



2025 Annual Report Dalton, Massachusetts

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Winter, Musante Farm Bee Yard
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**ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
TOWN OF DALTON
MASSACHUSETTS
FOR 2025**

Population 2025 Census (as of 12/31/25)	6153
Number of Registered Voters	5241
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, FY26)	\$16.87
Tax Rate (Fire District, FY26)	\$1.48
Total Tax Assessed (Town-Includes Personal Property)	\$15,868,444.74
Total Tax Assessed (Fire District)	\$1,592,245.88
Total Valuation	\$1,002,804,256.00
2026 Town Meeting	May 4, 2026 • 7:00 PM
2026 Town Election	May 11, 2026 • 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM

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

Please bring this report with you to the May 4, 2026
Annual Town Meeting

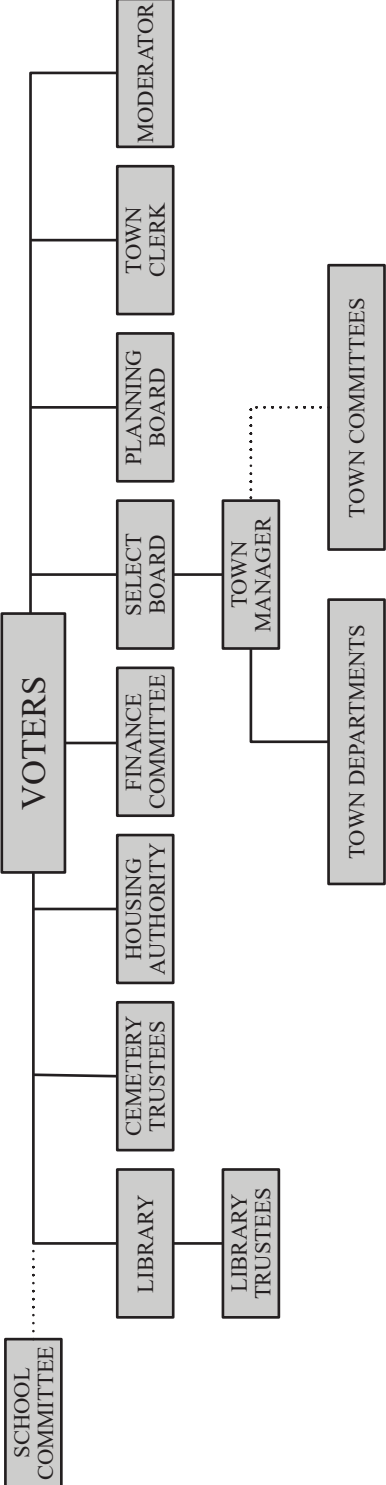
Please note that the time is 7:00 p.m. for all Town Meetings

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

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TOWN OF DALTON ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS SERVING AS OF MAY 2025

<u>SELECT BOARD:</u>	<u>3 YR TERM EXP:</u>
Robert W. Bishop, Jr. Chairman	2027
John F. Boyle, Vice-Chairman	2026
Daniel E. Esko	2026
Marc E. Strout	2028
Anthony Pagliarulo	2028

<u>TOWN CLERK</u>	<u>3 YR TERM EXP:</u>	<u>MODERATOR</u>	<u>1 YR TERM EXP:</u>
Heather A. Hunt	2027	Anthony P. Doyle	2026

<u>HOUSING AUTHORITY:</u>	<u>5 YR TERM EXP:</u>	<u>PLANNING BOARD:</u>	<u>3 YR TERM EXP:</u>
Dorin Middlebrook, Chair	2027	Zack R. McCain, III, V. Chair	2026
Alicia Jost, Vice-Chair	2029	Jarred Mongeon, Clerk	2026
Deborah Wehry	2030	Donald A. Davis, Jr.	2028
Laurie A. Chivers	2029	Robert E. W. Collins	2027
Vacancy (State Appointed)			

<u>FINANCE COMMITTEE:</u>	<u>3 YR TERM EXP:</u>	<u>LIBRARY TRUSTEES:</u>	<u>3 YR TERM EXP:</u>
William A. Drosehn, III, Chair	2028	Fred J. Sears, Chair	2026
Thomas Irwin, Vice-Chair	2028	Max Ehrlich	2026
Levi Renderer	2026	Kathleen Hoag	2027
Susan B. Carroll-Lombardi	2027	Barbara E. Kotelnicki	2027
Paul Nichols	2027	Jean M. Roy	2027
Karen J. Schmidt	2027	Sherri L. Belouin	2028
Susan Vigeant	2027	Thomas M. Condron	2028
Shaun Beverly	2028	Leonardo P. Quiles	2028
Sean Ferry	2028	Anne M. Ronayne	2028

<u>CEMETERY TRUSTEES:</u>	<u>3 YR TERM EXP:</u>
Judith L. Douville, Chair	2026
John W. Bartels, Jr.	2027
Thomas R. Towne	2028

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS

(Length of appointment shown in parenthesis)

TOWN MANAGER (3)

Thomas W. Hutcheson through June 30
Eric Anderson (2028)

TOWN COLLECTOR (1)

Joseph Dinofrio
Jessica Suchenicz, Assistant

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT (1)

Lori Venezia

TOWN TREASURER (1)

Dawn Fahey (prior)
April Gagliardi (current)
Sandra J. LaFrance, Assistant

TOWN ACCOUNTANT (3)

Sandra J. Albano (Interim)
Christine Bialobok, Assistant (2026)

POLICE CHIEF (3)

Deanna Strout (2027)

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS, SEWERS, CEMETERIES & PARKS (3)

Edward M. (Bud) Hall (2027)

ADA COMMITTEE (1)

(5 members)
Patrick Petit, Co-chair
Lynn Clements, Co-Chair
Tina Danzy
Daniel Sperrazza
David Wasielewski

BOARD OF APPEALS (3)

(3 members, 2 alternates)
Anthony P. Doyle, chair (2028)
Caleb Darby, Vice-chair (2027)
Edward F. Gero, Clerk (2026)
Ryan Psutka, Associate (2028)
Vacancy Alt.

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER (1)

Levi Lisi
Vacant Asst.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS (1)

(3 members)
Lee Nuñez, Principal Assessor
Sue Koziara, Assessor
Tammy Daignault, Assessor's Clerk

ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK (1)

Tami Flatley

BOARD OF HEALTH AGENT (1)

Berkshire Public Health Alliance

BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION (3)

(10 members)
Annmarie Cicchetti, Secretary (2026)
Robert R. Merry, Co-Chair (2027)
Judy Harris, Co-Chair (2027)
Linda C. Merry, Treasurer (2026)
Jean K. Poopor, Clerk (2026)
Peter Gonick (2025)
Pamela J. Turner (2025)
Deb Wehry (2027)
Pamela Walak (2027)
Judy Condron (2027)

BOARD OF HEALTH INSPECTOR (1)

Colin Sykes

BERKSHIRE RETIREMENT

ADVISORY BOARD (1)

Dawn Fahey (prior)
April Gagliardi (current)

BOARD OF HEALTH (1)

(6 members)
Matthew Bryan
Nancy Hopper
Patrick Carsell
James Doucette
Dr. Amanda Staples-Opperman
Vacancy

BOARD OF REGISTRARS (3)

(4 members)
Heather Hunt, Clerk (2027)
Judith E. Condron (2027)
Jean M. Gingras (2027)
Patty Mele-Nichols (2027)

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS

BRPC BROWNFIELDS COMMITTEE

REP. (1)

Janko Tomasic

BRPC TRANSPORTATION

ADVISORY COMMITTEE (1)

Janko Tomasic

BRPC (1)

Robert Collins, Delegate

Daniel E. Esko, Alt.

BRPC ADVISORY BOARD (1)

John F. Boyle, Alt.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER

ZONING ENFORCEMENT

OFFICER (1)

Brian Duval CB BC/ZEO

Timothy X. Sears, Alt. BC/ZEO

BUILDING SUPERINTENDENT

PURCHASING AGENT (1)

Jeffrey Burch

BURIAL AGENT (1)

Edward M. (Bud) Hall

Heather A. Hunt

Deanna Strout, Alt.

CENTRAL BERKSHIRE REGIONAL

EMERGENCY PLANNING

COMMISSION (1)

Daniel D. Filiault (2026)

CENTRAL BERKSHIRE 7-TOWN

MUNICIPAL ADVISORY

COMMITTEE (1)

(2 members)

Daniel Esko

William A. Drosehn, III

COMMISSIONER OF TRUST

FUNDS (3)

(3 members)

Susan C. Vigeant (2027)

2 Vacancies

CONSERVATION COMMISSION (3)

(7 members)

Esther T. Balardini (2026)

Robert Bishop (2026)

Jeffrey Ellis (2026)

Edward F. Gero (2026)

Kenjah O'Donnell (2026)

Dominick F. Sacco (2027)

Craig Wilbur (2028)

CONSTABLES (1)

Anthony Baroli

Joshua Bradley

Joseph Coote

James Duryea, Jr.

Chelsea Eichstedt

Nickolas Gaudette

Levi Lisi

Tyler Miller

Lucas Perry

Geoffrey Powell

Taggart Roosa

Deanna L. Strout

Jacob Tiffany

COUNCIL ON AGING DIRECTOR (1)

Kelly Pizzi, Director (2022)

COUNCIL ON AGING (3)

(15 members max.)

George Morrell, Chair (2026)

Linda Merry, Vice-chair (2026)

Robert R. Merry, Treasurer (2027)

Andrea Lassar, Clerk (2026)

Lisa Stankiewicz (2026)

Gordine A. Galusha (2027)

Cynthia Riggs-French (2027)

Patricia Suchenicz (2027)

Joyce Lacatell (2028)

Maureen Mitchell (2028)

Jean K. Poopor (2028)

Kathleen Sturm (2028)

Ken Walto (2028)

CUSTODIAN OF TAX TITLE

PROPERTY (1)

April Gagliardi

COMMUNITY CABLE ASSOC. REP. (1)

Vacant

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS

CABLE ADVISORY COMM. (1)

(7 members)

Robert Bishop
John W. Ostresh
Nancy Ostresh
Jennifer Pierce
Eric Shepherd
Richard H. White
1 Vacancy

CULTURAL COUNCIL (3)

(7 members)

Jeannie Ingram, Chair (2026)
J. Preston Clark III (2026)
Mary Ferrell, Secretary (2026)
Margaret Pagliarulo (2026)
Daniel Sperrazza (2026)
Jeremy String (2026)
Lori Venezia, Treasurer, ex-officio
1 Vacancy

DALTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (5)

(5 members)

John Boyle, Chair (2027)
Anthony P. Doyle (2028) State Nominee
Michael Ferry (2026)
J. Michael Hoffman (2027)
Kevin Herkelman (2026)

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS (1)

Gabrielle Taglieri

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (1)

(13 Members)

Sandra Albano
Scott Baker
Robert Benlien
Jeff Burch
Jason Dion
Edward M.(Bud) Hall
J.D. Hebert
James Peltier
Janko Tomasic
Kelly Pizzi
Gabrielle Taglieri
Deanna Strout

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR & COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE COORDINATOR (1)

Morgan McDonough

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFIED OFFICER (1)

Eric Anderson

FARM AND FORESTRY COMMISSION (3)

(7 members)

Beth A.Salvatore-LeBeau, Vice-Chair (2026)
J. Dicken Crane (2026)
Peter J. Cachat (2028)
Dina L. LaBeau, Alt. (2027)
3 Vacancies

FENCE VIEWER (1)

Vacant

FOREST WARDEN (1)

Chief Christopher Cachat

GREEN DALTON COMMITTEE (1)

David Wasielewski, Chair
Todd Logan
Steven Marantz
Laurie Martinelli
Antonio Pagliarulo
Kathy Perney
1 Vacancy

HISTORICAL COMMISSION (3)

(7 members)

Dennis Croughwell, Co-chair (2027)
Debora D.S. Kovacs, Co-chair (2028)
Ellen M. Chiacchiaretto (2026)
Mary A. Walsh, Treasurer (2026)
Thomas J. Snyder (2027)
Bonnie Eastwood (2028)
Nancy Kane, Secretary (2028)

HOUSATONIC RIVER RESTORATION GOV. COUNCIL REP. (1)

Vacancy

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS (STATE APPOINTED) (1)

Levi Lisi (2026)

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS

INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING & GAS (1)

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

INSPECTOR OF WIRING (1)

John M. Broderick
John M. Broderick Jr., Asst.
Brian Smith, Alt.

INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

(No terms of expiration)
(9 members)
Victoria M. Sedgwick
Sandra J. Albano ex-officio
April Gagliardi ex-officio
6 Vacancies

LIBRARIAN (1)

Janet Forest

LICENSING BOARD (1)

Select Board

LOCAL CENSUS LIAISON (1)

Heather Hunt

MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE (1)

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

MOBILE HOME PARK RENT CONTROL BOARD (5)

Select Board

MUNICIPAL ADA COORDINATOR (1)

Lori Venezia

OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION COMMITTEE (3)

(7 members)
Brandin Quail, Chair (2028)
Mitchel Salvini, Vice-chair (2028)
Cheryl Rose (2026)
Jenny Gitlitz (2027)
Mary Hang (2028)
2 Vacancies

PARKING CLERK (1)

Rebecca L. Whitaker

PARKS COMMISSION (1)

Select Board

PLANNING BOARD ASSOCIATE (1)

Janko Tomasic

POLICE MATRONS (1)

Rebecca L. Whitaker
Betsy E. Balardini

POLICE SERGEANT (3)

Geoffrey Powell (2027)
Tyler S. Miller (2027)
James R. Duryea, Jr.

RECORDS ACCESS OFFICER (1)

Rebecca Whitaker

SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES (1)

Brian P. Duval / Commonwealth of MA

SEWER COMMISSION (1)

Select Board

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT COMMISSION (3)

(7 members)
Thomas Irwin, Chair (2028)
Robert Collins (2028)
Edward F. Gero (2026)
Alison Dixon, Vice Chair, BRPC Rep
Brian P. Duval, ex-officio
Edward M. (Bud) Hall, ex-officio
1 Vacancy

TOWN COUNSEL (1)

KP Law, P.C.

TOWN PLANNER (1)

Janko Tomasic

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS

TRAFFIC COMMISSION (1)

(7 members)

William A. Drosehn III, Chair

Deanna Strout, Vice-chair

Camillus B. Cachat, Jr.

Patrick Carsell

Edward M.(Bud) Hall

Paul Tabone

1 Vacancy

TREE WARDEN (1)

Edward M. (Bud) Hall

VETERANS AGENT (1)

William Bateson

VETERANS BURIAL AGENT (1)

Robert Dassat

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER

Vacant

Vacant, Alternate

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (3)

See "Board of Appeals"

Mandatory Recycling

Laurie Martinelli, Green Dalton Committee and Nancy Hopper, Board of Health

The Dalton Board of Health would like to reiterate that since 2020, the Town of Dalton has mandatory recycling for all residents, businesses and multi-family units (including condos and apartment buildings).

Reducing waste is a key component of Dalton’s Climate Action Plan (CAP) that was adopted by the Select Board in April, 2025. Community Composting and opening a Swap Shop at the Dalton Transfer station are recent actions taken to support the CAP goal to recycle and reduce waste.

Now the Green Dalton Committee is collaborating with the Board of Health to promote recycling throughout the entire town. Recycling offers significant environmental and economic benefits by conserving natural resources, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and creating jobs. It saves energy—i.e. recycling aluminum saves 95% of the energy needed to produce it from scratch—reduces landfill waste, and protects ecosystems from pollution.

Effective immediately: All residents in the Town of Dalton shall separate recyclables from non-recyclable refuse. There is no public solid waste or recycling pickup in Dalton. Residents either use private haulers for their solid waste or recycling pickup or they purchase a sticker for access to the Dalton Transfer Station.

What is Required: Residents must separate recyclable paper, cardboard, glass, metal, and plastics from regular trash. A good resource is www.RecycleSmartMA.org.



✓ **In the Bin** (Recycle Clean & Dry)

- **Paper & Cardboard:** Newspapers, magazines, boxes, mail.
- **Plastic:** Bottles, jars, jugs, tubs (empty and replace cap).
- **Glass:** Bottles and jars (empty and rinse).
- **Metal:** Food and beverage cans (empty and rinse)

✗ **Out of the Bin** (Do NOT Include)

- **No Plastic Bags or Wrap:** Return plastic bags to retail stores.
- **No Tanglers:** No hoses, wires, chains, or electronics.
- **No Food or Liquid:** Empty all containers.
- **No Clothing or Linens:** Use donation programs (textiles are banned from trash). (the Transfer Station has a giant Blue open container that takes all cloth related products)
- **No Hazardous Waste:** No propane tanks, batteries, or sharps (The Universal Waste Shed at the Transfer Station takes rechargeable batteries, but not alkaline batteries)

SELECT BOARD

Robert Bishop, Chair

The Board had a very busy year. In January, we held a special election, via a citizen's petition, to fill the four-month seat vacated by Joe Diver. Robert Collins won this special election. In March, we hired Lori Venezia as the Town's Executive Assistant to the Town Manager. Lori has done an excellent job in her new role.

The Annual Town Meeting in May had to be split into two sessions due to the large number of warrant articles, along with the initial rejection of the Police Department budget. The Police budget did pass at the second meeting after Chief Strout made some cuts. In the May town elections, Marc Strout was re-elected, and Antonio "Tony" Pagliarulo was elected as a new Board member.

In June, Tom Hutcheson announced his retirement, effective July 1. I would like to thank Tom for his service to the Town of Dalton. The Board formed a five-member Town Manager Search Committee consisting of John Bartels, Deb Merry, John Kelly, Malia Windrow-Carlotta, and Laurie Martinelli. They were assisted by Buzz Stapczynski and Bob Mercier of Municipal Resources, Inc. The committee, along with Buzz and Bob, did a fantastic job presenting the Board with the final three candidates. The Board unanimously selected Eric Anderson as our new Town Manager. Eric began his role in November.

In the interim, the Board hired Henry (Terry) Williams as Interim Town Manager from June through November. I cannot thank Terry enough for his efforts and guidance during this time. He worked long hours and was an excellent fit in the role.

Long-time employee Sandy Albano, our accountant, retired in October and will be greatly missed. Another long-time employee, Dawn Fahey, has also retired and will likewise be greatly missed.

The Town continues to face several ongoing issues. Berkshire Concrete Co. is seeking to renew its permit, and area residents have raised concerns about sand leaving the site. This debate has been ongoing since January and has been frustrating for residents, as well as for the Board of Health, Planning Board, Conservation Commission, Clean Air Committee, and the Select Board as we work to find a plan that will keep residents safe.

The Public Safety Committee has worked diligently to identify a location for a new Police Station, which has proven to be a very challenging task. In addition, the Town budget will present a significant challenge in the coming year.

Finally, I would like to thank Eric Anderson for his energy, guidance, and experience in addressing the Town's ongoing issues. I would also like to thank my fellow Board members - John Boyle, Dan Esko, Marc Strout, and Tony Pagliarulo - for their support, dedication, and commitment to the Town of Dalton.

TOWN MANAGER

From 01/01/25 to 11/15/25

This report is the compilation of three different Town Managers:
Tom Hutcheson, Terry Williams and Eric Anderson

In January, residents raised concerns over dust and sand pollution from the Berkshire Concrete Corp. (BCC) sand-mining operation on Florence and Prospect streets. The Select Board authorized the formation of the Clean Air Committee. The Committee's mission was to collect and coordinate information among the various town board representatives, town officials, and third parties relating to the future permitting of BCC. Air monitoring devices were installed in affected neighborhoods. At a public hearing in November, the Planning Board voted to continue BCC's request for a special permit.

Dalton was recognized at the Green Communities Summit for its success at reducing municipal energy use by 20% since our Green Communities baseline year. Two members of the Green Dalton Committee were present to accept the award on behalf of the Town. The Green Committee oversaw the creation of a Climate Action Plan for the Town, which the Select Board approved in May.

The Citizens Energy solar arrangement located behind Berkshire Concrete will be paying personal property taxes instead of negotiating a PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) for their project. We had been trying to negotiate a PILOT for six months but the process broke down. The silver lining is that, while a bit more cumbersome for both parties, the property tax route is likely to net the Town more money.

The Emergency Management Assistant developed and recruited a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). The Team will provide neighbor-to-neighbor assistance in the event of an emergency.

The FY26 Police Budget was rejected at the Annual Town Meeting in May, resulting in a Special Town Meeting in June, where residents approved the reduced Police Budget just days before the new fiscal year.

The total reconstruction of Orchard Road was completed in July. This project included adding a concrete sidewalk for the entire length of the road and redoing all of the drainage. The \$1.2 million project was funded entirely from various grants.

Preliminary engineering work has begun on the reconstruction of Dalton Division Road. Much more remains to be done, including obtaining a permanent easement on the Dalton side at the intersection of Division Road and Williams Street for a roundabout and temporary easements on the Pittsfield side. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2028 and will be funded by a Transportation Improvement Grant. Separately we have entered into a contract to complete engineering for a new sewer line for the middle third of Dalton Division Road with the plan to have that included as the road is rebuilt. Although the road construction cost is fully covered, the sewer line will require Town financing.

Pittsfield approached Dalton to renegotiate the wastewater treatment contract. The current agreement is many decades old and needs updating along with our sewer bylaws. The new inter-municipal agreement will result in material increases in the amount that Dalton pays which will be reflected in local sewer rates. This is largely due to federal regulations which required Pittsfield to make expensive improvements to the wastewater plant.

One important stride made this year was to begin to address our stormwater piping system. Stormwater is the water that drains off of streets and is piped to release points along the river. The federal government regulates this runoff so that it is not polluting rivers and streams. We received a grant for \$25,000 for engineering to mitigate nitrogen stormwater pollution, a best management practice required by our Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit. The MS4 grant was successful, and the DPW plans to do the work indicated by the engineering. The Town contracted with CES Engineering to begin this process by mapping our stormwater system looking for any areas of sewer cross-contamination and leaks from water mains.

The ADA Committee received a grant for new ADA-compliant counters for the three most visited offices in Town Hall: Assessors, Town Collector, and Town Clerk. The Town contracted with Massachusetts Correctional Industries (MassCOR), the state agency that provides programs to encourage the development of valuable skills along with a positive work ethic, better positioning offenders for success in the workforce and community upon reentry. The ADA-compliant counters are very attractive and functional.

This year the Town finally sold the last remaining parcel of the so-called Bardin property. Four bids were received and the Select Board awarded the parcel to the property owners of the adjacent APR parcels. Keeping the parcels together was strongly encouraged by the MA APR when the Town of Dalton began selling off the parcels back in 2022.

After the Health Agent stepped down in July, the Select Board and Board of Health agreed to hire Berkshire Health Alliance to fill this role.

The Town utilized a Community Compact grant to update and revise its Employee Handbook. This major project consolidated and revised various employee documents covering benefits, regulations, and policies into a comprehensive manual including federal, state, and local rules.

At the request of new Select Board member, Tony Pagliarulo, an ad-hoc committee was formed to create a Select Board Handbook/Manual. The purpose of this committee was to review various documents from state agencies, organizations, and other towns to produce a guide that gives new Select Board members clear guidance on what is involved when joining the board.

An important service to our citizens is Dalton Community Television. The station provides local access programming including recordings of many Town meetings. The Dalton Cable Advisory Commission has been negotiating with Charter (DBA Spectrum) regarding funding. In November, the Town hosted a public hearing where many residents expressed the importance of this resource.

The Town is working diligently to find a new public safety facility. The Town received one bid for the police station feasibility study. It was from the firm Humes-Jacunski. Humes worked with the Public Safety Facility Advisory Committee to come up with a set of plans that would provide for projected Police Department activities over the next 20 years. This committee has been working on finding a proper location for a new facility for some time, but there is a dearth of suitable spots which has been very frustrating.

Human Resources

FY 2025 hires included Tammy Daignault - Assessors' Clerk; Joe Dinofrio - Town Collector; Morgan McDonough - Assistant Emergency Management Director; Jes Suchenicz - Assistant Town Collector; Tami Flatley - Assistant Clerk; Corey Wells - Buildings and Grounds Assistant; Victoria Argiro - Board of Health Clerk; Aurora Sjostrom - COA Assistant; James Crane - DPW; Brennan Polidoro - DPW; Kevin Roy - DPW; Eric Payson - DPW; on-call equipment operator; and Lori Venezia - Executive Assistant to the Town Manager. We also hired Kimberly Wetherell in the newly funded position of conservation agent.

Long term employees departed this year. Town Accountant Sandy Albano retired after 25 years of service and Treasurer Dawn Fahey stepped back after more than 20 years. We wish them well and thank them for their dedicated service.

This year there were four negotiations with collective bargaining units - the Dalton Police Officers Union; the Dalton Police Supervisors' Union (Sergeants); the Dalton Highway-Cemetery Association; and the Dalton Dispatchers' Association. Each negotiated three-year contracts with substantial raises that brought them closer, if not quite up to, the pay of comparable and nearby jobs.

The Town also renewed the Police Chief and DPW Foreman contracts.

Financial challenges

Several factors are involved in Dalton's - and other towns' - financial challenges. Some are external costs, such as insurance and education, and some are internal, including keeping Town salaries and wages sufficiently competitive to retain current employees and attract new ones.

The Town's health insurance rates have gone up considerably over the past two years. For the current year, FY25, Dalton's increase was about 19.7%, or \$171,516, due to our three-year look-back experience (involving two major claims). The number of students attending vocational schools has also jumped, as the trades are in dire need of workers, and wages are high. Each vocational student is considered out-of-district and costs the Town almost \$20,000 in tuition as well as transportation costs which the Town is legally obliged to pay. Central Berkshire Regional School District is facing similar cost pressures and assessments are likely to reflect this.

ADA COMMITTEE

No report was received from this committee.

DALTON BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

Robert Merry and Judy Harris, Co-Chairs

Dalton is fortunate to have volunteers willing to spend their time and energy in the pursuit of bringing vibrance and color to our community. The traffic island gardens and flowering baskets decorating the Benjamin/Muraca Bridge and at the steps fronting the Dalton Free Public Library, bring joy to those who pass them every day. This year we also planted and cared for the horse and dog planter at the CRA.

This year, our volunteers provided almost 270 hours toward the planning, planting, and care of the gardens.

The Beautification Commission has been performing this labor of love for almost 25 years. It was established in 2001 by a group of individuals with a vision of making Dalton a more beautiful place.

Our spring meeting was held at the Senior Center where we planned the coming year. Several weeks after planting the gardens, we introduced several thousand lady bugs to our gardens to control the aphid population that has plagued us the last few years. It worked in that there were fewer aphids, and they developed later in the season. We will be introducing lady bugs again in spring 2026.

Watering is always a challenge during dry years and was again this year. One of our water sources was no longer available to us resulting in trying to water the North Street garden with one gallon water jugs filled at home and carried to the garden, which had minimal success. We need to find a permanent solution.

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 Commission is very grateful to L.P. Adams and Holiday Brook Farms who donate or give necessary materials at cost. Additionally, Blossoming Acres and Jaeschke's Fruit and Flowers provide discounted materials supporting the Commission's efforts. We'd like to give a special thanks to the Bean family for allowing us access to their water.

We have a Facebook page to share our efforts with everyone and it has been well received and provides us with a lot of positive feedback. Find us at:

<https://www.facebook.com/DaltonBeautification/>

or search FaceBook for:



Dalton Massachusetts Beautification Commission

DALTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

John F. Boyle, Chairman

There have been several positive improvements in the Dalton economy in 2025. These measures have not been huge, but together they add to the community a sense of revival in our business districts.

The long-abandoned "Esso" gas station at Main Street and Daly Avenue has been purchased by Dalton's Hassoun family. The exterior is currently being spruced up, ultimate use unknown.

The "Mobil" gas station across the street from the "Esso" has been purchased by the Lipton Energy Co. of Pittsfield. The plan is to convert and add to the existing building for a convenience store and gas station. It is expected to open in the Spring of 2026. The former Dalton General Store building has been purchased by a Pittsfield entity. It is currently undergoing massive reconstruction and rehabilitation. Ultimate use unknown.

We had two changes on Depot Street. The Sweet Peas ice cream parlor is closed. It will become a catering service at the same location. Dewey's Pub closed on 7/1 2025. There is a plan in place for new owners to be known as the Riverside Public House in January 2026.

The big news this year has been the announcement by the Allen family of Sinicon Plastics Inc. that they plan to add 30,000 square feet to the building on Housatonic Street. The plan also calls for the relocation of two machine shop-style businesses from Pittsfield to the Housatonic Street site. This expansion by Sinicon will expand the commercial/industrial tax base and add 20 jobs to the Dalton economy. I take great pleasure in thanking members of the Dalton Redevelopment Authority for their ceaseless efforts to make the Dalton economy thrive. Their efforts have been successful in assisting Dalton businesses grow and expand. Mike Ferry, Tony Doyle, Sam Pascual, Mike Hoffman, Tony Mazzeo.

TOWN MODERATOR

Anthony P. Doyle

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

The primary function of the moderator is to conduct the 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, but very similar.

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 “special meetings” throughout the year, as the need arises. The town typically calls special meetings once or twice throughout the year.

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 (MGL) 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
Ryan Psutka	Clerk
Edward Gero	Alternate

The Town Planner is Janko Tomasic. By statutory authority the board is:

1. To hear and decide appeals based on inability to obtain a permit or enforcement action from any administrative officer under the provision of MGL 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 MGL Chapter 40A, Section 10.
4. To hear and decide appeals from decisions of a zoning administrator, in accordance with MGL Chapter 40A, Section 8.

The board meets at 7:00 pm on the first Tuesday of every month. Occasionally, a special meeting is held on a different date to accommodate scheduling issues with the parties involved. Notices of all the board meetings, and agendas, are posted in the town hall bulletin board and on the town of Dalton's online calendar. The board meets in person and all meetings are open to the public. Most meetings are held at the Senior Center to allow for handicap access.

The board held several public hearings in calendar year 2025, including five special permits and two applications for administrative appeals.

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

The Town Planner primarily works with the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Planning Board, and when needed, provides assistance to several committees and commissions, including the Green Dalton Committee, Conservation Commission, Stormwater Commission, and Dalton Redevelopment Authority. The Town Planner serves as an ex-officio member on the Capital Planning Committee. Janko has been working as the Town Planner since July 2023.

Major projects worked on are:

- District Local Technical Assistance (DLTA) Housing Grant
- Digital Equity Plan and BEAD (Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment) Challenge
- Update of Special Permit, Variance, and Appeal Fees, abutter notification process changed from certified mail to affidavit.
- Appointed ex-officio, to the Capital Planning Committee in December 2025.

- Updated Comprehensive Review of the Dalton Master Plan for Capital Planning Purposes.
- Implementation of the Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Zoning Bylaws required by the commonwealth.
- Assisted with gathering data for the Blue Strike Climate Action Plan.
- Helped organize and host a Movable Tiny Homes event in cooperation with a resident.
- Transferred, mapped, and provided increased access to GIS Stormwater data given to the Town from Berkshire Regional Planning Commission.
- Currently working to resolve the Berkshire Concrete Corporation permitting and the issues associated with it.

The Planning Board met 10 times during 2025. The Planning Board is chaired by Zack McCain III and consists of five members. Andy Perenick stepped down as chair and parted ways with the board in May of 2025. Robert Collins was voted as the Vice-Chair. Dennis Croughwell was welcomed as its newest member in June 2025 and is currently the board's Clerk. The Board is in the process of reviewing suggested edits to the ADU bylaw, to ensure compliance with the state Affordable Homes Act provisions regarding ADUs. The board has also been exploring Mobile Accessory Dwelling Units (MADUs), but chose to table this issue. Several other bylaws have been brought before the board for review over the next couple of years. These include a shipping container bylaw, demolition of a historical structure bylaw, reviewing and tightening up the Earth Removal bylaw, and a Movable Tiny Home Bylaw.

Normally the Planning Board handles three renewals during the fall months. Berkshire Concrete Corporation, Nichols Sand and Gravel, and Ray Robert's Trucking and Excavation.

Due to the Third Permit Extension Act, renewals for Nichols Sand and Gravel and for Ray Roberts, are not required to be brought before the board for renewal until 2027.

Berkshire Concrete Corporation, or BCC, has been the main focus of the Planning Board over the last 12 months. Due to an error on their permit application, and issues with dust leaving the property, the issue has snowballed into a Town-wide concern with multiple boards involved. The Town Planner worked with the Clean Air Committee, Planning Board, and the Town Manager, to hire a third party to review materials submitted by BCC, and to come up with conditions for future special permits. The Planning Board and the Town Planner have been working to create conditions for a potential permit and have dedicated large amounts of time to understanding the complex history and facts of the issue.

OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Brandin Quail

The Dalton Open Space & Recreation Committee remains committed to preserving the town's natural resources while enhancing recreational access for residents of all ages and abilities. Over the past year, we have made significant improvements to trail accessibility, strengthened community engagement, and continued stewardship of key open space areas.

Accessibility Improvements

One of the most meaningful accomplishments of 2025 was the completion of a 1.5-mile loop trail designed to be wheelchair accessible. In partnership with Greenagers, the loop was carefully improved to provide a more inclusive outdoor experience for individuals with mobility challenges.

In addition to accessibility upgrades, the trail was blazed and clearly marked to improve navigation, safety, and overall user experience. These enhancements ensure that more residents and visitors can enjoy Dalton's natural spaces with confidence and ease.

Trail Stewardship & Volunteer Engagement

The Committee hosted both a Spring Cleanup and a Fall Cleanup at The Pines Trail. Volunteer participation increased this year, demonstrating strong community investment in maintaining our shared open spaces.

During the fall cleanup, volunteers removed a significant amount of metal debris from the trail system. Items hauled out included an abandoned exercise bike and a heavily damaged bicycle, along with other discarded metal materials. These efforts improved both the appearance and safety of the trail environment.

We are grateful for the dedication and hard work of all volunteers who contributed their time and energy to keeping The Pines Trail clean and accessible.

Looking Ahead to 2026

In the coming year, the Committee will continue building on this progress with several key initiatives:

- Installation of a new engraved wooden sign at The Pines Trail.
- Hosting a clean up in collaboration with The Green Dalton Committee.
- Pursuit of potential grant funding to support the removal of invasive plant species along The Pines Trail. Addressing invasive growth will help restore native habitats, improve trail conditions, and strengthen long-term ecological health.

ELECTRICAL PERMITS

Brian Duval

<u>Month</u>	<u>Number of Permits</u>	<u>Fees Received</u>
July	4	\$480.00
August	7	\$720.00
September	4	\$360.00
October	9	\$1,260.00
November	10	\$1,440.00
December	9	\$840.00
January	1	\$420.00
February	7	\$840.00
March	0	\$0.00
April	5	\$600.00
May	4	\$420.00
June	3	\$240.00
TOTALS	63	\$7,620.00

PLUMBING AND GAS PERMITS

<u>Month</u>	<u>Number of Permits</u>	<u>Fees Received</u>
July	2	\$180.00
August	3	\$360.00
September	21	\$1,740.00
October	13	\$1,500.00
November	10	\$1,140.00
December	4	\$660.00
January	3	\$300.00
February	0	\$0.00
March	7	\$840.00
April	4	\$540.00
May	4	\$520.00
June	2	\$240.00
TOTALS	73	\$8,020.00

BUILDING PERMITS

<u>Month</u>	<u>Number of Permits</u>	<u>Fees Received</u>
July	11	\$4,066.72
August	14	\$9,315.00
September	13	\$1,981.01
October	8	\$7,641.27
November	10	\$4,951.40
December	6	\$457.19
January	4	\$2,375.00
February	5	\$655.60
March	3	\$460.00
April	6	\$616.17
May	13	\$3,097.13
June	9	\$2,433.67
TOTALS	102	\$38,050.16

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Lee Nuñez: Principal Assessor/Chair Susan Koziara: Assessor
Tammy Daignault: Assessor/Clerk

Every year all properties are reevaluated, and adjustments are made primarily due to changes in the market. This is known as the Interim Adjustment. Fiscal Year 2026 assessed values continued to rise as it reflects sales data from the previous 1.5 years. However, the average single-family home assessed value increased by only about 6% compared to an increase of 16% just a few years ago. Overall, the average single family assessed value annual increases are heading in a downward trend when considering the following percent changes for:

FY2023	16%
FY2024	16%
FY2025	7%
FY2026	6%

For FY2026 the total taxable assessed value for the Town of Dalton was \$1,002,804,256. This is about a 5% increase compared to FY2025 total of \$959,176,725. Residential properties continue to hold 86% of the total assessed value in town with commercial, industrial, and personal property representing the remaining 14%.

The tax rate for FY2026 is \$16.87 per thousand of the assessed value, which is an increase of \$0.40 from last year's rate of \$16.47. This makes the average real estate tax bill for a single-family residence in Dalton \$6,010 with an average assessed value of \$356,286.

At the 2025 Annual Town Meeting the local option for clauses 22I and 22J were voted on and applied to FY2026 Veteran Exemptions. Local option 22I increased the Veterans Exemptions by the COLA amount of 2.9% for FY26. The percent increase will be adjusted annually in accordance with the COLA set for that year. Local option 22J increased the Veterans Exemptions by 100%, essentially doubling the amount previously allowed. An example of these changes is as follows: A taxpayer is a disabled Veteran who receives the Veteran Exemption under clause 22a-f equating to \$400 off their real estate tax bill. Clause 22J allows for the doubling of the \$400 to \$800 and then clause 22I applies the COLA adjustment of 2.9%. Therefore, for FY2026 the total amount received off their real estate bill is \$823.20.

Local Expenditures

Appropriations	\$24,259,427.00
Cherry Sheet Offsets	21,595.00
State & County Cherry Sheet Charges	63,150.00
Assessors' Overlay	<u>128,216.80</u>
Gross Amount to be Raised	\$24,472,388.80

Estimated Receipts and Available Funds

Cherry Sheet Estimated Receipts	\$1,909,673.00
Local Estimated Receipts	1,309,450.00
Offset Receipts	1,842,496.00
Free Cash appropriated for particular purposes	1,587,593.00
Other Available Funds	705,869.00
Free Cash appropriated to reduce the tax rate	<u>200,000.00</u>
Total Estimated Receipts & Available Funds	\$7,555,081.00

Gross Amount to be Raised	\$24,472,388.80
Total Estimated Receipts & Available Funds	<u>7,555,081.00</u>
Net Amount to be Raised	\$15,229,441.93

Real Property Values	\$962,213,967.00
Personal Property Values	40,590,289.00
Total	\$1,002,804,256.00

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

Office hours are:

Monday	8:00 am - 2:00 pm
Tuesday	8:00 am - 2:00 pm
Wednesday	8:00 am - 2:00 pm
Thursday	8:00 am - 2:00 pm

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

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Jean M. Gingras, <i>Member</i>	Heather A. Hunt, <i>Town Clerk</i>
Patricia Mele-Nichols, <i>Member</i>	<i>Elections Administrator</i>
Judith Condron, <i>Member</i>	<i>Supervisor, Board of Registrars</i>

In 2025, we conducted Special Registration Sessions prior to the May 5th Annual Town Meeting and the May 13th Annual Town Election. Scheduled Special Registration Sessions are held from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. in the office of the Town Clerk. Additional Special Registration Sessions are scheduled as required.

We are so pleased to announce that relocating voting to our Senior Center has been a huge success. We would like to thank those who have been supportive.

The Board processed new voter registrations, address changes and party changes on existing active and inactive voters, checked several thousand signatures for certification on the many Initiative Petitions/Public Policy Questions and Nomination Papers in circulation in 2025, 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 indistinguishable signature cannot be certified. 4. Do not sign your spouse's name or any name other than your own. Also, if you move, please inform the Town Clerk so that we will change our records and notify you of any precinct changes. If any of your family members are not registered to vote, please encourage them to do so.

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

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER AND ANIMAL INSPECTOR

Levi Lisi

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

Regular scheduled hours for Animal Control are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 4:30PM - 8:30 PM and Saturday 7:00AM - 3:00PM. ACO Lisi is also on call and will respond to emergency calls by contacting dispatch at 684-0300.

Emergency calls consist of an animal hit by a vehicle or aggressive dogs or wildlife.

Barking dog complaints and loose dogs are not emergencies. If available, police officers will respond to calls of a non-emergency nature and will inform ACO Lisi of their findings during non-business hours.

It is important to keep all dogs properly licensed so if found loose they can be quickly returned to the owner. If unable to locate owner, loose dogs will be brought to the shelter in Pittsfield for reunification with its owner and the owner may be charged a storage fee by the shelter. The Town is not responsible for charges incurred as a result of a loose dog.

The Animal Inspector is responsible for completing the State Barn Book which consists of inspections of barns, counting of livestock, and ensuring animals are current on vaccinations. These reports are due by January and are usually completed each fall.

Rabies will continue to be monitored and all residents are reminded that all dogs over the age of six months of age must be vaccinated for rabies and licensed within Dalton. Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 140, Section 145B also requires all cats and ferrets over the age of six months must be vaccinated for rabies.

FY2025

Dogs licensed:	985
ACO Calls:	302

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 in 2022 is 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 1st - \$50.00 each
5. Failure to Vaccinate for Rabies - April 1st - \$50.00 each

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

A complete copy of The Town of Dalton Animal Control Bylaws can be found on the Town of Dalton website:



www.dalton-ma.gov/dalton-animal-control-state-animal-inspector/

BOARD OF HEALTH

Nancy Hopper, Co-Chair

The Massachusetts State reportable disease system showed the most predominant disease remains the same as the prior year: COVID-19, influenza, Lyme disease and RSV. The Berkshire Alliance nurses continued to strengthen and support the vaccinations clinics which continued to play a key role in preventive care reducing the likelihood and severity of illness. The Board of Health received free COVID-19 test kits through the state, which were distributed to high-risk community organizations and the general public with the support of the Dalton Free Public Library. Tick kits were also distributed by the Dalton Health Department to members of the community. Berkshire Harm Reduction Mobile Outreach Program has been at the Dalton VFW and the Dalton Council on Aging each month. Berkshire Harm Reduction provides a syringe service program, overdose education, Narcan distribution, Hepatitis C treatment and case management, HIV health and prevention, testing for sexually transmitted infections, HIV and Hepatitis C. Through a grant from Berkshire County Boards of Health Association, the Health Department was able to help 10 eligible Dalton residents receive air conditioners/fans through the Cooling Assistance Program.

The Board of Health consists of five appointed volunteer members: Co-Chairs were Rob Kinzer and Nancy Hopper from January 2025 - June 2025. Dr. Amanda Staples-Opperman, Edward Gero, and Dr. Cindy Geyer were also members of the Board. In June 2025, Dr. Cindy Geyer resigned and Ed Gero elected not to be reappointed in the new fiscal year. In June, Matthew Bryan joined the Board and Rob Kinzer resigned from the Board. Matthew Bryan became a Co-Chair with Nancy Hopper in August 2025. James Doucette was appointed to the Board in October. We want to extend a warm-felt thank you to all the members for donating their time and support. The Board of Health meets the second Tuesday of the month at 5:30 pm in the Town of Dalton's Callahan Room, unless otherwise announced.

Amy Coakes was the Town's health inspector from January 2025 - May 2025. Agnes Witkowski resigned as the Dalton Health Agent in July 2025. When the health agent resigned, the Town hired Berkshire Public Health Alliance.

Berkshire Public Alliance Public Health Nursing Services does disease contact tracing, vaccination clinics, and educational events. During the fall/winter, the nurses' efforts were focused on organizing Flu/COVID clinics which were held at Craneville Elementary School, Wahconah Regional High School, and the Dalton Senior Center. A total of 309 vaccinations were administered: Flu (196) and COVID (113). The Berkshire Regional Planning Commission, nurse practitioner, Sophie Carnes Jannen did monthly wellness clinics at the Dalton Senior Center. Sophie Carnes Jannen

additionally did a class at the Dalton Free Public Library on July 16th on Lyme Disease. Throughout the year, the nurses offer choke saver courses to support the local restaurants and schools.

Throughout the year, the Health Agent and Health Inspectors completed required state trainings. State inspections for food, camps, public swimming pools, Title 5/septic inspections, and housing complaints were conducted. Some of these housing complaints were time extensive resulting in housing court and demolition. The Board of Health office is located at 462 Main Street, 2nd floor, and can be reached by phone at 413 684-6111 ext. 305 or email bohassistant@dalton-ma.gov.

COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

Gabrielle Taglieri

In calendar year 2025, we logged 16,370 calls. Of those calls, 2,520 were through 911 and 768 were walk-ins to the Dalton Police Station.

This year the Communications Center said goodbye to Dispatcher Tiaona Winot, who after five years of dedicated service, moved across the country with her family. The Dispatch opening was filled by Tyler Gaudette, who completed his training and started working shifts independently in December.

The Communications Center received a MA State 911 grant (Support & Incentive Grant) in the amount of \$169,900 to offset operating costs. We received 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 \$10,000 in 2025. This grant has been used to offset costs of training for dispatchers in compliance with new state mandated training, such as the Emergency Medical Dispatching, two hours minimum of mental health training, and a maximum of 32 hours of continuing education annually, and a 40 hour basic tele-communicator class required for new hires.

All town residents should remember that if you need any type of emergency services that you can go to the Communications Center 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. We are located in the lower level of the Town Hall building at the Police Station, on South Carson Avenue. The main entry doors to the lobby of the Police

Department are unlocked and the Police Department lobby is open to the public 24 hours a day, seven days a week. In the event that the main doors are locked, please press the intercom button located on right door, below the glass to contact Dispatch. Upon entering the lobby of the Police Department, there is a “Call/Intercom” button to the left of the interior double wooden doors, and to the right of the mirrored window. Please use this call button to access the Dispatcher on duty. Please note that for the safety of Town Hall employees, access to Town Hall is no longer available through the Police Department entrance.

CULTURAL COUNCIL

Jeannie Ingram, Chair

The Dalton Cultural Council’s mission is to promote access, excellence, education, and diversity in the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences to improve the quality of life for all residents. The Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC) has overseen the Local Cultural Council (LCC) Program since 1990. MCC receives funding from an annual state appropriation. Each year, the MCC distributes funds to LCCs; in turn, LCCs make grants to schools, organizations, and individuals in their communities. These funds are paid to successful applicants on a reimbursement basis. Distributions to each LCC are based on a local aid formula devised by the state. The formula considers population and property values and is weighted to give larger distributions to poorer communities.

In the fall of 2024, the Dalton Cultural Council (DCC) received 41 applications requesting support for a wide variety of projects totaling \$45,075. The following 18 applications were approved for funding in an amount totaling \$9,000 for FY25.

<u>ID</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Project Title</u>
85611	\$480	MusicDance.edu	Hip Hop Chair Dance for Seniors
85804	\$600	Bernice Lewis	Sugar Hill Folk Festival
86042	\$400	The Eagles Band	Eagles Band Concert, Dalton CRA
86495	\$1,000*	Dalton Beautification Commission	Traffic Control Boxes
88411	\$310	Jon Waterman	Live Music Making History
88418	\$440	Matt York	Song and Stories: Johnny Cash
90428	\$400	IS183, Inc.	ARTcentric: Berkshires After School
91123	\$800	Dalton CRA	Music on Main Concert Series
93432	\$750	Ken Longstreeth	Concert by Jeff Gavioli’s Bad News Band
93529	\$250	Dennis Wise	The Theft of Dignity: Dalton Library
95449	\$440	Sarah Clay	Games People Play
96085	\$600	Berkshire Music School, Inc.	Rhythms of Brazil
96958	\$380	John P. Porcino	Top of the Morning, St. Patrick’s
99765	\$320	Grow Dalton, Inc.	Family Halloween Walk
102185	\$520	Wahconah Regional HS	Cultural Connections Culture Fair
102436	\$400	Q-Mob, Inc.	Celebrating Dalton/ HillTown LGBTQ
102965	\$310	Tamarack Hollow Nature & Cultural Ctr.	Explore the Fauna & Flora of the Boulders
103748	\$600	Greenagers	Greenagers Education, Steward

*Unable to be completed so funds were returned to the account to be distributed in FY26.

In February 2025, following the distribution of grants in the MCC granting cycle, all members of the DCC resigned. Council funds set aside for Dalton Days were rolled over for use in FY26.

Efforts to rebuild the DCC began in time for the FY26 grant cycle and as of October 2025 the members of the DCC are Preston Clark, Mary Ferrell (Secretary), Jeannie Ingram (Chair), Margaret Pagliarulo, Daniel Sperrazza, Jeremy Stringer, and Lori Venezia (Treasurer). Thank you for stepping up and ensuring grant distribution continuity!

We look forward to supporting even more great cultural programs in Dalton in the future.

COUNCIL ON AGING AND SENIOR CENTER

Kelly M. Pizzi, Executive Director

The Mission of the Dalton Council on Aging is to promote the physical emotional social and economic well-being of older adults, and to promote their participation in all aspects of community life. The Council on Aging (COA) is housed out of the Dalton Senior Center located at 40 Field Street Extension, Dalton MA.

Administration of the COA

Linda Merry, Co-Chair	Cynthia Riggs-French, Vice-Chair
George Morell, (outgoing Co-Chair)	Lisa Stankiewicz, Clerk
Andrea Lassar, (outgoing Clerk)	Robert Merry, Treasurer

Members

Gordie Galusha	Lisa Hopsicker
Joyce Lacatell	Maureen Mitchell
Jean Poopor	Patricia Suchenicz (outgoing)
Ken Walto	

Members

Kelly Pizzi, Executive Director	Francine Germaine, Chair, Friends of the Dalton Council on Aging
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Staff members of the COA are Kelly Pizzi, Executive Director; Pattie Pero, Shine & Outreach Counselor; Aurora Sjostrom, Transportation Coordinator/Administrative Assistant; Lisa Turner, Program Assistant; Marianne Emerson, Meal Site Coordinator; and Kalen Spratt, Tech Tutor. COA Van Divers includes Dave Lessure, Daniel Carr,

and newly hired Shannon Peet and Louise Hume. Outgoing staff are Dorin Middlebrook and James Doucette.

2025 was marked by many challenges. After the awarding of the grant Hybrid Programming for Senior Centers, staff did a deep dive into purchasing and learning the equipment needed to provide quality experience for those attending programs both in person and virtually. Through this program we had people joining in programs and classes from Berkshire County, Florida, and even California. This year we ran both Aging Mastery and Matter of Balance multi-week programs hybrid widening the net of those who were able to attend.

A wide range of programs offered as hybrid were yoga, exercise/strength and movement, AAA Safe Driving, writing your own obituary, gardening programs, legal workshops, estate planning, guided meditation, support groups, lectures, and live-streaming special events such as Elvis at the Veteran's Luncheon, Hip Hop Chair Exercise, and more.

A large part of the hybrid programming grant was preparing older adults to use technology. We hired Kalen Spratt to provide one-one-one assistance with smartphones, tablets, and computers. Keith French has been providing entry level computer classes and will expand into iPad classes. Seniors who successfully complete the classes can keep their laptop or tablet (one per household), also purchased through the grant. For individuals who continue to be unable to grasp the concept of laptop or tablet commands we have also purchased Claris Companion Tablets which are customized with the features people would like (church services, news outlets, games, video chat with caregivers, internet capability, etc.). Additional classes with Chromebook laptops as well as additional Claris Tablets were donated by the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission through a digital equity grant.

Trying to secure quality van drivers has been a significant challenge. Several individuals were interviewed and some in the process of being hired and failed the physical/drug testing or withdrew their applications after training began; or because they were looking for full-time work. The Director and Transportation Coordinator met with the Town Manager and Select Board Chair to discuss the possibility of hiring a full-time driver to which they agreed. One final attempt to hire part-time drivers was made and got three excellent candidates. As a result, we have tabled converting the position to full-time foreseeing that the new drivers and our needs will fit.

Pattie Pero, Dalton's Shine and Wellness/Outreach counselor, has had a busy year as people approaching the age of sixty-five turn to her for guidance with Medicare and the retirement process. Each year there is open enrollment providing individuals with the opportunity to change prescription drug plans to more cost-saving plans. Pattie has saved residents \$235,255 in insurance and co-pay costs, this year's open enrollment!

In Pattie's role as outreach/wellness, she works with many agencies to assist older residents stay safe and independent in the community for as long as possible. Included is working with the families of elders to coordinate care and services. Some of these agencies are Elder Services (Meals on Wheels, Homecare Services, Ombudsman), Protective Services, Medicaid/Medicare, Home Health Services, among others. Pattie has been advocating for older adults for over 37 years. Pattie is available on Monday and Thursdays by appointment.

Transportation is a critical service provided to the community. The Berkshire Regional Transit Authority (BRTA) is currently offering free transportation on the BRTA buses. Many of the people we serve are unable to walk distances, and wait at the designated stops, as the route goes straight through Dalton with a brief diversion towards Hinsdale. We have access to two vehicles; one Transit Connect van which we own; and the other is a wheelchair van owned by the BRTA. This year, 78 Dalton residents took advantage of this service. Transportation is provided between Dalton and Pittsfield for grocery shopping, medical appointments, work and volunteer, hairdresser, pharmacy, physical therapy, visiting friends, Senior Center for meals, activities, and even pickleball. Medical appointments always take precedence for scheduling. Between the two vehicles we provided 1,093 rides throughout the year. To access this service, we require 24 business hours for arrangements. The transit is utilized for out-of-area appointments. Arrangements must be made one week in advance for distanced transportation, and it is dependent on driver's availability.

We make every effort to offer something for everybody in the community. With the support from the Friends of the Dalton Council on Aging, we are able to provide a variety of events; for example, the 90+ Birthday Party, the Veterans Luncheon, Field Day picnic & entertainment, Holiday Party, day-trips, storytellers and singers, and educational programs.

Members of the Friends of the Dalton Council on Aging, Inc are as follows: Francine Germaine, Chair; Deb Maynard, Finance; Bob Shepherdson Clerk, Diane and Dennis Hogue, Ann Marie Chicchetti and Mary Lamke. The Friends are the fundraising entity for the Dalton Senior Center without whom we would not be able to offer nearly as many programs and events. Anyone who is interested in fundraising is welcome to join. Call 684-2000 for meeting times and dates.

The Dalton Senior Center, which opened its doors on February 11, 2011, is where the excitement begins. The Dalton Senior Center is not a "drop-in" center but rather a program driven agency. Several ongoing programs are offered daily, and people join according to their interests.

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

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

Wellness Programs: We are proud to offer three evidence-based interventions: *A Matter of Balance*, *Osteo Exercise Program*, and *The Aging Mastery Program* annually. Unfortunately, the Aging Mastery Program was offered for the final time as the owners of the program are shelving it for a time. These proven effective programs are multi-week and address balance issues and multiple issues important for aging well informed. *Foot Care* is a fee-based service provided by a trained registered nurse for diabetic nails and hard to care for nails. In the fall we held our annual *Flu & COVID Vaccine Clinic* in one-stop vaccine service offered by the Berkshire County Board of Health to prepare people for the winter months when flu and COVID rates increase. Lisa Turner has been very active in preparing volunteers for participation in *The Life Program*. Through this program volunteers visit with residents of Craneville Place bringing activities, games, and entertaining them twice per month (and even a sweet treat for the residents to enjoy). Many of the residents do not have family and volunteers going in to entertain is a welcome treat for the residents. For those learning to deal with the loss of a partner or family member, The Life After Loss group is led by Hospice Care of the Berkshires held on the second Friday of each month at 1:00. We hold a wellness clinic with Sophie Carnes Jannen from 11-12:00pm. Come in with your questions or concerns.

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

We held several Special Events throughout the year Field Day with Reptile Show, John Porchino Singer and Storyteller with a homage “To Life”, The Holiday Party, Movies, Bingo, Veteran’s Luncheon & Changing of the Flag Ceremony, Hip Hop Chair Yoga, musical entertainers, etc.

Community Services:

Dalton *Veterans’ Agent* holds drop-in office hours at the Senior Center on the first Thursday of the month.

State Senator Paul Mark and/or his Constituent Service Director *Casey Pease* holds Senate Hours on the first Monday of the month from 1-3:00. Drop in, or appointments may be made by calling his district office 413-464-5635.

TRIAD, a union of law enforcement, senior citizens, and community with the goal of education and prevention of crimes against elders holds open meetings at the Senior Center on the third Wednesday of the month from 1-3 p.m. often with guest speakers

Spotlight on two volunteers: Keith French has worked with us developing and offering beginner computer classes and iPad tablet classes. We are currently taking names for new classes to begin in the spring of 2026. Finally, Keith Reed and his two AARP trained volunteers, Deb Maynard and Laurie Chivers, assist residents through The *AARP Tax Aid* program at no cost.

MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE

Robert Dassat, Chairman

The 2025 Dalton Memorial Day Parade was held on Monday, May 26, 2025, honoring fallen service members. The event began at 9:30 a.m. at the Methodist Church and proceeded to the Main Street Cemetery for memorial services. The parade featured local community participation, marking a traditional tribute in the town.

Organized by the Dalton Memorial Day Committee, the event is part of annual commemorations to remember the sacrifices of the armed forces.

COMMUNITY RECREATION ASSOCIATION (CRA)

Ariana Massery, Executive Director

Parks and Recreation

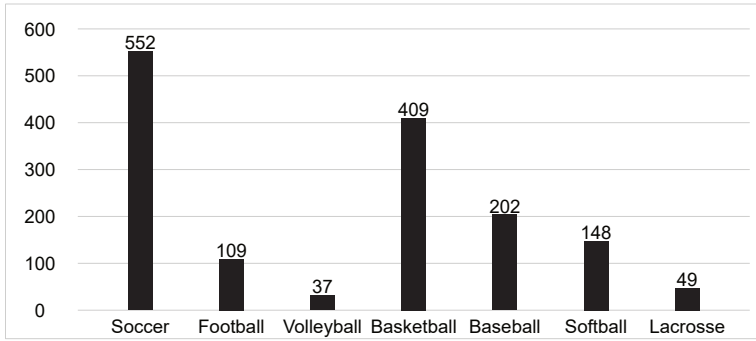
Over the past year, the Community Recreation Association (CRA) had the pleasure and privilege of providing recreational and social programs in all of the Dalton town parks: Pinegrove, Chamberlain, and Greenridge Park. These shared community spaces continue to buzz with activity year-round, welcoming residents of all ages and interests. Dalton's parks are more than green space - they are places where community is built, families connect, and residents of all ages stay active, healthy, and engaged.

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

Youth Sports

In 2025, the CRA oversaw a variety of sports leagues to meet the needs of our youth, including soccer, lacrosse, football, volleyball, basketball, baseball, and softball leagues serving a total of 1,500 participants in 2025.

Our leagues support far more than athletic skill development. In an era when children face increasing screen time, social isolation, and stress, youth sports play a critical role in healthy childhood development. CRA programs emphasize good sportsmanship, teamwork, and inclusion - helping children build confidence, learn empathy, form friendships, and develop resilience.



1,500 youth participated in 2025, which is comparable to 2024 number of participants.

Adult Recreation

Adult recreation is also a focus at the CRA as we offer a pool, fitness center, exercise classes, Pickleball, adult basketball, and a co-ed softball league. Holding multiple games a week in the summer, the Pinegrove Park lights illuminate the grounds. Adult recreation programs support physical wellness, reduce social isolation, and create opportunities for residents to stay connected beyond work and home.

Summer Programs

This summer the CRA also provided eight free **Summer Parks** series at Pinegrove Park serving over 300 people. Activities ranged from movie night, movement activities, arts and crafts, games, and a LEGO Night! **Music on Main** is a free concert series that takes place on the CRA’s Memorial Lawn. We held 10 free concerts, providing live music by local musicians and giving families a chance to gather and visit with neighbors and friends with approximately 600 participants over the summer. We plan to continue this tradition, so as summer 2026 approaches, check our website for performances, which are set to be announced in April.

The CRA offers camps to our kindergarten through sixth grade students, helping working families that need a safe, fun, place for their children during school vacations, holidays, and snow days. The camp programs are held at the youth center, but they visit the parks often to release energy in the open space and on the playground. The CRA serves between 75-100 kids on any given week during the 10-week summer camp.



Rent Pinegrove Park Pavilion

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

The CRA youth programs are run by our hard-working staff, but it takes hundreds of volunteers to make them successful. We are incredibly grateful to the many people in our community who have stepped forward to help make all this possible. Thank you! This culture of volunteerism is one of Dalton's greatest strengths—demonstrating the deep commitment residents have to one another and to the next generation.

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

Edward M. (Bud) Hall

There were a total of 38 burials in 2025 as follows:

Ashuelot Cemetery: 30 burials
Fairview Cemetery: 8 burials
Main Street Cemetery: 0 burials

The Cemetery Department is a division under the Department of Public Works, and as such all DPW employees are trained in cemetery 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.

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

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

As a reminder winter decorations should be removed from the cemeteries no later than April 15th and summer decorations should be removed by November 15th. DPW 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.

In closing, the Dalton Cemetery Trustees would like to make residents aware of a few benefits in being a resident of the Town at the time of death. As a resident of the Town

of Dalton, upon death, a person is given a burial lot which has space for two full burials. Open burial lots are currently available in both Ashuelot and Fairview Cemeteries. Cremation burials are allowed in all three cemeteries. In addition, as of May 12, 2025, green burials are allowed in Ashuelot Cemetery. For additional information please visit the Town of Dalton web site: www.dalton-ma.gov/cemeteries/, send us an email at daltoncemeterytrustees@dalton-ma.gov, or call 413-684-6115.



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Morgan McDonough, Acting Emergency Management Director

This year has been a difficult year for Emergency Management. We have seen a decrease in federal and state funding even as we face a fierce New England winter. Emergency Management has also seen a changeover in leadership this year, with EMD Hebert departing. However, we continue to improve community preparedness through the process of improving collaboration within our community and with our neighboring communities.

We completed our first Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training in March, graduating a group of seven. We conducted a CPR class with our members. All our members also assisted in our mass casualty incident training with the fire department, playing victims to help train our first responders in triage and first aid. Our CERT team members have already contributed to community preparedness and will continue to improve to provide better readiness as we move forward. We hope to continue the early success of this program by offering an additional CERT training in the summer of 2026.

We have also been an active participant with our Regional Emergency Planning Committee, contributing to regional preparedness and projects. Developing these local relationships plays a huge role in any emergency response. We will continue to improve these relationships in the coming year.

I have also continued my own education in emergency management. I have recently obtained my Massachusetts Professional Emergency Manager Associate level certification, and I have continued progressing towards my Master of Science in Emergency Management.

Moving forward to next year, there are plans to improve community education and engagement with emergency preparedness. There has been interest from neighboring communities in the county in the work we are doing with the CERT team. We will continue to update and make improvements as we move forward.

DALTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Christopher Cachat, Acting Chief Dalton Fire Department

FY25 was a year of stabilization and strategic growth for the Dalton Fire Department. We continue to serve the community with dedication, professionalism and excellence. The Dalton Fire Department remains a combination department staffed by full-time firefighters/EMTs as well as call members. We had 10 full-time staff who operated our advanced life support ambulance 24-7 and responded to 1,206 calls this year.

In addition to emergency medical services, the our full-time and on-call members remain committed and equipped to respond to many other emergencies, including structure fires, motor vehicle accidents, and hazardous material incidents. I would be remiss if I did not take this opportunity to remind everyone that we are all vulnerable to the risk of fire and similar incidents, and we should all take as many preventative measures as possible. Check that your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are in good working order, ensure that flammables are stored away properly, and always extinguish possible ignition sources. The fire department has blank File of Life® forms available for free at the station – this is an extremely helpful document to have at the ready for our ambulance crews. In addition, I would encourage you to take advantage of our community training and services: we offer monthly CPR classes through our Ambulance Director and also employ child car seat technicians who are qualified to help with and verify proper installation of car seats for our youngest community members.

The department continues to maintain three fire apparatus, two engines, and a rescue truck, as well as a utility pick-up truck and three all-terrain vehicles ready to respond to any form of emergency. This year, we successfully purchased an ambulance to replace our older apparatus and have had the new rig in service since February of 2025. We work tirelessly to maintain and update our equipment, continuously train on this equipment, and current protocols to respond to any emergency with the highest quality of service. The department trains weekly, with our on-call members meeting on Monday nights from 6:30 – 8:30 to keep those skills sharp. We are always accepting applications for new call members. If you, or someone you know, has ever been interested in serving our community as a first responder, we hope you will consider joining us. Applications can be completed on our website or in person at the station.

We are looking forward to the next year and are planning to position ourselves strategically to achieve even more in the following months. The Dalton Fire Department is grateful for the support, past, present, and future that we continue to receive from our community.

Thank you and stay safe!

FOREST WARDEN

Christopher Cachat, Acting Forest Warden

As the forest warden I feel it is necessary to draw our attention to the ever-increasing risk of wild fires. We are seeing more fires, closer to home than we ever have in the past. I feel obligated to remind you that we must work together to reduce the risk of wild fire in our community. This includes taking measures to reduce combustible material around our homes including forest debris such as sticks, branches, and fallen leaves. In addition, it is important to employ proper fire safety practices and adhere to local outdoor fire restrictions.

Please remember that burning brush is only permissible between January 15 and May 1 of each year, and a permit must be completed each day of burning at www.bcburnpermits.com. Furthermore, please check the fire risk level prior to lighting any outdoor fire – including for cooking and entertaining – as we have had many Red Flag Warning days this year on which any outdoor fire is not permitted.



In an effort to remain equipped and prepared to mitigate any potential risk of wild fire, the Dalton Fire Department with funding from the town Select Board, was able to purchase a skid unit that will soon be installed on a dedicated Forestry apparatus. This will allow our department members to respond more easily to brush fires fully equipped with the proper tools, personal protective equipment, and water supply to mitigate the emergency.

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

INSPECTOR OF WIRING

John M. Broderick, Wiring Inspector

Service Work.....	27
New Houses	2
Renovations/Additions.....	17
Solar Installations.....	56
Furnaces	4
Lighting Retrofits	3
Pools/Hot Tubs.....	0
Security Systems.....	0
Fire Alarms.....	0
Misc. Electrical Work	12
A/C Equipment	17
Total Permits 2025	138

DALTON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Janet Forest, Library Director

The Dalton Free Public Library continues its mission of promoting literacy within our community. Thousands of patrons visited the library this year to check out materials, participate in programs, and take advantage of our new offerings and services.

The library once again took part in several annual community-wide events including Literacy on the Lawn, Light Up the Holidays, and Berkshire Baby Bonanza. We also once again collaborated with the Coordinated Family and Community Engagement on a Story Walk at Pinegrove Park.

The Library Trustees and staff have also been identifying ways to meet many other needs within the community through partnering with other organizations and departments and investing in its own resources and technology.

SERVICES AND BUILDING UPGRADES:

In August, the library purchased a brand-new multi-function copier that we named “Print Eastwood”, who can fax, scan, copy, and of course print. We also invested in software that allows people to send print jobs from home or print from their phone or laptop. We offer these services at a small price to cover the cost of paper and ink.

To make the library and the Town offices more accessible, the library partnered with the Building and Grounds Supervisor to install automatic doors on the original wooden doors that lead from the foyer to the library.

The library installed a bike rack in front of the library funded through a wellness grant received from the MA Interlocal Insurance Association that is for both town employees and the public.

To enhance our program offerings, the library installed an 11.5-foot screen and ceiling mounted projector that is used for movies, presentations, and other activities. It was funded through the State Aid Library Incentive Grant.

COLLECTIONS:

As always, we strive to develop a collection that reflects the needs and interests of our patrons and residents. It’s our hope we can provide something for everyone in our community. Along with traditional print books.

We continue to expand our “Library of Things” and our digital offerings. Each of these items are available to library card holders free of charge:

- *Hot Spots:* Three T-Mobile 5G Hot Spots are available to borrow for one week at a time.
- *Laptops:* The library has six laptops for in-library use only. The laptops and the charging cart were funded by the Massachusetts Broadband Institute at the MassTech Collaborative under the Municipal Digital Equity Planning Program. Funding was provided by Massachusetts ARPA State Fiscal Recovery funds.
- *Kanopy and Mango Languages:* Expanding our digital collection, Dalton Library card holders can now access Kanopy, a streaming service for movies and TV shows, and Mango Languages, a language learning app with more than 70 languages.
- *Phonics Kits:* Each of our pre-K Phonics Kits has a different theme and contains books, activities and games in an easy-to-carry bag.

PROGRAMS:

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

Adult Programs: Our regular programs include a writing group, a craft night, a book discussion group, and a knitting group. We also offer special events including music, yoga, and presentations. A couple of this year’s highlights were a talk on Big Foot and the Manhattan Short international film festival that both attracted dozens of people from the surrounding area.

Children’s Programs: Wendy Provencher from Coordinated Family and Community Engagement continues to offer several children’s programs each week at the library. All are very popular and well attended. Our summer reading program grew even larger this year and drew in hundreds of kids of all ages, who all had the chance to win raffle prizes. During school breaks and summer vacation, we offered dozens of programs including visits from the Forest Park Zoo, puppet shows, crafts days, scavenger hunts, and Legos. A new program we offered this year was movie mornings for young children using our new projector and screen.

FRIENDS:

The Friends of the Dalton Free Public Library continue to provide support and assistance to the library. As in past years, they provided the funding for the print newspaper subscriptions, book discussion group selections, museum passes, summer reading, and special community event supplies.

New initiatives and investments that Friends supported were a donation of \$1,500 to purchase books for the public school libraries, a “Trail Magic Box” full of snacks and supplies for Appalachian Trail Hikers that visit the library, and new DVD cases that will allow us to more efficiently use our shelf space.

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

PERSONNEL:

I will celebrate two full years as Library Director in February 2026, and it has been a privilege to be welcomed into the Dalton Community so warmly.

This year, two of our library pages, Joanne Delmolino and Lily Somerville, left their positions, and we welcomed two new staff members to our team. Tanya Wasielewski started in January and Taylor Foley started in August.

A special thanks to our dedicated staff: Kimberly Gwilt (Assistant Director), Ellen Snyder (Library Assistant), Mary Turner (Library Assistant), Tanya Wasielewski (Library Page) and Taylor Foley (Library Page).

I would also like to recognize the effort and time of the Library Board of Trustees. The Board is the elected governing body of the library, with legal responsibility for library funding, contents, policy, and services. The current Board members are: Fred Sears (Chairperson), Anne Ronayne (Secretary), Max Ehrlich (Treasurer), Joan Roy, Sherri Belouin, Leo Quiles, Barbara Kotelnicki, Tom Condron, and Kathy Hoag.

DALTON GREEN COMMITTEE

David Wasielewski, Chair

The Green Dalton Committee had several accomplishments in 2025. The biggest being the completion of Dalton’s Climate Action Plan (CAP). While the Green committee spent its first 10 years focused on energy savings and decarbonization of municipal facilities, the climate action plan was created to expand that focus to include the entire community, including residents and businesses.

With the help of Bluestrike, an environmental consulting group, the Green Committee compiled an inventory of energy use and greenhouse gas production along with a road-map for encouraging the community to become more environmentally friendly. A year of hard work and biweekly and meetings kept the committee busy, culminating in the rollout of the plan in April at a community event held at the Sr. Center and Wahconah High School. The full plan is available on the Dalton town website or using this QR code.



The plan was the fulfillment of a request for funds initiated by Tom Irwin at the 2023 Dalton Town Meeting. It represents a step toward gaining Climate Leader status among the Massachusetts Green Communities which increases opportunities for

significant additional state ‘green’ grants. This builds on previous grant funded projects that have resulted in an estimated \$75-\$100K annual savings in the town budget due to reduced energy use.

Follow-up activities have focused on low-cost community education activities that enhance an environmentally sustainable Dalton community. Kathy Perney and Laurie Martinelli are leading an environmental effort with several teachers (April LeSage, the green umbrella group and others) at Wahconah High School. Steve Marantz, also a member of the CBRSD Board, is working with district administration to implement ‘green’ projects at school facilities, accessing green grants to finance them. Tony Pagliarulo was instrumental in gaining approval for the recently opened Swap Shop at the town transfer station and the implementation of a community composting program. Additionally, he is leading the effort to implement Electric Vehicle chargers throughout the community. David is working with Berkshire Regional Planning and Town Staff to move forward with a grant financed renovation of the Sr. Center HVAC system, installing heat pumps to reduce fossil fuel use in the facility.

The Green Committee will continue its outreach and education mission as highlighted in the Climate Action Plan.

The committee looks to replace the two members that we lost early in the year (Tom Irwin and Todd Logan). All community members are welcome to suggest how we can enhance our community sustainability and we invite anyone interested to join our monthly meetings. We look forward to working with our new town manager to reduce the town’s carbon footprint. His background in energy management promises to be useful in these efforts.

Finally, The Committee is collaborating with Wahconah High School and others as we plan an educational week around Earth Day 2026.

DALTON HOUSING AUTHORITY

Susan I. Gregory, Executive Director

Board of Commissioners:

Chairperson: Dorin Middlebrook, 7 Home Terrace

Vice Chairperson: Deborah Wehry, 38 E. Deming Street 5B

Treasurer: Alicia Jost, 575 Main St.

State Appointee: Rachel Branch, 600 Main Street Apt. 2K

Member: Laurie Chivers, 49 Orchard Road

Regular meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at 5:00 PM at 38 E. Deming Street in the Community Room or virtually via GoTo. The annual meeting is held on the third Tuesday of June.

Current programs are: 40 (one bedroom) units at Pomeroy Manor, 30 (one bedroom), and one (two bedroom) units at Pinegrove Manor under Chapter 667, a state-aided public housing program providing affordable, project-based rental units specifically for low-income elderly individuals and people with disabilities. We also have five (three bedroom) units under Chapter 705, a state-funded public housing program providing affordable family housing to low-income residents.

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 \$68,800 and \$78,600 for two persons.

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

Income limits for a three-person household is \$88,450.00 and \$98,250.00 for a four-person household.

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

The Executive Office of Housing & Livable Communities now has an on-line application called CHAMP available at:

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



The physical location of the office is located at 38 E. Deming St. inside the Community Room. Mailing address remains at 293 High Street, Dalton, MA 01226. Telephone # 413-684-1470

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Kimberly Wetherell

It is the responsibility of the Dalton Conservation Commission to locally administer the Wetlands Protection Act (WPA – MGL Ch 131, S 40), the Rivers Protection Act (Acts of 1996, Ch. 258), the Dalton Wetlands Protection Bylaw (Ch. 340), and the Berkshire Scenic Mountains Act (SMA – MGL Ch 131, S39A). The purpose of the regulations are to protect public and private water supply, groundwater supply, flood control, storm damage protection, prevention of pollution, protection of fisheries, and wildlife. The regulations prohibits any filling, excavation or other alteration of the land surface, water levels, or vegetation in and adjacent to wetlands, regardless of ownership, without a permit from the local Conservation Commission. The

Conservation Commission also administers the Scenic Mountains Act (SMA). Dalton is surrounded by scenic mountains. If a mountain or related erodible watershed are proposed to be altered, the regulations provide protection for Dalton’s watershed resources and scenic areas in question.

The Commission reviewed the following during calendar year 2025

Wetland Protection Act (WPA)		Scenic Mountain Act (SMA)	
Request for Determination (RDA)	11	Request for Determination (RDA)	1
Notice of Intent (NOI)	7	Notice of Intent (NOI)	0
Emergency Permits	2	Emergency Permits	0

Current Commissioners: Craig Wilbur, Esther Balardini, Ed Gero, Dominick Sacco, Bob Bishop, Kenjah O’Donnell

The Commission would like to thank Commissioners, Henry and Cheryl Rose, for their long term service and commitment to the Town of Dalton.

We welcome questions anytime from citizens with concerns about the Wetlands Protection Act and/or the Scenic Mountain Act. The public should be aware that filings must be received with sufficient time to publish legal notices required for public hearings. Please check the town website for the submittal deadlines, requirements, and meeting schedule:

www.dalton-ma.gov/conservation-commission/



The Conservation Commission can be reached by email at: conservationcommission@dalton-ma.gov.

The Commission appreciates all those who have submitted filings and have sought to abide by the Town, State, and Federal requirements regarding these areas.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Edward (Bud) Hall

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

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

Orchard Road repaving and upgrading the drainage was completed in the summer along with a new sidewalk with a grant through the Mass Works program and Chapter 90 funds. In the fall Pease Avenue, Tower Road, Diamond Terrace, and Ruby Terrace were paved and reclaimed. This work was done through the Chapter 90 program. The town is allotted a certain amount each year for road improvements. The Town also received a grant for new crosswalk warning lights which we installed on South Street between Elaine Drive and Gertrude Road.

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

The Town's parks are also cleaned up each spring for the upcoming recreational season. We work with the CRA to make sure all the ball fields are ready for the upcoming baseball and softball season. In the summer a new pickle ball court was established along with line repainting for the basketball courts.

We were excited to announce the opening of the Transfer Station Swap Shed funded by Mass DEP this summer. The purpose of the Swap Shed is to keep items out of the landfill and provide a free outlet for unwanted items that are still usable. As of July 1, 2025 we also are offering Community Composting. The purpose of composting is to reduce solid waste at our landfill, enrich the soil, conserve water, reduce the use of fertilizers, and reduce methane gas emissions.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Deanna Strout

This is a summary of our year from January 1st, 2025, through December 31st, 2025.

In the spring of 2025, we hosted our 3rd annual bike rodeo. We had a bike course, and thanks again to our community, we collected almost 30 new bikes we gave away to children! We received grant funding for some of this event, and we purchased bike helmets to also give away.

In August of 2025, we held our 5th annual National Night Out with the community. We gathered on the lawn of the Town Hall on South Carson Ave for a few hours. We had live music, face-painting, the Dalton Fire Department cooked hot dogs, cornhole and lots more. The entire police department and animal control officer were there. We look forward to this annual tradition.

In September 2025, we were once again awarded the Municipal Roads Safety Grant. This grant pays for officers to just focus on traffic enforcement, and each month has a different focus, such as speeding, crosswalk violations, impaired operation, or distracted driving.

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

In December 2025 we again hosted our Santa for Seniors event. With help from our very generous community, we collect gifts for the residents of Craneville Place Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center. Our senior friends can get lonely during the holiday season, and we wanted to make sure they knew we remembered them and love bringing them a little joy.

Dalton Police Department FY2025 Statistics:

Total call responses:	12,706
Business & Non-911 Calls	4,527
Officer Initiated responses	6,881 (includes building checks)
911 Calls	1,298
Intrusion Alarm Calls	122
Investigations	477
Arrests	69
Vehicle stops	981
Motor Vehicle Crash Reports	102
Motor Vehicle Citations Issued	358
FY2025 Citations Fines Levied	\$2,060 Issued
Parking citations Issued	13
Firearms Permits Issued	252
FY2025 Firearms Permit Fees Received	\$18,600 total collected, \$4,875 went to the Town of Dalton

Dalton Police Department Members:

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

Officers:

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

Executive Assistant

Rebecca Whitaker

Crossing Guards

Millie Boucher

Shona Guidetti

Animal Control Officer/Inspector

Levi Lisi

Firearm permits are processed by appointment only. Please contact the department at 413-684-0300 to schedule your appointment. Recommendation is to renew it four to six months in advance.

Blank operator crash forms, completed police crash reports, license to carry and firearm identification card applications, public records requests, and other forms can be found on line at:

www.dalton-ma.gov/police-department



SHADE TREE DEPARTMENT

Edward (Bud) Hall

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

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

There is much confusion over the definition of a town tree. There was a study done in 2009 and town trees were mapped out, which is the list we use today. The definition of a town tree is any tree having a trunk greater than one and a half inches that is on the public right of way. If any part of the trunk is on town property, the tree belongs to the town. Overhanging branches do not make a tree town property. The town does have a right to trim such branches for public safety purposes. Any tree that has been planted by the town that is not on town property is not a town tree. The tree becomes the property of the landowner. State law allows municipalities to plant trees within 20 feet of the public right of way.

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

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

VETERAN'S SERVICES

No report was received from this committee.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Debora Kovacs and Dennis Croughwell, Co-Chairs

The year 2025 marked a period of growth and transition for the Dalton Historical Commission. We bid farewell to one of our long-time members and Co-chair, Louisa Horth, as she stepped down to enjoy a well-earned retirement. Her deep knowledge of Dalton's history and her many years of dedicated service have been invaluable to the Commission's work. Louisa's insight, commitment, and steady presence shaped countless accomplishments, and she will be greatly missed.

We are very pleased to have Dennis Croughwell join us as our newest member and co-chair of the Commission. Dennis' extensive knowledge of Dalton's rich history, along with his experience as a docent-educator at the Crane Museum of Papermaking, is a welcome addition to our dedicated crew of commissioners. We also welcomed a new associate, Sally Fulton, whose love and knowledge of history will also be a great addition to the Commission.

The Fitch-Hoose House had an amazing and successful season this year. The house was freshly painted by local artist and restoration painter Stephen Copogna and looked spectacular to begin the summer season in June. We also have a beautiful new storage shed added to the premises which was funded by an ARPA grant and built by McCann Technical School carpentry students. L.P. Adams was very helpful in assisting with the delivery of the shed to its new home at 6 Gulf Road.

We welcomed four second grade classes from Craneville Elementary School to the Fitch-Hoose House at the beginning of the season. The students were very interested in learning about life in the 1800's for African-American families, and about our town's connection with the Underground Railroad.

We had an additional 126 visitors throughout the summer, including many through-hikers who were grateful for our potable water pump to refresh themselves and to fill their water jugs as they continued their journey on the Appalachian Trail. We also had many Hoose Family descendants come to visit the house to learn about their amazing family legacy, including the Caesar Family, who included the Fitch-Hoose House tour as part of their Caesar Family Reunion. Bonnie Eastwood also hosted a Fitch-Hoose House booth at the Hillcrest Cultural Fair in August, which drew many interested visitors. It was truly a great 2025 season.

The Commission has been continuously working on documenting the proposed 2nd Historic District in the Town of Dalton. The district will extend from the western boundary of the Cranesville Historic District, which is Park Avenue, to North Street

We sent our preliminary documentation to Mass. Historical in May and they recently informed us that the proposed 2nd District has definite potential for establishment. We will continue documenting and fine-tuning the details for the district in 2026.

The Commission continues its work on the Second Historic District, and we are excited to share several new initiatives designed to deepen community engagement and enrich our understanding of Dalton's history. These efforts include the launch of an Oral History Program, the introduction of a Hometown Heroes banner initiative, and a comprehensive project to inventory and catalog the many historical items entrusted to us over the years.

This spring, we will begin our Oral History Program at the Senior Center. Long-time residents will have the opportunity to record and preserve their personal stories - memories that will serve as a bridge between generations and become a permanent part of our archives. These firsthand accounts will add invaluable depth to Dalton's historical record.

We are also pleased to offer residents the chance to participate in our new Hometown Heroes Program. Community members may sponsor a banner honoring a chosen Hometown Hero, which will be displayed along the Main Street corridor from May through November. Several local businesses have generously partnered with us by providing the mounting brackets and installation support needed to bring this project to life.

To better care for our growing collection, we have recently acquired a new collection-management system, PastPerfect. This software will allow us to properly catalog our books, photographs, files, artifacts, and other memorabilia. It represents an important step toward our long-term goal of making much of the collection accessible online for the community and future generations.

Our community outreach efforts are also expanding. We will be hosting a series of programs highlighting unique aspects of Dalton's past. The first presentation, "Dalton's Papermaking Pioneers," will take place in April at the Senior Center and will spotlight the early innovators who shaped the town's papermaking legacy.

In addition, we continue our work documenting Dalton's many historic properties and remain deeply grateful for the steady stream of donated documents, artifacts, books, and memorabilia. Each contribution strengthens our shared heritage.

We're always seeking new members who share an interest in our town's history and would like to be part of our work.

It is our hope that, in time, we will establish a museum of our own—a dedicated space where we can proudly display our collection and celebrate the rich history of our beautiful Town of Dalton.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Heather A. Hunt, Town Clerk

In 2025 we issued 28 business certificates, of which 11 were renewal, and 11 discontinuances of business certificates: 1,041 dog licenses were issued, and 5 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 license, 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/dog-license/. We encourage all residents to license their dogs each year in a timely manner to avoid paying these mandated fines which we are obligated to charge.



As local Registrar of Vital Statistics, we are responsible for registering all vital events occurring within the community and those events occurring elsewhere to local residents. We recorded and preserved 40 birth, 86 death, and 13 marriage records contributing to the basis for the Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records and Statistics system.

In addition, we processed 13 Intentions of Marriage, issuing 13 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 identity 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, and 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 www.mytowngovernment.org/01226 to find meeting postings and other information for Dalton.



I extend my sincere appreciation and thanks to Assistant Town Clerk Tami Flatley 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.

Males	64
Females	36
Neutered males	474
Spayed females	463
Multi Pet Permit	5
Total	1,041
Kennel	1

VITAL STATISTICS

Births	40
Deaths	86
Marriages	13

TOWN COLLECTOR

Joseph A. Dinofrio

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 the Town's website for this payment option. All tax bills and sewer bills can be viewed and printed online at:

www.dalton-ma.gov/online-payments/

TOWN COLLECTOR'S REPORT FY 25 7/1/24 - 6/30/25

Taxes	FY	Balance 6/30/24	Commitment	Abatement	Exemption	Refunds	Received	Transfer In	Transfer Out	Liened	Tax Title	Balance 6/30/25
Real Estate	2025		\$15,189,522.97	\$72,172.55	\$45,773.70	\$42,858.39	\$14,772,547.26					\$341,887.85
Real Estate	2024	\$183,368.98				\$33.33	\$157,500.89				\$25,901.42	\$0.00
Sewer Lien	2025		\$62,977.44				\$53,088.18					\$9,889.26
Sewer Lien	2024	\$3,384.60					\$2,257.56				\$1,127.04	\$0.00
Sewer Lien	2021	\$456.57					\$0.00					\$0.00
Water Lien	2025		\$6,967.46				\$5,385.46					\$1,582.00
Water Lien	2023	\$710.00					\$0.00					\$710.00
Water Lien	2021	\$240.00					\$0.00					\$240.00
Personal Prop	2025	\$0.00	\$678,921.77	\$993.69			\$673,934.07					\$3,994.01
Personal Prop	2024	\$4,629.21					\$1,473.54					\$3,155.67
Personal Prop	2023	\$3,822.73					\$70.32					\$3,752.41
Personal Prop	2022	\$9,028.10					\$58.07					\$8,970.03
Personal Prop	2021	\$7,544.99					\$67.33					\$7,477.66
Personal Prop	2020	\$6,641.67					\$110.38					\$6,531.29
Personal Prop	2019	\$1,936.50					\$0.00					\$1,936.50
Personal Prop	2018	\$1,646.12					\$0.00					\$1,646.12
Personal Prop	2017	\$725.28					\$0.00					\$725.28
Fire District	2025	\$0.00	\$1,523,902.96	\$6,576.78		\$18,064.54	\$1,491,750.16				\$1,963.49	(\$0.03)
Fire District	2024	\$16,898.49				\$366.24	\$15,301.27					\$686.06
Fire Personal	2025	\$0.00	\$68,342.92	\$100.07		\$106.27	\$67,663.06					\$217.21
Fire Personal	2024	\$328.79					\$111.58					\$199.91
Fire Personal	2023	\$203.57					\$3.66					\$319.12
Fire Personal	2022	\$321.28					\$2.16					\$307.95
Fire Personal	2021	\$310.80					\$2.85					\$381.72
Fire Personal	2020	\$386.83					\$5.11					\$94.53
Fire Personal	2019	\$94.53					\$0.00					\$80.51
Fire Personal	2018	\$80.51					\$0.00					\$39.94
Fire Personal	2017	\$39.94					\$0.00					\$120,675.03
Motor Vehicle	2025	\$0.00	\$994,064.56	\$14,640.27		\$6,565.16	\$865,314.42					\$26,907.87
Motor Vehicle	2024	\$79,284.12	\$110,280.60	\$10,868.33		\$10,880.36	\$162,668.88					\$7,951.69
Motor Vehicle	2023	\$22,147.61		\$1,165.00		\$1,413.21	\$14,444.13					\$3,248.22
Motor Vehicle	2022	\$9,374.87		\$476.34		\$427.36	\$6,077.67					\$2,566.47
Motor Vehicle	2021	\$3,207.35					\$640.88					

TOWN COLLECTOR'S REPORT FY 25 7/1/24 - 6/30/25

Taxes	FY	Balance 6/30/24	Commitment	Abatement	Exemption	Refunds	Received	Transfer In	Transfer Out	Liened	Tax Title	Balance 6/30/25
Motor Vehicle	2020	\$3,134.62					\$386.49					\$2,748.13
Motor Vehicle	2019	\$2,137.49					\$0.00					\$2,137.49
Motor Vehicle	2018	\$1,775.84					\$0.00					\$1,775.84
Motor Vehicle	2017	\$2,697.50					\$72.50					\$2,625.00
Motor Vehicle	2016	\$2,588.96					\$0.00					\$2,588.96
Motor Vehicle	2015	\$2,632.51					\$0.00					\$2,632.51
Motor Vehicle	2014	\$3,137.73					\$0.00					\$3,137.73
Motor Vehicle	2013	\$3,204.26					\$0.00					\$3,204.26
Motor Vehicle	2012	\$3,204.18					\$0.00					\$3,204.18
Motor Vehicle	2011	\$1,665.11					\$0.00					\$1,665.11
Sewer User	2025	\$0.00	\$1,706,045.67	\$846.00			\$1,373.69					\$167,730.59
Sewer User	2024	\$91,830.73				\$834.38	\$39,222.47			\$52,998.30		\$444.34
Sewer User	2023	\$1,975.68					\$1,975.68					\$0.00
Sewer User	2022	\$487.54					\$0.00					\$487.54
Police Detail	2025	\$0.00	\$207,487.50				\$189,682.50					\$17,805.00
Cruiser Fee	2025	\$0.00	\$940.00				\$940.00					\$0.00
Admin Fee	2025	\$0.00	\$15,232.00				\$14,051.50					\$1,180.50
Police Detail	2024	\$44,036.00					\$38,716.00					\$5,320.00
Cruiser Fee	2024	\$535.00					\$535.00					\$0.00
Admin Fee	2024	\$2,534.80					\$2,390.80					\$144.00
SB Comm Cir	2025	\$0.00	\$19,880.00				\$19,880.00					\$0.00
Code Red	2025	\$0.00	\$2,294.20				\$2,294.20					\$0.00
Code Red	2019	\$633.59					\$0.00					\$633.59
Fire Dist Reimb	2025	\$0.00	\$10,000.00				\$0.00					\$10,000.00
Hinsdale Sewer	2025	\$0.00	\$127,772.00				\$0.00					\$127,772.00
Clerk Census	2025	\$0.00	\$0.00				\$0.00					\$0.00
Pinegrove	2025	\$0.00	\$1,635.98				\$1,635.98					\$0.00
Totals		\$525,021.98	\$20,726,711.38	\$101,637.76	\$45,773.70	\$82,922.93	\$20,141,104.78	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$52,998.30	\$28,991.95	\$964,149.80

Collections from these 2 pages
 Other \$20,141,104.78
 Total 2025 \$98,574.65
 \$20,239,679.43

CLEAN AIR COMMITTEE

Anthony “Tony” Pagliarulo

That the Clean Air Committee will work to protect the residents of the Town of Dalton from the adverse impacts associated with air contamination, including dust, odors, and noise.

The Clean Air Committee first convened in July of 2025 in response to aggregate operations by Berkshire Concrete Corporation (BCC) off Bridle Road on Lot 105-16. Resident complaints and documentation led to the discovery that BCC’s mining and excavation of Lot 105-16 was conducted without a valid Special Permit. The Planning Board issued a cease and desist order.

The Dalton Board of Health requested that BCC provide a Dust Mitigation Plan and that Lot 105-16 be mitigated and restored. At the Special Town Meeting, the Select Board recommended that monies be allocated for technical and legal services pursuant to the aforementioned matter. Our community unanimously approved these monies. The Committee is composed of representatives from the Planning Board, Board of Health, Conservation Commission, Select Board and two citizens at large. The Town Planner and the Town Manager serve as non-voting members. The Committee has utilized the services of Berkshire Environmental Group, Air Partners, and town counsel.

In October of 2025, the Committee submitted proposed terms and conditions to the Planning Board for their consideration given the upcoming Special Permit renewal.

The Committee’s work has included:

- Establishing a Complaint Form and protocol in reporting air contamination.
- The siting of 4 air monitors adjacent to the perimeter of BCC. Data collection and reporting by a third party to be completed by the Fall of 2026.
- Acquisition of 5 Purple Air Monitors (via grant monies). The monitors will be sited in our community. Data collection will be reported one year hence by a third party.
- By-law review and recommendation aligned with our mission statement.

I wish to thank everyone on our Committee, especially, Co-Chair David Pugh, Dennis Croughwell, Nancy Hopper, Jimbo Doucette, Richard Hall, John Boyle, Lisa Pugh, Janko Tomasic, Terry Williams, Eric Anderson and the untold number of people in our community who support our efforts.

Our work is demonstrative of what can be accomplished given a team approach in advocating and addressing the safety and well being of everyone in our community.

Traffic Commission

William A. Drosehn III, Chair

The Dalton Traffic Commission serves as an advisory board to the Select Board. Our role is to provide input on matters related to vehicle and pedestrian traffic within the Town of Dalton. As a non-regulatory body by charter, we review concerns and offer recommendations on issues referred to us by the Town Manager, the Select Board, and Dalton residents.

Over the past year, the Commission has addressed a variety of traffic-related matters. These included the purchase of a line-stripping machine, the evaluation of traffic calming measures, and the review of several special permit applications, including those for the Lipton property across from the post office and the auto repair shop on Cleveland Road located at the former Moody Energy property.

The Commission also reviewed parking concerns on Myrtle Street and the surrounding area, and continued its work on traffic control measures for Washington Mountain Road, which remains ongoing. In addition, we reviewed a written citizen concern regarding truck traffic on Orchard Road.

We have also begun a public awareness initiative to educate residents on the laws and safe operation of e-bikes, including proper roadway positioning and the requirement to travel with the flow of traffic.

Residents with questions about these initiatives or other non-regulatory traffic concerns are encouraged to contact the Traffic Commission at traffic@dalton-ma.gov.

The Traffic Commission extends its sincere appreciation to the many boards, committees, and residents who have supported our efforts throughout the year. We also offer a special thank you to the members of the Commission for their continued dedication.

TOWN TREASURER

April Gagliardi

I am pleased to submit the Treasurer's Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2025. The treasurer's office is responsible for the input and processing of a weekly payroll; preparation and submittal of quarterly and yearly payroll reports; maintaining employee benefits; assisting the town manager with human resource issues; overseeing town insurances and any claims; receipt, expenditure, investment and borrowing of municipal funds; and maintenance of tax titles.

I would like to thank my assistant, **Sandra LaFrance** for all her hard work and dedication. The town and I are truly fortunate to have her.

GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES

Personal Property Taxes 2025 and Prior	\$675,713.71
Real Estate Taxes 2025	\$14,729,688.87
Real Estate Taxes Prior Years	\$157,467.56
Motor Vehicle Taxes 2025	\$858,749.26
Motor Vehicle Taxes 2024	\$151,788.52
Motor Vehicle Taxes Prior Years	\$19,781.10
Interest and Penalties on Taxes	\$33,134.42
Demands, Warrants and Fees	\$21,469.33
Tax Foreclosure Sale Revenue	\$149,685.00
Proforma Tax 2025	\$1,691.58

\$16,799,169.35**TAX LIEN RECEIVABLES**

Tax Liens	\$65,754.80
Interest and Penalties on Liens	\$25,668.59
Demand Fees on Tax Liens Redeemed	\$1,259.00

\$92,682.39**STATE RECEIPTS (CHERRY SHEET)**

State Owned Land	\$92,038.00
Elderly Persons	\$35,791.00
Unrestricted General Government	\$1,400,933.00
School Aid (Chapter 70)	\$212,169.00
Hotel/Meals Tax	\$86,537.71

\$1,827,468.71**COMMONWEALTH OF MA STATE RECEIPTS**

911-Dept. Support and Incentive	\$169,899.99
Arts Cultural Council	\$8,000.00
Police Vest Grant	\$2,125.00
Council on Aging Formula Grant	\$30,270.00
Elections Extended Polling Hours	\$2,194.19
Library Incentive Grant	\$22,326.78
Motor Vehicle Fines	\$850.00
Highway Chapter Money	\$182,588.64
Veterans Benefits	\$65,094.02
Vocational Transportation	\$15,601.00
Veterans Blind & Surviving Spouse	\$63,488.00
Green Community Grant	\$8,556.75
ARPA Municipal Emergency Disaster Relief	\$4,276.00
State Program Transportation	\$120,797.00

\$696,067.37**OTHER GOVERNMENT REVENUE**

Receipts Drug Task Force	\$1,247.82
Communications Center Services	\$19,880.00
Berkshire District Court Restitution	\$125.00
Hinsdale Sewer Services	\$127,772.00
Miscellaneous Grants	\$284,441.03

\$433,465.85

FEDERAL REVENUE

Federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$2,783.00
Community Development Block Payback	\$400.00
Community Development Block Grant	\$42,370.00

\$45,553.00**GENERAL GOVERNMENT - CHARGES FOR SERVICES/FEES**

Interest Sewer User Fees	\$5,419.67
Registry Of Motor Vehicle Charges	\$6,600.00
Trailer Park Fees	\$4,464.00
Sewer Late Fees	\$4,340.00
Sewer User Fees 2025	\$1,537,469.08
Sewer User Fees Prior Year	\$40,363.77
Sewer Liens 2025	\$53,088.18
Sewer Liens Prior Year	\$2,257.56
Sewer Hook up	\$500.00
Municipal Lien Fees	\$2,950.00
Bad Check Fees	\$350.00
Sale of Street Lists	\$40.00
Highway Excavation Fees	\$1,650.00
Cemetery Charges	\$27,485.00
Assessors Maps	\$80.46
Assessors Info	\$300.00
Police Outside Detail Admin Fees	\$16,442.30
Cable Franchise Fee	\$644.00
Library Fines	\$496.14
Unlicensed Dog Fines	\$575.00
Recycled Goods	\$14,161.01
Duplicate Bill Charge	\$21.52
Pilot Payments Pine Grove Manor	\$1,635.98
Code Red Emergency Network Annual Fee	\$2,294.20
POD Cruiser Fee	\$1,475.00
Transfer Station - Annual Car Permits	\$78,094.00
Transfer Station - Bag Stickers	\$86,365.00
Transfer Station - Bulky Waste	\$12,952.00
Other Fines	\$50.00

\$1,902,563.87**GENERAL GOVERNMENT - LICENSES/PERMITS**

Planning Board	\$650.00
Alcohol Licenses	\$6,000.00
Beer and Wine Licenses	\$620.00
All Other Alcohol Licenses	\$1,200.00
Raffle Permits	\$40.00
Building Permits	\$48,274.37
Health Agent	\$8,976.00
Police Firearms Permits	\$4,200.00
Board of Appeals Postage	\$2,001.18
All Other Licenses and Permits	\$3,920.00

\$75,881.55

MISCELLANEOUS GENERAL REVENUE

Beautification Committee Donations	\$195.00
Town Collector Miscellaneous Revenue	\$356.72
Council on Aging Van Receipts	\$10,952.36
Council on Aging Gifts/Donations	\$29,083.18
Grave Digging Overtime	\$4,335.00
Library Copier	\$688.50
Library Donations	\$100.00
Charging Station	\$625.32
Insurance Claims Under \$10,000	\$9,716.68
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$17,206.60
Warner Cable TV Franchise	\$109,776.39
Dog Licenses	\$22,015.00
Police Outside Details	\$228,398.50
Transportation Infrastructure Fund	\$76.00
Opioid Settlement	\$2,986.81

\$436,512.06**REVOLVING FUNDS**

Wetland Protection Funds	\$2,780.00
Legal Advertising	\$4,458.60
Plumbing Inspections	\$6,470.00
Electrical Inspections	\$12,740.00
Soup & Sandwich Program	\$5,274.00
Parks Maintenance	\$450.00

\$32,172.60**AGENCIES**

Revenue Dalton Redevelopment Operations	\$267.22
Deputy Collector Fees	\$15,184.00
Fees Retained by Town Clerk	\$6,075.00

\$21,526.22**EARNINGS ON INVESTMENTS**

General Fund	\$134,829.71
Capital Stabilization Fund	\$31,470.79
Litigation Stabilization Fund	\$12,454.52
General Stabilization Fund	\$26,865.02
Sewer Stabilization Fund	\$22,982.90
Pension Reserve Funds	\$2,272.20
CDBG Housing Rehab Program Interest	\$71.76
ARPA CLFRF Grant Interest	\$4,208.24
Arts Cultural Council	\$90.82
Unemployment Compensation Fund	\$74.72
OPEB Liability Trust Investments	\$62.06
OPEB State Retiree Benefits Trust Fund	\$510,322.66
Cemetery Trust Fund Interest	\$1,741.54
Library Trust Fund Interest	\$3,761.74
School Trust Fund Interest	\$2,781.78

\$753,990.46**TOTAL ON ALL RECEIPTS****\$23,117,053.43**

GENERAL STABILIZATION FUND

Balance June 30, 2024	\$1,015,345.91	
Transfers In	\$242,541.62	
Transfers Out		
Interest Income FY25	\$26,865.02	
Balance June 30, 2025		<u>\$1,284,752.55</u>

CAPITAL STABILIZATION FUND

Balance June 30, 2024	\$1,312,890.93	
Transfers In	\$248,507.36	
Transfers Out	\$(302,077.00)	
Interest Income FY25	\$31,470.79	
Balance June 30, 2025		<u>\$1,290,792.08</u>

LITIGATION STABILIZATION FUND

Balance June 30, 2024	\$485,806.63	
Transfers In		
Interest Income FY25	\$12,454.52	
Balance June 30, 2025		<u>\$498,261.15</u>

SEWER STABILIZATION FUND

Balance June 30, 2024	\$880,665.74	
Transfers In	\$200,000.00	
Transfers Out		
Interest Income FY25	\$22,982.90	
Balance June 30, 2025		<u>\$1,103,648.64</u>

LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS

Non-Expendable Funds	\$60,000.00	
Expendable Funds	<u>\$4,945.00</u>	
	\$64,945.00	
Interest Balance June 30, 2024	\$71,249.10	
Warrants FY25		
Interest Income FY25	<u>\$6,531.83</u>	
	\$77,780.93	
Balance June 30, 2025		<u>\$142,725.93</u>

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

Non-Expendable Funds	\$35,100.00	
Expendable Funds	<u>\$2,955.00</u>	
	\$38,055.00	
Interest Balance June 30, 2024	\$15,065.07	
Interest Income FY25	<u>\$3,824.06</u>	
	\$18,889.13	
Balance June 30, 2025		<u>\$56,944.13</u>

SCHOOL TRUST FUNDS

Non Expendable Funds	<u>\$30,000.00</u>	
	\$30,000.00	
Interest Balance June 30, 2024	\$93,334.46	
Interest Income FY25	<u>\$3,015.14</u>	
	\$96,349.60	
Balance June 30, 2025		<u>\$126,349.60</u>

ARTS CULTURAL COUNCIL

Balance June 30, 2024	\$6,585.29	
Commonwealth of MA Grant	\$8,000.00	
Warrants FY25	\$(4,787.00)	
Interest Income FY25	<u>\$88.05</u>	
Balance June 30, 2025		<u>\$9,886.34</u>

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST

Balance June 30, 2024	\$32.65	
Warrants FY25	\$(32.65)	
Balance June 30, 2025		<u>\$0.00</u>

OPEB LIABILITY TRUST INVESTMENTS

Balance June 30, 2024	\$37.47	
Transfers In	\$100,000.00	
Transfers Out	\$(100,037.99)	
Interest Income FY25	<u>\$62.06</u>	
Balance June 30, 2025		<u>\$61.54</u>

STATE RETIREE BENEFITS TRUST FUND (OPEB)

Balance June 30, 2024	\$5,273,633.23	
Transfers In	\$100,037.99	
Net Fund Gains/Losses FY25	<u>\$510,322.66</u>	
Balance June 30, 2025		<u>\$5,883,993.88</u>

PENSION FUNDS

Balance June 30, 2024	\$127,029.48	
Interest Income FY25	<u>\$2,084.48</u>	
Balance June 30, 2025		<u>\$129,113.96</u>

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

Balance June 30, 2024	\$4,247.05	
Interest Income FY25	<u>\$74.72</u>	
Balance June 30, 2025		<u>\$4,321.77</u>

DALTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Balance June 30, 2024	\$16,584.05	
Warrants FY24	\$(3,097.80)	
Interest Income FY25	\$266.22	
Balance June 30, 2025		<u>\$13,752.47</u>

MATURING DEBT AND INTEREST SCHEDULE FY25

<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>DATE ISSUED</u>	<u>BORROWING AMOUNT</u>	<u>PRINCIPAL PAID FY25</u>	<u>INTEREST PAID FY25</u>	<u>PRINCIPAL PAID TO DATE</u>	<u>OUTSTANDING BORROWING</u>
Dump Truck Gas Pumps	6/17/2020	\$229,728.00 \$38,457.00	\$45,945.00 \$7,691.00	\$2,297.26 \$384.56	\$183,783.00 \$30,766.00	\$45,945.00 \$7,691.00
Dump Truck SSES Study Pedestrian Flashers	6/23/2021	\$244,110.00 \$120,193.00 \$5,950.00	\$48,771.00 \$24,039.00 \$1,190.00	\$3,072.62 \$1,514.42 \$74.98	\$146,566.00 \$72,117.00 \$3,570.00	\$97,544.00 \$48,076.00 \$2,380.00
Town Hall Renovations Sidewalks COA Van SSES Study Pedestrian Flashers	6/22/2022	\$77,918.00 \$3,387.00 \$17,859.00 \$36,007.00 \$3,154.00	\$15,583.60 \$677.40 \$3,571.80 \$7,201.40 \$630.80	\$2,181.70 \$94.84 \$500.06 \$1,008.20 \$88.32	\$31,167.20 \$1,354.80 \$7,143.60 \$14,402.80 \$1,261.60	\$46,750.80 \$2,032.20 \$10,715.40 \$21,604.20 \$1,892.40
Dalton Div Rd Engineering Town Hall Renovations SSES Study Fiber Ring	6/22/2023	\$194,333.00 \$619,250.00 \$24,274.00 \$11,310.00	\$44,333.00 \$122,250.00 \$4,274.00 \$3,310.00	\$8,327.23 \$26,535.03 \$1,040.15 \$484.63	\$44,333.00 \$122,250.00 \$4,274.00 \$3,310.00	\$150,000.00 \$497,000.00 \$20,000.00 \$8,000.00
Dalton Div Rd Engineering DPW Loader Police Cruiser Sidewalks Town Hall Data Wiring	6/20/2024	\$21,179.00 \$177,750.00 \$65,796.56 \$5,552.24 \$36,988.50	\$4,235.80 \$35,550.00 \$13,159.76 \$1,110.64 \$7,398.10	\$1,096.46 \$9,202.24 \$3,406.34 \$287.45 \$1,914.93	\$4,235.80 \$35,550.00 \$13,159.76 \$1,110.64 \$7,398.10	\$16,943.20 \$142,200.00 \$52,636.80 \$4,441.60 \$29,590.40
Dalton Div Rd Engineering Highway Garage Roof	6/18/2025	\$82,468.00 \$146,400.00				\$82,468.00 \$146,400.00

61 **TOTAL OUTSTANDING DEBT JUNE 30, 2025** **\$1,434,311.00**

TOWN OF DALTON DEPARTMENTAL GRANTS 2025

Board of Health

BRPC - Full Circle Annual License, Support & Maint.	\$3,000.00
	<u>\$3,000.00</u>

Communications

State 911 Support & Incentive Grant	\$169,900.00
State 911 Training Grant Program	\$12,107.60
	<u>\$182,007.60</u>

General Government

MA Executive Office for Admin. & Finance - Employee Handbook	\$20,000.00
Mass Tech Grant - Municipal Digital Equity Implementation	\$56,598.60
	<u>\$76,598.60</u>

Police Department

Municipal Road Safety Grant	\$17,395.92
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Council on Aging

Central Berkshire Fund for Health - Berkshire Taconic Wellness	\$3,500.00
MA DEP - CRA - 2 EV Charging Stations	\$19,376.00
MA Electric Vehicle Incentive Program - Senior Center - 2 EV Charging Stations	\$11,975.00
	<u>\$34,851.00</u>

Cultural Council

MA Cultural Council State Grant	\$12,775.00
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Dalton Free Public Library

Crane 3D Charitable Foundation Grant	\$2,500.00
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Department of Public Works Department

MA DOT Chapter 90	\$214,429.17
MA DOT Chapter 90 Fair Share Funds	\$48,246.56
MA DOT Chapter 90 Rural Roadway Funding Program	\$114,643.18
MA Executive Office of Admin & Finance - DPW Stormwater Engineering	\$25,000.00
Recycling Dividend Program Grant for Recycling	\$6,000.00
	<u>\$408,318.91</u>

ADA Committee

MA Office on Disabilities - Municipal ADA Improvement Grant	\$10,538.54
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TOTAL FY 2025 GRANTS

\$747,985.57

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Sandra J. Albano

I am pleased to submit the 48th Annual Report of the Town Accountant for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2025.

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 FY25 books have been closed. Free Cash is estimated to be certified in the amount of \$2,000,000. for use in FY26. The Town of Dalton continues to look for more sources of revenue other than tax revenue to help offset the Town's budget without increasing taxes. Many town departments apply for and receive numerous grants that help fund special projects, replace aging equipment and vehicles, repair roadways, restore historical landmarks etc.

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

Schedule 1: Combined Balance Sheet, June 30, 2025

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Types		Account Group		Totals
	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects	Trust & Agency Funds	Long Term Debt	Memorandum Only		
<u>Assets</u>								
Cash and Cash Equivalents	4,747,307.00	404,027	153,759	10,566,674	-	-	-	15,871,767
Receivables								-
Personal Property Taxes	38,189.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	38,189
Real Estate Taxes	341,888.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	341,888
Less: Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts	(146,141.00)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(146,141)
Tax Liens	269,842.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	269,842
Tax Foreclosures	30,899.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	30,899
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes and Other Excise Taxes	187,066.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	187,066
User Fees	168,662.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	168,662
Utility Liens Added to Taxes	12,878.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,878
Departmental	78,722.00	15,645	-	-	-	-	-	94,367
Due From Other Governments	127,971.00	553,120	-	-	-	-	-	681,091
Due To From Other Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Amount to be Provided for the Payment of Debt	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,109,010	1,109,010
Total Assets:	5,857,283.00	972,792	153,759	10,566,674	1,109,010	1,109,010	1,109,010	18,659,518
<u>Liabilities and Fund Equity</u>								
Liabilities:								
Vendor Warrants Payable	172,181	310,375	-	20,544	-	-	-	503,100
Accrued Payroll	113,116	3,857	-	-	-	-	-	116,973
Accrued Town Share Medicare	1,565	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,565
Payroll Withholdings	43,445	-	-	-	-	-	-	43,445

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Types		Account Group	Totals
	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects	Trust & Agency Funds	Long Term Debt	Memorandum Only	
Due to Other Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Due to Other Governments	672	-	-	-	-	672	-
Due to Other Agencies	-	-	-	22,893	-	22,893	-
Unclaimed Items	119	-	-	-	-	119	-
Prepaid Highway Excavation Fees	450	-	-	-	-	450	-
Deferred Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Property Taxes	233,935	-	-	-	-	233,935	-
Tax Liens	269,842	-	-	-	-	269,842	-
Tax Foreclosure	30,899	-	-	-	-	30,899	-
Motor Vehicle Excise	187,066	-	-	-	-	187,066	-
User Fees	168,662	-	-	-	-	168,662	-
Utility Fees Added to Tax	12,878	-	-	-	-	12,878	-
Departmental	78,722	15,645	-	-	-	94,367	-
Due From Other Governments - State	-	553,120	-	-	-	553,120	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BAN Payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bond Indebtedness	-	-	-	-	1,109,010	1,109,010	-
Total Liabilities:	1,313,552	882,997	-	43,437	1,109,010	3,348,996	-
Fund Equity:							
Reserved for Encumbrances	1,108,898	573,191	-	-	-	1,682,089	-
Reserved for Expenses	260,000	-	-	-	-	260,000	-
Reserved for Capital Projects	787,000	-	-	-	-	787,000	-
Reserved for Veterans Benefits	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reserved for Appropriation Deficit	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reserved for Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reserved for E911 Support/Training Grant Deficits	-	3,156	-	-	-	3,156	-
Reserved for Nonexpendable Trust Principal	-	-	-	125,100	-	125,100	-
Undesignated	2,387,833	(486,552)	153,759	10,398,137	-	12,453,177	-
Total Fund Equity	4,543,731	89,795	153,759	10,523,237	-	15,310,522	-
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity:	5,857,283	972,792	153,759	10,566,674	1,109,010	18,659,518	-

Schedule 1-A: Special Revenue Funds

Fund Equity for the Year Ended June 30, 2025

	<u>Special Revenue Funds</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>7/1/24</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Prior Year</u> <u>Corrections</u>	<u>Adjustments</u> <u>Transfers In</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Adjustments</u> <u>Transfers Out</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>6/30/25</u>
15	Cultural Council	6,595	8,091	-	-	4,787	-	9,899
18	Insurance Claims Under \$10,000	49,652	9,717	-	-	11,133	-	48,236
19	CATV Local Broadcasting	30,637	109,776	-	-	109,776	-	30,637
20	BJA Recovery Act JAG Grant - Federal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23	Community Development Block Grant	21,750	42,842	-	-	42,998	-	21,594
130	Planning Board Deposits-PineCrest	350	-	-	-	-	-	350
131	Planning Board Engineering Follow-Up	3,474	-	-	-	-	-	3,474
134	Planning Board Deposits-BCC Cnslt	2,100	-	-	-	-	-	2,100
135	Outside Consultants GL CH 44 S 53	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
201	FEMA Grant - Covid 19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
202	CARES ACT Grant - Covid 19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
203	ARPA - Federal CVLFRF	381,584	4,208	-	-	272,105	32,013	81,674
204	Community Septic Mgt.	18,000	-	-	-	-	-	18,000
205	COA Formula Grant	4,580	30,270	-	-	30,047	-	4,803
206	Sale Of Real Estate	100,000	-	-	-	-	-	100,000
207	Transportation Infrastructure Fund	446	76	-	-	-	-	522
208	Insurance Reimbursements over \$20K	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
210	Library Incentive Grant	110,451	22,327	-	-	25,497	-	107,281
212	Police Vest Grant	(6,040)	2,125	-	-	1,087	-	(5,002)
216	Canine Officer Grant	237	-	-	-	-	-	237
218	Records Preservation Project	592	-	-	-	-	-	592
220	Extended Polling Hours	1,133	2,194	-	-	1,765	1,562	-
223	State 911 Comm Dept Incentive Grant	1,000	169,900	-	-	169,900	-	1,000
224	Opioid Settlement Fund	11,734	2,987	-	-	-	-	14,721
225	Drug Task Force/Byrne Grant	5,088	1,248	-	-	1,580	-	4,756
229	Miscellaneous Non-Recurring Grants/Gifts	(39,380)	284,441	-	-	771,382	3,875	(530,196)
230	Highway Chapter Funds	(182,589)	303,386	-	-	116,264	-	4,533
240	COA Transportation Fund	19,014	10,952	-	-	10,268	-	19,698
241	Composting Bin Grant	494	-	-	-	-	-	494
242	Legal Advertising Revolving	2,729	4,458	-	-	3,455	732	3,000

	<u>Special Revenue Funds</u>		<u>Balance</u>		<u>Prior Year</u>		<u>Adjustments</u>		<u>Balance</u>	
		<u>7/1/24</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Corrections</u>	<u>Transfers In</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Transfers Out</u>	<u>6/30/25</u>		<u>6/30/25</u>
243 Plumbing Inspections Revolving	(160)	6,470	-	-	-	5,800	-	510		
244 Electric Inspections Revolving	2,015	12,740	-	-	-	11,900	-	2,855		
245 Grave Digging OT Revolving	3,129	4,335	-	-	-	3,104	1,860	2,500		
246 Police Outside Detail	9,052	228,399	-	-	-	205,856	-	31,595		
250 Cemetery Vandalism Restitution	383	-	-	-	-	-	-	383		
252 Parks Maintenance Revolving	2,519	450	-	-	-	-	-	2,969		
253 COA Programs Revolving	2,815	5,274	-	-	-	5,646	-	2,443		
254 Boom Mower Inter-municipal Consortium	8,936	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,936		
272 Municipal Recycling Program Grant	614	-	-	-	-	-	-	614		
280 Dalton Papers	2,358	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,358		
281 Police Dept Local Gifts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
282 Library Donations	9,764	100	-	-	-	4,610	-	5,254		
283 Historical Commission	2,392	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,392		
284 Wetlands Protection Fund	8,265	2,780	-	-	-	991	-	10,054		
285 Cultural Council Donations	1,783	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,783		
286 COA Gifts/Donations/Programs	34,322	29,083	-	-	-	2,786	-	60,619		
288 Beautification Commission Donations	1,017	195	-	-	-	-	-	1,212		
289 Skateboard Park Donations	1,841	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,841		
290 Cemetery Repair Donations	9,073	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,073		
Total Fund Equity		643,749	1,298,824	-	-	1,812,737	40,042	89,794		

- * Fund 229 Misc Grt. - Receipt of \$39,696 - Mass Tech Grant Check Dated 09/30/25 - Deposited 10/09/25
- * Fund 229 Misc Grt. - Receipt of \$11,975 - Senior Ctr - 2 EV Charging Station Received from State July 2025
- * Fund 229 Misc Grt. - Receipt of \$2,890 - FY25 Municipal Road Safety Grant Received from State Aug & Sep 2025
- * Fund 229 Misc Grt. - Receipt of \$10,539 - Mnepl ADA Grant Improvement Received from State July 2025
- * Fund 229 Misc Grt. - Receipt of \$6,000.00 - MA Dep FY25 Recycling Dividends Program Received from State July 2025
- * Fund 229 Misc Grt. - Receipt of \$978,900 - MW Works Orchard Rd Received from State July & September 2025

Fund 212 Police Vest Grt - Vest Purchase of \$1,790 not received from Federal/State as of 09/30/25
Fund 212 Police Vest Grt - Vest Purchase of \$2,125 not received from State as of 09/30/25
Fund 212 Police Vest Grt - Vest Purchase of \$1,087 not received from State as of 09/30/25

Schedule 1-B: Capital Projects Fund Equity for the year ended June 30, 2025

Capital Projects	Balance <u>07/01/24</u>	Revenues	Transfers	Expenses	Adjustments	Fund Equity Balance <u>6/30/25</u>	Projects Authorized	
							Not	Complete
Building Projects								
Old Dalton High Demolition	5,000	-	-	-	-	5,000	-	5,000
Green Community Grant Project - Highway Garage Insulation	1,892	8,557	-	10,449	-	-	-	-
Town Hall 3rd Floor Renovation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,259
Public Works - Town Garage Roof Repairs	-	146,400	-	-	-	146,400	-	161,000
Capital Projects								
Public Safety - Police Cruiser	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	117
Public Works - Dalton Division Road Engineering	-	82,468	-	82,468	-	-	-	502,020
Public Works - Equipment DPW Wheel Loader	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,138
Public Works - Sidewalks	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,767
Town Hall InfoTech Systems Rewire	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	151,702
Highway Street Projects								
Housatonic Street	1,600	-	-	-	-	1,600	-	1,600
Sewer Projects								
Sewer Interceptor; Willis/Frnsbrg Drainage	759	-	-	-	-	759	-	759
Total Fund Equity	9,251	37,425	-	92,917	-	153,759	-	842,362

Schedule 1-C: Trust and Agency Funds
Fund Equity and Liabilities for the Year Ended June 30, 2025

Trust Funds	Balance	Receipts		Due from	Adjustments		Expenses		Adjustments		Balance	
	7/1/24			Others	Transfers In		Out		Transfers	Out	06/30/25	
<u>Non-Expendable Trust</u>												
Principal - Cemetery	35,100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	35,100
Principal - Library	60,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	60,000
Principal - School	30,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30,000
	125,100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	125,100
<u>Expendable Trust</u>												
Cemetery	20,103	1,741	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21,844
Library	78,964	3,762	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	82,726
School	93,568	2,782	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	96,350
Local Law Enforcement	32	-	-	-	-	-	32	-	-	-	-	-
	192,667	8,285	-	-	-	-	32	-	-	-	-	200,920
<u>Stabilization Funds</u>												
General Stabilization	1,057,888	26,865	-	-	200,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,284,753
Capital Stabilization	1,361,398	31,471	-	-	200,000	-	-	-	302,077	-	-	1,290,792
Litigation Stabilization	485,807	12,454	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	498,261
Sewer Stabilization	880,665	22,983	-	-	200,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,103,648
	3,785,758	93,773	-	-	600,000	-	-	-	302,077	-	-	4,177,454
<u>OPEB Liability Trust</u>												
Pension Reserve Fund	5,273,671	510,385	-	-	100,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,884,056
Unemployment Compensation Fund	129,114	2,272	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	131,386
	4,247	75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,322
Total Fund Equity	9,510,557	614,790	-	-	700,000	-	32	-	302,077	-	-	10,523,238

Liabilities:	Balance 07/01/24	Receipts	Due from Others	Transfers In	Disbursements	Liabilities	Balance 6/30/25
<u>Agency Funds</u>							
Dalton Fire District	4,694	1,578,454	-	-	1,562,604	-	20,544
Dalton Redevelopment Authority Operations	16,589	267	-	-	3,098	-	13,758
Deputy Collector Fees	2,328	15,184	-	-	15,807	-	1,705
State Share of Gun Permit Receipts	3,788	13,550	-	-	10,338	-	7,000
Town Clerk Fees	490	6,075	-	-	6,135	-	430
Total Liabilities	27,889	1,613,530	-	-	1,597,982	-	43,437
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Total Liabilities and Fund Equity:	9,538,446	2,228,320	-	700,000	1,598,014	302,077	10,566,675

Schedule 2: General Fund Revenues, Budget to Actual

For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

	FY25 Estimated Receipts	FY25 Actual Receipts	FY25 Estimates to FY25 Actual
<u>Sewer Offset Receipts</u>			
Interest & Penalties Sewer User #4173		5,420	
Sewer Late Fees #4245		4,340	
Sewer User Fees #4246-23 & Prior		1,976	
Sewer User Fees #4246-24		38,388	
Sewer User Fees #4246-25		1,537,469	
Sewer Lien Fees #4247 & Prior		-	
Sewer Lien Fees #4247-24		2,258	
Sewer Lien Fees #4247-25		53,088	
Sewer Hook-Up Charges #4467		500	
Hinsdale Sewer Bill, #4746		127,772	
Total Offset Receipts	1,724,729	1,771,211	46,482
<u>Local Receipts</u>			
<u>Motor Vehicle Excise, #4150</u>			
2020 & Prior		459	
2021		641	
2022		5,650	
2023		13,031	
2024		151,789	
2025		858,749	
	825,000	1,030,319	205,319
<u>Other Excise,</u>			
Rooms Local Excise #4167		20,491	
Meals Local Excise #4167		66,047	
	58,500	86,538	28,038
<u>Penalties & Interest on Taxes & Excise:</u>			
Interest & Penalties on Taxes #4171		33,134	
Interest & Penalties on Tax Titles #4172		25,669	
Property Tax Demands #4177		3,979	
Motor Vehicle Demands/Warrants #4178		17,490	
Demand/Fees Tax Liens Redeemed #4179		1,259	
Income & Expense Penalties Added to Tax #4190		-	
	48,500	81,531	32,127
<u>Payment in Lieu of Taxes</u>			
Trailer Park Fees #4165		4,464	
Pmts in Lieu of Taxes #4180		2,783	
Pingrove Manor Pilot #4181		1,636	
	6,600	8,883	2,283
<u>Other Charges for Services</u>			
Board of Appeals #4373		2,001	
Planning Board #4374		650	
Zoning #4375		-	
	400	2,651	2,251

	FY25 Estimated Receipts	FY25 Actual Receipts	FY25 Estimates to FY25 Actual
<u>Fees</u>			
Registry of Motor Vehicles #4175		6,600	
Municipal Lien Fees #4321		2,950	
Parking Fine Demand #4327		-	
Bad Check Fees #4330		350	
Duplicate Bill Fee #4382		22	
Code Red Emergency Network Fee #4731		2,294	
Communication Center Fees #4810		19,880	
Private Hauler Recycling Fee #4335		-	
Highway Excavation Fees #4377		1,650	
	17,000	33,746	16,746
<u>Departmental Revenue Council On Aging</u> #4379	-	-	-
<u>Departmental Revenue Cemetery</u> #4378	30,000	27,485	(2,515)
<u>Departmental Revenue - Transfer Station</u>			
Car Permit Annual Fee - Transfer Station #4323		78,094	
Bag Sticker Fee - Transfer Station #4324		86,365	
Bulky Waste Disposal Fee - Transfer Station #4326		12,952	
	138,000	177,411	39,411
<u>Other Departmental Revenue</u>			
Town Clerk - Street List #4371		40	
Town Clerk - Other #4372		-	
Assessors Maps #4383		80	
Assessors Information Requests #4384		300	
Dalton Fire District Reimbursement #4811		-	
Photocopies #4391, 4392		688	
Town Maps/Bicentennial Sales #4393, 4394		-	
Recycled Goods #4329		14,161	
School Census #4841		-	
Charge for Bid Specs #4380		-	
Police Reports #4397		-	
Police Outside Detail Cruiser Fee #4396		1,475	
Police - Outside Detail Admin Fee #4398		16,442	
Town Collector Miscellaneous #4844		357	
	27,300	33,543	6,243
<u>Licenses & Permits</u>			
All Alcohol Licenses On Premise #4411		6,000	
Beer & Wine Licenses #4413		620	
All Other Alcohol Licenses Off Premise #4414		1,200	
Dog Licenses #4420		22,015	
Raffle Permits #4455		40	
Cable TV Franchise #4458		644	
Building Permits #4460		48,274	
Health Agent Receipts #4462		8,976	
Police Pistol Permits #4473		4,200	
Other Licenses & Permits #4499		3,920	
	73,650	95,889	22,239

	FY25 Estimated Receipts	FY25 Actual Receipts	FY25 Estimates to FY25 Actual
<u>Fines and Forfeits</u>			
Motor Vehicle Fines #4694		850	
District Court Restitution #4698		125	
Parking Fines #4771		-	
Library Fines #4772		496	
Unlicensed Dog Fines #4773		575	
Police Fines #4774		-	
Youth Tobacco Fines #4776		-	
Other Fines #4777		50	
	10,500	2,096	(8,404)

Investment Income

Earnings on Investment #4820		134,830	
	35,000	134,830	99,830

Miscellaneous Recurring

Miscellaneous Revenue #4840		-	
Miscellaneous State Revenue #4699		-	
Federal Retiree Drug Subsidy #4544		-	
Retiree Insm Reimb Chap 32B S 9A 1/2 #4846		-	
	-	-	-

Miscellaneous Non-Recurring

Miscellaneous Revenue #4840		17,207	
Miscellaneous State Revenue #4699		4,276	
Miscellaneous Federal Revenue #4540		-	
Workman's Comp Refund #4843		-	
Charging Station Receipts #4845		625	
Sale of Surplus Inventory #4815		-	
	-	22,108	22,108

Total Local Receipts: (Net of Sewer Offset)

	1,270,450	1,737,030	465,676
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State Cherry Sheet Receipts: (Net of Library Offset)

Exemptions - Vets, Blind, Srvg. Sps, Elderly #4617, 4616	24,501	99,279	74,778
State Owned Land #4611	92,045	92,038	(7)
School Aid (Ch70) #4621	212,169	212,169	-
Vocational Students Transportation #4637	-	15,601	15,601
Veterans Benefits #4667	63,568	65,094	1,526
Unrestricted General Government Aid #4671	1,400,933	1,400,933	-
Total State Receipts	1,793,216	1,885,114	91,898

Total General Fund Receipts

	4,788,395	5,393,355	604,056
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Schedule 3: General Fund Appropriations, Expenditures and Encumbrances For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

Dept.	Department Title	FY25 Final Budget									
		Including FY24 Carry Forwards and Transfers	Salary Expended	Vendor Payments Expended	Year End Department Balance	Amount Encumbered or Carried Forward to FY2026	Transfers Closing Entries	Unencumbered Balance			
114	Moderator	548	448	-	100	-	-	100	-	-	-
122	Select Board	43,374	20,089	3,312	19,973	10,800	-	9,173	-	-	9,173
123	Town Manager	201,663	193,746	4,233	3,684	-	-	3,684	-	-	3,684
131	Finance Committee	1,685	-	196	1,489	-	-	1,489	-	-	1,489
132	Reserve Fund	9,708	-	-	9,708	-	-	9,708	-	-	9,708
133	Prior Year Bills	202	-	202	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
135	Accountant	117,027	99,761	10,544	6,722	300	-	6,422	-	-	6,422
138	Group Purchasing	4,300	-	4,300	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
139	Town Audit	22,500	-	22,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
141	Assessors	124,881	59,703	61,001	4,177	-	-	4,177	-	-	4,177
142	Triennial Revaluation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
145	Treasurer	133,236	110,472	15,261	7,503	-	-	7,503	-	-	7,503
146	Town Collector	124,391	96,556	15,691	12,144	-	-	12,144	-	-	12,144
151	Town Counsel	86,300	-	86,182	118	-	-	118	-	-	118
152	Telephone	50,300	-	45,594	4,706	-	-	4,706	-	-	4,706
154	Recording Secretary	9,495	8,866	-	629	469	-	160	-	-	160
157	Computer	66,000	-	53,524	12,476	-	-	12,476	-	-	12,476
158	Postage Meter	30,300	-	29,871	429	-	-	429	-	-	429
159	Tax Title Foreclosures	2,500	-	-	2,500	-	-	2,500	-	-	2,500
161	Town Clerk	114,169	105,956	2,739	5,474	-	-	5,474	-	-	5,474
162	Elections	28,069	15,968	8,924	3,177	-	-	3,177	-	-	3,177
163	Board of Registrars	9,551	5,151	3,654	746	-	-	746	-	-	746
171	Conservation	10,475	4,355	527	5,593	-	-	5,593	-	-	5,593
175	Planning Board/Board of Appls	72,375	58,649	3,108	10,618	8,000	-	2,618	-	-	2,618
182	Development & Industrial Commission	111,344	69,152	25,504	16,688	-	-	16,688	-	-	16,688
192	Building Maintenance	7,321	-	7,300	21	-	-	21	-	-	21
195	Town Report	109,780	14,184	92,844	2,752	-	-	2,752	-	-	2,752

Schedule 3: General Fund Appropriations, Expenditures and Encumbrances For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

Dept.	Department Title	FY25 Final Budget										Amount Encumbered or Carried Forward to FY2026	Transfers Closing Entries	Unencumbered Balance	
		Including FY24 Carry Forwards and Transfers	Salary Expended	Vendor Payments Expended	Year End Department Balance	Encumbered or Carried Forward to FY2026	Transfers Closing Entries	Unencumbered Balance							
197	Central Supplies	20,220	-	17,062	3,158	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,158	-	-	3,158
198	Town Advertising	6,000	-	5,275	725	-	-	-	-	-	-	725	-	-	725
199	Green Committee	4,000	-	713	3,287	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,287	-	-	3,287
210	Police Department	1,544,547	1,285,910	177,914	80,723	16,646	-	-	-	-	-	16,646	-	-	64,077
222	Communications	303,072	157,854	5,053	140,165	4,213	-	-	-	-	-	4,213	-	-	135,952
240	Building Inspector	52,858	40,308	7,400	5,150	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,150	-	-	5,150
244	Weights and Measures	1,526	-	595	931	-	-	-	-	-	-	931	-	-	931
247	Meat & Cattle	1,761	1,761	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
292	Animal Control	31,566	22,088	2,981	6,497	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,497	-	-	6,497
293	Traffic Commission	1,500	-	-	1,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,500	-	-	1,500
294	Forest Warden	6,460	2,659	2,195	1,606	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,606	-	-	1,606
295	Emergency Management	27,230	12,730	7,988	6,512	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,512	-	-	6,512
296	Tree Warden	42,870	2,660	35,090	5,120	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,120	-	-	5,120
310	CBRSD	10,537,044	-	10,537,044	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
320	Vocational Education	573,240	-	555,352	17,888	-	-	-	-	-	-	17,888	-	-	17,888
401	Town Engineer	28,000	-	26,800	1,200	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,200	-	-	1,200
420	Highway	627,332	324,157	238,346	64,829	970	-	-	-	-	-	970	-	-	63,859
423	Snow and Ice	209,561	61,021	148,539	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
424	Street Lights	36,416	-	28,998	7,418	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,418	-	-	7,418
433	Landfill Closure	16,891	715	12,640	3,536	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,536	-	-	3,536
434	Transfer Station	267,883	39,545	191,230	37,108	-	-	-	-	-	-	37,108	-	-	37,108
440	Sewer	137,649	107,550	18,849	11,250	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,250	-	-	11,250
449	Sewer Treatment	1,548,199	171	1,435,306	112,722	57	-	-	-	-	-	112,722	-	-	112,665
491	Cemetery	99,987	69,231	18,314	12,442	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,442	-	-	12,442
510	Health Agent/Board	120,092	83,832	8,255	28,005	-	-	-	-	-	-	28,005	-	-	28,005
522	Visiting Nurse Association	6,722	-	4,666	2,056	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,056	-	-	501
541	Council on Aging	194,705	128,699	46,557	19,449	-	-	-	-	-	-	19,449	-	-	19,449
543	Veterans Services	113,916	-	90,211	23,705	-	-	-	-	-	-	23,705	-	-	23,705

Schedule 3: General Fund Appropriations, Expenditures and Encumbrances For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

Dept.	Department Title	FY25 Final Budget										Unencumbered Balance
		Including FY24 Carry Forwards and Transfers	Salary Expended	Vendor Payments Expended	Year End Department Balance	Amount Encumbered or Carried Forward to FY2026	Transfers Closing	Entries	Unencumbered Balance			
591	Berkshire Regional Planning	15,524	-	5,524	10,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,000
610	Library	221,585	146,132	61,329	14,124	-	-	-	-	-	-	14,124
630	CRA - Parks Programs	63,240	-	63,240	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
650	Parks Maintenance	58,357	36,750	20,605	1,002	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,002
691	Historical Commission	4,984	-	3,562	1,422	-	-	-	-	-	-	304
692	Memorial Day	2,250	-	2,238	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
693	Cultural Activities	7,000	-	6,378	622	-	-	-	-	-	-	622
710	Maturing Debt and Interest	444,738	-	439,514	5,224	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,224
820	State Assessments	51,450	-	63,750	(12,300)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(12,300)
911	Retirement	636,750	-	613,512	23,238	-	-	-	-	-	-	23,238
913	Unemployment Insurance	7,500	-	-	7,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,500
914	Health Insurance	850,339	-	788,916	61,423	-	-	-	-	-	-	61,423
915	Life Insurance	18,310	-	17,171	1,139	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,139
916	Town Share - Medicare	54,000	-	52,635	1,365	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,365
919	Fringe Benefits	58,814	-	3,686	383	-	-	-	-	-	-	383
932	FY08 Vote - Capital Projects	16,578	-	-	16,578	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
932	FY16 Vote - Capital Projects	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
932	FY17 Vote - Capital Projects	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
932	FY18 Vote - Capital Projects	14,000	-	-	14,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
932	FY19 Vote - Capital Projects	31,829	-	-	31,829	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
932	FY21 Vote - Capital Projects	7,010	-	-	7,010	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
932	FY22 Vote - Capital Projects	65,000	-	-	65,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
932	FY23 Vote - Capital Projects	300,977	-	50,861	250,116	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
932	FY24 Vote - Capital Projects	139,371	-	67,576	71,795	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
932	FY25 Vote - Capital Projects	812,100	-	203,658	608,442	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
941	Court Judgments & Claims	3,000	-	-	3,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,000
945	Town Insurance Coverage	273,100	-	251,000	22,100	-	-	-	-	-	-	22,100
Total		22,210,547	3,441,574	16,835,539	1,933,434	1,108,898	-	-	-	-	-	824,536

Schedule 4: Schedule of Bond Indebtedness
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

<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>Short Term - Inside Debt Limit:</u>					
FY20 Capital Projects Bonded	2.50%	06/17/20	06/15/25	268,185	-
FY21 Capital Projects Bonded	2.10%	06/23/21	06/15/26	370,253	74,000
FY22 Capital Projects Bonded	3.50%	06/15/22	06/15/27	138,325	55,330
FY23 Capital Projects Bonded	4.37%	06/22/23	06/15/28	849,167	505,000
FY24 Capital Projects Bonded	5.25%	06/20/24	06/15/29	307,266	245,812
FY25 Capital Projects Bonded	4.50%	06/18/25	06/15/30	228,868	228,868
Total Inside:					\$1,109,010

<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>
FY16 Capital Projects - Sidewalk Repair	06/29/15	163,000	157,233		5,767
FY18 Capital Projects - Dalton Division Rd Engineering	06/25/18	800,000	297,980		502,020
FY21 Capital Projects - TH Infotech System Rewire	06/22/20	545,000	319,371	73,927	151,702
FY22 Capital Projects - Sewer System Evaluation Survey	06/28/21	533,000	530,474	2,526	-
FY23 Capital Projects - TH 3rd Floor Abate Asbestos	08/29/22	200,427	197,168	-	3,259
FY24 Capital Projects - DPW Loader; Roof Repair & Cruiser	05/01/23	415,802	389,947	-	25,855
Total Authorized and Unissued Debt		\$2,657,229	\$1,892,173	\$76,453	\$688,603

Schedule 5: Analysis of General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance

For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

Undesignated Fund Balance July 01, 2024 **\$2,643,999**

Add:

Prior Year Reserve for Encumbrances and Carry Forwards	595,037	
Prior Year Reserve for Expenses	260,000	
Prior Year Reserve for Capital Project	510,023	
		1,365,060

Less:

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

Prior Year Total Fund Balance \$4,009,059

Deduct:

Current Year Reserve for Encumbrances and Carry Forwards	1,108,898	
Current Year Reserve for Expenses	260,000	
Current Year Reserve for Capital Projects	787,000	
Current Year Reserve for Continuing Appropriations	-	
Current Year Reserve for Special Purpose	-	
		2,155,898

Add:

Current Year Reserved for Appropriation Deficits	-	
Current Year Reserve for Snow and Ice Deficits	-	
Current Year Revenue Closeouts	21,173,357	
Other Financing Sources	334,090	
Adjustment - Cemetery OT > \$2,500 Closed to GF	1,860	
Adjustment - Legal Ad Revolving > \$3,000 Closed to GF	732	
Adjustment - Unused Polling Grant Closed to GF	1,561	
Adjustment -	-	
Adjustment -	-	
		21,511,600

Less:

Current Year Expenditure Closeouts	20,277,113	
Other Financing Uses	700,000	
Adjustment - Clear FY07 Unidentified Life Insurance Deficit	51	
Adjustment - Senior Tax Work-Off Withholding	162	
Adjustment -	-	
		20,977,326

Undesignated Fund Balance June 30, 2025 **\$2,387,435**

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, then using the following extension numbers:

Meeting Schedule

Accountant	216	
Animal Inspector.....	109	
Assessors.....	206	
Board of Appeals.....	304	1st Tues. 7:00 p.m.
Board of Registrars	210	
Building Inspections	301	
Building and Grounds Superintendent.....	115	
Conservation Commission	221	3rd Tues. 6:00 p.m.
Development and Industrial Commission/ Dalton Redevelopment Authority	304	On Chair's call
Finance Committee	222	2nd Wed 6:00 p.m.
Health Department	302	2nd Tues. 5:30 p.m.
Historical Commission.....	303	
Inspector of Wiring	301	
Planning Board.....	304	3rd Wed. 7:00 p.m.
Plumbing and Gas Inspection	301	
Sealer of Weights and Measures	301	
Select Board.....	204	2nd & 4th Mon. 7:00 p.m.
Town Clerk.....	210	
Town Collector.....	208	
Town Manager	201	
Assistant to Town Manager.....	202	
Town Moderator.....	202	
Town Planner	304	
Traffic Commission.....	222	
Treasurer	213	

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY (Cont.)

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 Mon. 9:30 a.m..
Communications	684-0300	24 hours a day
Community House	684-0260	
Council on Aging	684-2000	2nd Wed. 3:30 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	
Veteran's Service.....	499-9433	Senior Center 1st Thur. 12 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Town Hall Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Mon.-Wed.; 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Thur.

Transfer Station Hours: Tues. & Wed. 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.; Fri. & Sat. 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Boy Scout Bottle Drive: collected weekly from drop bins for Troop 4

There is a locked drop box next to the handicap ramp near the sidewalk on South Carson Avenue for the convenience of residents who cannot drop off payments or other correspondence during regular hours.

TOWN OF DALTON

Heather A. Hunt, Town Clerk

To choose and elect the following town officers:

(May 11, 2026 Annual Town Election)

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| (2) MEMBER SELECT BOARD | FOR 3 YEARS |
| (1) MODERATOR | FOR 1 YEAR |
| (1) CEMETERY TRUSTEE | FOR 3 YEARS |
| (2) MEMBER PLANNING BOARD | FOR 3 YEARS |
| (2) LIBRARY TRUSTEES | FOR 3 YEARS |
| (1) MEMBER FINANCE COMMITTEE | FOR 3 YEARS |

Photos from back cover collage

One warm vibrant autumn afternoon	Brittany Miller
Rainbow leads to pots of honey	Amy Musante
Christmas at the Church	Brittany Miller
Library during the holidays	Karen Sweeney
Event by the barn	Brittany Miller
Wahconah Falls Rush	Brittany Miller
Autumn Dancing in the breeze	Brittany Miller
Wahconah Falls Don't rush	Brittany Miller
Hummingbird	Brittany Miller
I live in a screensaver	Brittany Miller
Little Red	Maria Moody
Pasture Bliss. Beyond the Barnyard	Amy Musante
Quiet Companions	Maria Moody

Please call the Town Manager's Office with any questions pertaining to the Annual Town Report

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