community in some capacity.

The Commission 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 Commission.
- Any issue with speeding should be reported to the Police Department.
- The Commission does not have authority to act on issues that involve State Highways. MassDOT has sole authority on matters involving State Highways.
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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 Commission is only an advisory board to the Select Board. 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 Commission reports directly to the Town Manager who forwards the info to the Select Board.
- The Select Board has the final decision in any corrective action taken regarding the placement of signage etc. They are not obligated to take the Commission's recommendation on any matter.
- There is no obligation for the Select Board to submit a request for traffic signs or other traffic measures to the Commission. If there is a request brought to the Select Board that they feel must be addressed immediately then they can act on the matter.
- Just because the Commission receives a complaint or request does not mean that action will be taken. The Commission 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 Commission come in various ways.

- The Select Board / Town Manager receives a request and forwards it to us for review.
 - o This is the preferred method of receiving requests.

- o 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.
 - o 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 Commission 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.
 - o The Commission informs the Town Manager of any such request and often seeks their and/or Select Board 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.
 - o Traffic volume, number of vehicles, types of vehicles
 - o 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?
 - o For issues that affect an entire neighborhood we suggest and prefer a petition of neighbors affected be submitted.
 - o 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 / Select Board with our recommendations.

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

The Select Board 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 Commission 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 website 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 Berkshire Regional Planning Commission 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.
- We review special permits for businesses to determine the effects of traffic from the business on the traveling public.

TOWN OF DALTON DEPARTMENTAL GRANTS 2024

Communications

State 911 Support & Incentive Grant	\$ 169,900.00
State 911 Training Grant Program	<u>\$ 11,533.98</u>
	\$ 181,433.98

Police Department

Municipal Road Safety Grant	\$ 19,980.13
MED Project to dispose of unused medications	\$ 1,300.00
Edward J Bryne Grant	<u>\$ 41,247.37</u>
	\$ 62,527.50

Council on Aging

Executive Office of Elder Affairs for Hybrid Programming	\$ 50,393.00
Formula Grant from Commonwealth of MA	<u>\$ 28,252.00</u>
	\$ 78,645.00

Cultural Council

MA Cultural Council State Grant	\$ 7,800.00
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Dalton Free Public Library	
Crane 3D Charitable Foundation Grant	\$ 2,000.00

Department of Public Works Department

MassWorks Grant for Orchard Road	\$1,000,000.00
Sustainable Materials Recovery Program for Universal Waste Shed	\$ 5,000.00
Recycling Dividend Program Grant for Recycling/Transfer Station outreach	\$ 4,200.00
MIIA Grant for Confined Space Entry Equipment	\$ 3,247.00
Small bridge grant for drainage culverts on Grange Hall Road from MassDOT	<u>\$ 100,000.00</u>
	\$ 1,112,447.00

ADA Committee

Municipal ADA Improvement Grant	\$ 6,414.31
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TOTAL FY 2024 GRANTS	<u>\$1,451,267.79</u>
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TOWN ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

Sandra J. Albano

I am pleased to submit the 47th Annual Report of the Town Accountant for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2024.

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 FY24 books have been closed. Free Cash is certified by DOR in the amount of \$2,455,469 for use in FY25.

The Town of Dalton continues to look for more sources of revenue other than tax revenue to help offset the Town's 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.

I want to thank Christine Bialobok, Assistant Accountant for all her hard work keeping the Vendor Warrant process and other various tasks relating to Accounts Payable running smoothly. Christine's spreadsheet and reconciling skills are a valuable asset to the Accounting Department.

**Schedule 1: Combined Balance Sheet, June 30, 2024
Town of Dalton Massachusetts**

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Types		Account Group	Totals
	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects	Trust & Agency Funds	Memorandum Only		
Assets							
Cash and Cash Equivalents	4,346,208	651,619	9,251	9,447,397	-	-	14,454,475
Receivables							
Personal Property Taxes	35,975	-	-	-	-	-	35,975
Real Estate Taxes	183,369	-	-	-	-	-	183,369
Less: Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts	(181,863)	-	-	-	-	-	(181,863)
Tax Liens	309,798	-	-	-	-	-	309,798
Tax Foreclosures	30,899	-	-	-	-	-	30,899
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes and Other Excise Taxes	140,189	-	-	-	-	-	140,189
User Fees	94,294	-	-	-	-	-	94,294
Utility Liens Added to Taxes	4,792	-	-	-	-	-	4,792
Departmental	80,880	38,716	-	-	-	-	119,596
Due From Other Governments	-	477,622	-	-	-	-	477,622
Due To From Other Funds	-	-	-	91,049	-	-	91,049
Amount to be Provided for the Payment of Debt	-	-	-	-	1,266,897	-	1,266,897
Total Assets:	5,044,541	1,167,957	9,251	9,538,446	1,266,897	17,027,092	
Liabilities and Fund Equity							
Liabilities:							
Vendor Warrants Payable	135,141	5,270	-	-	-	-	140,411
Accrued Payroll	72,871	2,600	-	-	-	-	75,471
Accrued Town Share Medicare	1,039	-	-	-	-	-	1,039
Payroll Withholdings	36,549	-	-	-	-	-	36,549
Due to Other Funds	91,049	-	-	-	-	-	91,049
Due to Other Governments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Due to Other Agencies	-	-	-	27,889	-	-	27,889
Unclaimed Items	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prepaid Highway Excavation Fees	500	-	-	-	-	-	500
Deferred Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Property Taxes	37,481	-	-	-	-	-	37,481
Tax Liens	309,798	-	-	-	-	-	309,798
Tax Foreclosure	30,899	-	-	-	-	-	30,899

Schedule 1: Combined Balance Sheet, June 30, 2024
Town of Dalton Massachusetts

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY (continued)

Motor Vehicle Excise	140,189	-	-	-	140,189
User Fees	94,294	-	-	-	94,294
Utility Fees Added to Tax	4,792	-	-	-	4,792
Departmental	80,880	38,716	-	-	119,596
Due From Other Governments - State	-	477,622	-	-	477,622
Other	-	-	-	-	-
BAN Payable	-	-	-	-	-
Bond Indebtedness	-	-	-	1,266,897	1,266,897
Total Liabilities:	1,035,482	524,208	-	27,889	1,266,897
Fund Equity:					
Reserved for Encumbrances	595,037	40,482	-	32	635,551
Reserved for Expenses	260,000	-	-	-	260,000
Reserved for Capital Projects	510,023	-	-	302,077	812,100
Reserved for Veterans Benefits	-	-	-	-	-
Reserved for Appropriation Deficit	-	-	-	-	-
Reserved for Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Reserved for E911 Support/Training Grant Deficits	-	3,256	-	-	3,256
Reserved for Nonexpendable Trust Principal	-	-	-	125,100	125,100
Undesignated	2,643,999	600,011	9,251	9,083,348	12,336,609
Total Fund Equity	4,009,059	643,749	9,251	9,510,557	14,172,616
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity:	5,044,541	1,167,957	9,251	9,538,446	17,027,092

**Schedule 1-A: Special Revenue Funds
Fund Equity for the Year Ended June 30, 2024**

<u>Special Revenue Funds</u>	Balance	Revenue	Adjustments			Balance	
	7/1/23		Prior Year	Transfers	Adjustments		6/30/24
			Corrections	In	Expenses	Out	
Cultural Council	7,534	7,893	-	-	8,833	-	6,595
Insurance Claims Under \$10,000	46,928	20,696	-	-	17,972	-	49,652
CATV Local Broadcasting	30,638	117,278	-	-	117,278	-	30,637
BJA Recovery Act JAG Grant - Federal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Community Development Block Grant	11,611	616,962	-	-	606,823	-	21,750
Planning Board Deposits-PineCrest	350	-	-	-	-	-	350
Planning Board Engineering Follow-Up	3,474	-	-	-	-	-	3,474
Planning Board Deposits-BCC Cnslt	2,100	-	-	-	-	-	2,100
Outside Consultants GL CH 44 S 53	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FEMA Grant - Covid 19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CARES ACT Grant - Covid 19	67	-	-	-	-	67	-
ARPA - Federal CVLFRF	849,096	11,613	-	42,500	521,625	-	381,584
Community Septic Mgt.	18,000	-	-	-	-	-	18,000
COA Formula Grant	3,798	28,404	-	-	27,622	-	4,580
Sale Of Real Estate	100,000	-	-	-	-	-	100,000
Transportation Infrastructure Fund	413	33	-	-	-	-	446
Insurance Reimbursements over \$20K	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Library Incentive Grant	101,342	19,928	-	-	10,819	-	110,451
Police Vest Grant	(2,188)	398	-	-	4,250	-	(6,040) *
Canine Officer Grant	237	-	-	-	-	-	237
Records Preservation Project	592	-	-	-	-	-	592
Extended Polling Hours	1,125	672	-	-	664	-	1,133
State 911 Comm Dept Incentive Grant	1,000	169,900	-	-	169,900	-	1,000
Opioid Settlement Fund	-	6,294	-	5,440	-	-	11,734
Drug Task Force/Byrne Grant	5,422	6,108	-	-	6,442	-	5,088
Miscellaneous Non-Recurring Grants/Gifts	(86,849)	311,963	-	-	264,494	-	(39,380) *
Highway Chapter Funds	(148,493)	148,493	-	-	182,589	-	(182,589) *
COA Transportation Fund	19,430	11,788	-	-	12,204	-	19,014
Composting Bin Grant	494	-	-	-	-	-	494
Legal Advertising Revolving	2,117	2,750	-	-	2,138	-	2,729
Plumbing Inspections Revolving	-	7,540	-	-	7,700	-	(160) *
Electric Inspections Revolving	2,115	13,625	-	-	13,725	-	2,015
Grave Digging OT Revolving	3,026	2,015	-	-	1,912	-	3,129
Police Outside Detail	4,700	175,087	-	25,000	195,735	-	9,052
Cemetery Vandalism Restitution	383	-	-	-	-	-	383
Parks Maintenance Revolving	2,900	525	-	-	906	-	2,519
COA Programs Revolving	4,037	4,590	-	-	5,812	-	2,815
Boom Mower Intermunicipal Consortium	8,936	-	-	-	-	-	8,936
Municipal Recycling Program Grant	614	-	-	-	-	-	614
Dalton Papers	2,358	-	-	-	-	-	2,358
Police Dept Local Gifts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Library Donations	9,614	150	-	-	-	-	9,764
Historical Commission	2,292	100	-	-	-	-	2,392
Wetlands Protection Fund	7,897	750	-	-	382	-	8,265
Cultural Council Donations	779	2,391	-	-	1,387	-	1,783
COA Gifts/Donations/Programs	28,892	8,262	-	-	2,831	-	34,322
Beautification Commission Donations	632	385	-	-	-	-	1,017
Skateboard Park Donations	1,841	-	-	-	-	-	1,841
Cemetery Repair Donations	9,073	-	-	-	-	-	9,073
Total Fund Equity	1,058,327	1,696,593	-	72,940	2,184,043	67	643,749

* Fund 212 Police Vest Grt. -Receipt of \$2,125 received from Federal 08/21/24

* Fund 229 Misc Grt. -Receipt of \$39,756 - JAG Portable Radio Grt. received from Federal 08/13/24

* Fund 229 Misc Grt. -Receipt of \$1,380 and \$4,270 -Muni Rd Safety Grts. received from State Jul & Aug 2024

* Fund 229 Misc Grt. -Receipt of \$111,826 -AVTECH Scout Dispatch Console received from State 08/09/24 - Not fully reimbursed by \$2

* Fund 229 Misc Grt. -Receipt of \$4,635 -Drainage Imprv Pease/Orchard Rd. received from State 07/10/24

* Fund 229 Misc Grt. -Receipt of \$6,414 - ADA Municipal Grt. received from State 08/01/24

* Fund 230 Chpt 90 Grt. -Receipt of \$2,603 from LB Corp -Asphalt Price Adj. 07/09/24; Receipt of \$179,986 received from State 08/30/24.

* Fund 243 Plumbing Inspections Revolving -Receipt of \$160 received & deposited 7/9/24

* Fund 212 Police Vest Grt. -Receipt of \$3,915 not received from Federal/State as of 09/30/24

* Fund 229 Misc Grt. -Receipt of \$2,700 EMPG Grt. not received from State as of 09/30/24

Schedule 1-B: Capital Projects Fund Equity for the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Balance 07/01/23	Revenues	Transfers	Expenses	Adjustments	Fund Equity Balance 6/30/24	Projects Authorized Not Complete
Capital Projects							
Building Projects							
Old Dalton High Demolition	5,000	-	-	-	-	5,000	5,000
Green Community Grant Project - Highway Garage Insulation	1	2,852	-	960	(1)	1,892	10,449
Town Hall 3rd Floor Renovation	77,009	-	-	77,009	-	-	3,259
Capital Projects							
Public Safety - Police Cruiser	-	65,797	-	65,797	-	-	117
Public Works - Five Ton Plow Truck	1	-	-	-	(1)	-	-
Public Works - Dalton Division Road Engineering	60,934	21,179	-	82,113	-	-	584,488
Public Works - Equipment DPW Wheel Loader	-	177,750	-	177,750	-	-	11,138
Public Works - Sidewalks	-	5,552	-	5,552	-	-	5,767
Public Works - Town Garage Roof Repairs	-	-	-	-	-	-	161,000
Town Hall InfoTech Systems Rewire	-	36,988	-	36,988	-	-	151,702
Highway Street Projects							
Housatonic Street	1,600	-	-	-	-	1,600	1,600
Sewer Projects							
Sewer Interceptor; Willis/Fmsbrg Drainage	758	-	-	-	1	759	759
Total Fund Equity	145,303	310,118	-	446,169	(1)	9,251	935,279

**Schedule 1-C: Trust and Agency Funds
Fund Equity and Liabilities for the Year Ended June 30, 2024**

	Balance		Due from		Adjustments		Expenses		Adjustments		Balance	
	7/1/23	Receipts	Others	In	Transfers	In	Transfers	Out	Transfers	Out	06/30/24	
Trust Funds												
<u>Non-Expendable Trust</u>												
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>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>125,100</u>
<u>Expendable Trust</u>												
Cemetery	18,263	1,840	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20,103
Library	75,851	3,870	-	-	-	757	-	-	-	-	-	78,964
School	90,825	2,743	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	93,568
Local Law Enforcement	379	-	-	-	-	347	-	-	-	-	-	32
	<u>185,318</u>	<u>8,453</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,104</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>192,667</u>
<u>Stabilization Funds</u>												
General Stabilization	920,170	20,176	42,542	100,000	-	-	25,000	-	-	-	-	1,057,888
Capital Stabilization	1,085,735	23,480	48,507	250,000	-	-	46,324	-	-	-	-	1,361,398
Litigation Stabilization	475,334	10,473	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	485,807
Sewer Stabilization	686,031	15,487	-	250,000	-	-	70,853	-	-	-	-	880,665
	<u>3,167,270</u>	<u>69,616</u>	<u>91,049</u>	<u>600,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>142,177</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,785,758</u>
<u>OPEB Liability Trust</u>												
Pension Reserve Fund	4,631,110	442,561	-	200,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,273,671
Unemployment Compensation Fund	127,029	2,085	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	129,114
	<u>4,179</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,247</u>
Total Fund Equity	8,240,006	522,783	91,049	800,000	1,104	-	142,177	-	-	-	-	9,510,557

**Schedule 1-C: Trust and Agency Funds
Fund Equity and Liabilities for the Year Ended June 30, 2024**

<u>Liabilities:</u>	Balance	Receipts	Due from	Transfers In	Liabilities	Balance
Agency Funds						
Dalton Fire District	-	1,074,394	-	-	1,076,649	4,694
Dalton Redevelopment Authority Operations	19,388	299	-	-	3,098	16,589
Town Clerk Fees	110	7,655	-	-	7,275	490
Deputy Collector Fees	-	14,805	-	-	13,367	2,328
State Share of Gun Permit Receipts	3,100	9,413	-	-	8,725	3,788
Total Liabilities	22,598	1,106,566	-	-	1,109,114	27,889
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity:	8,262,604	1,629,349	91,049	800,000	1,110,218	9,538,446

**Schedule 2: General Fund Revenues, Budget to Actual
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024**

	FY24 Estimated Receipts	FY24 Actual Receipts	FY24 Estimates to FY24 Actual
<u>Sewer Offset Receipts</u>			
Interest & Penalties Sewer User #4173		4,588	
Sewer Late Fees #4245		4,290	
Sewer User Fees 10 #4246-23		31,398	
Sewer User Fees 10 #4246-24		1,390,332	
Sewer Lien Fees, #4247		65,384	
Sewer Hook-Up Charges, #4467		-	
Hinsdale Sewer Bill, #4746		115,462	
Total Offset Receipts	1,537,986	1,611,454	73,468
<u>Local Receipts</u>			
<u>Motor Vehicle Excise, #4150</u>			
2019 & Prior		1,015	
2020		481	
2021		3,895	
2022		14,448	
2023		157,809	
2024		845,806	
	800,000	1,023,454	223,454
<u>Other Excise,</u>			
Rooms Local Excise #4167		25,607	
Meals Local Excise #4167		63,348	
	51,000	88,955	37,955
<u>Penalties & Interest on Taxes & Excise:</u>			
Interest & Penalties on Taxes #4171		28,913	
Interest & Penalties on Tax Titles #4172		12,923	
Property Tax Demands #4177		5,140	
Motor Vehicle Demands/Warrants #4178		16,636	
Demand/Fees Tax Liens Redeemed #4179		520	
Income & Expense Penalties Added to Tax #4190		-	
	48,500	64,132	15,632
<u>Payment in Lieu of Taxes</u>			
Trailer Park Fees #4165		4,464	
Pmts in Lieu of Taxes #4180		2,695	
Pingrove Manor Pilot #4181		1,637	
	6,600	8,796	2,196
<u>Other Charges for Services</u>			
Board of Appeals #4373		300	
Planning Board #4374		225	
Zoning #4375		-	
	400	525	125

Schedule 2: General Fund Revenues, Budget to Actual
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024
(continued)

	FY24 Estimated Receipts	FY24 Actual Receipts	FY24 Estimates to FY24 Actual
<u>Fees</u>			
Registry of Motor Vehicles #4175		6,040	
Municipal Lien Fees #4321		3,175	
Parking Fine Demand #4327		-	
Bad Check Fees #4330		25	
Duplicate Bill Fee #4382		107	
Code Red Emergency Network Fee #4731		2,109	
Communication Center Fees #4810		16,274	
Private Hauler Recycling Fee #4335		-	
Highway Excavation Fees #4377		2,000	
	15,000	29,730	14,730
 <u>Departmental Revenue Council On Aging #4379</u>	 -	 -	 -
 <u>Departmental Revenue Cemetery #4378</u>	 30,000	 34,070	 4,070
 <u>Departmental Revenue - Transfer Station</u>			
Car Permit Annual Fee - Trans Stn #4323		88,740	
Bag Sticker Fee - Trans Stn #4324		81,609	
Bulky Waste Disposal Fee - Trans Stn #4326		11,505	
	118,000	181,854	63,854
 <u>Other Departmental Revenue</u>			
Town Clerk - Street List #4371		80	
Town Clerk - Other #4372		-	
Assessors Maps #4383		-	
Assessors Information Requests #4384		25	
Dalton Fire District Tax Reimbursement #4811		10,000	
Photocopies #4391, 4392		-	
Town Maps/Bicentennial Sales #4393, 4394		-	
Recycled Goods #4329		15,694	
School Census #4841		2,982	
Charge for Bid Specs #4380		-	
Police Reports #4397		-	
Police Outside Detail Cruiser Fee #4396		855	
Police - Outside Detail Admin Fee #4398		12,281	
Town Collector Miscellaneous #4844		196	
	20,800	42,113	21,313
 <u>Licenses & Permits</u>			
All Alcohol Licenses On Premise #4411		6,200	
Beer & Wine Licenses #4413		600	
All Other Alcohol Licenses Off Premise #4414		1,800	
Dog Licenses #4420		27,500	
Raffle Permits #4455		40	
Cable TV Franchise #4458		719	
Building Permits #4460		40,934	
Health Agent Receipts #4462		10,376	
Police Pistol Permits #4473		3,088	
Other Licenses & Permits #4499		3,470	
	66,650	94,727	28,077

Schedule 2: General Fund Revenues, Budget to Actual
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024
(continued)

	FY24	FY24	FY24
	Estimated	Actual	Estimates to
	Receipts	Receipts	FY24 Actual
<u>Fines and Forfeits</u>			
Motor Vehicle Fines #4694		4,005	
District Court Restitution #4698		600	
Parking Fines #4771		10	
Library Fines #4772		300	
Unlicensed Dog Fines #4773		3,300	
Police Fines #4774		-	
Youth Tobacco Fines #4776		-	
Other Fines #4775		-	
	10,500	8,215	(2,285)
<u>Investment Income</u>			
Earnings on Investment #4820		90,681	
	20,000	90,681	70,681
<u>Miscellaneous Recurring</u>			
Miscellaneous Revenue #4840		-	
Miscellaneous State Revenue #4699		-	
Federal Retiree Drug Subsidy #4544		-	
Retiree Insrn Reimb Chap 32B S 9A 1/2 #4846		-	
	-	-	-
<u>Miscellaneous Non-Recurring</u>			
Miscellaneous Revenue #4840		5,959	
Miscellaneous State Revenue #4699		11,000	
Miscellaneous Federal Revenue #4540		-	
Workman's Comp Refund #4843		-	
Charging Station Receipts #4845		-	
Sale of Surplus Inventory #4815		-	
	-	16,959	16,959
<u>Total Local Receipts</u>	1,187,450	1,684,211	496,761
<u>State Cherry Sheet Receipts: (Net of Offsets)</u>			
Exemptions - Vets, Blind, Srvg. Sps, Elderly #4617, 4616	31,321	6,526	(24,795)
State Owned Land #4611	89,884	89,792	(92)
School Aid (Ch70) #4621	212,169	212,169	-
Vocational Students Transportation #4637	-	2,973	2,973
Veterans Benefits #4667	45,768	46,363	595
Unrestricted General Government Aid #4671	1,360,130	1,360,130	-
Total State Receipts	1,739,272	1,717,953	(21,319)
<u>Total General Fund Receipts</u>	4,464,708	5,013,618	548,910

**Schedule 3: General Fund Appropriations, Expenditures and Encumbrances
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024**

Dept.	Department Title	FY24 Final Budget		Salary Expended	Vendor Payments		Year End Department Balance	Amount Encumbered or Carried Forward to FY2025	Transfers Closing Entries	Unencumbered Balance
		Carry Forwards and Transfers	Including FY23		Expended	Expended				
114	Moderator	539	439	-	-	100	-	100	-	-
122	Select Board	30,084	21,449	3,914	3,914	4,721	-	4,721	-	4,721
123	Town Manager	191,244	177,846	7,463	7,463	5,935	-	5,935	-	5,935
131	Finance Committee	1,685	-	190	190	1,495	-	1,495	-	1,495
132	Reserve Fund	53,100	-	-	-	53,100	-	53,100	-	53,100
133	Prior Year Bills	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
135	Accountant	116,926	94,880	10,407	10,407	11,639	300	11,639	-	11,339
138	Group Purchasing	4,300	-	4,300	-	-	-	-	-	-
139	Town Audit	23,500	-	20,000	-	3,500	-	3,500	-	3,500
141	Assessors	121,564	50,999	59,710	59,710	10,855	-	10,855	-	10,855
142	Triennial Revaluation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
145	Treasurer	129,999	105,747	11,355	11,355	12,897	-	12,897	-	12,897
146	Town Collector	122,013	95,718	16,687	16,687	9,608	-	9,608	-	9,608
151	Town Counsel	60,000	-	52,058	52,058	7,942	-	7,942	-	7,942
152	Telephone	52,880	-	44,427	44,427	8,453	-	8,453	-	8,453
154	Recording Secretary	10,454	8,383	-	-	2,071	-	2,071	-	2,071
157	Computer	80,649	-	71,584	71,584	9,065	-	9,065	-	9,065
158	Postage Meter	24,336	-	23,546	23,546	790	-	790	-	790
159	Tax Title Foreclosures	2,500	-	-	-	2,500	-	2,500	-	2,500
161	Town Clerk	113,641	100,980	1,830	1,830	10,831	-	10,831	-	10,831
162	Elections	18,434	7,965	5,414	5,414	5,055	-	5,055	-	5,055
163	Board of Registrars	14,351	3,295	3,417	3,417	7,639	-	7,639	-	7,639
171	Conservation	2,175	-	665	665	1,510	-	1,510	-	1,510
175	Planning Board/Board of Appls	58,935	55,153	805	805	2,977	-	2,977	-	2,977
182	Development & Industrial Commission	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
192	Building Maintenance	109,012	57,884	21,977	21,977	29,151	-	29,151	-	29,151
195	Town Report	7,915	-	6,491	6,491	1,424	-	1,424	-	1,424
196	Town Hall	112,405	14,388	72,320	72,320	25,697	-	25,697	-	25,697
197	Central Supplies	19,500	-	18,864	18,864	636	-	636	-	636
198	Town Advertising	10,500	-	4,642	4,642	5,858	-	5,858	-	5,858

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For the Year Ended June 30, 2024**

Dept.	Department Title	FY24 Final		Salary Expended	Vendor Payments Expended	Year End Department Balance	Amount Encumbered or Carried Forward to FY2025	Transfers Closing Entries	Unencumbered Balance
		Budget Including FY23 CarryForwards and Transfers	CarryForwards and Transfers						
199	Green Committee	4,620	-	-	1,450	3,170	-	-	3,170
210	Police Department	1,505,652	1,228,996	153,427	153,427	123,229	9,291	-	113,938
222	Communications	299,022	149,833	6,117	6,117	143,072	-	-	143,072
240	Building Inspector	49,419	38,138	5,964	5,964	5,317	-	-	5,317
244	Weights and Measures	800	-	-	595	205	-	-	205
247	Meat & Cattle	1,726	1,726	-	-	-	-	-	-
292	Animal Control	31,897	21,996	4,158	4,158	5,743	-	-	5,743
293	Traffic Commission	1,500	-	453	453	1,047	-	-	1,047
294	Forest Warden	6,300	1,042	1,587	1,587	3,671	-	-	3,671
295	Emergency Management	29,215	12,480	12,370	12,370	4,365	-	-	4,365
296	Tree Warden	42,774	2,564	36,590	36,590	3,620	-	-	3,620
310	CBRSD	10,334,113	-	-	10,329,295	4,818	-	-	4,818
320	Vocational Education	509,900	-	-	360,254	149,646	-	-	149,646
401	Town Engineer	43,140	-	-	28,848	14,292	-	-	14,292
420	Highway	596,746	322,228	243,785	243,785	30,733	227	-	30,506
423	Snow and Ice	164,238	41,067	123,170	123,170	1	-	-	1
424	Street Lights	27,460	-	24,437	24,437	3,023	-	-	3,023
433	Landfill Closure	22,153	251	17,758	17,758	4,144	-	-	4,144
434	Transfer Station	266,817	45,299	196,030	196,030	25,488	-	-	25,488
440	Sewer	139,026	102,680	16,476	16,476	19,870	-	-	19,870
449	Sewer Treatment	1,404,160	-	-	1,384,261	19,899	-	-	19,899
491	Cemetery	100,190	70,688	25,064	25,064	4,438	-	-	4,438
510	Health Agent/Board	108,360	70,922	7,459	7,459	29,979	-	-	29,979
522	Visiting Nurse Association	6,722	-	6,655	6,655	67	-	-	67
541	Council on Aging	174,257	128,857	27,007	27,007	18,393	9,971	-	8,422
543	Veterans Services	114,000	-	99,732	99,732	14,268	-	-	14,268
591	Berkshire Regional Planning	15,389	-	5,389	5,389	10,000	-	-	10,000
610	Library	222,532	128,052	65,229	65,229	29,251	-	-	29,251
630	CRA - Parks Programs	62,000	-	62,000	62,000	-	-	-	-
650	Parks Maintenance	56,950	35,557	15,669	15,669	5,724	-	-	5,724

**Schedule 3: General Fund Appropriations, Expenditures and Encumbrances
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024**

Dept.	Department Title	FY24 Final		Vendor Payments Expended	Year End Department Balance	Amount Encumbered or Carried Forward to FY2025	Transfers Closing Entries	Unencumbered Balance
		Budget Including FY23 Carry Forwards and Transfers	Salary Expended					
691	Historical Commission	5,699	-	2,814	2,885	484	-	2,401
692	Memorial Day	2,250	-	1,689	561	-	-	561
693	Cultural Activities	2,500	-	2,500	-	-	-	-
710	Maturing Debt and Interest	431,251	-	408,047	23,204	-	-	23,204
820	State Assessments	45,569	-	50,569	(5,000)	-	-	(5,000)
911	Retirement	554,979	-	535,996	18,983	-	-	18,983
913	Unemployment Insurance	7,500	-	-	7,500	-	-	7,500
914	Health Insurance	761,297	-	682,772	78,525	-	-	78,525
915	Life Insurance	17,811	-	17,135	676	-	-	676
916	Town Share - Medicare	51,500	-	49,958	1,542	-	-	1,542
919	Fringe Benefits	49,494	31,900	2,755	14,839	-	-	14,839
932	FY08 Vote - Capital Projects	16,578	-	-	16,578	-	-	-
932	FY16 Vote - Capital Projects	2,448	-	-	-	-	2,448	-
932	FY17 Vote - Capital Projects	24,199	-	-	24,199	-	-	-
932	FY18 Vote - Capital Projects	35,052	-	1,052	34,000	14,000	-	-
932	FY19 Vote - Capital Projects	50,179	-	-	50,179	31,829	-	-
932	FY21 Vote - Capital Projects	8,872	-	-	8,872	7,010	-	-
932	FY22 Vote - Capital Projects	122,289	-	-	122,289	90,000	-	-
932	FY23 Vote - Capital Projects	700,944	-	393,868	307,076	300,976	-	-
932	FY24 Vote - Capital Projects	272,534	-	121,913	150,621	114,371	-	-
941	Court Judgments & Claims	3,000	-	-	3,000	-	-	3,000
945	Town Insurance Coverage	263,500	-	247,619	15,881	-	-	15,881
TOTAL:		21,263,164	3,229,402	16,241,982	1,789,332	595,037	141,498	1,055,245

**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>
Outside Debt Limit:					-
					\$ -
Inside Debt Limit:					
Capital Projects Bonded FY19	3.25%	06/25/19	06/15/24	168,540	-
Capital Projects Bonded FY20	2.50%	06/17/20	06/15/25	268,185	53,636
Capital Projects Bonded FY21	2.10%	06/23/21	06/15/26	370,253	148,000
Capital Projects Bonded FY22	3.50%	06/15/22	06/15/27	138,325	82,995
Capital Projects Bonded FY23	4.37%	06/22/23	06/15/28	849,167	675,000
Capital Projects Bonded FY24	5.25%	06/20/24	06/15/29	307,266	307,266
Total Inside:					\$ 1,266,897
Short Term					
					\$ -
Grand Total all Debt					<u>\$ 1,266,897</u>

<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>
Capital Projects Departmental FY12	06/27/11	157,600	150,475	7,125	-
Capital Projects Departmental FY14	10/29/13	140,000	127,922	12,078	-
Capital Projects Departmental FY16	06/29/15	163,000	151,681	5,552	5,767
Capital Projects Departmental FY17	06/27/16	605,000	583,086	21,914	-
Capital Projects Departmental FY17	11/14/16	190,000	155,414	34,586	-
Capital Projects Departmental FY18	05/01/17	1,282,000	1,243,221	38,779	-
Capital Projects Departmental FY18	06/26/17	109,000	107,457	1,543	-
Capital Projects Departmental FY18	06/25/18	800,000	194,333	21,179	584,488
Capital Projects Departmental FY19	06/24/19	150,000	150,000	-	-
Capital Projects Departmental FY21	06/22/20	545,000	319,371	73,927	151,702
Capital Projects Departmental FY22	06/28/21	533,000	530,474	2,526	-
Capital Projects Departmental FY23	08/29/22	200,427	197,168	-	3,259
Capital Projects Departmental FY24	05/01/23	415,802	243,547	-	172,255
Total Authorized and Unissued Debt		<u>\$ 5,290,829</u>	<u>\$ 4,154,149</u>	<u>\$ 219,209</u>	<u>\$ 917,471</u>

**Schedule 5: Analysis of General Fund Undersigned Fund Balance
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024**

Undesignated Fund Balance July 01, 2023	\$2,606,981
Add:	
Prior Year Reserve for Encumbrances and Carry Forwards	1,055,894
Prior Year Reserve for Expenses	265,000
Prior Year Reserve for Capital Project	181,210
	1,502,104
Less:	
Prior Year Reserve for Appropriation Deficits	-
Prior Year Reserve for Snow and Ice Deficits	-
	-
Prior Year Total Fund Balance	\$4,109,085
Deduct:	
Current Year Reserve for Encumbrances and Carry Forwards	595,037
Current Year Reserve for Expenses	260,000
Current Year Reserve for Capital Projects	510,023
Current Year Reserve for Continuing Appropriations	-
Current Year Reserve for Special Purpose	-
	1,365,060
Add:	
Current Year Reserved for Appropriation Deficits	-
Current Year Reserve for Snow and Ice Deficits	-
Current Year Revenue Closeouts	20,150,602
Other Financing Sources	117,177
Adjustments - Cemetery OT > \$2,500 Closed to GF	-
Adjustments - Legal Ad Revolving > \$3,000 Closed to GF	-
Adjustments - Unused Polling Grant Closed to GF	-
Adjustments - Closed Cares Act Blnc to GF - Admin Salary Rmbrsd	67
Adjustments - Closed Penny Variance to GF	1
	20,267,847
Less:	
Current Year Expenditure Closeouts	19,471,384
Other Financing Uses	805,440
Closed Multiple Years Completed Capital Projects back to Stabilizations	91,049
Adjustments - Senior Tax Work-Off Withholding	-
Adjustments -	-
	20,367,873
Undesignated Fund Balance June 30, 2024	\$2,643,999

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dawn M. Fahey, Town Treasurer

I am pleased to submit the Treasurer's Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2024. 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 the 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, Sandra LaFrance for all her hard work and dedication. The town and I are truly fortunate to have her.

GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES

Personal Property Taxes 2024 and Prior	\$ 736,427.23
Real Estate Taxes 2024	\$ 14,199,346.03
Real Estate Taxes Prior Years	\$ 148,365.13
Motor Vehicle Taxes 2024	\$ 845,806.53
Motor Vehicle Taxes 2023	\$ 157,809.02
Motor Vehicle Taxes Prior Years	\$ 19,838.07
Interest and Penalties on Taxes	\$ 28,913.18
Demands, Warrants and Fees	\$ 21,776.00

\$ 16,158,281.19

TAX LIEN RECEIVABLES

Tax Liens	\$ 52,845.13
Interest and Penalties on Liens	\$ 12,923.46
Demand Fees on Tax Liens Redeemed	\$ 520.00

\$ 66,288.59

STATE RECEIPTS (CHERRY SHEET)

State Owned Land	\$ 89,792.00
Elderly Persons	\$ 6,526.00
Unrestricted General Government	\$ 1,360,130.00
School Aid (Chapter 70)	\$ 212,169.00
Hotel/Meals Tax	\$ 88,954.91

\$ 1,757,571.91

COMMONWEALTH OF MA STATE RECEIPTS

911-Dept. Support and Incentive	\$ 169,900.00
Arts Cultural Council	\$ 7,800.00
Police Vest Grant	\$ 397.50
Council on Aging Formula Grant	\$ 28,404.00
Elections Extended Polling Hours	\$ 671.60
Library Incentive Grant	\$ 19,928.23
Motor Vehicle Fines	\$ 4,004.50
Highway Chapter Money	\$ 148,492.82
Veterans Benefits	\$ 46,362.68
Vocational Transportation	\$ 2,973.00
Green Community Grant	\$ 2,852.25
MEMA July/Aug 23 Flood Damage Reimbursement	\$ 11,000.00

\$ 442,786.58

OTHER GOVERNMENT REVENUE

Receipts Drug Task Force	\$ 6,108.26
Communications Center Services	\$ 16,274.00
Berkshire District Court Restitution	\$ 600.00
Hinsdale Sewer Services	\$ 115,462.00
Dalton FD Tax Bill Assessment	\$ 10,000.00
Miscellaneous Grants	\$ 311,963.23

\$ 460,407.49

FEDERAL REVENUE

Federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$	2,695.00
Community Development Block Payback	\$	9,800.00
Community Development Block Grant	\$	606,822.80

\$ 619,317.80

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - CHARGES FOR SERVICES/FEES

Interest Sewer User Fees	\$	4,588.00
Registry Of Motor Vehicle Charges	\$	6,040.00
Trailer Park Fees	\$	4,464.00
Sewer Late Fees	\$	4,290.00
Sewer User Fees 2024	\$	1,390,332.48
Sewer User Fees Prior Year	\$	31,397.63
Sewer Liens 2024	\$	60,357.00
Sewer Liens Prior Year	\$	5,027.13
Municipal Lien Fees	\$	3,175.00
Bad Check Fees	\$	25.00
Sale of Street Lists	\$	80.00
Highway Excavation Fees	\$	2,000.00
Cemetery Charges	\$	34,070.00
Assessors Info	\$	25.00
Police Outside Detail Admin Fees	\$	12,281.15
Cable Franchise Fee	\$	719.50
Library Fines	\$	300.13
Unlicensed Dog Fines	\$	3,300.00
Recycled Goods	\$	15,693.62
Parking Fines and Demand Fees	\$	10.00
Duplicate Bill Charge	\$	107.00
Pilot Payments Pine Grove Manor	\$	1,636.50
Code Red Emergency Network Annual Fee	\$	2,108.81
POD Cruiser Fee	\$	855.00
Transfer Station - Annual Car Permits	\$	88,740.00
Transfer Station - Bag Stickers	\$	81,609.57
Transfer Station - Bulky Waste	\$	11,504.99

\$ 1,764,737.51

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - LICENSES/PERMITS

Planning Board	\$	225.00
Alcohol Licenses	\$	6,200.00
Beer and Wine Licenses	\$	600.00
All Other Alcohol Licenses	\$	1,800.00
Raffle Permits	\$	40.00
Building Permits	\$	40,934.28
Health Agent	\$	10,376.00
Police Firearms Permits	\$	3,087.50
Board of Appeals Postage	\$	300.00
All Other Licenses and Permits	\$	3,470.00

\$ 67,032.78

MISCELLANEOUS GENERAL REVENUE

Beautification Committee Donations	\$ 385.00
Town Collector Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 196.44
Council on Aging Van Receipts	\$ 11,787.86
Council on Aging Gifts/Donations	\$ 8,261.77
Cultural Council Donations	\$ 2,391.00
Grave Digging Overtime	\$ 2,015.00
Library Donations	\$ 150.00
School Census	\$ 2,982.00
Insurance Claims Under \$10,000	\$ 20,696.61
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 5,958.96
Historical Donations	\$ 100.00
Warner Cable TV Franchise	\$ 117,278.16
Dog Licenses	\$ 27,500.00
Police Outside Details	\$ 175,086.63
Transportation Infrastructure Fund	\$ 33.40
Opiod Settlement	\$ 6,294.13

\$ 381,116.96

REVOLVING FUNDS

Wetland Protection Funds	\$ 750.00
Legal Advertising	\$ 2,750.00
Plumbing Inspections	\$ 7,540.00
Electrical Inspections	\$ 13,625.00
Soup & Sandwich Program	\$ 4,590.00
Parks Maintenance	\$ 525.00

\$ 29,780.00

AGENCIES

Revenue Dalton Redevelopment Operations	\$ 299.21
Deputy Collector Fees	\$ 14,805.00
Fees Retained by Town Clerk	\$ 7,655.00

\$ 22,759.21

EARNINGS ON INVESTMENTS

General Fund	\$ 90,681.13
Capital Stabilization Fund	\$ 23,480.28
Litigation Stabilization Fund	\$ 10,472.90
General Stabilization Fund	\$ 20,176.13
Sewer Stabilization Fund	\$ 15,487.38
Pension Reserve Funds	\$ 2,084.48
CDBG Housing Rehab Program Interest	\$ 338.95
ARPA CLFRF Grant Interest	\$ 11,612.92
Arts Cultural Council	\$ 93.38
Unemployment Compensation Fund	\$ 68.55
OPEB Liability Trust Investments	\$ 61.45
OPEB State Retiree Benefits Trust Fund	\$ 442,499.10
Cemetery Trust Fund Interest	\$ 1,839.56
Library Trust Fund Interest	\$ 3,870.59
School Trust Fund Interest	\$ 2,742.75

\$ 625,509.55

TOTAL ALL RECEIPTS

\$ 22,395,589.57

GENERAL STABILIZATION FUND

Balance June 30, 2023	\$	920,169.78	
Transfers In	\$	100,000.00	
Transfers Out	\$	(25,000.00)	
Interest Income FY24	\$	20,176.13	
Balance June 30, 2024			<u>\$ 1,015,345.91</u>

CAPITAL STABILIZATION FUND

Balance June 30, 2023	\$	1,085,734.65	
Transfers In	\$	250,000.00	
Transfers Out	\$	(46,324.00)	
Interest Income FY24	\$	23,480.28	
Balance June 30, 2024			<u>\$ 1,312,890.93</u>

LITIGATION STABILIZATION FUND

Balance June 30, 2023	\$	475,333.73	
Transfers In			
Interest Income FY24	\$	10,472.90	
Balance June 30, 2024			<u>\$ 485,806.63</u>

SEWER STABILIZATION FUND

Balance June 30, 2023	\$	686,031.36	
Transfers In	\$	250,000.00	
Transfers Out	\$	(70,853.00)	
Interest Income FY24	\$	15,487.38	
Balance June 30, 2024			<u>\$ 880,665.74</u>

LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS

Non-Expendable Funds	\$	60,000.00	
Expendable Funds	\$	4,945.00	
	\$	64,945.00	
Interest Balance June 30, 2023	\$	70,905.55	
Warrants FY24	\$	(756.95)	
Interest Income FY24	\$	3,870.59	
	\$	74,019.19	
Balance June 30, 2024			<u>\$ 138,964.19</u>

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

Non-Expendable Funds	\$	35,100.00	
Expendable Funds	\$	2,955.00	
	\$	38,055.00	
Interest Balance June 30, 2023	\$	15,308.03	
Interest Income FY24	\$	1,839.56	
	\$	17,147.59	
Balance June 30, 2024			<u>\$ 55,202.59</u>

SCHOOL TRUST FUNDS

Non Expendable Funds	\$	30,000.00	
	\$	30,000.00	
Interest Balance June 30, 2023	\$	90,825.07	
Interest Income FY24	\$	2,742.75	
	\$	93,567.82	
Balance June 30, 2024			<u>\$ 123,567.82</u>

ARTS CULTURAL COUNCIL

Balance June 30, 2023	\$	7,529.02	
Commonwealth of MA Grant	\$	7,800.00	
Warrants FY24	\$	(8,833.00)	
Interest Income FY24	\$	93.38	
Balance June 30, 2024			\$ 6,589.40

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST

Balance June 30, 2023	\$	379.41	
Warrants FY24	\$	(346.76)	
Balance June 30, 2024			\$ 32.65

OPEB LIABILITY TRUST INVESTMENTS

Balance June 30, 2023	\$	300,042.11	
Transfers In	\$	200,000.00	
Transfers Out	\$	(500,066.09)	
Interest Income FY24	\$	61.45	
Balance June 30, 2024			\$ 37.47

STATE RETIREE BENEFITS TRUST FUND (OPEB)

Balance June 30, 2023	\$	4,331,068.04	
Transfers In	\$	500,066.09	
Net Fund Gains/Losses FY24	\$	442,499.10	
Balance June 30, 2024			\$ 5,273,633.23

PENSION FUNDS

Balance June 30, 2023	\$	127,029.48	
Interest Income FY24	\$	2,084.48	
Balance June 30, 2024			\$ 129,113.96

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

Balance June 30, 2023	\$	4,178.50	
Interest Income FY24	\$	68.55	
Balance June 30, 2024			\$ 4,247.05

DALTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Balance June 30, 2023	\$	19,383.91	
Warrants FY24	\$	(3,097.80)	
Interest Income FY24	\$	299.21	
Balance June 30, 2024			\$ 16,585.32

MATURING DEBT AND INTEREST SCHEDULE FY24

PURPOSE	DATE ISSUED	BORROWING AMOUNT	PRINCIPAL		INTEREST		PRINCIPAL		OUTSTANDING BORROWING
			PAID FY24	PAID FY24	PAID FY24	PAID TO DATE			
Dump Truck	6/17/20	\$ 229,728.00	\$ 45,945.00	\$ 2,297.26	\$ 183,783.00	\$ 45,945.00			
Gas Pumps		\$ 38,457.00	\$ 7,691.00	\$ 384.56	\$ 30,766.00	\$ 7,691.00			
Dump Truck	6/23/21	\$ 244,110.00	\$ 48,771.00	\$ 3,072.62	\$ 146,566.00	\$ 97,544.00			
SSES Study		\$ 120,193.00	\$ 24,039.00	\$ 1,514.42	\$ 72,117.00	\$ 48,076.00			
Pedestrian Flashers		\$ 5,950.00	\$ 1,190.00	\$ 74.98	\$ 3,570.00	\$ 2,380.00			
Town Hall Renovations	6/22/22	\$ 77,918.00	\$ 15,583.60	\$ 2,181.70	\$ 31,167.20	\$ 46,750.80			
Sidewalks		\$ 3,387.00	\$ 677.40	\$ 94.84	\$ 1,354.80	\$ 2,032.20			
COA Van		\$ 17,859.00	\$ 3,571.80	\$ 500.06	\$ 7,143.60	\$ 10,715.40			
SSES Study		\$ 36,007.00	\$ 7,201.40	\$ 1,008.20	\$ 14,402.80	\$ 21,604.20			
Pedestrian Flashers		\$ 3,154.00	\$ 630.80	\$ 88.32	\$ 1,261.60	\$ 1,892.40			
Dalton Div Rd Engineering	6/22/23	\$ 194,333.00	\$ 44,333.00	\$ 8,327.23	\$ 44,333.00	\$ 150,000.00			
Town Hall Renovations		\$ 619,250.00	\$ 122,250.00	\$ 26,535.03	\$ 122,250.00	\$ 497,000.00			
SSES Study		\$ 24,274.00	\$ 4,274.00	\$ 1,040.15	\$ 4,274.00	\$ 20,000.00			
Fiber Ring		\$ 11,310.00	\$ 3,310.00	\$ 484.63	\$ 3,310.00	\$ 8,000.00			
Dalton Div Rd Engineering	6/20/24	\$ 21,179.00				\$ 21,179.00			
DPW Loader		\$ 177,750.00				\$ 177,750.00			
Police Cruiser		\$ 65,796.56				\$ 65,796.56			
Sidewalks		\$ 5,552.24				\$ 5,552.24			
Town Hall Data Wiring		\$ 36,988.50				\$ 36,988.50			
TOTAL OUTSTANDING DEBT JUNE 30, 2024									
\$ 1,266,897.30									

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Heather A. Hunt, Town Clerk

In 2024 we issued 30 business certificates, of which nine were renewals, and 2 discontinuances of business certificates; 1,156 dog licenses were issued, and give permits for raffles and bazaars.

Remember, dog licenses are due annually on January 1st of each year. We do not send you an invoice for the dog licenses, but send a reminder to you with the census form. A \$10 late fee is assessed as of February 1st of each year, and a fine of \$50 per dog for Failure to License after April 1st. Dog licensing information is available on the Town website at www.dalton-ma.gov. We encourage all residents to license their dogs each year in a timely manner to avoid paying these mandated fines which we are obligated to charge.

As local Registrar of Vital Statistics, registering all vital events occurring within the community and those events occurring elsewhere to local residents. We recorded and preserved 46 birth, 119 death, and 18 marriage records contributing to the basis for the Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records and Statistics system.

In addition, we processed 18 Intentions of Marriage, issuing 18 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 as well as help curb identify theft.

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

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

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

I extend my sincere appreciation and thanks to Assistant Town Clerk Patty Mele-Nichols for her hard work, diligence, patience, and continuing to go above and beyond to serve and assist the folks in Dalton. 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	79
Females	50
Neutered Males	495
Spayed Females	522
MPP	10
Total	1,156
Kennel	1

VITAL STATISTICS

Births	46
Deaths	119
Marriages	18

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.

All tax bills and Sewer Bills can be viewed and printed online at dalton-ma.gov. 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

TOWN COLLECTOR'S REPORT FY 2021 7/1/23 - 6/30/24

Taxes	FY	Balance 6/30/23	Commitment	Abatement	Exemption	Refunds	Received	Transfer In	Transfer Out	Liened	Tax Title	Balance 6/30/24
Real Estate	2024	\$ -	\$ 14,999,180.12	\$ 9,554.26	\$ 45,888.40	\$ 40,318.05	\$ 14,239,664.07				\$ 61,022.46	\$ 183,568.98
Real Estate	2023	\$ 183,981.29	\$ 10,195.35	\$ 10,195.35	\$ 10,195.35	\$ 7,704.91	\$ 166,265.39	\$ 1,196.74			\$ 18,912.64	\$ (0.00)
Real Estate	2022	\$ -	\$ 7,704.91	\$ 7,704.91								\$ -
Sewer Lien	2024	\$ -	\$ 68,006.13				\$ 60,357.00				\$ 4,264.53	\$ 3,384.60
Sewer Lien	2023	\$ 6,702.84					\$ 5,027.13	\$ 1,196.40			\$ 479.31	\$ (0.00)
Sewer Lien	2021	\$ 456.57										\$ 456.57
Water Lien	2024	\$ -	\$ 5,203.41				\$ 4,400.41				\$ 803.00	\$ -
Water Lien	2023	\$ 710.00										\$ 710.00
Water Lien	2021	\$ 240.00										\$ 240.00
Personal Prop	2024	\$ -	\$ 735,919.14	\$ 87.60		\$ 4,307.07	\$ 735,509.40				\$ 4,629.21	\$ -
Personal Prop	2023	\$ 8,813.45					\$ 4,990.72				\$ 3,822.73	\$ 9,028.10
Personal Prop	2022	\$ 9,105.17					\$ 77.07				\$ 9,028.10	\$ 7,544.99
Personal Prop	2021	\$ 7,672.76					\$ 127.77				\$ 7,544.99	\$ 6,641.67
Personal Prop	2020	\$ 6,670.48					\$ 28.81				\$ 1,936.50	\$ 1,646.12
Personal Prop	2019	\$ 1,936.50									\$ 725.28	\$ 16,898.49
Personal Prop	2018	\$ 1,646.12									\$ 855.00	\$ -
Personal Prop	2017	\$ 725.28									\$ 4,059.60	\$ -
Fire District	2024	\$ -	\$ 1,014,358.25	\$ 668.44		\$ 11,808.22	\$ 1,004,539.94				\$ 855.00	\$ -
Fire District	2023	\$ 16,193.83		\$ 482.85		\$ 603.48	\$ 15,459.46				\$ -	\$ -
Fire District	2022	\$ -	\$ 286.06	\$ 286.06		\$ 286.06					\$ -	\$ -
Fire Personal	2024	\$ -	\$ 51,484.09	\$ 6.13		\$ 22,608	\$ 51,375.25				\$ 205.57	\$ 328.79
Fire Personal	2023	\$ 457.63					\$ 254.06				\$ 321.28	\$ 386.83
Fire Personal	2022	\$ 325.05					\$ 3.77				\$ 94.53	\$ 80.51
Fire Personal	2021	\$ 316.21					\$ 5.41				\$ 39.94	\$ 79,284.12
Fire Personal	2020	\$ 388.16					\$ 1.33				\$ 22,147.61	\$ 22,147.61
Fire Personal	2019	\$ 94.53									\$ 9,574.87	\$ 3,207.35
Fire Personal	2018	\$ 80.51									\$ 2,137.49	\$ 1,775.84
Fire Personal	2017	\$ 39.94									\$ 1,775.84	\$ 2,697.50
Motor Vehicle	2024	\$ -	\$ 944,786.51	\$ 19,695.86		\$ 11,198.00	\$ 857,004.53				\$ 2,588.96	\$ 2,588.96
Motor Vehicle	2023	\$ 81,638.20	\$ 107,003.73	\$ 8,685.30		\$ 8,781.02	\$ 166,590.04				\$ 2,632.51	\$ 3,137.73
Motor Vehicle	2022	\$ 23,966.76		\$ 144.32		\$ 144.32	\$ 14,591.89				\$ 3,204.18	\$ 3,204.18
Motor Vehicle	2021	\$ 7,119.38		\$ 16.87			\$ 3,895.16				\$ 2,137.49	\$ 1,775.84
Motor Vehicle	2020	\$ 3,615.38					\$ 480.96				\$ 1,775.84	\$ 2,697.50
Motor Vehicle	2019	\$ 2,505.20					\$ 367.71				\$ 2,697.50	\$ 2,588.96
Motor Vehicle	2018	\$ 1,942.51					\$ 166.67				\$ 2,632.51	\$ 3,137.73
Motor Vehicle	2017	\$ 2,760.00					\$ 62.50				\$ 3,204.18	\$ 3,204.18
Motor Vehicle	2016	\$ 2,651.46					\$ 62.50				\$ 1,665.11	\$ 1,665.11
Motor Vehicle	2015	\$ 2,706.26					\$ 73.75				\$ 91,830.73	\$ 91,830.73
Motor Vehicle	2014	\$ 3,175.23					\$ 37.50				\$ -	\$ -
Motor Vehicle	2013	\$ 3,367.51					\$ 166.25				\$ -	\$ -
Motor Vehicle	2012	\$ 3,281.68					\$ 77.50				\$ -	\$ -
Motor Vehicle	2011	\$ 1,665.11									\$ -	\$ -
Sewer User	2024	\$ -	\$ 1,482,415.21	\$ 252.00		\$ 4,230.77	\$ 1,394,563.25				\$ -	\$ 91,830.73

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Sewer User	2023	\$ 90,761.09					\$ 190.98	\$ 31,588.61	\$ 2.69	\$ 57,390.47	\$ 1,975.68
Sewer User	2022	\$ 487.54					\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 487.54
Police Detail	2024	\$ -	\$ 196,247.63				\$ 152,211.63	\$ 700.00		\$ -	\$ 44,036.00
Cruiser Fee	2024	\$ -	\$ 1,235.00				\$ -	\$ 11,073.15		\$ -	\$ 535.00
Admin Fee	2024	\$ -	\$ 13,607.95				\$ -	\$ 17,555.00		\$ -	\$ 2,534.80
Police Detail	2023	\$ 17,555.00					\$ -	\$ 155.00		\$ -	\$ -
Cruiser Fee	2023	\$ 155.00					\$ -	\$ 1,064.00		\$ -	\$ -
Admin Fee	2024	\$ 1,064.00					\$ 16,274.00	\$ 2,108.81		\$ -	\$ -
SR Comm Ctr	2024	\$ -	\$ 16,274.00				\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
Code Red	2024	\$ -	\$ 2,108.81				\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
Code Red	2019	\$ 633.59					\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 633.59
Fire Dist Reimb	2024	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00				\$ 10,000.00	\$ 115,462.00		\$ -	\$ -
Hinsdale Sewer	2024	\$ -	\$ 115,462.00				\$ -	\$ 2,982.00		\$ -	\$ -
Clerk Census	2023	\$ -	\$ 2,982.00				\$ -	\$ 1,656.50		\$ -	\$ -
Phngrove	2024	\$ -	\$ 1,656.50				\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
Totals		\$ 497,607.42	\$ 19,267,910.48	\$ 57,779.95	\$ 45,888.40	\$ 99,994.31	\$ 19,089,037.90	\$ 1,199.09	\$ 1,196.74	\$ 57,390.47	\$ 90,396.54
					Collections	this page	\$ 19,089,037.90				\$ 523,819.86

VETERANS' SERVICES

No report was received from this department.

In FY2024, we changed our veterans' agent host to the City of Pittsfield.

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 12, 2025 Annual Town Election)

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