



DALTON DAY

Presented by the Dalton Cultural Council

What:

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

When:

Saturday, July 20th 1pm -5pm

Car Show 11am - 3pm

Concert on grounds of Mill at Main 6:30pm

Where:

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

Who:

All residents and non-residents are welcome!

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**2023 Annual Report
Dalton, Massachusetts**

We would like to dedicate the 2023 Town of Dalton Annual Report to Sarah and George who devoted many years of service to the Town.

Sarah “Sally” Frankland was born in Buffalo, New York, and commenced her nursing career in Maine before moving to Boston. She served at the Boston Hospital for Women and obtained her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Boston University in 1957. In 1964, she achieved her Master of Science in Nursing, specializing in maternal-child care at Boston College. Throughout her professional path, she held various roles, including Director/Lecturer at Faulkner Hospital School of Nursing, clinical instructor/lecturer at Lasell Junior College, and established a practical nurse education program. She also



Sarah “Sally” Frankland
(1929-2023)

initiated associate degree programs for Nursing and Medical Office Assistants, acquiring grants to aid disadvantaged Health Sciences students. She became a Professor and Director/Chairperson of the Nursing Department at Broome Community College in Binghamton, NY. In 1988, she completed her Doctor of Education from Nova University and served as the Director of Planning at BCC until her retirement in 1990. Sarah thrived in her professional endeavors and as a mother and grandmother. In 1994, she relocated to the Berkshires and embarked on a new career as the recording secretary for the Dalton Select Board and the Dalton Town Manager’s office for 14 years before retiring for the second time in 2018. She was actively engaged with her family and the community through volunteer work with organizations like Elder Services and Literacy Volunteers of Berkshire County.

George White was a native of Dalton, where he spent his entire life. Graduating from Dalton High School in 1956, he pursued Landscape Architecture at the University of Massachusetts before establishing his own company, Berkshire Landscaping. In his youth, he had a passion for tropical fish and utilized his landscaping expertise to create intricate town layouts with model trains. Serving as the Superintendent of Dalton Cemeteries from 1962 until 2002, he dedicated 42 years to enhancing cemetery operations and standardizing office procedures. Fondly known as “Mr. Dalton,” he actively contributed to the community, serving on the Dalton Historical Committee and The Bicentennial Committee, where he crafted the bicentennial plaque and “Welcome to Dalton” sign. Engaged in various clubs like the Dalton Rotary Club and Lions Club, he also volunteered as a den leader for the Cub and Boy Scouts. Additionally, he enjoyed participating in and organizing performances for the Dalton Follies and cherished spending time with his family, outdoors, in his garden or meeting friends at the “Pig Pen” booth at the Dalton Restaurant in the mornings.



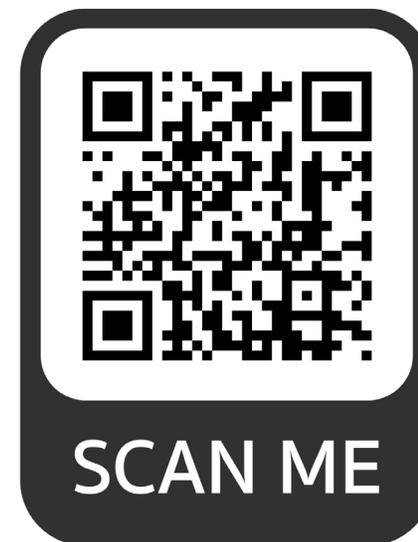
George White
(1936-2024)

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ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE TOWN OF DALTON MASSACHUSETTS FOR 2023

Population 2023 Census (As of December 31, 2023).....	6,152
Number of Registered Voters.....	5003
Area.....	21.83 Sq. Miles
Latitude.....	42° - 30"
Longitude.....	73° - 10"
Miles of State Road.....	6.75
Miles of Town Road.....	44
Tax Rate (Town).....	\$18.37
Tax Rate (Fire District).....	\$.87
Total Tax Assessed (Town-Includes Personal Property).....	\$14,404,589
Total Tax Assessed (Fire District).....	\$682,198
Total Valuation.....	\$784,136,614
2024 Town Meeting.....	May 6, 2024 (7:00 PM)
2024 Town Election.....	May 13, 2024 (11:00 AM – 7:00 PM)

All elections are held at the Dalton Senior Center located at 40 Field Street Ext.

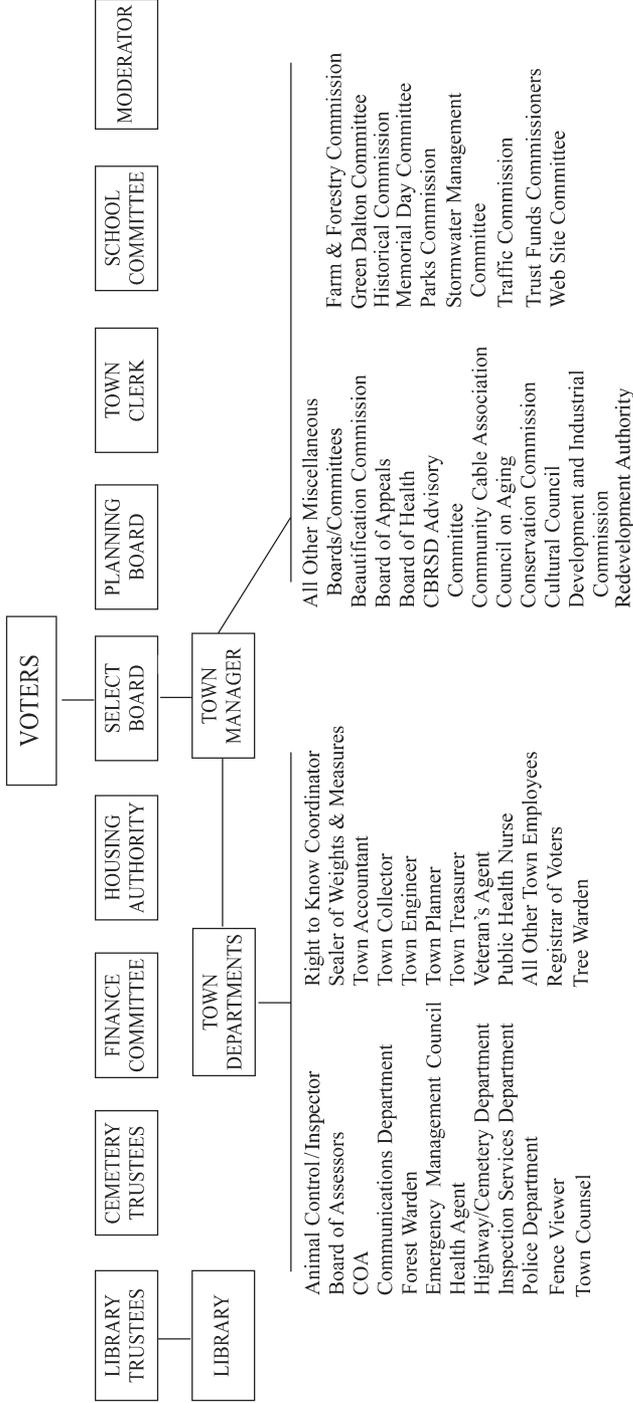
**Please bring this report with you to the May 6, 2024 Annual Town Meeting.
Please note time is 7:00 p.m. for all Town Meetings.**

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

(Officers serving as of May 2022)

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

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS

(Effective July 1, 2022 - Serving for one year unless stated otherwise)

Town Manager (3)

Thomas W. Hutcheson (2024)

Administrative Assistant (1)

Alyssa Maschino

Town Accountant (3)

Sandra J. Albano (2025)

Vacant, Asst.

Town Collector (1)

Melissa A. Davis

Ana-Lisa M. Parise, Asst.

Town Treasurer (1)

Dawn M. Fahey

Sandra J. LaFrance, Asst.

Police Chief (3)

Deanna Strout (2024)

Superintendent of Streets (3)

Sewers, Cemeteries & Parks

Edward M. (Bud) Hall (2024)

ADA Committee (1)

(5 Members)

Deborah B. Horth
Dorin Middlebrook
Nancy E. Persson
George D. White
Vacancy

**Accessory Dwelling Unit
(ADU) Committee**

(1) (Dissolved 5/22/2022) (committee
will dissolve at adoption of by-law)

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

Animal Control Officer (1)

Gregory M. Elser
Vacant Asst.

Assistant Town Clerk (3)

Michele T. Blake (2024)

BRPC Brownfields Committee Rep.

Grant McGregor

**BRPC Transportation Advisory (1)
Committee**

Joseph Diver, TAC

BRPC (1)

Zack McCain, Delegate
John F. Boyle, Alt.

BRTA Advisory Board

John F. Boyle

Berkshire Retirement Advisory Board

Dawn M. Fahey

Board of Appeals (3)

(3 members 2 alternates)

Anthony P. Doyle, Chair (2022)
Stephen J. Psutka, V. Chair (2022)
Edward F. Gero, Clerk (2023)
Caleb Darby, Alt. (2022)
(1) Vacancy Alt (2022)

Board of Assessors (1)

(3 Members)

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

Board of Health Agent

Agnes Witkowski, Health Agent

Board of Health (1)

(5 Members)

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

Board of Health Inspector

Vacant

**Board of Health
Solid Waste Coordinator**

Vacant

Board of Registrars (3)

(4 Members)

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

**Building Commissioner/(1)
Zoning Enforcement Officer**

Brian Duval CB BC/ZEO
Vacant, Alt. ZEO
Timothy X. Sears, Alt. BC/ZEO

**Building Superintendent/(1)
Purchasing Agent**

Patrick Pettit

Burial Agent (1)

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

**Central Berkshire Regional
Emergency Planning Commission**

Daniel D. Filiault (2026)

**Central Berkshire 7-Town Municipal
Advisory Committee (1)**

(2 members)

Joseph A. Diver
William A. Drosehn, III

Commissioner of Trust Funds (3)

(3 members)

J. Michael Hoffman (2024)
Richard A. Lombardi (2022)
Susan C. Vigeant (2023)

Conservation Commission (3)
(7 members)

Robert W. Bishop, Jr. (2022)
Esther T. Balardini (2022)
Henry J. Rose (2024)
Edward F. Gero (2023)
Vacant (2023)
Cheryl D. Rose, Chairman (2024)
Domenick F. Sacco, (2024)

Constables (1)

Joshua Bradley
Tyler Miller
Gregory M. Elser
Deanna L. Strout
Geoffrey Powell
Bustin M. Buzzella
Anthony Baroli
Trae Balardini

Council on Aging Director (1)
Kelly Pizzi, Director (2022)

Council on Aging (3)
(15 members max.)

Maureen M. Mitchell (2022)
Gordine A. Galusha (2022)
Jean K. Poopor, (2022)
Yvonne D. Washburn, Co-Clerk(2023)
David DiNicola (2022)
Robert R. Merry, Treasurer (2024)
George Morrell Co-Chairman (2024)
Kathleen Sturm (2022)
Andrea M. Lassar, Co-Clerk (2023)
Linda C. Merry Co-Chairwoman(2023)
Joyce F. Lacatell (2022)
Patricia Suchenicz (2024)
Vacant, Alt. (2024)
Dustin Buchinski (2024)

Senior Center Building (1)
Maintenance Committee

(9 members)
Maureen M. Mitchell
Carol A. Morrison
Kelly Pizzi
Vacancy
David DiNicola
Vacancy
Vacancy
Vacancy
Vacancy

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

Dalton Beautification Commission
3 Years (10 members)

Annmari Cicchetti, Clerk(2022)
Linda C. Merry, Treasurer (2023)
1 Vacancy (2023)
Robert R. Merry,Chairman (2024)
Jean K. Poopor,Clerk (2023)
Peter Gonick (2022)
Vacant, V. Chair (2023)
Pamela J. Turner (2022)
Judy Harris (2024)
Deb Wehry (2024)

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

Cable Advisory Comm. (1)
(7 Members)

Vacancy,Chair
Vacancy
John W. Ostresh
VACANCY
VACANCY
Richard H. White
Vacancy

Cultural Council (3)
(7 members)

Donald E. Harris, Chair (2023)
Alyssa Maschino until 6/30/22 (2023)
Annie E. Pecor, Sec. (2024)
Mary Ferrell (2021)
Deborah A. White (2022)
Kathleen F. Harris (2022)
Kellie M.Harris-Porter,Treas (2024)

Dalton Development/Industrial Comm.
(15 members) (5)

Vacant Chairman (2022)
Charles J. Dooley (2024)
Anthony P. Doyle (2023)
Michael J. Ferry (2026)
J. Michael Hoffman (2023)
Donald R. Rochelo (2025)
Augustus J. Schnopp, Jr. (2023)
Vacant (2025)
Isa F. Ali (2026)
Karen Schmidt (2026)
Andrew G. Perenick, Vice Chairman
(2024)

Jared Mongeon (2025)
Anthony Mazzeo (2026)
2 Vacancies

Dalton Redevelopment Authority (5)
(5 members)

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

Emergency Management (1)
Advisory Council
(13 Members)

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

Historical Commission (3)
(7 members)

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

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

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

Director of Communications (1)
Gabrielle Taglieri

Emergency Management Director & (1)
**Community Emergency Response
Coord.**

Daniel D. Filiault

Environmental Certified Officer (1)
(Temporary)

Sandra J. Albano

Farm and Forestry Commission (3)
(7 members)

Beth A.Salvatore-LeBeau,V.
Chair(2023)
J. Dicken Crane (2023)
Peter J. Cachat (2022)
Dina L. LaBeau, Alt. (2024)
3 Vacancy

Fence Viewer (1)
Vacant

Forest Warden (1)
James Peltier

Green Dalton Committee (1)
(7 Members)

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

Hazardous Waste Coordinator (1)
Vacancy

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

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

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

Jason E, Dion, Sr.
Richard A. DeGiorgis Asst.

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

**Insurance Advisory Committee
(no terms of expiration)
(9 members)**

Vacancy
Vacancy
Vacancy
Victoria M. Sedgwick
Vacancy
Sandra J. Albano ex-officio
Dawn M. Fahey ex-officio
Vacancy
Vacancy

**Librarian (1)
Robert J. DiFazio**

**Licensing Board
Select Board**

**Local Census Liaison
Deborah J. Merry**

**Memorial Day Committee (1)
(9 members)**

Robert J. Dassat, Chair
Thomas J. Callahan, Jr.
James Harris
James D. Slater
Corey A. White
George D. White
Ken Pease
Cathy Grady
Bill Chabot

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

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

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

**North Mountain Park Advisory
Committee (3 yr)
(8 Members)**

Marc E. Strout (2024)
Gregory Barry (2024)
Matthew P. Morrison (2024)
Eric J. Payson (2024)

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Parks Commission
Select Board**

**Planning Board Associate (1)
Vacant**

**Playing Fields Prospective Needs
Committee**

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

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

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

Records Access Officer

Rebecca Whitaker

Right to Know Coordinator

Vacancy

Sealer of Weights & Measures (1)

Brian P. Duval

Sewer Commission

Select Board

Stormwater Management

Commission (3)

(7 members)

Brian P. Duval, Chairman, ex-officio

Edward M. (Bud) Hall, ex-officio

Andrew Perenick (2023)

Jayne Smith (2022)

Edward F. Gero (2023)

Alison Dixon, Vice Chair, HVAR Rep

Melissa Provencher, BRPC Rep.

2 vacant

Town Counsel (1)

KP LAW, P.C.

Town Planner (1)

Grant McGregor

Traffic Commission (1)
(7 members)

Daniel D. Filiault,

Camillus B. Cachat, Jr.

Edward M.(Bud) Hall

Deanna Strout, Vice Chair

William A. Drosehn III, Chair

Adelard J. Nadeau

James Peltier

Tree Warden (1)

Edward M. (Bud) Hall

Veterans Agent (1)

Steve Roy

Veterans Burial Agent (1)

Steven Roy

Veterans Service Officer

Vacant

Vacant, Alternate

Voluntary Web Master (1)

Vacant

SELECT BOARD

Joe Diver, Chair

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

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

There have been numerous issues that have come before the board over the last several months and we have heard directly from many residents on issues of concerns. These concerns raised have included tax rates, election location, road repair, status of the old Dalton School property near the Senior Center, climate change and many other important topics. We encourage the community to engage with the Select Board at our meetings or reach out directly.

As I write this update, the board along with our Town Manager are reviewing the initial budget requests. The board is reviewing closely the financial asks and comparing to the run rates of the same spend in prior years. Making adjustments as needed but always keeping an eye on the overall impact to the taxpayer for the service levels expected by the community.

This year we celebrate a BIG WIN by our Highway Superintendent Bud Hall! With his hard work, dedication and in collaboration with other town leaders, Bud secured a \$1 Million dollar grant for the reconstruction of Old Orchard Rd!! Thank You Bud! Earlier in the year, the town completed a review of the street conditions throughout town. The program, Street Scan, was able to inform us of the conditions and help us prioritize where we can spend the dollar more wisely. Bud and his team continue to evaluate the data for planning of street maintenance within the budget of the chapter 90 dollars from the state.

Speaking of chapter 90, the Governor's budget includes an increase in Chapter 90 funds for municipalities. This is a result of the passage of the Fair Share Amendment with those dollars going to schools, transportation and roads. This will be a nice financial pick up for our Chapter 90 receipt.

As we look at our road needs and other critical infrastructure, we paused for a day to review strategy and our Master Plan from 2016. Although so much has been accomplished through the years, it was a very good exercise to take a deep breath, review where we have been and the work ahead.

Key themes are related to housing, infrastructure, building conditions and overall facilities. This review helped the Select Board, Town Manager and Town Planner to take an inventory of where we are and what is ahead. The Master Plan is available on the Town website.

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

TOWN MANAGER

Thomas W. Hutcheson, Town Manager

General News

Now that the worst effects of Covid are behind us, Sen. Mark’s office plans to have monthly hours at the Dalton Senior Center, though these will usually be staffed by his Constituent Service Director, Casey Pease.

For the first time, the Town has fully funded its retiree health benefit obligations, known as Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB). Very few cities and towns in the state had reached this point, so Dalton is a leader in this regard.

In addition to the many infrastructure and other projects made possible by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) the Select Board solicited requests for ARPA funds from departments in the Health and Human Services and Culture and Recreation account categories. Several mini-grants were awarded:

Open Space & Recreation Committee	3,578.00	Lawn tractor for softball & baseball fields
Open Space & Recreation Committee	33.06	"The Pines" Community forum
Cultural Council	6,500.00	Dalton Day event
Historical Commission	5,000.00	For 2nd Historical District research
Library	9,790.67	To replace public computers
Memorial Day Committee	4,320.00	Replacement flag poles & holders for Main St American flags
TOTAL:	29,221.73	

The Town received a notice from Pittsfield that their DPW is reviewing both the intermunicipal water agreement and the sewer agreement. Preliminary analysis shows that Pittsfield needs substantially more money for their system to be sustainable, and that sewer rates will be going up for next year for short-term costs, plus phasing in the actual costs of treating Dalton’s wastewater for several years after that.

I had the opportunity to present written testimony to a House hearing on Chapter 90. I noted the Street Scan results, including the projected cost, and compared it to our Chapter 90 money. I also supported the MMA’s request for a 67% increase in Chapter 90 funding, noting that towns would still be paying for the majority of

their road work.

The University of Connecticut offers studios for various environmental planning tasks, and a group from UConn produced a study of local brownfields—underused industrial sites—for planning purposes.

The Town Planner is using that as a guide to possible future brownfield grants.

The Town transferred ownership of 16 Gulf Road to Habitat for Humanity, who demolished the current structure with plans to re-build in FY 2024.

Projects and Procurement

The Town Hall renovation was completed just after the fiscal year ended, after a delay resulting mainly from the need to remove bats from the attic, which had made quite a mess.

After almost ten years, the Bardin property was successfully bid, though the buyer backed out and the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources took over the property in early Fiscal Year 2024.

The Town entered into a new electricity aggregator contract term, this time a two-year contract through Colonial Power, our energy broker. Together with the other towns in the aggregation, we chose another contract with Dynegey, our current supplier, starting in January, 2024. The product we chose was the standard retail electric supply, at 62% renewable energy. I noted that a three-year 100% renewable WMECO contract (most of the group has National Grid) was actually 1/100,000 of a cent less expensive than the two-year product, but the other towns all agreed with Colonial Power that there was cause for optimism that energy prices would continue to come down over the next two years. Since I was the only one interested in a three-year contract, I went with the group and accepted the two-year contract, at .13848. I participated in the regional discussion for the electricity aggregation program, and the group chose the Dynegey electricity service agreement for 24 months, to start in January of 2024, with a per-kwh cost of 0.13849. They will be publicizing this throughout the town soon.

A plan for a solar array proposed by Citizens' Energy in back of the Transfer Station was approved and a schedule for a Payment In Lieu Of Taxes (PILOT) is being negotiated.

I applied for (and received) technical assistance from the Massachusetts Broadband Coalition to draw up a “digital equity” plan. This will be a free service to identify populations potentially underserved in terms of internet access, IT literacy, and related issues. Following this, I expect to apply for a grant (details on the program have not been finalized) for addressing those needs. I anticipate

that one underserved population might be the residents of housing managed by the Dalton Housing Authority.

Preliminary engineering for re-building the Walker Brook culvert was completed. Now we will seek Town approval for funding a complex grant proposal to the Federal Emergency Management Administration to assist in paying for final engineering and construction.

At the request of the Town of Hinsdale, Dalton applied for and received a grant for examining Police Regionalization: The Police Department and I worked with the consultant in July, on gathering data, as well as setting up his first visit. After the study, Hinsdale determined that it did not wish to proceed with planning.

Tighe and Bond, who worked on the Sewer System Evaluation Survey, have signed a contract to do the engineering and construction oversight of the necessary repairs. This is the beginning of the project funded by both ARPA and the Sewer Stabilization Fund.

We contracted with Shire Forestry to create a Forestry Plan for The Pines, a priority of the Open Space and Recreation Commission. This complements the agreement with Greenagers to make The Pines trails more accessible.

I bid the contract for engineering for Division Road after receiving some necessary feedback from MassDOT; Fuss & O'Neill won the contract, for \$946,100. This is the Town's required engineering fee; the state will pay for the construction, slated for 2027-28. I successfully bid a contract for re-wiring Town Hall internet cables to complement the Town Hall renovation. One item addressed was that before this, phones had to be connected through people's computers; this project included installing jacks so phones can plug directly into the network, increasing reliability.

I applied for and received a grant to install a fiber-optic ring connecting the various Town buildings, one of the first grants in that category in the Commonwealth. The project was successfully bid and installed, being finally completed in July of 2023. Just after the cables were installed, a tree came down on one and broke it, but service was not interrupted due to the ring architecture, proving the concept.

The bid for the Electric Vehicle Charging Stations to be installed behind the CRA was won by Universal Electric and is slated to be installed in FY 2024.

Personnel

Administrative personnel transitions slowed in FY23, but there were still several hires: a full-time Assistant Town Clerk in August of 2022, a part-time Emergency Management Director in July 2022, and a part-time Assessors' Clerk in October of 2022.

DALTON BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

Robert Merry & Judy Harris, Co-Chairs



We have 12 of the most talented, knowledgeable, and fun-loving commissioners and volunteers that anyone could ask for. It is amazing what they can accomplish when they get together. Thank all of you for what you do.

The Dalton Beautification Commission, established in 2001, has created, annually, 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 Town Hall. We planned the coming year and agreed to continue to follow social distancing guidelines. Mask wearing became optional, but we continued to work in small groups. Several members were affected by covid and other health issues during the season, but the rest of the group filled in and things got done as needed.

We decided not to plant the garden in front of 707 Main St. It was difficult to maintain because vehicles would drive through it leaving deep ruts. In addition, people parking in the road would walk through it. Each spring it would be necessary to completely replant it.

Our budget remains an issue because of a tremendous increase in the cost of annual plants. We planted more perennials and continue to look for more.

2022, the problem was drought. This year it was a lot of water. We continually trenched the gardens to control loss of soil and runoff of nutrients. We were pleased with the results.

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

We did have a vandalism problem again this year. Hopefully those involved will mature and will lose interest in causing damage.

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

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

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.

DALTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

John F. Boyle, Chairman

The DRA believes the Dalton economy is stagnant, several businesses that were the mainstay of the Dalton business community have closed. Among them are the former Dalton General Store, Dalton Auto Body, Dalton Garage, JB's Bar, and others. Many have become eyesores such as the former Hoataling's Esso Station on Main St. There are several reasons for this situation, population decline, overly restrictive zoning bylaws, and lack of commercially desirable property in Dalton.

There are bright spots though, Crane Co. seems to be doing well and Steve & Maria Sears have managed to lease the entire 3rd floor of the Stationery factory to one manufacturing company. The company manufactures medical devices and has approximately 28 employees.

In 2022-2023 the DRA produced and distributed worldwide a video promoting the Town of Dalton's great quality of life. We are hopeful this will spur interest in both residents and businesses seeking to relocate. So far, we had some interest but no commitments.

I thank the members of our group for their hard work in making Dalton the wonderful community that it is. Mike Ferry, Tony Doyle, Sam Pascual, Chuck Dooly, and Andy Perenick.

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 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 to accommodate scheduling issues with the parties involved. Notices of all the board meetings, and agendas, are posted in town hall bulletin board and on the town of Dalton's online calendar. The board is meeting in person and all meetings are open to the public. Most meetings are held at the Senior Center to allow for handicap access.

We are happy to welcome Janko Tomasic as our new Town Planner and Ryan Psutka as our new associate member. We also want to recognize Stephen Psutka, who retired this year after more than 30 years of service to the board. We wish him well in his future endeavors.

TOWN PLANNER

Janko Tomasic, Town Planner

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 position had been vacant since September 2022, when Grant McGregor parted ways with Dalton. Recently a new candidate, Janko Tomasic, was hired, and will be starting his work with the town in July 2023.

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.

The Planning Board met 13 times during Fiscal Year 2023. They completed the FY23 reorganization of the board. The Board reviewed the Housing Needs Assessment data gathered during the previous fiscal year. 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 3 permits. The Dalton sign by-law was reviewed. The Planning Board decided in favor of granting a special permit to Petition #575: Warren Farms Solar, Inc. The board reviewed two Form 2's (ANR), one for 876 South St. and one for Hill Engineering.

ZBA met 11 times during Fiscal Year 2023. Decisions were made on 5 petitions. These were:

- 580 – Montemagni - Variance
- 581 – Citizens Energy – Variance
- 583 – Noyes – Special Permit
- 584 – Perrault – Special Permit
- 585 – Pratt – Variance

Green Committee met 12 times during Fiscal Year 2023. The Green committee had discussions around the Town Hall renovations and library roof upgrades with building superintendent Pat Petit. They discussed climate leader status and what they would have to do to achieve it for Dalton. Priority funding for the Municipal Venerability Plan was addressed, as well as putting EV chargers in Dalton, and potential grants for the upcoming year.

Open Space and Rec met 11 times during Fiscal Year 2023. They had several projects going in FY23. The Pines Walk w/DCR, Forestry Plan, MassTrails Application, and rehabilitation of The Pines working with the “Greenagers” group. They conducted clean ups at the Pines and hosted a Community Clean Up Day for Dalton.

Dalton Redevelopment Authority met 4 times during Fiscal Year 2023. They conducted a site visit to the Stationary Factory, attended its grand opening, and discussed the general business climate in Dalton and what can be done to improve it.

Conservation Commission met 8 times during Fiscal Year 2023. They voted to allow the Chair of the Conservation Commission to sign on behalf of the Conservation Commissioners when meetings are held via video conference. A new commissioner was added - Mary Tierney. Addressed RDA - Wahconah RHS – Track upgrade, moving large containers, and the fence. They conducted site visits to the Warren Farms solar project. They issued several NOIs to parties within Dalton, these were followed up on and addressed.

OPEN SPACE & RECREATION COMMITTEE

Taylor Staubach, Chair

2023 was a significant year for the Open Space & Recreation Committee. Work focused primarily on the continued project of The Pines Community Forest. The committee held a well-attended community forum in February to engage the town public and receive input on the proposed project.

Using the results from the community forum, the committee employed a consulting forester using a Forest Stewardship Grant to conduct a comprehensive 10-year Forest Management Plan for the ~40 acre town property. This will help guide the next steps for stewardship.

Additionally, in collaboration with The Greenagers, the committee was approved for a \$49,500 MassTrails Grant aimed at creating an ADA trail within the Pines that connects to the Dalton Senior Center. This collaboration will offer summer employment opportunities to local high school students interested in learning about trail building and maintenance.

The committee also participated in the first annual Dalton Day, tabling and running two free guided hikes around The Pines for the community. A fall hike in partnership with Housatonic Heritage was also offered in September. Committee members also spent many volunteer hours breaking new trail, cutting invasives, and maintaining existing trails.

Special thanks to OSRC Clerk Art Sanders for constructing the beautiful trail kiosk that now graces the Pines trailhead off of High Street.

PLUMBING & GAS INSPECTIONS

Plumbing:

OFFICE OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR				
TOWN OF DALTON, 462 Main Street				
PERMITS				
ANNUAL REPORT				
Date :- 7/01/2022 To 6/30/2023 Annual Report of: Plumbing				
MONTH	NUMBER OF PERMITS	FEES RECEIVED	CASH	CHECK
JULY	7	620	0	7
AUGUST	2	120	0	2
SEPTEMBER	0	0	0	0
OCTOBER	3	160	0	3
NOVEMBER	4	390	0	4
DECEMBER	4	320	0	4
JANUARY	2	110	0	2
FEBRUARY	4	230	0	4
MARCH	8	520	0	8
APRIL	3	170	0	3
MAY	5	390	0	5
JUNE	2	110	0	2
TOTALS	44	3140	0	44

Gas:

OFFICE OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR				
TOWN OF DALTON, 462 Main Street				
PERMITS				
ANNUAL REPORT				
Date :- 7/01/2022 To 6/30/2023 Annual Report of: Gas				
MONTH	NUMBER OF PERMITS	FEES RECEIVED	CASH	CHECK
JULY	4	230	0	5
AUGUST	2	110	0	2
SEPTEMBER	2	100	0	2
OCTOBER	11	580	0	11
NOVEMBER	11	620	0	11
DECEMBER	8	400	0	8
JANUARY	7	860	0	7
FEBRUARY	3	150	0	3
MARCH	7	360	0	7
APRIL	2	120	0	2
MAY	6	310	0	6
JUNE	7	350	0	7
TOTALS	70	4190	0	71

BUILDING & ELECTRICAL INSPECTIONS

Building:

OFFICE OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR TOWN OF DALTON, 462 Main Street PERMITS								
ANNUAL REPORT								
Date :- 7/01/2022 To 6/30/2023 Annual Report of: Building								
MONTH	NUMBER OF PERMITS	RESIDENTIAL PERMITS	PERMITS FOR DWELLINGS	RESIDENTIAL PERMITS FOR GARAGES	ALL OTHER	COMMERCIAL	CONSTRUCTION VALUE	FEES RECEIVED
JULY	30	29	0	0	29	1	728378.73	3224.05
AUGUST	36	34	0	0	34	2	1752150.17	5510.55
SEPTEMBER	30	27	0	0	27	3	513970.5	2284.45
OCTOBER	42	39	0	0	39	3	1360525.08	6337.27
NOVEMBER	19	18	0	0	18	1	400700	1809.23
DECEMBER	10	8	0	0	8	2	270776.14	1183
JANUARY	13	13	0	0	13	0	260346	880.5
FEBRUARY	17	16	0	0	16	1	1331543	6270.49
MARCH	16	14	0	0	14	2	481954.28	2369.04
APRIL	26	22	0	0	22	4	796254.61	3707.41
MAY	48	43	0	0	43	5	883013.42	4250.7
JUNE	24	22	0	0	1	2	789737.74	3726.63
TOTALS	311	285	0	0	264	26	9569349.67	41553.32

Electrical:

OFFICE OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR TOWN OF DALTON, 462 Main Street PERMITS				
ANNUAL REPORT				
Date :- 7/01/2022 To 6/30/2023 Annual Report of: Electrical				
MONTH	NUMBER OF PERMITS	FEES RECEIVED	CASH	CHECK
JULY	17	1600	0	17
AUGUST	22	2270	0	22
SEPTEMBER	14	1260	0	14
OCTOBER	13	1040	0	13
NOVEMBER	14	1250	0	14
DECEMBER	7	700	0	7
JANUARY	8	790	0	8
FEBRUARY	9	650	0	9
MARCH	13	1130	0	13
APRIL	8	700	0	8
MAY	10	900	0	10
JUNE	15	1200	0	15
TOTALS	150	13490	0	150

BOARD OF ASSESSORS
Jean Boudreau, Principal Assessor;
Laura Maffuccio Assessor & Lee Nunez, Assessors' Clerk

Last year we told you that the housing market and low interest rates that had been driving the real estate values since 2019 had slowed considerably and with the increase in lending rates, we had hoped that they might be on their way to a more regular pace soon. Unfortunately, “soon” did not show itself throughout 2023, with the high prices running out the clock in December. Although there are fewer homes available for sale throughout town and the county in general, the market still has a hold on sales.

This made for an uncomfortable assessment period. The Interim Adjustment, required annually by the Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services, and overseen by the Bureau of Local Assessment reflected an increase for the second year in a row of roughly 16% increasing the average single family assessment from 271,929.00 to 314,926.00 with the comparable tax bills rising from 4,995.34 to 5,356.89 in spite of a decrease once again in the tax rate from 18.37 to 17.01- a difference of 1.36 per thousand dollars of valuation.

Quarterly tax billing continues to be a cause for great concern to many taxpayers. It should be noted that the first two bills received each year [#1 due on August 1st and #2 due on November 1st] are Preliminary bills and are based on the total tax paid the prior year divided by 4 (into quarters). These first two payments allow a cash flow into the town to pay bills and keep the town running, while waiting for the new assessments and tax rate to be set and approved each year, generally in late November. The third and fourth quarter bills [#3 due February 1st and #4 due May 1st] show the increase or decrease in the overall bill for the year, spread out over only the final two payments. It is easy to get confused, so it should be remembered that the entire increase is shown in the last two payments and should be divided by four (4) when determining the total tax increase for the year.

As a “heads-up”, it should be noted that Fiscal Year 2025 is a year of complete revaluation of the town, which is required every five (5) years by the Department of Revenue, and takes the place of the Interim Adjustment in that year. Hopefully, this time of scrutiny in all areas of valuation will help to realign our values in cooperation with a slower paced market.

The Fiscal Year 2024 Tax Recapitulation breakdown follows:

Local Expenditures

Appropriations	\$ 21,031,013.00
Cherry Sheet Offsets	19,554.00
State & County Cherry Sheet Charges	45,569.00
Assessors' Overlay	<u>95,266.93</u>
Gross Amount to be Raised	\$ 21,191,402.93

Estimated Receipts and Available Funds

Cherry Sheet Estimated Receipts	\$ 1,758,826.00
Local Estimated Receipts	1,187,450.00
Offset Receipts	1,537,986.00
Free Cash appropriated for particular purposes	996,912.00
Other Available Funds	280,787.00
Free Cash appropriated to reduce the tax rate	<u>200,000.00</u>
Total Estimated Receipts & Available Funds	\$ 5,961,961.00

Gross Amount to be Raised	\$ 21,191,402.93
Total Estimated Receipts & Available Funds	<u>- 5,961,961.00</u>
Net Amount to be Raised	\$ 15,229,441.93

Real Property Values	\$ 852,390,695.00
Personal Property Values	42,932,170.00
Total	\$ 895,322,865.00

Fiscal Year 24 tax rate is \$17.01 per thousand of valuation, a decrease of \$1.36 from last year.

Now that we have moved back into town hall, it is much easier to access all of our records which enables us to serve you better. We welcome you to call us with any assessment questions or concerns that you might have and suggest that you either check out your property record card online in our section of the town website or come into the office so that we can explain it to you in greater detail. Assessors' maps are online as well. Email is an option and voice mail is available as well.

Office hours remain:

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

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

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Members: **Jean M. Gingras**
Patricia Mele-Nichols
Judith Condron

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

In 2023, we conducted Special Registration Sessions prior to the May 1st, Annual Town Meeting, and the May 8th Annual Town Election. Scheduled Special Registration Sessions are held from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. in the office of the Town Clerk. Additional Special Registration Sessions are scheduled as required. The place of voting has changed this year, all elections will be held at the Senior Center located at 40 Field Street.

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 2023; 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, Online 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.

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

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER & ANIMAL INSPECTOR

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

Levi Lisi is our Animal Control Officer and our Animal Inspector. Regular scheduled hours for Animal Control are Monday, Thursday, and Friday 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 6 months of age must be vaccinated for rabies and licensed within Dalton. Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 140, Section 145B also requires all cats and ferrets over the age of 6 months must be vaccinated for rabies.

2023

Dogs licensed	1,216
Dog License fees collected	\$25,220
Late Fees collected	\$ 3,030
Failure to License Citations Issued:	\$7,380
ACO Calls:	634

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 2022 as follows:
 - a. \$20.00 for spayed/neutered dogs
 - b. \$25.00 without proof of spaying/neutering
3. Late Fees - February 1st - \$ 10.00 each
4. Failure to License Citations – April 1 \$ 50.00 each
5. Failure to Vaccinate for Rabies- April 1 \$ 50.00 each

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

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

DALTON BOARD OF HEALTH ANNUAL REPORT

Agnes E. Witkowski, Health Agent

This past year COVID 19 was still a health concern. COVID 19 continues to change variants and be a national health concern. Vaccinations played a key role in preventive care reducing the likelihood and severity of illness. COVID 19 antigen testing became more easily assessible in pharmacy, stores and on-line United State websites improving the likely hood of early detections. Once you tested positive for COVID 19, antiviral medications were more widely available; thus, instrumental in reducing the severity and durations of the symptoms. Collectively vaccinations, COVID antigen/PCR testing, along with antiviral medications contributed to overall community wellbeing while trying to reduce hospitalizations and fatalities.

Throughout the year, Dalton Board of Health received free state COVID 19 antigen test that were distributed to community organizations and the Dalton Public Library assisted with making the test kits available to the public. Tick-borne illness was the second most common disease. The Health Agent provided educational information during the Dalton Day event raising awareness and promoting preventive care.

Board of Health

The Board of Health consists of five appointment volunteer members. In June 2023 Andy Perenick-Chair completed his term and Dr. Cindy Geyer joined as a member. The following month, Dr. Claudia Columbari and Jessie Downer became Co Chairs, Dr. Amanda Staples-Opperman and Edward Gero continued as members. Board of Health changed the meetings to the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 4:30 pm in the Town of Dalton's Callahan Room.

Public Health Nursing

Dalton continues to contract with Berkshire Public Alliance to provide public health nursing services. This past year the state ended the requirement for the nurses to do contact tracing for COVID 19, and the nurses continued contact tracing for other required reportable diseases. In June, the Dalton Council on Aging had their annual Health Fair which a nurse attended a provided education on blood pressure. In the Fall/Winter the nurses' efforts were in organizing COVID 19/Flu clinics. Throughout the year, the nurses taught Choke Saver courses to support the local restaurants and schools.

Dalton Board of Health Agent

Agnes Witkowski is the Health Agent committed to supporting the community. In November 2023, Christina Parkington was hired part time as the Board of Health Administrative Assistant. Together they distributed the state COVID antigen test to the library and various community organizations. During the last quarter, we offered Narcan Kits to the community to educate and reduce Opioid overdoses. Throughout the year, the Health Agent completed the required state inspections for Food, Camps, Public Swimming Pools, Title 5/Septic Inspections and Housing complaints.

In August, after renovations to Town Hall were completed, the Board of Health office returned back to Town Hall located at 642 Main Street. The Board of Health's phone number is 413 684-6111 ext. 302 email boh@dalton-ma.gov.

COMMUNICATION CENTER

Gabrielle Taglieri

During this past year we have logged 18,516 calls. 2647 of those calls were through 911 and 866 were walk-ins to the Dalton Police Station.

The Communications Center received a MA State 911 grant (Support & Incentive Grant) in Fiscal Year 2024 for \$169,900 to offset operating costs. We are able to receive this grant based on being a Regional 911 Dispatch Center that handles 911 calls for the Towns of Dalton, Hinsdale, and Windsor.

In addition to the Support & Incentive Grant the Dalton Communications Center received an additional Training Grant, to be used for training purposes, and the installation of an Emergency Medical Dispatch program. Emergency Medical Dispatch is a State approved and required list of questions and instructions a Dispatcher must follow during a Medical Emergency. This year instead of a flat rate award, the grant is a "Needs based" award depending on the number of dispatchers and hours allotted for training within the year. Dalton Communications received nearly \$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 40hr basic telecommunicator class required for new hires.

The Communications Center also applied for and received in FY2023 \$179,837 from the State E911 Development Grant to upgrade the primary Dispatch console, add a fully functional second Dispatch console, and upgrade the dispatch radio equipment in our radio room. Due to extended wait times for equipment manufacturers, this project is still ongoing, but will be completed by Spring of 2024.

All town residents should remember that if you need any type of emergency services that you can go to the Communications Center 24/7/365. We are located in the lower level of the Town Hall building at the Police Station, on South Carson Ave. The main entry doors to the lobby of the Police Department are unlocked and the Police Department Lobby is open to the Public 24/7. In the event that the main doors are locked, please press intercom button located on right door, below

CULTURAL COUNCIL

Alyssa Maschino, Chair

33041	Baseball in the Berkshires, Inc.	500
40010	Berkshire Music School, Inc.	750
39780	Berkshire Pulse, Inc.	500
37304	Community Recreation Association, Inc.	800
46947	Community Recreation Association, Inc.	500
44596	Grow Dalton, Inc.	500
39464	IS183, Inc.	300
42393	Judge, Katherine	100
33440	Lewis, Bernice E.	800
26504	MUSIC Dance.edu	600
27899	Picard-lenski, Laurel	200
42864	Pittsfield Shakespeare, Inc.	500
36436	Rogers, Scott	500
43862	Root, John A.	300
43688	Tamarack Hollow Nature and Cultural Center	400
28488	The Eagles Band, Inc.	500
41296	WAM Theatre, Inc.	350
	Total	8100

The Dalton Cultural Council's mission is to promote access, excellence, education and diversity in the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences to improve the quality of life for all residents. The Massachusetts Cultural Council has overseen the Local Cultural Council Program since 1990. MCC receives funding from an annual state appropriation. Each year, the MCC distributes funds to LCCs; in turn, LCCs make grants to schools, organizations, and individuals in their communities. These funds are paid to successful applicants on a reimbursement basis. Distributions to each LCC are based on a local aid formula devised by the state. The formula considers population and property values and is weighted to give larger distributions to poorer communities. In Fall of 2022, our Cultural Council received 34 applications requesting support for a wide variety of projects. The following fourteen applicants were approved for funding in an amount totaling \$8,100 for FY 2023:

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.

Our longtime committee member Donald Harris, passed away unexpectedly shortly before Dalton Day. Don was on this and other town committees for years. The Council dedicated Dalton Day in his honor.

The current members of the Dalton Cultural Council are Alyssa Maschino – Chair, Leslee Bassman – Treasurer, Mary Ferrell – Clerk, Kellie Harris-Porter. 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 2023 members included:

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

Staff Members of the Council on Aging are:

Kelly Pizzi, Executive Director
Dorin Middlebrook, Administrative Assistant/Transportation Coordinator
John Bartels Van Driver
John Aldrich Van Driver
Dave Lussier Van Driver
Pattie Pero Outreach Coordinator & SHINE
Cheryl Walden Meal Site Manager
and newly hired Lisa Turner Program Assistant.

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.

Pattie also works towards 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 Fiscal Year 2023 Pattie and Bonnie DiTomasso helped 126 individuals helping them realize \$77,102 in prescription drug savings through better drug coverage and lower copays.

Transportation is another critical service and has served 68 individuals enabling people to grocery shop, attend medical appointments, work and volunteer, participate in recreational events and attend personal care appointments. The Council on Aging partners with the Berkshire Regional Transit Authority to provide wheelchair accessible transportation to anyone over the age of 60 and persons with disabilities under the age of 60. Transportation is supplemented with our Dalton Coasts van to provide long distance trips and helps out when the BRTA Van is overwhelmed. Total

approximate miles traveled by the drivers was 17,575 for an average of 258 miles per person in 2406 trips. Transportation arrangements must be made at least 24 hours in advance to accommodate all requests. Door to door service is provided but riders need to be residents of Dalton.

Several people from other towns and visitors from other states come in to tour the Center. “This place is such a hidden gem!! Dalton is so fortunate to have such a beautiful senior center!” Visitors to the Dalton Senior Center are in awe (and envy) when they come in. Even “members” who have participated in programs since the Centers opening in 2011 remain equally appreciative for having such a beautiful and welcoming place to gather.

Still, despite the appreciation, in the beginning of the fiscal year it was evident that many of our seniors were still not ready to gather in groups following the COVID crisis. We continued offering programs and new opportunities to lure them back but their return was slow. At least until the open letter to the community was sent out with the town’s census. Following the letter, we received a steady stream of residents coming in to either tour the facilities for themselves or an aging parent. After COVID struck we had started a newsletter and calendars that was sent electronically to a modest number of residents. Following that letter the mailing list increased over 700% and daily attendance increased to pre-pandemic levels!

During this time, the Mass Councils on Aging had posted a grant to address several types of projects for Councils on Aging. One of those projects was “Making Your Senior Center the Talk of the Town.” \$8,000 was awarded for the marketing of the Dalton Senior Center. Our project was a poster campaign partnering with eight of our program participants ranging in age of 65 – 99 years who were overheard talking about the senior Center. They were invited to take part in the campaign using their words and images to tell the community what the senior Center really is and what it means to them. Using local businesses (M Joseph Photography, The Studley Press and Chicago Albumen) two sets of the posters were printed, one on gator board and one stretched canvas. Partnering with local businesses: the Pittsfield Cooperative Bank, CRA, Stationary Factory, Kelly’s Package Store, Dalton Public Library, St. Agnes, First Congregational Church and Town Hall, the posters spent one week at each location for an eight week rotation.

Reflected in a 30% increase in new registrations for membership during the projects six month duration, the poster campaign brought in many new participants to our programming as well as making the subjects of the campaign local celebrities. We thank our poster subjects very much for putting themselves out there to spread the good word to the community as well as all of the businesses involved in the project.

Besides forging new friendships and connections within the community the members participate in a wide array of programs and activities. Exercise programs are one of the most popular activities and includes at least one program per day: *Osteo Exercise, Line Dancing, Shake Your Soul, Tai Chi and Chair Yoga.*

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 free for anyone to attend on the first and third Sunday of each month at 1:00. Donations are welcome.

Wellness Programs such as *Matter of Balance* and *Aging Mastery* are multi week programs that helps to keep people safe in their homes by addressing multiple issues that can put persons at risk. 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 a *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. We are happy to have been able to bring back the *Life Program* in partnership with Craneville Place allowing volunteers to visit and entertain elders. The *Life After Loss* group is growing in popularity reminding individuals that are dealing with the loss of a loved one that it is okay to feed the mind as well as the body. We offer several activities that keep the hands and minds busy. 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. At the end of the fiscal year we held a Health Fair which was open to the public.

We held several Special Events throughout the year Field Day, Davis Bates-Halloween Harvest, The Holiday Party, Movies, Ted Talks, Bingo, Soup Competition, Veteran's Luncheon & Changing of the Flag Ceremony, Hip Hop Chair Yoga, Friends of the Council on Aging's Craft Fair, Rainbow Seniors events, Special Talks included the Elder Law Project, Camp Lejeune Toxic Water, Medical Cannabis, and a presentation for the HIP Program to complement the Farmer's Market Coupon Distribution.

Community Services: Dalton Veteran's Agent holds office hours at the Senior Center on Wednesdays 9-1. State Senator Paul Mark and/or his Constituent Service Director Casey Pease holds Senate Hours on the second Tuesday of the month from 1-3:30. 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 form 1-3 often with guest speakers. The AARP Tax Aid program assists Dalton elders with simple tax returns at no cost.

Volunteers are always in high demand at the Center with many of the programs being led by volunteer leaders. Do you have a special talent you would like to share? Do you like to run a dishwasher? Do you like to drive beyond Dalton and Pittsfield or out of the Berkshires? If so we would love to talk with you.

The Friends of the Council on Aging is a 501c 3 organization who is always in need of volunteers who like to have fun and raise money while doing it. The Friends has awarded over \$5,000 in FY '23 enabling us to provide many of the wonderful programs we offer. Anyone interested in volunteering 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 band played Patriotic music up to mound of the unknown dead in the Main St Cemetery.

Master of Ceremonies Aaron Robb Principal at Wahconah Regional High School led the ceremony beginning with calling Reverend Christopher Malatesta Pastor of St Agnes Parish offering the invocation. Robert Dassat Commander of the Legion Post 155 led the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem was then sung by David Brunk an Army Veteran and Member of the Legion Post 155.

Aaron Robb then introduced the Town Selectmen and State Senator Paul Mark. Aaron then introduced 4 student speakers from Wahconah Regional High School whom all gave excellent speeches. Every year we manage to have amazing speeches from outstanding students.

Wreathes were then placed at the foot of the mound by Boy Scout Troop 4 and Cub Scouts.

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. The Legion firing squad then paid tribute to the veterans with rifle volleys, followed by the playing of Taps and the Echo.

Commander Dassat then spoke about the help rendered placing over 1,100 flags on Veterans graves by Boy Scout Troop 4, the Cub Scouts 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 Benediction was then given by Reverend Christopher Malatesta to conclude the ceremony.

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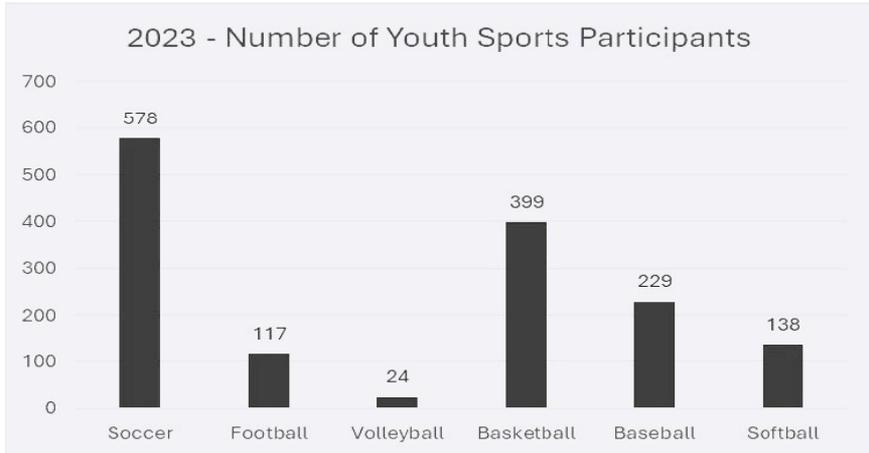
Alison Peters, Executive Director

The Community Recreation Association (CRA) has the honor and privilege of providing recreational and social programs in Dalton's three exceptional parks, Pinegrove Park on Carson Avenue, Chamberlain Park on Chamberlain Avenue and Greenridge Park on South Street. Providing programs for all ages, these areas are highly utilized for a variety of activities, including:

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

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

With an emphasis on good sportsmanship, being a strong team player, and developing technical skills, these programs provide an invaluable experience and teach life-long lessons to our youth. The impact on our youth also includes improved mental health, physical well-being, self-confidence, leadership skills and a love for staying active and healthy.



1,483 youth participated in 2023, a 7% increase from 2022 and surpassing our pre-Covid number of 1,460 in 2019!

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

The CRA also provides many free family activities in the parks during the warm, summer nights with activities ranging from arts & crafts to carnivals. Music on Main is a free concert series that takes place on the CRA's Memorial Lawn and at Mill + Main (the old Kittredge House). This past summer we had 15 free concerts providing live music by local musicians and giving families a chance to gather and visit with neighbors and friends. These types of events bring Dalton that sense of community that we are famous for! We plan to continue this tradition, so as summer approaches, check our website for performances.

The CRA offers camps to our elementary-aged students, helping working families that need a safe, fun place for their children during school vacations, holidays and snow days. The "camps" program runs out of the youth center, but they make many visits to the park to release energy in the open space and on the playground.

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

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



CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

There was a total of 53 burials in 2023 and are as follows:

Ashuelot Cemetery: 39 burials

Fairview Cemetery: 10 burials

Main Street Cemetery: 4 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. This past fall two new trees were planted to replace some that have come down over the past few years which has not been done in a while.

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 spring there will be power installed to the Chapel/Vault at Main Street Cemetery for the possible transformation of that building into a columbarium in the future. The Public Works department 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.

As a reminder winter decorations should be removed from the cemeteries by April 15th and summer decorations should be removed by October 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

Glenn Lagerwall, Emergency Management Director

This has been a busy year and Emergency Management has been involved in many different projects.

We have updated our website! Linked through the Town of Dalton website, our page now includes information regarding what to do in severe weather and in events such as winter storms and flooding. The Towns Evacuation Plan (developed by Emergency Management and approved by the Selectmen this summer) is posted there along with many of the other Emergency Plans here in town.

We have been updating the CodeRed system to come into compliance with new industry standards. CodeRed found that some tests were being blocked by the security protocols of different carriers.

We worked with the Fire Department and purchased a new brush fighting pump unit for the Emergency Managements UTV. This now allows the Town to have a ready rescue UTV equipped with rescue sled and medical supplies along with a ready firefighting UTV capable of accessing remote and/or hard-to-reach areas.

Morgan McDonough is a member of the Fire Department who is currently working on her Master's Degree in Emergency Management. She has taken on developing policy/procedure, training, and equipment procurement toward establishing a Civilian Emergency Response Team. We have received a grant from MEMA to help us meet this goal and hopefully will be training sometime this summer. This team will be utilized in assisting our local town departments during times of increased need in areas such as traffic control, evacuations, and handing out supplies.

Along with MEMA, Emergency Management coordinated a multi-agency/multi-town tabletop exercise attended by over 50 people at the Stationery Factory. This exercise was centered on working through a response to an incident when a train car passing through town was leaking a hazardous substance. Members of the Dalton Police, Fire, Highway, and other Town Departments participated along with agencies from Hinsdale, Pittsfield, the State Police, the Berkshire Sheriff's Department, and the State Hazardous Response Team.

Emergency Management applied for and received a \$25,000 grant from the state to research and develop the town Hazard Mitigation Plan. The current plan expires in June. We have brought together a committee comprised of many town representatives who are identifying and prioritizing future actions to mitigate potential problems caused by natural disasters such as flooding or severe storms. We are working with Caplin Associates of Northampton, who specializes in this area, to develop a comprehensive plan which will be presented to FEMA in April for review and to the Selectmen soon after for approval.


DALTON FIRE DEPARTMENT
Christian Tobin, Chief Dalton Fire Department

As the Dalton Fire Chief, I want to underscore the critical roles that our fire department, emergency medical services (EMS), and rescue teams play in ensuring the safety and well-being of our community.

Firstly, the fire department serves as the frontline responders to various emergencies, including structure fires, vehicle accidents, hazardous material incidents, and natural disasters. Our highly trained firefighters have the necessary skills, equipment, and resources to swiftly and effectively mitigate these emergencies, minimizing property damage and saving lives.

Secondly, our EMS team is pivotal in providing timely medical assistance to individuals experiencing medical emergencies or traumatic injuries. Whether responding to cardiac arrests, strokes, or accidents, our dedicated paramedics and emergency medical technicians (EMTs) are trained to administer life-saving interventions, stabilize patients, and transport them to appropriate medical facilities for further care. Their swift response and expert medical care are instrumental in improving outcomes and ensuring the best possible chance of recovery for those in need.

Lastly, our rescue teams are trained and equipped to handle various specialized rescue situations, including entrapments, water rescues, and vehicle extrication. These highly skilled responders undergo rigorous training to safely and effectively rescue individuals from hazardous environments or precarious situations.

Whether rescuing hikers stranded on a mountain trail or extricating motorists trapped in mangled vehicles, our rescue teams are prepared to confront any challenge with professionalism, expertise, and unwavering dedication. In essence, the coordinated efforts of our fire department personnel form the backbone of our community's emergency response system, ensuring that we are prepared to handle any crisis that may arise and safeguard the health, safety, and welfare of all residents and visitors alike.

Only with the community's support can we provide these essential services. So, from all of us at the Dalton Fire Department, and on behalf of our Board of Fire Commissioners, Thank you from all the firefighters to the community.



FOREST WARDEN

Christian Tobin, Forest Warden/Fire Chief

As the forestry warden for Dalton, MA, it is imperative to highlight the prevalent fire hazards that the public should remain aware of to ensure our community's and forested areas' safety.

The foremost concern is the heightened risk of wildfires, particularly during dry and windy conditions. Dry vegetation, such as fallen leaves, dead branches, and dried-out grass, serves as kindling, intensifying the potential for fires to spread rapidly. Residents and visitors alike must exercise caution when handling fire outdoors, including proper extinguishment of campfires and disposal of cigarettes to mitigate the risk of accidental ignition.

Additionally, the proximity of residential areas to wooded regions underscores the need for homeowners to maintain defensible space around their properties by clearing flammable debris and creating fire-resistant landscapes to minimize the risk of fire spreading from the wildland-urban interface.

Moreover, human activities like outdoor burning, debris disposal, and operation of machinery in forested areas can inadvertently spark wildfires if not conducted with caution. Engaging in these activities during high-risk periods requires adhering to local regulations and obtaining necessary permits to reduce the likelihood of fire incidents.

Public education campaigns emphasizing fire prevention measures, including proper fire safety practices and adherence to fire bans and restrictions, play a pivotal role in fostering a culture of responsibility and vigilance within the community. By raising awareness about these fire hazards and promoting proactive measures, we can collectively safeguard our forests, homes, and lives from the devastating impacts of wildfires.

INSPECTOR OF WIRING

John M. Broderick, Wiring Inspector

Service Work	-	29
New Houses	-	1
Renovations/Additions	-	24
Solar Installations	-	58
Furnaces	-	8
Lighting Retrofits	-	2
Pools/Hot Tubs	-	4
Security Systems	-	2
Fire Alarms	-	0
Misc. Electrical Work	-	11
A/C Equipment	-	7

Total Permits 2023 - **146**





DALTON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Kimberly Gwilt, Interim Library Director

The Library has been very busy. Our circulation numbers are rising, attendance is at all time highs and now that Covid restrictions have been relaxed, we have been able to get out into the community more.

The Library has been thrilled to be able to take part in Literacy on the Lawn, Dalton Days, the Dalton Wellness Fair, CBRSD Spring Kindergarten Orientation, Light Up the Holidays and collaborating with the Coordinated Family and Community Engagement on the installation of a permanent Story Walk at Pinegrove Park.

We've updated our computers for staff and public use. Added new printers, including a color printer. And upgraded our copy machine. New lighting has been added to our children's and young adult areas. We also purchased a new outdoor book drop bin.

We joined the growing number of libraries that have gone fine-free in Massachusetts and across the country. Late materials will not accrue fines. Materials not returned at all are considered lost and will be billed for the replacement cost.

A new perennial garden was planted in the Spring in honor of Gladys Lofink, our longtime library assistant who passed in 2020.

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.

COLLECTIONS

The most recent focus of our collection development has been in our children's collection. A grant from the Katharine L.W. and Winthrop M. Crane Foundation allowed us to significantly expand our selection of non-fiction books for our Pre-K to 2nd grade age group. Books for this particular target audience have been distinguished from the other non-fiction books with a blue sticker on the book spine. This delineation has been appreciated by our patrons and staff. It makes finding age appropriate books effortless.

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 increasingly popular collection of electronic books and e-audio books, available via the Libby app.

PROGRAMS

We ushered in 2023 with the return of in-person programs for everyone - adults and children.

Adult programs included workshops on mediation, decluttering, vision boards, journaling and ways to handle stress. Thanks to the generosity of the Dalton Cultural Council our patrons were able to enjoy John Root's program on Crop Circles.

Wendy Provencher from Coordinated Family and Community Engagement continues to offer several children's programs each week at the Library. Storytime, Tiny Tots, STEAM and a new program - Me, You, and We Playgroup. All are very popular and well attended.

Traditionally our summer reading program and its prizes have been focused on children up to age 14. This year we expanded our prize options to encourage young adults to join the challenge. Participation was phenomenal! Beanstack, the program we use to keep track of reading, keeps track of all reading activity. Our Library won a 3rd place prize for participation at a National level.

Summer fun wasn't just about reading. Families enjoyed visits from the Forest Park Zoo, weekly crafts, Berkshire Museum physics, Drumming, Legos, games and chess club.

FRIENDS

The Friends group continues to provide support and assistance to the library. This year, they provided the funding for the newspaper, museum passes, craft nights, copies of featured books, summer reading, adult reading challenge and special community event supplies. They've accomplished this through their annual donation drive and their year round lobby book sale. Without their generous support, the Library would have been forced to go without a good deal of material.

PERSONNEL

In August, Rob DiFazio, our amazing Director for the past 10 years, made the difficult decision to leave the Dalton Library. His career took him in a new direction. He is now the Librarian at Wahconah Regional High School. WRHS is so fortunate to have Rob as part of their staff. We wish him well in his new position. He will be missed.

With Rob's departure, I was appointed the Interim Library Director. I want to thank the entire Library staff, the Library Board of Trustees and the Town of Dalton for their support and encouragement as I navigated my new responsibilities.

PERSONNEL CONTINUED

It is an absolute pleasure to work with this amazing group of people. A special thank you to Joanne Delmolino, Erin Morris, Ellen Snyder and Mary Turner for everything you do.

I would also like to recognize the hard work and donated time of the Library Board of Trustees. The Board is the elected governing body of the Library, with legal responsibility for library funding, contents, policy and service. The current Board members are: Fred Sears (Chairperson), Judith Douville, Anne Ronayne, Max Ehrlich, Joan Roy, Mary Gingras, Leo Quiles, Barbara Kotelnicki and Tom Condron.

TOWN OF DALTON DEPARTMENTAL GRANTS 2023

Communications	
State 911 Support & Incentive Grant	\$169,900.00
State 911 Training Grant Program	\$12,199.23
State 911 Developmental Grant	\$179,837.00
	\$361,936.23
Police Department	
Body Worn Camera Grant	\$129,368.00
BT Grant for Portable Breathalyzer	\$1,500.00
Municipal Road Safety Grant	\$19,192.04
MED Project to dispose of unused medications	\$1,300.00
Bulletproof Vest Grant	\$2,250.00
	\$153,610.04
Council on Aging	
Executive Office of Elder Affairs	\$28,404.00
MA Council on Aging Grant	\$8,000.00
	\$36,404.00
Cultural Council	
MA Cultural Council State Grant	\$7,800.00
Dalton Free Public Library	
Crane 3D Charitable Foundation Grant	\$3,000.00
Highway 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
	\$1,012,447.00
Emergency Management	
Emergency Management Performance Grant	\$2,700.00
TOTAL FY 2023 GRANTS	\$1,577,897.27

DALTON GREEN COMMITTEE

The expansion of the committee from 3 to 6 members in 2023 was welcome as the task of energy saving and decarbonization efforts has expanded substantially over the past year. Federal and state grants have increased along with the effort to research and successfully procure them. Thankfully, the addition of new members comes with an expanded list of accomplishments

The Green Committee successfully procured a green communities grant of \$125K to help with the renovation of the highway garage. Improved insulation of the garage and office structure will help highway staff maintain a more comfortable, warmer work environment and prepare for the installation of heat pumps later this year.

Expanded participation by community members also helped the committee look beyond simply assisting with municipal building renovations. The committee is looking to guide Dalton toward the revised state decarbonization target. (being carbon neutral by 2050).

In addition to creating and managing a long-term climate action plan, funding for smaller, short term, projects has been secured. Tom Irwin's presentation at the town meeting on climate challenges persuaded citizens to allocate \$60K to a community climate action plan. Tom managed a well-attended educational presentation at the Stationery Factory informing Berkshire citizens of the availability of financial support for energy savings residential projects. Tony Pagliarulo secured multiple state grants to fund a growing network of electric vehicle(EV) charging stations for the community. Tony and Tom pulled together a last-minute effort to plant a new tree behind the Sr. Center. Wendy Brown's past architecture work on Town Hall is being repurposed to determine the feasibility of an elevator installation in the newly renovated structure. David Wasielewski utilized his experience navigating town facilities for meetings to inform an ADA committee request for an accessible voting site, resulting in the recent move of polling location from the CRA to the Sr. Center. Todd Logan is championing efforts to improve town communications, assisting with development of a new and improved town website. Steve Marantz, our utility player, is using his past experience with town government politics to make sure we all continue to move forward. Wendy, Todd, and David's accomplishments are indicative of efforts by our town Manager to increase cross-committee communications and sharing of resources.

The Green Committee worked with the Conservation committee and emergency planning staff to prioritize the allocation of ARPA funds. Next year promises a new collaboration with CBRSD on renewable energy projects. A dedicated group of committee members and additional resources are helping us realize the benefits of investing in a green and sustainable future for Dalton.

DALTON HOUSING AUTHORITY

Susan I. Gregory, Executive Director

Board of Commissioners:

Chairperson	Robert Merry	33 Ensign St.
Vice Chairperson	Dorin Middlebrook	7 Home Terrace
Treasurer	Alicia Jost	575 Main St.
State Appointee	Vacant	
Member	Patricia Suchenicz	293 High St A-4

Regular meetings are held on the Third Tuesday of each month at 1:00 PM at 38 E. Deming Street in the Community Room or Virtual via 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 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 Department of Housing & Community Development now has an on-line application called CHAMP at the link below.

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

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

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

Telephone# 413-684-1470

SGregory@daltonhousing.org

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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

Commission Members

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

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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

In the spring Chamberlain, Edward, Sunset, Judith, John, and Crane Avenues were milled and paved. This work was done through the Chapter 90 program where the Town is allotted a certain amount each year for roadway improvements. Also last spring we applied for a grant through the Mass Works program for repaving along with upgrading the drainage on Orchard Road. We are happy to say that we were awarded the grant for \$1,000,000 to complete the project. Work will begin in the summer of 2024.

In the fall the sewer rehabilitation project began and will be completed in the spring of 2024. This project consists of sealing sewer manholes and lining pipes to reduce the groundwater getting into the system. Sewage 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.

At Pinegrove Park the basketball court was repaved and the new lines will be painted on the court this spring. We also planted two new trees on the Curtis Avenue side of the park to replace two that were removed due to ill health. Also at Pinegrove a learning path was installed with story boards that can be changed every so often for the kids to enjoy throughout the year.

The Transfer Station has seen a smooth transition since the town took over operation from

Casella Waste in 2022. We received a grant from Mass DEP this past year for a Universal Waste shed that residents will soon be able to take advantage of. Residents will be able to recycle batteries, light bulbs and electronics. This shed was constructed by the students at McCann Technical School, and we are thankful for all their hard work. In July the town joined the Northern Berkshire Solid Waste Management District to offer our residents more options regarding recycling, and to help reduce costs to the town of Dalton.

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.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Deanna Strout, Chief of Police

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dalton Police Department 2022 Statistics:

Total call responses:

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

2022 Firearms Permit Fees Received
Citizen Complaints filed in 2022

\$13,700; Local \$3,425
3

Dalton Police Department Members:

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

Officers:

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

Executive Assistant

Rebecca Whitaker

Animal Control Officer/Inspector

Levi Lisi

Assistant Animal Control Officer

Richard Haley

Crossing Guard

Millie Boucher

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

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

SHADE TREE DEPARTMENT

Edward Hall, Tree Warden

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.

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

VETERANS' SERVICES

Mitchell Keil, Director of Veteran Services

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

Accurate bookkeeping and 100% approval of all submitted claims to the Department of Veteran Services (DVS) in Boston continues to be a priority in this time of financial insecurity, which all of our communities face. The Office of Veteran Services can assure full reimbursement to the Town of Dalton under the guidelines of 108 CMR § 13.02 (3). Consequently, the need for meticulous recordkeeping and guaranteed reimbursement by the Commonwealth to the Town is imperative. In 2023, Veterans' Agent Stephen Roy processed \$71,501.53 in c.115 benefit claims without a single penny rejected by the Commonwealth - funding which would've otherwise been a liability to the community. Many widows and veterans have been saved from homelessness, hunger and despair by these funds. Thank you, Stephen, for your tireless efforts to support our local veterans.

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With the drawdown in America's foreign engagements, many service members have come home. While this is a wonderful, the unfortunate truth of the matter is America continues to recover. Worse, many soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines come home greatly challenged due to the horrific effect of war on the human psyche. The Office of Veteran Services assists a great number of veterans with filing claims through the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). The latest available numbers from 2022 show that the VA currently pays 102 veterans in the town of Dalton the amount of \$180,504.82. This intimidating (and time consuming) process is extremely difficult to accomplish successfully; without assistance many claims would otherwise be denied by the VA. We assist veterans in acquiring the correct documentation, proper completion and submission to the appropriate entity. Other services provided include, but are not limited to, educational/employment assistance, dependency and indemnity compensation, alcohol/drug rehabilitation, housing assistance, referrals, and close contact with funeral homes and cemeteries to ensure all veterans' graves are properly honored. The Veterans' Office also serves as a depository for hundreds of thousands of documents and important records of historic value to the sons and daughters of Williamstown in secure archives.

The new VSO Mitchell Keil maintains a very dynamic and flexible schedule serving the veterans of not only the Town of Dalton but the City of North Adams, Adams, Williamstown, Clarksburg, Florida, Savoy, Cheshire, New Ashford and Lanesborough. The Veterans' Agent often makes special appointments and house calls to the sick, bedridden or elderly who cannot easily make it to the Municipal Building to process documentation; the Dalton Office of Veteran Services is staffed on Wednesdays mornings from 08:30 – 12:30 PM at the Dalton Senior Center.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Debora Kovacs

The Dalton Historical Commission had a very productive year in 2023. The year began with the exciting news that the Town Hall renovations were well underway, and that we would all be back in our offices by fall. We are so grateful to our friends at the First Congregational Church for allowing us storage space for our collections during the renovation, and also to our friends at the CRA for allowing us a place for our computer in the Kittredge House. Without our Dalton friends our work during the renovations would not have been possible.

We enjoyed helping the CRA with photographs and articles for their “100 Years” celebration. It was truly a great way to work together to show how Dalton’s community light has been shining all through the years, from 1923-2023.

The Commission had a table at Dalton’s first Dalton Day, which was a huge success. We are looking forward to Dalton Day, 2024.

The Fitch-Hoose House had a terrific year, bringing 81 visitors to our doorstep. Some of our Commission members also brought the Fitch-Hoose House to Craneville Elementary School in a reverse field trip. In June six classes were scheduled for a field trip to the Fitch-Hoose House. The field trip was cancelled due to weather conditions, so we decided to bring the Fitch-Hoose House to them. It was a great day of pictures and stories about the Hoose Family and the Underground Railroad for 2nd, 3rd and 4th grade classes.

We are continuing our efforts to establish the 2nd and 3rd Historic Districts in the Town of Dalton. We are in the process of working with Mass. Historical to properly map and document the districts, one district at a time. This process will eventually identify and protect Dalton’s historical heritage.

Our most enjoyable project in 2023 was the re-printing of an amazing book, Down Memory Lane, a compilation of columns written by Franklin “Cap” Couch, a distinguished member of the Dalton community for many decades. The accounts in each column of this book provide precious memorabilia and long forgotten details of Dalton’s yesteryears. We were especially pleased to have Robert Couch of Easthampton, son of “Cap” Couch, as our honored guest at one of our fall meetings, to help us with the re-printing process. Without his help and support we would not have been able to bring this book back into print for all to enjoy.

The members of the Dalton Historical Commission are in the process of organizing our artifacts and files, and we have procured a fire-proof file cabinet to ensure the safety of Dalton’s precious historical documents. It is our hope that one day soon the Dalton Historical Commission will have a museum of its own to present and display our Town of Dalton’s amazing history.

Until then we will be working on displaying some of our precious artifacts and amazing collections for all to view and appreciate, when time and space will allow.

We look forward to another exciting year of historical adventures in 2024.

Dalton Historical Commission Members:

Louisa Horth, Chair

Debora Kovacs, Co-Chair

Thomas Snyder, Vice-Chair

Mary Walsh, Treasurer

Nancy Kane, Secretary

Ellen Chiacchiarotto, Bonnie Eastwood, Carolina Galliher, Joyce White, Associates

TOWN ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

Sandra J. Albano, Town Accountant

I am pleased to submit the 46th Annual Report of the Town Accountant for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2023.

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 FY23 books have been closed. Free Cash is estimated to be certified in the amount of \$1,900,000 for use in FY24. The Town of Dalton continues to look for more sources of revenue other than tax revenue to help offset our budget without increasing taxes. Many town departments apply for and receive numerous grants that help fund special projects, replace aging equipment and vehicles, repair roadways, restore historical landmarks etc.

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 have been a valuable asset to the Accounting Department.

Schedule 1: Combined Balance Sheet, June 30, 2023
Town of Dalton Massachusetts

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Types		Account Group		Totals	
	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects	Trust & Agency Funds	Long Term Debt	Memorandum Only			
Assets									
Cash and Cash Equivalents	4,312,721	1,133,700	378,033	8,262,604	-	-	14,087,058		
Receivables									
Personal Property Taxes	36,570	-	-	-	-	-	36,570		
Real Estate Taxes	183,981	-	-	-	-	-	183,981		
Less: Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts	(160,026)	-	-	-	-	-	(160,026)		
Tax Liens	267,514	-	-	-	-	-	267,514		
Tax Foreclosures	30,899	-	-	-	-	-	30,899		
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes and Other Excise Taxes	140,395	-	-	-	-	-	140,395		
User Fees	91,249	-	-	-	-	-	91,249		
Utility Liens Added to Taxes	8,109	-	-	-	-	-	8,109		
Departmental	61,154	17,555	-	-	-	-	78,709		
Due From Other Governments	-	166,604	-	-	-	-	166,604		
Due From Other Agencies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Amount to be Provided for the Payment of Debt	-	-	-	-	1,319,099	-	1,319,099		
Total Assets:	4,972,566	1,317,859	378,033	8,262,604	1,319,099	-	16,250,161		
Liabilities and Fund Equity									
Liabilities:									
Vendor Warrants Payable	113,198	71,893	232,730	-	-	-	417,821		
Accrued Payroll	53,712	3,480	-	-	-	-	57,192		
Accrued Town Share Medicare	740	-	-	-	-	-	740		
Payroll Withholdings	35,619	-	-	-	-	-	35,619		
Due to Other Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Due to Other Governments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Due to Other Agencies	267	-	-	22,598	-	-	22,865		
Unclaimed Items	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Prepaid Highway Excavation Fees	100	-	-	-	-	-	100		
Deferred Revenue									
Property Taxes	60,525	-	-	-	-	-	60,525		
Tax Liens	267,514	-	-	-	-	-	267,514		
Tax Foreclosure	30,899	-	-	-	-	-	30,899		
Motor Vehicle Excise	140,395	-	-	-	-	-	140,395		
User Fees	91,249	-	-	-	-	-	91,249		
Utility Fees Added to Tax	8,109	-	-	-	-	-	8,109		
Departmental	61,154	17,555	-	-	-	-	78,709		
Due From Other Governments - State	-	166,604	-	-	-	-	166,604		
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		

Schedule 1: Combined Balance Sheet, June 30, 2023
Town of Dalton Massachusetts

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY (continued)

BAN Payable	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bond Indebtedness	-	-	-	-	1,319,099	1,319,099
Total Liabilities:	863,481	259,532	232,730	22,598	1,319,099	2,697,440
Fund Equity:						
Reserved for Encumbrances	1,055,894	212,140	-	-	-	1,268,034
Reserved for Expenses	265,000	-	-	-	-	265,000
Reserved for Capital Projects	181,210	-	-	46,324	-	227,534
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	2,606,991	842,931	145,303	8,068,582	-	11,663,797
Total Fund Equity	4,109,085	1,058,327	145,303	8,240,006	-	13,552,721
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity:	4,972,566	1,317,859	378,033	8,262,604	1,319,099	16,250,161

**Schedule 1-A: Special Revenue Funds
Fund Equity for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023**

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Fund Equity for the Year Ended June 30, 2023**

Special Revenue Funds	Balance 7/1/22	Revenue	Prior Year Corrections	Transfers In	Expenses	Transfers Out	Balance 6/30/23
Cultural Council	7,617	7,867	-	-	7,950	-	7,534
Insurance Claims Under \$10,000	38,596	9,909	-	-	1,577	-	46,928
CATV Local Broadcasting	-	124,420	-	-	93,782	-	30,638
BJA Recovery Act JAG Grant - Federal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Community Development Block Grant	21,476	288,821	-	-	298,686	-	11,611
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	747,029	987,145	-	-	885,078	-	849,096
Community Septic Mgt.	18,000	-	-	-	-	-	18,000
COA Formula Grant	(251)	28,404	-	-	24,355	-	3,798
Sale Of Real Estate	100,000	-	-	-	-	-	100,000
Transportation Infrastructure Fund	378	35	-	-	-	-	413
Insurance Reimbursements over \$20K	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Library Incentive Grant	87,497	17,713	-	-	3,869	-	101,342
Police Vest Grant	(2,783)	2,385	-	-	1,790	-	(2,188) *
Canine Officer Grant	237	-	-	-	-	-	237
Records Preservation Project	592	-	-	-	-	-	592
Extended Polling Hours	-	1,125	-	-	-	-	1,125
State 911 Comm Dept Incentive Grant	1,000	169,900	-	-	169,900	-	1,000
Drug Task Force/Byrne Grant	5,422	-	-	-	-	-	5,422
Miscellaneous Non-Recurring Grants/Gifts	86,848	324,335	-	400	498,432	-	(86,849) *
Highway Chapter Funds	(5,207)	467,564	-	-	610,850	-	(148,493) *
COA Transportation Fund	19,590	11,660	-	-	11,820	-	19,430
Composting Bin Grant	494	-	-	-	-	-	494
Legal Advertising Revolving	1,851	2,250	-	-	1,984	-	2,117
Plumbing Inspections Revolving	-	7,230	-	-	7,230	-	-
Electric Inspections Revolving	2,115	13,540	-	-	13,540	-	2,115
Grave Digging OT Revolving	2,500	3,100	-	-	2,574	-	3,026
Police Outside Detail	4,485	98,857	-	10,000	108,642	-	4,700
Cemetery Vandalism Restitution	383	-	-	-	-	-	383
Parks Maintenance Revolving	2,650	250	-	-	-	-	2,900
COA Programs Revolving	3,572	5,354	-	-	4,889	-	4,037
Boom Mower Intermunicipal Consortium	9,342	-	-	-	406	-	8,936
Municipal Recycling Program Grant	614	-	-	-	-	-	614
Dalton Papers	2,358	-	-	-	-	-	2,358
Police Dept Local Gifts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Library Donations	9,284	330	-	-	-	-	9,614
Historical Commission	2,292	-	-	-	-	-	2,292
Wetlands Protection Fund	7,032	1,375	-	-	510	-	7,897
Cultural Council Donations	779	-	-	-	-	-	779
COA Gifts/Donations/Programs	24,208	12,131	-	-	7,447	-	28,892
Beautification Commission Donations	(168)	800	-	-	-	-	632
Skateboard Park Donations	1,841	-	-	-	-	-	1,841
Cemetery Repair Donations	9,073	-	-	-	-	-	9,073
Total Fund Equity	1,216,737	2,586,500	-	10,400	2,755,311	-	1,058,327

* Fund 212 Police Vest Grant - FY23 Reimbursement of \$1,790 not received from Federal/State as of 09/30/23

* Fund 212 Police Vest Grant - FY20 Reimbursement of \$ 397.50 not received from State as of 09/30/23

* Fund 229 Miscellaneous Grants - FY23 Reimbursement of \$ 227,398 received from various Federal/State grants, 07/01/23 - 09/30/23

* Fund 230 MA DOT Chapter 90 Grant - FY23 Reimbursement of \$148,493 received from State 08/24/23

Schedule 1-B: Capital Projects Fund Equity for the Year Ended June 30, 2023
Schedule 1-B: Capital Projects Fund Equity for The Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Balance		Revenues		Transfers		Expenses		Transfers		Fund Equity		Projects		
	07/01/22				In	Out					Balance	6/30/23	Authorized	Not Complete	
Capital Projects															
Building Projects															
Old Dalton High Demolition	5,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,000	43,779		
Green Community Grant Project - Town Buildings LED Lights	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-		
Town Hall 3rd Floor Renovation	401	619,250	-	542,642	-	-	-	-	-	-	77,009		80,268		
Capital Projects															
COA - Ford Transit Van	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,141		
Public Works - Five Ton Plow Truck	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1		5,891		
Public Works - Pedestrian Flasher Install	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		60,896		
Public Works - Dalton Division Road Engineering	-	194,333	-	133,399	-	-	-	-	-	-	60,934		666,601		
Public Works - Equipment	560	-	-	560	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		8,940		
Public Works - Sidewalks	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		11,319		
Town Hall InfoTech Systems Rewrite	-	11,310	-	11,310	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		188,690		
Highway Street Projects															
Housatonic Street	1,600	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,600		1,600		
Sewer Projects															
Sewer System Engineering	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		12,006		
Sewer Drng; Housatonic Laterals; Willis/Flansburg	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		21,642		
Sewer Interceptor; Willis/Frnsbrg Drainage	758	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	758		35,344		
Sewer System Evaluation Survey	11,439	24,274	-	35,713	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		2,527		
Total Fund Equity	19,760	849,167	-	723,624	-	-	-	-	-	-	145,303		1,146,644		

**Schedule 1-C: Trust and Agency Funds
Fund Equity and Liabilities for the Year Ended June 30, 2023**

	Balance 07/01/22	Receipts	Due from Others	Transfers In	Expenses	Transfers Out	Balance 06/30/23
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>125,100</u>
<u>Expendable Trust</u>							
Cemetery	17,267	996	-	-	-	-	18,263
Library	73,900	2,101	-	-	150	-	75,851
School	89,338	1,487	-	-	-	-	90,825
Local Law Enforcement	379	-	-	-	-	-	379
	<u>180,884</u>	<u>4,584</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>150</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>185,318</u>
<u>Stabilization Funds</u>							
General Stabilization	968,693	7,720	-	100,000	-	156,243	920,170
Capital Stabilization	877,728	8,007	-	200,000	-	-	1,085,735
Litigation Stabilization	471,035	4,298	-	-	-	-	475,334
Sewer Stabilization	929,586	5,967	-	150,000	-	399,522	686,031
	<u>3,247,042</u>	<u>25,992</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>450,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>555,765</u>	<u>3,167,270</u>
<u>OPEB Liability Trust</u>							
Pension Reserve Fund	4,096,809	234,301	-	300,000	-	-	4,631,110
Unemployment Compensation Fund	125,897	1,132	-	-	-	-	127,029
	4,142	37	-	-	-	-	4,179
	<u>7,779,874</u>	<u>266,046</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>750,000</u>	<u>150</u>	<u>555,765</u>	<u>8,240,006</u>
Total Fund Equity							
	<u>8,240,006</u>	<u>266,046</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>750,000</u>	<u>150</u>	<u>555,765</u>	<u>8,240,006</u>
Liabilities:							
<u>Agency Funds</u>							
Dalton Fire District	3,092	681,382	-	-	681,382	(3,092)	-
Dalton Redevelopment Authority Operations	22,302	184	-	-	3,098	-	19,388
Deputy Collector Fees	-	12,305	-	-	12,305	-	-
State Share of Gun Permit Receipts	4,800	11,300	-	-	13,000	-	3,100
Town Clerk Fees	475	7,475	-	-	7,475	(365)	110
	<u>30,669</u>	<u>712,646</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>717,260</u>	<u>(3,457)</u>	<u>22,598</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity:							
	<u>7,810,543</u>	<u>978,692</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>750,000</u>	<u>717,410</u>	<u>552,308</u>	<u>8,262,604</u>

**Schedule 2: General Fund Revenues, Budget to Actual
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023**

	FY23	FY23	FY23
	Estimated	Actual	Estimates to
	Receipts	Receipts	FY23 Actual
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<u>Sewer Offset Receipts</u>			
Interest & Penalties Sewer User #4173		3,953	
Sewer Late Fees #4245		4,810	
Sewer User Fees 10 #4246-22		20,196	
Sewer User Fees 10 #4246-23		1,303,157	
Sewer Lien Fees, #4247		36,392	
Sewer Hook-Up Charges, #4467		500	
Hinsdale Sewer Bill, #4746		101,824	
Total Offset Receipts	1,396,326	1,470,832	74,506
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<u>Local Receipts</u>			
<u>Motor Vehicle Excise, #4150</u>			
2018 & Prior		1,537	
2019		1,113	
2020		2,337	
2021		6,528	
2022		127,500	
2023		780,441	
	750,000	919,456	169,456
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<u>Other Excise</u>			
Rooms Local Excise #4167		22,415	
Meals Local Excise #4167		56,534	
	38,850	78,949	40,099
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<u>Penalties & Interest on Taxes & Excise:</u>			
Interest & Penalties on Taxes #4171		26,511	
Interest & Penalties on Tax Titles #4172		6,723	
Property Tax Demands #4177		5,165	
Motor Vehicle Demands/Warrants #4178		15,970	
Demand/Fees Tax Liens Redeemed #4179		465	
Income & Expense Penalties Added to Tax #4190		-	
	46,000	54,834	8,834
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<u>Payment in Lieu of Taxes</u>			
Trailer Park Fees #4165		4,392	
Pmts in Lieu of Taxes #4180		2,534	
Pingrove Manor Pilot #4181		1,644	
	6,600	8,570	1,970
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<u>Other Charges for Services</u>			
Board of Appeals #4373		300	
Planning Board #4374		575	
Zoning #4375		-	
	900	875	(25)

**Schedule 2: General Fund Revenues, Budget to Actual
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023**

(continued)

	FY23	FY23	FY23
	Estimated	Actual	Estimates to
	Receipts	Receipts	FY23 Actual
<u>Fees</u>			
Registry of Motor Vehicles #4175 Municipal Lien Fees #4321		4,980	
Parking Fine Demand #4327		2,625	
		25	
Bad Check Fees #4330		175	
Duplicate Bill Fee #4382		389	
Code Red Emergency Network Fee #4731		1,398	
Communication Center Fees #4810		14,040	
Private Hauler Recycling Fee #4335		-	
Highway Excavation Fees #4377		2,200	
	16,500	25,832	9,332
<u>Departmental Revenue Council On Aging #4379</u>	4,000	-	(4,000)
<u>Departmental Revenue Cemetery #4378</u>	30,000	34,115	4,115
<u>Departmental Revenue - Transfer Station</u>			
Car Permit Annual Fee - Trans Stn #4323		66,462	
Bag Sticker Fee - Trans Stn #4324		79,831	
Bulky Waste Disposal Fee - Trans Stn #4326		12,825	
	100,000	159,118	59,118
<u>Other Departmental Revenue</u>			
Town Clerk - Street List #4371		60	
Town Clerk - Other #4372		-	
Assessors Maps #4383		50	
Assessors Information Requests #4384		25	
Dalton Fire District Tax Reimbursement #4811		10,000	
Photocopies #4391, 4392		-	
Town Maps/Bicentennial Sales #4393, 4394		-	
Recycled Goods #4329		7,428	
School Census #4841		2,982	
Charge for Bid Specs #4380		-	
Police Reports #4397		-	
Police Outside Detail Cruiser Fee #4396		295	
Police - Outside Detail Admin Fee #4398		5,003	
Town Collector Miscellaneous #4844		152	
	20,800	25,995	5,195
<u>Licenses & Permits</u>			
All Alcohol Licenses On Premise #4411		6,250	
Beer & Wine Licenses #4413		820	
All Other Alcohol Licenses Off Premise #4414		1,800	
Dog Licenses #4420		27,846	
Raffle Permits #4455		10	
Cable TV Franchise #4458		815	
Building Permits #4460		42,551	
Health Agent Receipts #4462		9,022	
Police Pistol Permits #4473		3,800	
Other Licenses & Permits #4499		4,043	
	62,650	96,957	34,307

**Schedule 2: General Fund Revenues, Budget to Actual
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023**

(continued)

	FY23	FY23	FY23
	Estimated	Actual	Estimates to
	Receipts	Receipts	FY23 Actual
<u>Fines and Forfeits</u>			
Motor Vehicle Fines #4694		4,162	
District Court Restitution #4698		600	
Parking Fines #4771		45	
Library Fines #4772		359	
Unlicensed Dog Fines #4773		8,849	
Police Fines #4774		-	
Youth Tobacco Fines #4776		1,000	
Other Fines #4775		-	
	13,700	15,015	1,315
<u>Investment Income</u>			
Earnings on Investment #4820		49,225	
	10,000	49,225	39,225
<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		19,913	
Miscellaneous State Revenue #4699		3,694	
Miscellaneous Federal Revenue #4540		-	
Workman's Comp Refund #4843		-	
Charging Station Receipts #4845		-	
Sale of Surplus Inventory #4815		-	
	-	23,607	23,607
<u>Total Local Receipts</u>	1,100,000	1,492,548	392,548
<u>State Cherry Sheet Receipts: (Net of Offsets)</u>			
Exemptions - Vets, Blind, Srvg. Sps, Elderly #4617, 4616	35,063	9,036	(26,027)
State Owned Land #4611	78,998	78,998	-
School Aid (Ch70) #4621	236,581	236,581	-
Vocational Students Transportation #4637	-	-	-
Veterans Benefits #4667	92,307	43,042	(49,265)
Unrestricted General Government Aid #4671	1,317,955	1,317,955	-
Total State Receipts	1,760,904	1,685,612	(75,292)

**Schedule 3: General Fund Appropriations, Expenditures and Encumbrances
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023**

Dept.	Department Title	FY23 Final Budget		Vendor Payments		Year End Department Balance	Amount Encumbered or Carried Forward to FY2024	Transfers Closing Entries	Unencumbered Balance
		Including FY22 Carry Forwards and Transfers	Salary Expended	Expended	Expended				
114	Moderator	530	430	-	-	100	-	-	100
122	Select Board	31,083	21,028	9,489	-	566	-	-	566
123	Town Manager	179,505	165,947	9,456	-	4,102	-	-	4,102
131	Finance Committee	1,685	-	234	-	1,451	-	-	1,451
132	Reserve Fund	14,043	-	-	-	14,043	-	-	14,043
133	Prior Year Bills	845	-	845	-	-	-	-	-
135	Accountant	93,900	77,434	9,881	-	6,585	-	-	6,585
138	Group Purchasing	4,100	-	4,100	-	-	-	-	-
139	Town Audit	20,000	-	-	-	20,000	20,000	-	-
141	Assessors	111,958	47,487	61,785	-	2,686	-	-	2,686
142	Triennial Revaluation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
145	Treasurer	131,219	101,622	15,734	-	13,863	750	-	13,113
146	Town Collector	111,520	94,685	11,278	-	5,557	-	-	5,557
151	Town Counsel	60,000	-	43,174	-	16,826	-	-	16,826
152	Telephone	34,654	-	34,654	-	-	-	-	-
154	Recording Secretary	10,338	8,438	-	-	1,900	548	-	1,352
157	Computer	68,000	-	54,000	-	14,000	9,649	-	4,351
158	Postage Meter	19,636	-	18,943	-	693	-	-	693
159	Tax Title Foreclosures	2,500	-	-	-	2,500	-	-	2,500
161	Town Clerk	111,825	98,937	3,944	-	8,944	-	-	8,944
162	Elections	24,010	10,994	6,891	-	6,125	-	-	6,125
163	Board of Registrars	14,157	6,128	3,799	-	4,230	-	-	4,230
171	Conservation	2,175	-	541	-	1,634	-	-	1,634
175	Planning Board/Board of Appls	52,644	14,094	176	-	38,374	-	-	38,374
182	Development & Industrial Commission	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
192	Building Maintenance	105,571	60,659	29,239	-	15,673	984	-	14,689
195	Town Report	7,295	-	7,295	-	-	-	-	-
196	Town Hall	105,089	11,563	84,253	-	9,273	4,225	-	5,048
197	Central Supplies	23,299	-	23,158	-	141	-	-	141
198	Town Advertising	10,500	-	5,055	-	5,445	-	-	5,445
210	Police Department	1,352,044	1,144,224	145,708	-	62,112	4,500	-	57,612
222	Communications	256,147	131,505	8,192	-	116,450	1,056	-	115,394

**Schedule 3: General Fund Appropriations, Expenditures and Encumbrances
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023**

Dept.	Department Title	FY23 Final Budget		Salary Expended	Vendor Payments Expended	Year End Department Balance	Amount Encumbered or Carried Forward to FY2024	Transfers Closing Entries	Unencumbered Balance
		Including FY22 CarryForwards and Transfers	Including FY22						
240	Building Inspector	47,842	4,680	37,207	4,680	5,955	-	-	5,955
244	Weights and Measures	7,292	-	1,096	-	6,196	-	-	6,196
247	Meat & Cattle	1,692	-	1,476	-	216	-	-	216
292	Animal Control	31,068	3,394	19,203	3,394	8,471	1,250	-	7,221
293	Traffic Commission	-	1,500	-	1,500	-	-	-	-
294	Forest Warden	3,895	184	1,737	184	1,974	-	-	1,974
295	Emergency Management	16,714	2,806	6,120	2,806	7,788	4,985	-	2,803
296	Tree Warden	37,811	35,286	2,471	35,286	54	-	-	54
310	CBRS	10,183,947	10,183,947	-	10,183,947	-	-	-	-
320	Vocational Education	393,829	281,514	-	281,514	112,315	-	-	112,315
401	Town Engineer	51,900	8,760	-	8,760	43,140	13,140	-	30,000
420	Highway	562,308	229,332	303,147	229,332	29,829	93	-	29,736
423	Snow and Ice	206,885	172,460	34,425	172,460	-	-	-	-
424	Street Lights	32,460	21,040	-	21,040	11,420	-	-	11,420
433	Landfill Closure	59,818	50,902	-	50,902	8,916	5,600	-	3,316
434	Transfer Station	244,626	144,324	41,320	144,324	58,982	13,952	-	45,030
440	Sewer	131,497	22,497	101,526	22,497	7,474	-	-	7,474
449	Sewer Treatment	1,218,619	1,204,640	-	1,204,640	13,979	-	-	13,979
491	Cemetery	94,533	19,139	62,149	19,139	13,245	3,319	-	9,926
510	Health Agent/Board	83,480	8,780	59,080	8,780	15,620	-	-	15,620
522	Visiting Nurse Association	6,722	6,491	-	6,491	231	-	-	231
541	Council on Aging	165,624	33,918	124,675	33,918	7,031	-	-	7,031
543	Veterans Services	114,600	92,923	-	92,923	21,677	-	-	21,677
591	Berkshire Regional Planning	15,258	5,258	-	5,258	10,000	-	-	10,000
610	Library	216,418	67,234	142,565	67,234	6,619	-	-	6,619
630	CRA - Parks Programs	60,125	60,125	-	60,125	-	-	-	-
650	Parks Maintenance	53,282	16,754	35,153	16,754	1,375	-	-	1,375
691	Historical Commission	4,500	1,534	-	1,534	2,966	1,199	-	1,767
692	Memorial Day	2,250	1,560	-	1,560	690	-	-	690
693	Cultural Activities	2,500	2,500	-	2,500	-	-	-	-
710	Maturing Debt and Interest	231,240	221,493	-	221,493	9,747	-	-	9,747
820	State Assessments	51,672	57,572	-	57,572	(5,900)	-	-	(5,900)

**Schedule 3: General Fund Appropriations, Expenditures and Encumbrances
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023**

911	Retirement	517,417	-	497,769	19,648	-	19,648
913	Unemployment Insurance	7,500	-	-	7,500	-	7,500
914	Health Insurance	723,972	-	602,696	121,276	82	121,194
915	Life Insurance	18,880	-	16,606	2,274	-	2,274
916	Town Share - Medicare	47,000	-	45,703	1,297	-	1,297
919	Fringe Benefits	48,294	34,281	2,066	11,947	-	11,947
932	FY08 Vote - Capital Projects	16,578	-	-	16,578	16,578	-
932	FY16 Vote - Capital Projects	2,448	-	-	2,448	2,448	-
932	FY17 Vote - Capital Projects	24,199	-	-	24,199	24,199	-
932	FY18 Vote - Capital Projects	35,052	-	-	35,052	35,052	-
932	FY19 Vote - Capital Projects	50,179	-	-	50,179	50,179	-
932	FY21 Vote - Capital Projects	28,872	-	20,000	8,872	8,872	-
932	FY22 Vote - Capital Projects	255,941	-	133,651	122,290	122,290	-
932	FY23 Vote - Capital Projects	822,205	-	121,261	700,944	700,944	-
941	Court Judgments & Claims	3,000	-	-	3,000	-	3,000
945	Town Insurance Coverage	245,200	-	218,528	26,672	10,000	16,672
948	Police Dept Separation Agreement	-	-	-	-	-	-
950	Trust Fund Commissioners	200	-	-	200	-	200
991	Landfill Monitoring Continuing Appr	-	-	-	-	-	-
993	Transfers to Capital Project Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
994	OPEB Liability Trust	-	-	-	-	-	-
997	Transfer to Stabilization - Sewer	-	-	-	-	-	-
998	Transfer to Pension Reserve Fund 84	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL:		20,143,116	3,002,806	15,212,651	1,927,659	1,055,894	871,765

**Schedule 4: Schedule of Bond Indebtedness
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023**

<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>
<u>Outside Debt Limit:</u>					-
					\$ -
<u>Inside Debt Limit:</u>					
Capital Projects Bonded FY18	2.75%	06/20/18	06/15/23	93,401	-
Capital Projects Bonded FY19	3.25%	06/25/19	06/15/24	168,540	30,000
Capital Projects Bonded FY20	2.50%	06/17/20	06/15/25	268,185	107,272
Capital Projects Bonded FY21	2.10%	06/23/21	06/15/26	370,253	222,000
Capital Projects Bonded FY22	3.50%	06/15/22	06/15/27	138,325	110,660
Capital Projects Bonded FY23	4.37%	06/22/23	06/15/28	849,167	849,167
Total Inside:					<u>\$ 1,319,099</u>
<u>Short Term</u>					-
					\$ -
<u>Grand Total all Debt</u>					<u>\$ 1,319,099</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>
Prior Year Authorizations Debt Paid	Various	7,158,685	5,810,128	1,348,557	-
Capital Projects Departmental FY12	06/27/11	157,600	150,475	-	7,125
Capital Projects Departmental FY14	10/29/13	140,000	127,922	72	12,006
Capital Projects Departmental FY16	06/29/15	163,000	151,681	-	11,319
Capital Projects Departmental FY17	06/27/16	605,000	583,086	-	21,914
Capital Projects Departmental FY17	11/14/16	190,000	155,414	-	34,586
Capital Projects Departmental FY18	05/01/17	1,282,000	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	-	605,667
Capital Projects Departmental FY19	06/24/19	150,000	150,000	-	-
Capital Projects Departmental FY21	06/22/20	545,000	282,383	-	262,617
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	-	-	415,802
Total Authorized and Unissued Debt		<u>\$ 12,449,514</u>	<u>\$ 9,683,742</u>	<u>\$ 1,348,629</u>	<u>\$ 1,417,143</u>

**Schedule 5: Analysis of General Fund Undersigned Fund Balance
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023**

Beginning Undesignated Fund Balance 7/1/22 \$ 2,487,388

Add:

Prior Year Reserve for Encumbrances and Carry Forwards	750,260	
Prior Year Reserve for Expenses	265,000	
Prior Year Reserve for Veteran Benefits	1,896	
		1,017,156

Less:

Prior Year Reserve for Appropriation Deficits	110	
Prior Year Reserve for Snow and Ice Deficits	-	
		110

Prior Year Total Fund Balance **\$ 3,504,434**

Deduct:

Current Year Reserve for Encumbrances and Carry Forwards	1,055,894	
Current Year Reserve for Expenses	265,000	
Current Year Reserve for Capital Projects	181,210	
Current Year Reserve for Continuing Appropriations	-	
Current Year Reserve for Special Purpose	-	
		1,502,104

Add:

Current Year Reserved for Appropriation Deficits	-	
Current Year Reserve for Snow and Ice Deficits	-	
Current Year Revenue Closeouts	19,025,064	
Other Financing Sources	545,765	
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 Penny Variance to GF	-	
		19,570,829

Less:

Current Year Expenditure Closeouts	18,215,457	
Other Financing Uses	750,400	
Adjustments - Senior Tax Work-Off Withholding	321	
Adjustments -	-	
		18,966,178

Undesignated Fund Balance June 30, 2023 **\$ 2,606,981**

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dawn M. Fahey, Town Treasurer

I am pleased to submit the Treasurer's Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2023.

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 Treasurer's office is tasked with always changing procedures and Sandra works diligently to implement them. The town and I are truly fortunate to have her.



GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES

Personal Property Taxes 2023 and Prior	\$	783,715.28
Real Estate Taxes 2023	\$	13,392,617.25
Real Estate Taxes Prior Years	\$	121,695.73
Motor Vehicle Taxes 2023	\$	778,349.10
Motor Vehicle Taxes 2022	\$	127,500.21
Motor Vehicle Taxes Prior Years	\$	11,514.87
Interest and Penalties on Taxes	\$	26,511.36
Demands, Warrants and Fees	\$	21,135.00
Pro Forma Tax	\$	65.41
Tax Foreclosure Sale Revenue	\$	30,000.00

\$ 15,293,104.21

TAX LIEN RECEIVABLES

Tax Liens	\$	50,070.13
Interest and Penalties on Liens	\$	6,723.02
Demand Fees on Tax Liens Redeemed	\$	465.00

\$ 57,258.15

STATE RECEIPTS (CHERRY SHEET)

State Owned Land	\$	78,998.00
Elderly Persons	\$	9,036.00
Unrestricted General Government	\$	1,317,955.00
School Aid (Chapter 70)	\$	236,581.00
Hotel/Meals Tax	\$	78,949.11

\$ 1,721,519.11

COMMONWEALTH OF MA STATE RECEIPTS

911-Dept. Support and Incentive	\$	169,900.00
Arts Cultural Council	\$	7,800.00
Police Vest Grant	\$	2,385.00
Council on Aging Formula Grant	\$	28,404.00
Elections Extended Polling Hours	\$	1,125.18
Library Incentive Grant	\$	17,713.34
Motor Vehicle Fines	\$	4,162.10
Highway Chapter Money	\$	467,564.18
Veterans Benefits	\$	43,042.00
Motor Vehicle Exemption Reimbursement	\$	694.00

\$ 742,789.80

OTHER GOVERNMENT REVENUE

Communications Center Services	\$	14,040.00
Berkshire District Court Restitution	\$	600.00
Hinsdale Sewer Services	\$	101,824.00
Dalton FD Tax Bill Assessment	\$	10,000.00
Miscellaneous Grants	\$	324,334.57

\$ 450,798.57

FEDERAL REVENUE

Federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$	2,534.00
ARPA Municipal	\$	341,481.16
ARPA County	\$	633,702.37
Community Development Block Grant	\$	288,685.39

\$ 1,266,402.92



GENERAL GOVERNMENT - CHARGES FOR SERVICES/FEEs

Interest Sewer User Fees	\$	3,953.03
Registry Of Motor Vehicle Charges	\$	4,980.00
Trailer Park Fees	\$	4,392.00
Sewer Late Fees	\$	4,810.00
Sewer User Fees 2023	\$	1,303,156.61
Sewer User Fees Prior Year	\$	20,196.21
Sewer Liens 2023	\$	33,540.40
Sewer Liens Prior Year	\$	2,851.85
Municipal Lien Fees	\$	2,625.00
Bad Check Fees	\$	175.00
Sale of Street Lists	\$	60.00
Highway Excavation Fees	\$	2,200.00
Cemetery Charges	\$	34,115.00
Assessors Maps/Cards	\$	50.00
Assessors Info	\$	25.00
Police Outside Detail Admin Fees	\$	5,002.50
Cable Franchise Fee	\$	814.50
Sewer Hook Up Charges	\$	500.00
Library Fines	\$	358.97
Unlicensed Dog Fines	\$	8,849.00
Recycled Goods	\$	7,428.41
Parking Fines and Demand Fees	\$	70.00
Duplicate Bill Charge	\$	388.50
Pilot Payments Pine Grove Manor	\$	1,644.30
Code Red Emergency Network Annual Fee	\$	1,397.52
POD Cruiser Fee	\$	295.00
Transfer Station Annual Car Permits	\$	66,462.02
Transfer Station Bag Stickers	\$	79,831.41
Transfer Station Bulky Waste	\$	12,825.20
Youth Tobacco Fines	\$	1,000.00

\$ 1,603,997.43

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - LICENSES/PERMITS

Planning Board	\$	575.00
Alcohol Licenses	\$	6,250.00
Beer and Wine Licenses	\$	820.00
All Other Alcohol Licenses	\$	1,800.00
Raffle Permits	\$	10.00
Building Permits	\$	42,551.01
Health Agent	\$	9,022.50
Police Firearms Permits	\$	3,800.00
Board of Appeals Postage	\$	300.00
All Other Licenses and Permits	\$	4,042.55

\$ 69,171.06

MISCELLANEOUS GENERAL REVENUE

Beautification Committee Donations	\$	800.00
Town Collector Miscellaneous Revenue	\$	151.80
Council on Aging Van Receipts	\$	11,660.03
Council on Aging Gifts/Donations	\$	10,555.98
Council on Aging Sunday Lunch Donations	\$	1,575.00
Grave Digging Overtime	\$	3,100.00
Library Donations	\$	330.00
School Census	\$	2,982.00
Insurance Claims Under \$10,000	\$	9,908.80
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$	19,913.17

Warner Cable TV Franchise	\$	124,419.77	
Dog Licenses	\$	27,846.00	
Police Outside Details	\$	98,857.50	
Transportation Infrastructure Fund	\$	34.90	
Bridge Academy Reimbursement	\$	3,000.00	
			\$ 315,134.95

REVOLVING FUNDS

Wetland Protection Funds	\$	1,375.00	
COA Programs	\$	167.64	
Legal Advertising	\$	2,250.00	
Plumbing Inspections	\$	7,230.00	
Electrical Inspections	\$	13,540.00	
Soup & Sandwich Program	\$	5,186.00	
Parks Maintenance	\$	250.00	
			\$ 29,998.64

AGENCIES

Revenue Dalton Redevelopment Operations	\$	183.73	
Deputy Collector Fees	\$	12,305.00	
Fees Retained by Town Clerk	\$	7,475.00	
			\$ 19,963.73

EARNINGS ON INVESTMENTS

General Fund	\$	49,219.75	
Capital Stabilization Fund	\$	8,006.85	
Litigation Stabilization Fund	\$	4,297.93	
General Stabilization Fund	\$	7,719.59	
Sewer Stabilization Fund	\$	5,967.47	
Pension Reserve Funds	\$	1,132.20	
CDBG Housing Rehab Program Interest	\$	135.65	
ARPA CLFRF Grant Interest	\$	11,961.72	
Arts Cultural Council	\$	67.25	
Unemployment Compensation Fund	\$	37.23	
OPEB Liability Trust Investments	\$	37.02	
OPEB State Retiree Benefits Trust Fund	\$	234,264.09	
Cemetery Trust Fund Interest	\$	996.06	
Library Trust Fund Interest	\$	2,100.47	
School Trust Fund Interest	\$	1,487.31	
			\$ 327,430.59

TOTAL ALL RECEIPTS **\$ 21,897,569.16**

GENERAL STABILIZATION FUND

Balance June 30, 2022	\$	968,693.19	
Transfers In	\$	100,000.00	
Transfers Out	\$	(156,243.00)	
FY23 Interest	\$	7,719.59	
Balance June 30, 2023			<u>\$ 920,169.78</u>

CAPITAL STABILIZATION FUND

Balance June 30, 2022	\$	877,727.80	
Transfers In	\$	200,000.00	
FY23 Interest	\$	8,006.85	
Balance June 30, 2023			<u>\$ 1,085,734.65</u>

LITIGATION STABILIZATION FUND

Balance June 30, 2022	\$	471,035.80	
FY23 Interest	\$	4,297.93	
Balance June 30, 2023			<u>\$ 475,333.73</u>

SEWER STABILIZATION FUND

Balance June 30, 2022	\$	929,585.89	
Transfers In	\$	150,000.00	
Transfers Out	\$	(399,522.00)	
FY23 Interest	\$	5,967.47	
Balance June 30, 2023			<u>\$ 686,031.36</u>

LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS

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

Interest Balance June 30, 2022	\$	68,954.97	
FY23 Warrants	\$	(150.00)	
FY23 Interest	\$	2,100.58	
	\$	70,905.55	

Balance June 30, 2023 **\$ 135,850.55**

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

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

Interest Balance June 30, 2022	\$	14,311.97	
FY23 Interest	\$	996.06	
	\$	15,308.03	

Balance June 30, 2023 **\$ 53,363.03**

SCHOOL TRUST FUNDS

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

Interest Balance June 30, 2022	\$	89,337.76	
FY23 Interest	\$	1,487.31	
	\$	90,825.07	

Balance June 30, 2023 **\$ 120,825.07**

ARTS CULTURAL COUNCIL

Balance June 30, 2022	\$	7,617.22	
Commonwealth of MA Grant	\$	7,800.00	
FY23 Warrants	\$	(7,950.00)	
FY23 Interest	\$	67.25	
Balance June 30, 2023			\$ 7,534.47

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST

Balance June 30, 2022	\$	379.41	
Balance June 30, 2023			\$ 379.41

OPEB LIABILITY TRUST INVESTMENTS

Balance June 30, 2022	\$	5.09	
Transfers In	\$	300,000.00	
FY23 Interest	\$	37.02	
Balance June 30, 2023			\$ 300,042.11

STATE RETIREE BENEFITS TRUST FUND (OPEB)

Balance June 30, 2022	\$	4,096,803.95	
FY23 Net Fund Gains/Losses	\$	234,264.09	
Balance June 30, 2023			\$ 4,331,068.04

PENSION FUNDS

Balance June 30, 2022	\$	125,897.28	
FY23 Interest	\$	1,132.20	
Balance June 30, 2023			\$ 127,029.48

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

Balance June 30, 2022	\$	4,141.27	
FY23 Interest	\$	37.23	
Balance June 30, 2023			\$ 4,178.50

DALTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Balance June 30, 2022	\$	22,302.16	
FY23 Warrants	\$	(3,097.80)	
FY23 Interest	\$	183.73	
Balance June 30, 2023			\$ 19,388.09

MATURING DEBT AND INTEREST SCHEDULE FY23

PURPOSE	DATE ISSUED	BORROWING AMOUNT	PRINCIPAL PAID FY23	INTEREST PAID FY23	PRINCIPAL PAID TO DATE	OUTSTANDING BORROWING
Sidewalks	6/20/2018	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 24.76	\$ 4,500.00	\$ -
Police Cruiser		\$ 42,789.00	\$ 8,557.00	\$ 235.31	\$ 42,789.00	\$ -
ACO Truck		\$ 24,863.00	\$ 4,972.00	\$ 136.74	\$ 24,863.00	\$ -
Sewer Interceptor/INI Study Sewer Drainage Proj FY17		\$ 21,249.00	\$ 4,248.00	\$ 116.82	\$ 21,249.00	\$ -
Town Hall Carpets	6/25/2019	\$ 25,159.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 325.00	\$ 20,159.00	\$ 5,000.00
Sewer Interceptor		\$ 143,381.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 1,625.00	\$ 118,381.00	\$ 25,000.00
Dump Truck	6/17/2020	\$ 229,728.00	\$ 45,946.00	\$ 3,445.90	\$ 137,838.00	\$ 91,890.00
Gas Pumps		\$ 38,457.00	\$ 7,691.00	\$ 576.82	\$ 23,075.00	\$ 15,382.00
Dump Truck	6/23/2021	\$ 244,110.00	\$ 48,795.00	\$ 4,097.32	\$ 97,795.00	\$ 146,315.00
SSES Study		\$ 120,193.00	\$ 24,078.00	\$ 2,020.06	\$ 48,078.00	\$ 72,115.00
Pedestrian Flashers		\$ 5,950.00	\$ 1,190.00	\$ 99.96	\$ 2,380.00	\$ 3,570.00
Town Hall Renovations	6/22/2022	\$ 77,918.00	\$ 15,583.60	\$ 2,674.11	\$ 15,583.60	\$ 62,334.40
Sidewalks		\$ 3,387.00	\$ 677.40	\$ 116.24	\$ 677.40	\$ 2,709.60
COA Van		\$ 17,859.00	\$ 3,571.80	\$ 612.91	\$ 3,571.80	\$ 14,287.20
SSES Study		\$ 36,007.00	\$ 7,201.40	\$ 1,235.74	\$ 7,201.40	\$ 28,805.60
Pedestrian Flashers		\$ 3,154.00	\$ 630.80	\$ 108.25	\$ 630.80	\$ 2,523.20
Dalton Division Rd Engineering	6/22/2023	\$ 194,333.00				\$ 194,333.00
Town Hall Renovations		\$ 619,250.00				\$ 619,250.00
SSES Study		\$ 24,274.00				\$ 24,274.00
Fiber Ring		\$ 11,310.00				\$ 11,310.00

TOTAL OUTSTANDING DEBT JUNE 30, 2023

\$ 1,319,099.00

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Heather A. Hunt, Town Clerk

In 2023 we issued 25 Business Certificates, of which 9 were renewals, and 2 Discontinuances of business certificates: 1,216 Dog Licenses were issued, 2 Permits for Raffles and Bazaars.

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

In 2023 owners paid 303 late fees, 199 fines for unlicensed dogs, and dogs not vaccinated against rabies, and miscellaneous fines.

As local Registrar of Vital Statistics, registering all vital events occurring within the community and those event occurring elsewhere to local residents. We recorded and preserved 35 Birth, 120 Death, and 19 marriage records contributing to the basis for the Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records and Statistics system.

In addition, we processed 19 Intentions of Marriage, issuing 19 Marriage Licenses, as well as notarization or certifying numerous documents.

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

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

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

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

I extend my sincere appreciation and thanks to Assistant Town Clerk 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

Note that Dog Licenses are due January 1st each year.

Male	106
Females	54
Neutered males	489
Spayed females	527
MPP	40
Total	1,216
Kennel	1

VITAL STATISTICS

Births	35
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TOWN COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Melissa A. Davis, Collector

Real Estate, Fire District, Personal Property, and Fire Personal Property Taxes are due on the quarterly billing format. The due dates are August 1, November 1, February 1, and May 1. The first and second quarter vouchers are mailed together by July 1st. The first quarter is due August 1st; the attached second quarter voucher should be retained and sent in by November 1st. The third and fourth quarter vouchers are mailed together by January 1st. These bills are based on the new fiscal year tax rate and any change in the property valuation. The third quarter is due Feb. 1st; the attached fourth quarter voucher should be retained and sent in by May 1st. If bills are not paid in full by May 1st, a \$10.00 late fee and 14% interest per annum is added. If that amount is not paid within 14 days, the Tax Title process begins.

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 Ana-Lisa Parise as Assistant Town Collector

TOWN COLLECTOR'S REPORT FY 2023

Taxes	FY	Balance 6/30/22	Commitment	Abatement	Exemption	Refunds	Received	Transfer In	Transfer Out	Licensed	Tax Title	Balance 6/30/23
Real Estate	2023		\$ 13,667,832.68	\$ 8,077.78	\$ 44,617.96	\$ 29,061.63	\$ 13,419,587.37				\$ -40,629.91	\$ 183,981.29
Real Estate	2022	\$ 136,503.94	\$				\$ 121,695.73				\$ 34,808.21	\$ 0.00
Sewer Lien	2023		\$ 43,326.88				\$ 33,540.40				\$ 3,083.64	\$ 6,702.84
Sewer Lien	2022	\$ 4,769.09	\$				\$ 2,851.85				\$ 1,917.24	\$ 0.00
Water Lien	2023		\$ 3,895.93				\$ 2,841.93				\$ 344.00	\$ 456.57
Water Lien	2022	\$ 1,603.29	\$				\$ 488.76				\$ 1,114.53	\$ -
Water Lien	2021	\$ 240.00	\$				\$				\$ 240.00	\$ -
Personal Prop	2023		\$ 740,112.23	\$ 319.91		\$ 471.32	\$ 731,450.19				\$	\$ 8,813.45
Personal Prop	2022	\$ 61,578.87	\$				\$ 52,473.70				\$	\$ 9,105.17
Personal Prop	2021	\$ 7,672.76	\$				\$				\$	\$ 7,672.76
Personal Prop	2020	\$ 6,670.48	\$				\$				\$	\$ 6,670.48
Personal Prop	2019	\$ 2,001.37	\$				\$ 64.87				\$	\$ 1,936.50
Personal Prop	2018	\$ 1,712.42	\$				\$ 66.30				\$	\$ 1,646.12
Personal Prop	2017	\$ 791.45	\$				\$ 65.37				\$	\$ 725.28
Personal Prop	2016	\$ 65.37	\$				\$ 637,205.56				\$	\$ -
Fire District	2023		\$ 647,307.58	\$ 312.86		\$ 8,148.65	\$ 637,205.56				\$ 1,743.98	\$ 16,193.83
Fire District	2022	\$ 7,290.89	\$				\$ 5,731.26				\$ 1,539.63	\$ -
Fire Personal	2023		\$ 35,051.15	\$ 151.15		\$ 74.13	\$ 34,652.50				\$ 457.63	\$ 457.63
Fire Personal	2022	\$ 2,238.23	\$				\$				\$	\$ 3,250.5
Fire Personal	2021	\$ 316.21	\$				\$ 1,913.18				\$	\$ 316.21
Fire Personal	2020	\$ 388.16	\$				\$				\$	\$ 388.16
Fire Personal	2019	\$ 97.79	\$				\$ 3.26				\$	\$ 94.53
Fire Personal	2018	\$ 83.91	\$				\$ 3.40				\$	\$ 80.51
Fire Personal	2017	\$ 43.57	\$				\$ 3.63				\$	\$ 39.94
Motor Vehicle	2023		\$ 876,427.25	\$ 14,348.44		\$ 5,724.38	\$ 786,164.99				\$	\$ 81,638.20
Motor Vehicle	2022	\$ 74,135.04	\$ 85,671.84	\$ 8,339.91		\$ 7,997.21	\$ 135,497.42				\$	\$ 23,966.76
Motor Vehicle	2021	\$ 14,491.13	\$	\$ 844.12		\$ 844.12	\$ 5,371.75				\$	\$ 7,119.48
Motor Vehicle	2020	\$ 6,255.88	\$	\$ 303.44		\$ 303.44	\$ 2,640.30				\$	\$ 3,615.58
Motor Vehicle	2019	\$ 3,618.18	\$				\$ 1,112.98				\$	\$ 2,505.20
Motor Vehicle	2018	\$ 3,012.51	\$				\$ 1,070.00				\$	\$ 1,942.51
Motor Vehicle	2017	\$ 3,127.40	\$				\$ 367.40				\$	\$ 2,760.00
Motor Vehicle	2016	\$ 2,651.46	\$				\$				\$	\$ 2,681.46
Motor Vehicle	2015	\$ 2,751.26	\$				\$ 45.00				\$	\$ 2,706.26
Motor Vehicle	2014	\$ 3,175.23	\$				\$				\$	\$ 3,175.23
Motor Vehicle	2013	\$ 3,367.51	\$				\$				\$	\$ 3,367.51
Motor Vehicle	2012	\$ 3,281.68	\$				\$				\$	\$ 3,281.68
Motor Vehicle	2011	\$ 1,665.11	\$				\$				\$	\$ 1,665.11
Motor Vehicle	2008	\$	\$ 55.00				\$ 55.00				\$	\$ 90,761.09
Sewer User	2023		\$ 1,395,789.70	\$ 1,872.00		\$ 2,217.78	\$ 1,305,374.39				\$	\$ 35,983.31
Sewer User	2022	\$ 56,667.06	\$			\$ 594.57	\$ 20,790.78				\$	\$ 487.54
Police Detail	2023		\$ 106,017.50				\$ 88,462.50				\$	\$ 17,555.00
Cruiser Fee	2023		\$ 355.00				\$				\$	\$ 155.00
Admin Fee	2023		\$ 5,739.00				\$ 200.00				\$	\$ 1,064.00
Police Detail	2022	\$ 10,395.00	\$				\$ 4,675.00				\$	\$ -
Cruiser Fee	2022	\$ 95.00	\$				\$ 10,395.00				\$	\$ -
Admin Fee	2022	\$ 327.50	\$				\$ 95.00				\$	\$ -
SIB Comm Ctr	2023		\$ 14,040.00				\$ 327.50				\$	\$ -
Code Red	2023		\$ 1,397.52				\$ 14,040.00				\$	\$ -
Code Red	2019	\$ 633.59	\$				\$				\$	\$ -
Fire Dist Reimb	2023		\$ 10,000.00				\$				\$	\$ 633.59
Hinsdale Sewer	2023		\$ 101,824.00				\$ 10,000.00				\$	\$ -
Clerk Census	2022		\$ 2,982.00				\$ 101,824.00				\$	\$ -
Pinegrove	2023		\$ 1,644.30				\$ 2,982.00				\$	\$ -
Totals		\$ 444,174.91	\$ 1,773,946.95	\$ 34,433.61	\$ 44,617.96	\$ 55,437.23	\$ 17,541,238.26	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35,983.31	\$ 85,201.14	\$ 497,607.42
					Collections		\$ 17,541,238.26					
					other		\$ 841,133.22					
					Total 2023		\$ 17,625,371.48					

Please see charts for collection details.

Other Monies Collected FY 2023 - Town Collector

Sewer Late Fee	Acct #	4245	\$	4,810.00
Interest FD		4171	\$	1,869.29
Interest Tax		4171	\$	26,511.36
Sewer Interest		4173	\$	3,953.03
Demand Fees MV		4178	\$	10,150.00
Demand Fees Tax		4177	\$	5,165.00
Warrant Fees		4178	\$	5,820.00
Deputy Fees		251R	\$	12,305.00
RMV Fees		4175	\$	4,980.00
MLC		4321	\$	2,625.00
Trailer Park		4165	\$	4,392.00
Sewer Hookup		4467	\$	-
Trench Permit		4377	\$	-
Interest MM		4820	\$	837.24
Duplicate Bills		4382	\$	388.50
Misc.		4840	\$	-
Prep Ad		4844	\$	45.00
Ad Reimbursement		4844	\$	106.80
Return Checks		4330	\$	175.00
TOTAL			\$	84,133.22

POSTAGE REPORT

Melissa A. Davis

Postage Expenses

Meter Rental/ Lease	\$	2,136.00
Postage	\$	9,478.49
Supplies	\$	312.77

Postage Meter

July 1, 2022 Balance	\$	1,955.12
Deposits	\$	8,720.00
Postage Available	\$	10,675.12
Meter Balance June 30, 2023	\$	1,164.78

TRAFFIC COMMISSION

William Drosehn, Dalton Traffic Commission

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

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

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

- Our jurisdiction is to address the use of sidewalks and streets owned and maintained by the Town of Dalton for all pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists.
- If there is a sidewalk that needs repair or a street that needs to be repaved, then you should contact the Highway Department. These areas are not under control of the TC.
- Any issue with speeding should be reported to the Police Department.
- Issues that involve State Highways, the TC has no authority to act. MassDOT has sole authority on matters involving State Highways.

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

Things you should know:

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

Requests to the TC come in various ways.

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

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

- The TC does not automatically approve requests.
- Acceptance or denial of requests are based on information that we have on the request when we deliberate.
- The TC may request that further information be provided by whomever requested the action, this will delay the decision by the TC.
- Upon request the TC may provide a verbal report directly to the SB but otherwise our involvement is done.

However, we have in the past assisted the Town Manager in follow ups on issues if requested. The ability to do this is based on the availability of the volunteer members of the Commission.

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

- Accept the recommendation and approve the action as submitted.

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

This is a basic overview on how the TC tries to handle requests. We try to be fluid and adapt to the needs of a request. Meetings are tentatively set for the second Wednesday of every month at 3:00pm; however, we try to schedule meetings based on the business before us so our meeting schedules can change. Be sure to check on the town web site as if there is nothing to come before the committee it may be canceled.

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

- Parking Ticket Appeal Board. In this capacity we hear any appeals of tickets for violations of parking regulations within the community.
- Complete Streets Committee. In this capacity we work with the Town Planner, Highway Superintendent, and BRPC to review and address the specific mobility needs of the town.
- We have been receiving requests in this past year for no parking in given areas of the town. These requests need to be reviewed and checked for many factors. Such as effect on the neighborhood, the traveling public, as well as sight distance and amount of space needed. It can also be governed by emergency vehicles. Making a written request for a review by the committee is always recommended but can be done at our meetings as these are public.
- We review special permits for businesses to determine the affects of traffic from the business on the traveling public. We are presently working on traffic patterns for voting at the senior center.

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:

Accountant	Ext. 216
Animal Inspector.....	Ext. 109
Assessors.....	Ext. 206
Board of Appeals.....	Ext. 304
Board of Registrars	Ext. 210
Building Inspections	Ext. 301
Building and Grounds Superintendent	Ext. 115
Conservation Commission	Ext. 221
Development and Industrial Commission/.....	Ext. 304
Dalton Redevelopment Authority	
Finance Committee	Ext. 222
Health Department.....	Ext. 302
Historical Commission	Ext. 303
Inspector of Wiring	Ext. 301
Planning Board	Ext. 304
Plumbing and Gas Inspect.	Ext. 301
Sealer of Weights & Measures.....	Ext. 301
Select Board.....	Ext. 204
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

Meeting Schedule

	1st Tues. 7:30 p.m.
	4th Tues. 7:00 p.m.
	1st Weds. 8:00 a.m.
	On Chair's call
	2nd Mon. at 4:00 p.m.
	3rd Wed. 7:00 p.m.
	2nd & 4th Mon. 7:00 p.m.
	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 is one locked drop box located 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 13, 2024 Annual Town Election)

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