



2014 Annual Report Dalton, Massachusetts



ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE TOWN OF DALTON MASSACHUSETTS FOR 2014

Population 2014 Census (As of December 31, 2014).....	7,093
Number of Registered Voters.....	4,537
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).....	\$19.47
Tax Rate (Fire District).....	\$.79
Total Tax Assessed (Town-Includes Personal Property).....	\$11,489,078
Total Tax Assessed (Fire District).....	\$466,172
Total Valuation.....	\$590,091,316
‘15 Town Meeting.....	May 4, 2015 (7:00 PM)
‘15 Town Election.....	May 11, 2015(10:00 AM – 8:00 PM)
‘16 Town Meeting.....	May 2, 2016 (7:00 PM)
‘16 Town Election.....	May 9, 2016 (10:00 AM – 8:00 PM)

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

**Please bring this report with you to the May 4, 2015 Annual Town Meeting.
Please note time is 7:00 p.m. for all Town Meetings.**

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

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ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

	Term Expires
Select Board	
(Term 3 Years)	
Mary R. Cherry, Chair	2017
John W. Bartels Jr., V.Chair	2016
John F. Boyle.....	2016
Louisa M. Horth.....	2015
Michael J. Szklasz.....	2017

Town Clerk	
(Term 3 Years)	
Barbara L. Suriner.....	2015

Moderator	
(Term 1 Year)	
Anthony P. Doyle.....	2015

Dalton Housing Authority	
(Term 5 Years)	
Kathleen M. Burke, Chair.....	2016
Judith A. Conroy, V.Chair	2015
Thomas J. Callahan.....	2017
Nils E. Jacobsson	2019
Camillus Cachat(State Aptd).....	2016

Cemetery Trustees	
(Term 3 Years)	
Judith L. Douville, Chair	017
John W. Bartels, Jr	2015
Thomas R. Towne	2016

	Term Expires
Planning Board	
(Term 5 Years)	
Caleb J. Darby, Chair	2019
Zack R. McCain, III, V.Chair.....	2017
Karen M. Quinn, Clerk	2015
Michael J. Szklasz.....	2018
Richard F. Ladd(resigned 5/29/14).....	2016
Greg A. Geyer(appointed until Election)	

Library Trustees	
(Term 3 Years)	
John Kittredge, Chair	2016
Judith L. Douville, V.Chair	015
Max Ehrlich	2017
Mary E. Gingras.....	2016
Gail A. Pinna.....	2017
Mark S. Rancourt.....	2015
Anne M. Ronayne	2016
Joan M. Roy	2015
Fred J. Sears	2017

Finance Committee	
(Term 3 Years)	
Henry H. Williams III, Chair.....	2017
Laurie A. Chivers	2015
William A. Drosehn III.	2016
J. Michael Hoffman.....	2016
Nicholas E. Kirchner.....	2015
John S. Rys.....	2017
Jeffrey S. Noble.....	2016
Michael J. Szklasz.....	2017
Vacancy.....	2015

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS

(Effective July 1, 2014 - Serving for one year unless stated otherwise)

Town Manager
Kenneth E. Walto (2016)

Administrative Assistant
Deborah J. Merry

Town Accountant
Sandra J. Albano (2016)
Dawn M. Fahey, Asst.

Town Collector
Jane A. Carman
Jodi L. Hollingsworth, Asst.

Town Treasurer
Sharon M. Messenger
Dawn M. Fahey, Asst.

Police Chief
Jeffrey E. Coe (2015)

**Superintendent of Streets
Sewers, Cemeteries & Parks**

John W. Roughley

ADA Committee

Deborah B. Horth
Elizabeth Mason
Nancy E. Persson
2 Vacancies

Animal Control Officer

Michael L. McClay
Jeffrey W. Henault, Asst.

Assistant Town Clerk

Melissa A. Davis (2015)

**BRPC Transportation Advisory
Committee**

Mary Cherry, TAP
Vacancy MPO

Berkshire Retirement Advisory Board

Sharon M. Messinger

Board of Appeals

(3 Years - Alternate, 1 Year)

Anthony P. Doyle, Chair (2016)
Stephen J. Psutka, V. Chair (2015)
Edward F. Gero (2017)
Mary E. Lamke, Alt. (2017)
Vacancy, Alt. (2017)

Board of Assessors

Laura L. Maffuccio, Chair
Karen Tonelli
Vacancy

Board of Health

Edward M. Fahey, Health Agent
Richard J. O'Brien, Chair
George A. Finn, III, V. Chair
Daniel M. Doyle
Edward F. Gero
Alyce Kendrick

Board of Registrars (3 Years)

Elizabeth A. Erb, Chair (2016)
Barbara L. Suriner, Clerk
Doreen P. Aleshevich (2015)
Jean M. Gingras (2017)

BRTA Advisory Board

John F. Boyle
Mary R. Cherry

**Building Commissioner/
Zoning Enforcement Officer**

Richard G. Haupt
Jeffrey K. Viner, Alt. BC/ZEO
Jeffrey E. Coe, Alt. ZEO

**Building Superintendent/
Purchasing Agent**

Timothy N. Daniels

Burial Agents

Barbara L. Suriner
Jeffrey E. Coe, Alt.

**Central Berkshire 7-Town
Municipal Advisory Committee**

Henry H. Williams, III
Vacancy

Commissioner of Trust Funds

(3 Years)

Ronald J. Marcella Sr., Chair (2016)
Joseph S. Haddad (2015)
Susan C. Vigeant (2017)

Conservation Commission (3 Years)

Robert W. Bishop, Jr., Chair (2016)
Thomas W. Baker, V. Chair (2016)
James S. Duffy (2015)
Edward F. Gero (2017)
Kate Harrington (2017)
Cheryl D. Rose (2015)
Domenick F. Sacco (2015)

Constables

Jeffrey E. Coe
Christopher J. Furlong
John M. Marley
Michael L. McClay
Matthew T. Mozzi
Deanna L. Strout
John L. Thibodeau
Jonathan Bishop

Council on Aging

(3 Years – Director, 1 Year)

Kelly Pizzi, Director (2015)
Joyce F. Lacatell, Chair (2016)
Maureen Mitchell, V.Chair (2016)
Doris Lamica, Treasurer (2015)
Jean K. Poopor, Clerk (2016)
Judith M. Brooks (2017)
Marcia J. Brophy (2016)
Margaret Cahill (2017)
Thomas J. Callahan, Jr. (2015)
Amy Chapman (2015)
Robert P. Dean (2016)
David DiNicola (2017)
Andrea Lassar (2017)
John J. McDonough (2015)
John Rys (2017)
Ralph W. Young (2015)
Cynthia Cardeli, Alt. (2016)

**Council on Aging Building/
Maintenance Committee**

George A. Finn, III
Mary E. Lamke
Maureen M. Mitchell
Carol A. Morrison
Kelli Pizzi

**Council on Aging, Rental Policy
Advisory Sub-Committee**

Mary E. Lamke
Stuart T. Sargent, Jr.
Ralph W. Young
2 Vacancies
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Custodian of Tax Title Property
Sharon M. Messenger

**Dalton Beautification Commission
(3 Years)**

Annmarie Cicchetti, Chair. (2016)
Arlene Cormier (2015)
Kathleen A. Desmarais (2017)
Maureen Maxon (2016)
Angela McDonough (2016)
Jean K. Poopor (2017)
Peter Gonick (2015)

Dalton Community Cable Assoc. Rep
Thomas J. Murray

Dalton Cable Advisory Comm.

J. Michael Hoffman, Chair
John J. Bates
John W. Ostresh
Vacancies

Dalton Cultural Council (3 Years)

Monica Montferret, Co-Chair (2015)
Donald Harris, Co-Chair (2017)
Margaret Cahill (2015)
Jonathon R. Croy (2016)
Jennifer A. Ware (2017)
John C. Williams (2015)
1 Vacancy (2016)

**Dalton Development/Industrial Comm.
(5 Years)**

Kenneth E. Walto, Chair (2019)
Charles J. Dooley, V. Chair (2019)
Robert M. Alessio (2016)
John F. Boyle (2017)
Anthony P. Doyle (2018)
Michael J. Ferry (2016)
J. Michael Hoffman (2018)
Donald R. Rochelo (2015)
Augustus J. Schnopp, Jr. (2018)
Stephen A. Sears (2016)
Susan C. Vigeant (2017)
William R. Wilson, Jr. (2015)
1 Vacancy (2015)

**Dalton Redevelopment Authority
(5 years)**

Kenneth E. Walto, Chair (2017)
Charles J. Dooley, V. Chair (2018)
Stephen A. Sears (2016)
Susan C. Vigeant, State Appt. (2015)
Vacancy (2019)

**Dalton Emergency Management
Advisory Council**

Lois M. Bessette
Michael J. Britton
Gerald J. Cahalan, Jr.
Jeffrey E. Coe
Edward M. Fahey
Mary E. Lamke
Gilbert F. Rudd, Jr.
Gabrielle Taglieri
Kenneth E. Walto
Lysander Bone
3 Vacancies

Dalton Historical Commission (3 Yrs)

George D. White, Chair (2016)
Louisa M. Horth, Vice Chair (2015)
Mary Jane Caliento (2017)
Gail A. Pinna,(2015)
Mary Ellen D. Shea (2016)
Mary Walsh (2017)
Joyce M. White (2017)

Director of Communications

Gabrielle Taglieri

Emergency Management

Director & Community Emergency Response Coord.

Daniel D. Filiault

Farm and Forestry Commission (3Yrs)

Jessie Robertson-Dubois,Chair(2015)
Beth Salvatore-LeBeau,V.Chair(2017)
Peter Cachat (2016)
J. Dicken Crane (2017)
Shaun M. Garvey (2016)
Dina L. LaBeau, Alt. (2015)

Fence Viewer

James R. Bacon

Forest Warden

Gerald J. Cahalan, Jr.

Green Dalton Committee

Cheryl D. Rose, Chair
David Wasielewski, Co-Chair
Gregory A. Geyer
Jennifer Gitlitz
Edward P. Holub
Richard Hall
John K. Flippin

Hazardous Waste Coordinator

Vacancy

Hoose House Restoration Committee

Joyce M. White, Chair
Lisa Peltier
Richard Haupt
Mary Jane Caliento
George D. White
Gail A. Pinna
Louisa M. Horth

Housatonic River Restoration Gov.

Council Rep

Vacancy

Inspector of Animals (State App't.)

Michael L. McClay

Inspector of Plumbing & Gas

Stanley Greenleaf
Richard A. DeGiorgis, Alt.

Inspector of Wiring

John M. Broderick
Ronald A. Smith, Alt.

Insurance Advisory Committee (no terms of expiration)

Jonathan Bishop
Dennis Burke
Christopher J. Furlong
Victoria M. Sedgwick
Gabrielle Taglieri
Sandra J. Albano
Sharon M. Messenger

Librarian

Robert Defazio

Licensing Board

Select Board

Mass Broadband Institute

Vacancy

Memorial Day Committee

Robert J. Dassat, Chair
James J. McClure, Sr., Vice Chair
John H. Ellis
James D. Slater
Corey A. White
George D. White
3 Vacancies

Mobile Home Park Rent

Control Board (5 Years)
(Select Board members 3 Years)
Select Board

Open Space Committee

J. Dicken Crane
Daniel D. Filaault
Mary E. Lamke
Dominick F. Sacco
Mary A. Walsh
4 Vacancies

Parks Commission

Select Board

Planning Board Associate

Vacancy

Playing Fields & Parks Study

Committee

Dustin J. Belcher
Kevin J. Boino
Mary R. Cherry
Caleb J. Darby
Patricia G. Guild
Matthew P. Morrison
Kenneth Pease
2 vacancies

Police Matrons

Melissa A. Phelps-Utter

Police Sergeant

Christopher J. Furlong

Regional Planning Commission

Caleb Darby, Delegate
Vacancy, Alt.

Regional Transit Authority

John F. Boyle
Mary R. Cherry, Alt.

Right to Know Coordinator

Vacancy

Sealer of Weights & Measures

Paul K. Vacchina

Sewer Commission

Select Board

**Stormwater Management
Commission (3 years)**

Richard G. Haupt, Chair (2017)
John W. Roughley, Vice Chair (2016)
Thomas W. Baker (2015)
Edward Fahey (2017)
Joseph H. Farrington (2016)
Edward F. Gero(2016)
Edward Holub (2017)
Dennis Regan (2015)
Caleb Darby, PB Delegate

Town Counsel

Kopelman and Paige, P.C.

Traffic Commission

Daniel D. Filaault, Chair
Camillus B. Cachat, Jr.
Gerald J. Cahalan, Jr.
Michael J. Cimini
Jeffrey E. Coe
Richard F. Kaley
Adelard J. Nadeau

Tree Warden

John W. Roughley

Veterans Agent

Rosanne M. Frieri

Veterans Service Officer

Sandra J. Albano
Kenneth E. Walto, Alternate

Voluntary Web Master

Louise H. Frankenberg

**Waste Management Study
Committee**

Jennifer S. Gitlitz, Chair
Peter J. Cachat, II
Edward F. Gero
2 Vacancies

SELECT BOARD

Mary R. Cherry, Chairperson

Fiscal year 2015 was full of challenges, successes and ongoing work.

In December of 2014, we received our designation as a Green Community. In order to become a Green Community we had to meet five criteria: creation of an 20% energy reduction plan, adoption of a fuel efficient vehicle replacement policy, adoption of the stretch code, by right siting and expedited permitting of renewable energy facilities . The work of the Green Dalton Committee was instrumental in securing this designation for our town. With this designation is the potential appropriation of over \$140,000. This money will be used to implement our energy saving plan, submitted with our application to become a Green Community. Our plan includes switching our street lights to LED lights, purchasing two electric vehicles and a charging station, and conservation improvements in town buildings. The town owes a debt of gratitude to the members of The Green Dalton Committee. In other “green” news, we continue to explore the potential use of the property behind the town highway garage for a solar array.

Back in June of 2014, the townspeople voted at a special town meeting to oppose the construction through Dalton of the Tennessee Gas Pipeline by Kinder Morgan. The Select Board also has taken an official position in opposition to the construction of this pipeline. At this time, we are working with the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission to assist us in our official response to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s (FERC) scoping session which we anticipate will begin soon.

The Verizon cell phone tower is up and running. Disappointing to some residents is the fact that this cell tower is only effective in expanding the service of cell phones equipped with LTE – “Long-Term Evolution”. Phones without this technology do not enjoy this expanded service. At the time I write this report, the Select Board is in the process of setting up meetings with Verizon to investigate how we can mitigate this problem.

Housatonic Street renovation is ready to go out to bid. We hope to begin construction during the upcoming fiscal year. The proposed renovation of the Dalton High School building into affordable housing is still in its infancy. While this certainly has been a long time coming, we are preparing a request for proposals in order to bring this dream into fruition.

We have a new member of the police force – a K9 dog named Max. He is trained in tracking and drug sniffing. We were able to acquire this asset to our police force through a grant secured for us by Chief Jeffrey Coe. The grant also included the training necessary and the retrofitting of a cruiser.

This past winter has proven to be a difficult one. The frequent, heavy snowstorms definitely were a challenge to our highway department. Highway Superintendent, John Roughly and his staff should be commended for their work in keeping the roads in Dalton as clear as possible in a timely manner.

The Dalton Select Board is fortunate to work with excellent professionals in the town hall. I thank Deborah Merry, our administrative assistant for her ability to provide the board with timely, pertinent information, making our jobs

considerably easier. Our town manager, Ken Walto continues to provide for an effective and efficient management of the town of Dalton. I would be unable to serve on this board if it was not for his expertise, time, and talent. In fact, I find the entire staff in the town hall to be courteous, competent, hard-working, and professional. I appreciate all of the work they do on behalf of the town.

I also thank my fellow board members, John Boyle, John Bartels, and Mike Szklasz. Their hard work and dedication to the town of Dalton is greatly valued. In particular, I wish to thank Louisa Horth as she steps down from the Select Board after many years of service. She leaves us this year for a much deserved break from her service on this board. However, Louisa will continue to be involved in town affairs as a member of the Historical Commission, and perhaps the Planning Board. Her devotion to the town of Dalton is very much appreciated.

We have much to be proud of in our town. We are fortunate to live in a community with fabulous institutions: the schools, Dalton CRA, Dalton Senior Center, Dalton Library, and many others. Our townspeople are committed to working with our youth, seniors, veterans, and town boards (to name a few) in order to ensure that all in our town are represented and provided with opportunities. My Dad used to say, "If you're lucky enough to live in Dalton, you're lucky enough." I count myself very lucky to have served as chair of the Select Board of this beautiful town of ours during this past year. Thank you for your trust and support.

TOWN MANAGER

Kenneth E. Walto

Two Thousand and Fourteen was a year again dominated by financial concerns. Several important projects moved forward while planning continued for others. New projects were undertaken. Important positions were filled.

At the Annual Town meeting in May, a \$15.2 million operating budget was approved: \$8.8 million for education, including vocational education. An extraordinary six zoning by-law proposals were considered ranging from the Keeping of Poultry to Medical Marijuana Dispensaries. Three new Zoning By-laws were approved regulating Signs and Advertising Devices, Medical Marijuana and Large Scale Solar Installations. A General By-law was approved to adopt the state's "Energy Stretch Code" as part of the Town's effort to become a state designated Green Community. The Old Dalton High School was approved for sale as affordable housing and the former Town Landfill was approved to be leased for development of a solar installation.

A Capital Budget of \$202,600 was approved at the Special Town Meeting in June: \$5,600 from the Capital Stabilization Fund and a borrowing authorization of \$197,000: \$100,000 was authorized to supplement a state grant of \$180,000 for the restoration of the historic Hoose House. Repairs to the Town Hall, supplemental funding for Senior Center sidewalks, a cruiser, a highway pick-up truck and replacement of a culvert on Yvonne Drive were also approved. A 2% Cost of Living adjustment was approved for non-union Town employees. Unionized

employees were granted the same increase at the Annual Town Meeting.

Sidewalk construction projects at the Town Hall and Senior Center were completed. There is now a handicapped parking space behind the Town Hall, adjacent to the Library with a walk along the side of the Library to the ramp.

Design for the \$10 million reconstruction of Housatonic Street continued. The state required further design for sidewalks under its “Complete Streets Program” and asked for additional borings in order to properly design those sidewalks, and a retaining wall. Unfortunately, one of those borings penetrated the City of Pittsfield’s Cleveland Reservoir Transmission Line resulting in the disruption of water service to the Town and sections of Pittsfield. Subsequently, additional work was undertaken to precisely locate the line which runs most of the length of the street. The Town moved forward with Right of Way acquisition and was completing it as the year ended. Bidding is expected sometime in 2015 with construction in 2016 and 2017.

The Town continued its effort to redevelop Old Dalton High as an affordable housing project with the assistance of the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission. Funding is not available for a project exclusively for seniors. In the fall, work began on the preparation of a Request for Proposals, RFP, for redevelopment of the school. Issuance of the RFP is planned for early 2015. The Town repaired the roof and secured the windows and doors in 2013.

The non-profit, Berkshire Carousel, announced that it would not continue to seek a permanent home in Dalton at the former Crane Stationery Factory on Flansburg Avenue. The Carousel would instead return to its originally contemplated location in downtown Pittsfield.

In December, Dalton became a state designated “Green Community” with an initial grant of over \$142,000 for projects to reduce energy consumption. Congratulations for a job well done are due to the Green Dalton Committee which spearheaded the effort. Health Agent, Ed Fahey, also contributed significantly by completing and filing the application. The Town will now be working on implementing the “Energy Reduction Plan” adopted by the Select Board as part of the process.

Negotiations continued with Citizens Energy to construct a solar field behind the Town Garage and on an adjacent site. This project is intended to allow the Town to buy discounted electrical energy. However, at year’s end, it appeared that the project would not go forward owing to the high cost of connecting the solar field to the Western Massachusetts Electric Company grid.

The Town appointed its first Town Planner this year. Administrative Secretary, Lisa Peltier was promoted to the position. She had formerly been City Planner in Pittsfield. On behalf of the Historic Commission, Lisa prepared a grant application that resulted in a \$180,000 grant for the restoration of the Hoose House. As the Town Planner is not full time position, Lisa also replaced Bethany Hagmaier as the Assessor’s Clerk and is training to be an Assessor.

The May elections brought new Moderator, Anthony Doyle and Selectman Michael Szklasz. Long active in town government, including acting as Moderator Pro Tempore, Atty. Doyle is guiding our Town Meetings with a steady hand.

Similarly, Atty. Szklasz well compliments Select Board members Mary Cherry, Louisa Horth, John Boyle and John Bartels.

Finally, the Town participated in a novel 10 community electric supply purchasing program which was able to partially mitigate the increase in electric supply rates from WEMCo for all residents and businesses. A one year bid was accepted from Hampshire Power, the electric purchasing arm of the Hampshire Council of Governments.

I thank the town's employees whose continued dedication and cooperation is evident in the smoothly functioning municipal government. Likewise, I thank the town's many boards and commissions that labor without compensation for love of the community.

I also thank the Select Board for its continued support. The Town Manager form of government cannot work well without the close and continuing collaboration of the Select Board and Town Manager.

Lastly, I express my deep gratitude to the Town Manager/Select Board Administrative Assistant who continually performs "above and beyond the call of duty".

DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Kenneth E. Walto, Chairman

The Development and Industrial Commission (DIC), the town's principal economic development agency, was established at the 2002 Annual Town Meeting. Massachusetts law empowers the commission to "promote and develop the industrial resources of the town" and to "investigate and assist in the establishment of educational or commercial projects for the purpose of strengthening the local economy." In June of 2009, the town approved the creation of the Dalton Redevelopment Authority (DRA), a special purpose economic development agency. Redevelopment Authorities have broad powers to undertake community renewal projects including clean up of so called Brownfield sites. Five members of the DIC agreed to act as members of the DRA, one of which is the Governor's appointment.

Clean-up of the former Berkshire Motor Car garage at 339 North St. was finalized in 2014, with the help of an additional \$30,000 revolving loan funds received by the DRA from the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission (BRPC) Brownfields Program. It included completion of the pollutant monitoring, the subsequent removal of the monitoring wells, the preparation of an Activity and Use Limitation, and closeout of the project with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. The process of disposition of the property was then begun, with the issuance of A Request for Proposal, after which the DRA voted to approve the bid received. A closing is anticipated for early March 2015.

Three applications for BRPC’s District Local Technical Assistance grant were submitted in 2014. They were for further economic development assistance to the Stationery Factory & Ashuelot Park, an Infiltration & Inflow Study of the regional sewer system, and assistance with developing a housing project at the Old Dalton High. Two were awarded – assistance with economic development projects and the Old Dalton High housing project.

The DIC and DRA also worked with Citizen’s Energy for a 1.3MW solar photovoltaic project on one or more of the former landfills in town. During Citizen’s due diligence process, they had filed with WMECO for a set aside of Net Metering Credits. As of the writing of this report, this development seems to be on hold due to the prohibitive fee charged by WMECO for an upgrade their transmission lines.

Other projects worked on throughout the year consisted of an updated Sign By-law, which was approved at the Annual Town Meeting, the review of several special permit applications of the Board of Appeals and draft by-laws for the Planning Board, a pre-emptory mill closure mitigation plan and a Design Review Standards by-law to guide the appearance of any large scale development along the corridors through town.

I thank all of the commission members for their gift of time to the town. Their selfless efforts will help to insure the economic health of the community for years to come.

Members of the Commission:

* Members serving on Redevelopment Authority

Robert M. Alessio

John F. Boyle

Charles J. Dooley, Vice-Chair*

Attorney Tony Doyle

Michael J. Ferry

J. Michael Hoffman

Donald R. Rochelo

Augustus J. Schnopp, Jr.

Stephen A. Sears*

Susan C. Vigeant*

Kenneth E. Walto, Chairman*

Gov. Appt. to DRA vacant

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER & STATE ANIMAL INSPECTOR

Micheal L. McClay

The Animal Control Officer is under supervision of the Chief of Police. Michael McClay of Dalton is our Animal Control Officer as well as our Animal Inspector. Regular scheduled hours for Animal Control are Monday and Wednesday 8:30-3:00 pm and Thursday 8:00-3:00. ACO McClay 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. Barking dog complaints and loose dogs are not necessarily emergencies. Police Officers will respond to calls of non emergency nature and will inform ACO McClay of their findings during non-business hours. Please understand that the town has no ability to house loose dogs, unless it is an emergency, the ACO is not budgeted to be called in. This is another reason it is important to keep all dogs properly restrained and licensed for a quick return to the owner, in addition to being state law.

The Animal Inspector is responsible for completing the State Barn Book consisting of inspections of barns, counting of livestock and making sure animals are current on vaccinations. These reports are due by January and are usually completed each November. We responded to a large number of fox sightings. Remember that we live in the Berkshire Hills. Unless a fox or other wildlife appears sick or approaches the public it will not be terminated. Almost all of our responses found the animal simply exploring their surroundings and would not let officers approach them before running off. This is the sign of a healthy animal and is normal.

Rabies will continue to be monitored and all residents are reminded that all dogs over the age of 6 months of age must be vaccinated for rabies and licensed within Dalton.

State Law also requires all cats over the age of 6 months must also be vaccinated for rabies.

2014 Citations

Failure to license Citations:	134
Failure to Vaccinate	46
Failure to Restraint	4
Filed in Court	0
Dogs licensed	1,234
Citations Amounts received:	\$ 5,125
ACO Calls:	318

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.

BOARD OF APPEALS

Anthony P. Doyle, Chairman

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

Dalton has a three-member board, which requires that all favorable decisions must be unanimous otherwise they are considered denied. Two alternate members are available to sit on the Board in place of a regular member, who may be absent or have a conflict of interest with a case before the Board.

The 2014 Board members were:

Anthony P. Doyle	Chairman
Stephen J. Psutka	Vice-Chairman
Edward F. Gero	Clerk
Mary E. Lamke	Alternate

* There was one vacancy on the Board for an Alternate
Recording secretaries were Lisa Peltier and Patricia Jehle.

By statutory authority the Board is:

1. To hear and decide appeals based on inability to obtain a permit or enforcement action from any administrative officer under the provision of MGLA, Chapter 40A, by the Regional Planning Agency, or by any person including an officer or board of the town aggrieved by an order or decision of the Inspector of Buildings, or other administrative official.
2. To hear and decide applications for special permits upon which the Board is empowered to act under the Town's Zoning by-laws.
3. To hear and decide petitions for variances as set forth in MGLA, Chapter 40A, section 10.
4. To hear and decide appeals from decisions of a Zoning Administrator, in accordance with MGLA, Chapter 40A, section 13.

During the 2014 calendar year, the Board held nine public hearings for six special permit requests, two special permit amendment requests and one special permit renewal request. The special permit applications received were for three separate oversized residential garages, the conversion, enlargement & expansion of a non-conforming use – being the Carousel at the Stationery Factory, and two applications to develop ground mounted solar photovoltaic arrays on closed & capped landfills. The special permit amendment applications received were to allow for the construction of a square faux smokestack instead of a round one for the Personal Wireless Service Facility on West Housatonic Street, and the placement of LED Pump Toppers at Cumberland Farms. The special permit

renewal application received was for an automotive repair business on Hubbard Ave. The Board also reviewed a final Site Plan for the Senior Housing project at 83 Curtis Ave., as well as items for the Planning Board that included a special permit amendment for earth removal from PBN Realty LLC, two special permit renewal applications for earth removal from PBN Realty LLC and Berkshire Concrete Corp., and several draft by-laws for the Annual Town Meeting.

The Board generally meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of every month. Occasionally a special meeting is held on a different day to accommodate scheduling problems. Notices of all Board meetings are posted in the town hall and all meetings are open to the public.

DALTON BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Laura L. Maffuccio, Principal Assessor/Chair

The Board of Assessors, together with the other Town officials, received timely certification from the Department of Revenue to set the tax rate for FY 2015. The Town’s total taxable property valuation decreased from \$593,398,192 in FY 2014 to \$590,091,316 in FY 2015. We will begin preparations for our Triennial Certification with the Department of Revenue for FY 2016.

We will be contacting property owners to set up appointments for cyclical inspections, as well as permit inspections. The Board asks for your continued cooperation during the process. Along with sales analyses, these inspections serve to make our valuation process uniform.

The Board would again like to remind senior homeowners that they may apply for an exemption if they meet certain criteria. Eligibility includes meeting specific age, ownership, residency, income and asset requirements. There are also exemptions for eligible veterans, surviving spouses, and the legally blind. You may contact the Assessors for more information. Our office hours are Monday – Wednesday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm and Thursday 8:00 am to 6:00 pm.

The Board of Assessors include Laura L Maffuccio, Principal Assessor / Chairperson, Karen M Tonelli, a Massachusetts Accredited Assessor, and most recently appointed, Lisa Peltier. Lisa is the Assessors’ Clerk with a background in planning. She will be a great addition to the Board of Assessors.

Fiscal Year	Town Tax Rate	Fire District Tax Rate	Valuations	Taxes to be Raised
2015	\$ 19.47	\$ 0.79	\$ 590,091,316.00	\$ 11,489,078.00
2014	\$ 18.51	\$ 0.79	\$ 593,398,192.00	\$ 10,983,800.54
2013	\$ 18.12	\$ 0.71	\$ 593,936,009.00	\$ 10,762,120.48
2012	\$ 17.41	\$ 0.70	\$ 604,889,342.00	\$ 10,531,123.45
2011	\$ 17.38	\$ 0.70	\$ 592,354,137.00	\$ 10,295,114.91
2010	\$ 15.80	\$ 0.65	\$ 615,400,197.00	\$ 9,723,323.12
2009	\$ 15.00	\$ 0.65	\$ 617,699,159.00	\$ 9,265,487.39

Statistical Report for the year as follows:

Tax Levy Calculation	Fiscal 2014	Fiscal 2015
Total Amount to be Raised	\$ 15,401,848.54	\$ 15,431,695.57
Minus Total Estimated Receipts and other Revenue Sources	\$ 4,418,048.00	\$ 3,942,617.65
Equals Amount to be Raised by Taxes	\$ 10,983,800.54	\$ 11,489,077.92
Divide by Property Valuation	\$593,398,192.00	\$590,091,316.00
Equals Tax Rate	\$18.51	\$19.47

Motor Vehicle Excise

Year	No. of Bills	Excise
2014	7197	\$793,354.03
2013	7216	\$723,269.00
2012	7385	\$728,904.00
2011	7474	\$711,709.00
2010	7309	\$721,299.00
2009	7591	\$733,003.00

Exemptions Granted to Seniors & Veterans

Year	No. Granted	Total Abated Amount
2015	69	\$35,441.85 to date
2014	76	\$38,720.22
2013	74	\$37,370.80
2012	72	\$37,195.80
2011	78	\$38,300.00
2010	77	\$37,200.00
2009	74	\$24,150.00

TOWN MODERATOR

Ronald J. Marcella

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 town meetings (and in Dalton the Fire District meetings) in conformance with the appropriate rules of procedure. Dalton has adopted Parliamentary Rules as set forth in "Town Meeting Time, A Handbook of Parliamentary Law" written in 1963. This is "not" Robert's Rules of Order.

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 called the meeting. The town of Dalton has one annual meeting in May and may schedule "special meetings" throughout the year as the need arises.

GREEN DALTON COMMITTEE

The Green Dalton Committee's (GDC) mission is to identify, investigate and recommend to the Select Board various initiatives which protect the community's natural resources and enhance environmental health and sustainability in Dalton. The Green Dalton Committee was established in late 2013 by the Dalton Select Board. The Committee consists of 7 members appointed by the Select Board.

Meetings are held monthly on the 4th Wednesday at 7PM at the Dalton Town Hall. The public is welcome.

The Committee's first goal was for Dalton to be designated a Mass Green Community. The GDC provided education to the townspeople and assisted the Select Board in meeting the 5 state program requirements. The designation was received on December 3, 2014. As a result, Dalton has available \$142,725 in state funds for energy saving projects and is eligible to apply for additional state grants. Some of the Green Communities funds will be used toward the purchase of two electric vehicles and a charging station. In addition the GDC is investigating the implementation of several other energy saving measures including heating/ventilation systems lighting, and insulation for the Town Hall and Library.

In November-December 2014 The Committee publicized the availability of free home energy assessments and financial incentives for home energy saving projects available through MassSave. The program is ongoing and the GDC encourages all residents to take advantage. The GDC is currently working to promote a residential solar program in Dalton. This would allow residents to purchase or lease solar photovoltaic panels for their home at a reduced rate.



BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

The Dalton Beautification Commission, an all volunteer group, has been serving the community since 2001, bringing the beauty of nature into the town's Main Street, softening the harshness of pavement with lovely annual floral displays. This truly "grass roots" organization sprang from individuals within the community approaching the Dalton Select Board with some ideas that might enhance our lovely New England town. The initial effort was a springtime clean up along the main roadway, from the South Street intersection, along Main to East Street. The newly formed DBC then decided to prepare and plant gardens in several empty traffic medians. The feedback from town residents was so positive, that the number of garden displays expanded to the present six locations. Also, the DBC assisted Dalton's Tree Warden locating appropriate areas for new tree planting when a grant was received several years ago. DBC members supported and assisted the "Keep Dalton Walking" bench project, initiated by the Dalton Senior Center, helping with the design selection and placement of the benches.

The spring/summer of 2014 provided ideal weather for the Dalton Beautification Commission's gardening activities. The cool and damp weather, perfect planting conditions in late May and early June, gave the in-ground bedding plants a chance to root and thrive. Adequate rain during the summer kept the gardens moist, providing a perfect medium for the constant, lush, unfettered blooming of our floral displays. The Benjamin/Muraca Memorial Bridge, decorated by petunia filled hay trough baskets, brought wonderful color and fragrance along Weston's Pond, a scenic location, part of the historic Housatonic River, which flows through our town. The smaller garden areas provided big impact: South Street's mini-garden was especially noticeable, with its dahlia, marigold and blue salvia combination; blue and white Wahconah High School colors were reflected beneath the welcoming school sign entering Old Windsor Road; variegated coleus was eye catching in planters fronting the library windows on the north side of the Town Hall's façade; the 707 site drew special attention from pedestrian observers,

as well as, the vehicular traffic passing by, with a lovely mix of pansies, roses, blue salvia, white diamond frost and marigolds, happily sharing space in a sidewalk bordering a convenience store and the CRA's two sidewalk areas flanking the front, filled with a multi mixed bouquet.

The Town subsidizes the DBC with a small stipend annually. Additionally, the DBC is thankful for the support of local business, which have donated or sold at discount, planting and all the other materials needed to complete our garden areas. The L.P. Adams Company, Holiday Farm, Blossoming Acres, Jaeschke's Fruits and Flowers have been generous in helping the DBC ongoing. Also, individual gifts from members of the community were most appreciated.

The Dalton Beautification Commission members are Arlene Cormier, Chairperson Annmarie Cicchetti, Kathleen Desmarias, Peter Gonick, Angela MacDonaugh, Maureen Maxon and Secretary Jean Poopor. Volunteers from the community are always welcome to participate in hands-on activities i.e. weekly maintenance at garden sites, and/ or attend scheduled business meetings held at the Town Hall. Please phone the Town Hall, speak with a DBC member, or view the Town Hall Calendar's web site for additional information about meeting times.

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Members: **Elizabeth A. Erb**, *Chairman* **Barbara L. Suriner**, *Town Clerk*
Doreen P. Aleshevich *Elections Administrator*
Jean M. Gingras *Supervisor, Board of Registrars*
Barbara L. Suriner, *Clerk*

In 2014, we conducted Special Registration Sessions prior to the May 5 Annual Town Meeting, the May 12 Annual Town Election, the September 9 State Primary and the November 4 State Election. Jared Shannon, a teacher at WRHS, is appointed Registrar of Voters at that facility and we appreciate his efforts on behalf of the students. Scheduled 2015 Special Registration Sessions will be held from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. on April 14, the last day to register voters for the May 4 Annual Town Meeting and May 11 Annual Town Election. Additional Special Registration Sessions will be scheduled as required. All registration sessions are held in the office of the Town Clerk. The place of voting will remain at the Community House for both precincts as there is a ramp and handicap parking located at the rear of the building.

The Board registered and processed 159 new voters plus address 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 2014; and deleted 197 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. Annual Town Election nomination papers which will place candidates directly on the May 11, 2015 Annual Town Election ballot

will be available February 2, 2015 at the Town Clerk's office. The deadline for submission of papers to the Board of Registrars is 5:00 p.m. on March 22, 2015, pursuant to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 53, §.6.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind residents that when signing nomination papers or petitions, please keep the following in mind: 1. Sign only if you are a registered voter. 2. Sign your name and your residential address as listed on our census records (no post office boxes are allowed). 3. If you have poor penmanship, print your name in the same box with your signature, as an undistinguishable signature cannot be certified. 4. Do not sign your spouse's name or any name other than your own. Also, if you move, please inform the Town Clerk so that we will change our records and notify you of any precinct changes. If any of your family members are not registered to vote, please encourage them to do so.

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

The distinction of being Dalton's oldest living resident belongs to Odessa A. Daoust of 45 Main Street who was born September 23, 1913.

We thank Dalton residents for their excellent response in returning the local census forms mailed late December/early January of each year. The majority of citizens return in a prompt and cooperative manner which we greatly appreciate, allowing us to achieve the highest possible level of accuracy.

Statistical figures as of December 31, 2014 are as follows:

REGISTERED VOTERS:

Democrats	1,352	(29.80%)
Republicans	499	(11.00%)
Unenrolled (a/k/a Independent)	2,686	(59.20%)

TOTAL ACTIVE REGISTERED VOTERS	4,296
TOTAL INACTIVE REGISTERED VOTERS	<u>241</u>
TOTAL ALL REGISTERED VOTERS	4,537
TOTAL POPULATION	7,093

BOARD OF HEALTH

Local boards of health in Massachusetts are required by state laws and regulations to perform many crucial and important duties relative to the protection of the public health, control of disease, promotion of sanitary living conditions and the protection of the environment from pollution.

The Dalton Board of Health consists of four appointed volunteer members. Public meetings are held at 4PM on the first Monday of each month in the Callahan Room at Town Hall. Current members of the board are Chairman Rich O'Brien, Ed Gero, Dr. Dan Doyle, Drew Finn and Alyce Kendrick.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

Lois Bessette, R.N. provides health services for the residents of Dalton as our Public Health Nurse. Public blood pressure clinics are held the fourth Thursday of each month from 9:30AM – 11AM at the Dalton Senior Center.

HEALTH AGENT

The Town employs a part-time Health Agent 3 days a week to act on behalf of the Board of Health who is responsible for enforcing all state and local Health regulations. Edward Fahey, a registered sanitarian, performs public housing, pool and restaurant inspections as well as reviews designs for the construction and repair of septic systems and private wells. Duties of the Health Agent also include investigating improper disposal of trash and public nuisance complaints.

BOARD OF HEALTH TOWN HALL OFFICE HOURS:

Monday 8-5

Tuesday - 8-4:30

Wednesday CLOSED

Thursday 8-4:30

Friday - CLOSED

If you have a need to contact the Board of Health please call 684-6111, ext. 20.

BUILDING INSPECTIONS DEPARTMENT

Richard G. Haupt, Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement Officer

The level of construction activity continues to decline in Dalton. This report shows a significant decrease from the previous year.

Year 2014 Permits Issued: 215

The breakdown of permits issued is as follows:

Residential	172
Commercial	14
Signs	11
Solid Fuel Appliances	11
Sheetmetal	6
Tents	1

If you are planning a project, be aware that the Town of Dalton, in concert with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, provides the consumer with considerable protection from fraud. It is incumbent upon the consumers to inform themselves of what permits are needed for any given project and the qualifications required for the contractors doing the work. The Building Inspector, Plumbing Inspector and the Wiring Inspector are all available to answer questions to ensure a code compliant job.

Online permitting is up and running. Go to the Town of Dalton Website to begin the permit process online.

Office Hours:

Monday:	8:00-4:00
Tuesday:	8:00-4:00
Wednesday:	8:00-12:00
Thursday:	8:00-6:00

COMMUNICATION CENTER

Gabrielle Taglieri

The Dalton Communication Center has completed its 6th year at the Police Station. During this past year we have logged 18,063 calls. 1,636 of those calls were 911 and 886 were walk-ins to the Police Station.

The Communications Center again received a state 911 grant (The Support & Incentive Grant) in 2014 for \$127,939 to offset operating costs. We are able to receive this grant based on being a regional 911 dispatch center that handles 911 calls for the Towns of Dalton, Hinsdale, and Windsor. We will again be receiving a grant for 2015 for an amount close to \$128,000.

In addition to the Support & Incentive Grant the Dalton Communications Center received an additional grant in the amount of up to \$10,000 to be used for training purposes, and the installation of an Emergency Medical Dispatch program. This grant has been used to offset costs of training for dispatchers in compliance with new State mandated training, such as the E.M.D., 16 hours of continuing education annually, and a 40hr basic telecommunicator class required for new hires.

This year Jennifer Joyner resigned as a full time Regular Dispatcher to move back to Texas, closer to her family. The Full time position was filled by one of our new Dispatchers, Michael Doyle. The Dalton Communications Center brought in 2 other new reserve dispatchers in June, Steven Hilton and Dorothy DiMouro.

All town residents should remember that if you need any type of emergency services that you can go to the Communications Center 24/7/365. We are located in the lower level of the Town Hall building at the Police Station, on South Carson Ave. The doors are locked during non-business hours but are monitored by a camera and can be unlocked by the dispatcher on duty. There is a call box located on the left door to the Police Station which can be activated by pushing the call button. This will directly connect you to the dispatcher on duty.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Robert Bishop, Chairman

The past year has been relatively busy for the Conservation Commission. The Commission has attended many workshops to stay current with the ever changing regulations.

There was little construction being done that encroached into wetland areas this past year. There is an increased citizen's awareness of both the need to protect the environment and the function of the Commission.

Membership on the Commission has been relatively stable in 2014. The Commission welcomes conservation concerned citizens to attend monthly meetings. The Commission's monthly meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Crane Room at Town Hall.

Commission Members

Robert Bishop, Chairman
Thomas Baker, Vice-Chairman
Cheryl Rose
James Duffy
Edward Gero
Kate Harrington
Domenick Sacco

Associate Members

Edward Holub

Statistics for 2014

Request for Det. of Applicability 5
Hearings for Notices of Intent 3
Certificates of Compliance 3
Extension of Orders of Conditions 0
Field Site Inspections .. 12
Enforcement Orders 0
Scenic Mt Act Violation 1
Wetland Violations 0
Emergency Permits 2

COUNCIL ON AGING

Kelly M. Pizzi

The Dalton Council on Aging (DCOA) serves community residents aged 55 and older, as well as persons with disabilities, addressing a wide spectrum of needs.

COUNCIL ON AGING:

The Dalton Council on Aging, housed by the Dalton Senior Center located at 40 Field Street Extension, is staffed by two full-time employees and five part-time employees. Kelly Pizzi Director, and Sarah Fontaine Administrative Assistant and Transportation Coordinator, operate the Senior Center from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday with a closing time of 8:00 pm on Thursday. Part-time employees include Patricia “Pattie” Pero, Shine/Outreach Counselor, who holds office hours on Monday and Thursdays; and COA Transportation Program van drivers: John Bartels, Clyde Decorie, Charles “Chuck” Gebauer and William “Bill” Walker.

THE DALTON SENIOR CENTER:

The Dalton Senior Center has been in operation for four years at its location at 40 Field Street Extension. We had 733 active seniors using the Senior Center throughout the year for exercise, recreation, nutrition, information and referral needs and health programs such as flu, blood pressure and foot care clinics. In partnership with Elder Services, the Center hosts the nutritional Senior Lunch Program each Monday and Thursday. Soup & Sandwich is prepared onsite each Tuesday and boasts of homemade soups and fresh salads and dessert.

A two-dollar coupon fee is charged for programs with the exception of Elder Service meal programs, special educational programming and support group, and AARP Tax Aide. The Café is free until 10:00 am. Soup & Sandwich has a charge of \$4.00 to cover the expense of preparing the meal. The Council on Aging is pleased to host the Veterans Agent on Thursday evenings from 4:30 pm – 7:00 pm., expanding her accessibility.

The Council on Aging and the Dalton Senior Center receives funding from the Town of Dalton of \$122,098; block grant funding from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts based on \$8.00 per elder resident in the amount of \$13,432; coupon fees of \$5,769; COA Van Revenue of \$10,598.96; Soup & Sandwich \$1708 and donations made directly by the community in the amount of \$2,172.75. Additional support is provided by the Friends of the Council on Aging including a \$3,000.00 grant to support the COA Transportation Program.

PROGRAMS:

Community:

- AARP Tax Aide Assistance
- Bridges-Intergenerational program
- Garden Club
- LIFE Program (Living is for the Elderly)
- Caregiver Support Group discussion group at Craneville Place
- State Representative Hours: Paul Mark
- Sunday Lunch

Triad
Veteran's Agent Office Hours
Veteran's History Project

Special Programming:

In May the COA held a 90 + Birthday Party for Dalton Nonagenarians. Williams College has again generously donated Chef Gerry Byers and the meal who served 50 of our community's oldest citizens and volunteers.

AARP volunteers held a newly revised driver safety program in October.

One of the highlights of the year was to Veteran's Lunch which was kicked off by the dedication of the flagpole, which was installed while sidewalks were poured from the emergency exits. This project could not have happened without the generous support of volunteers, local businesses and community members. Kudos to you all!

Storyteller, Davis Bates performed Song and Stories of New England in an intergenerational program with St. Agnes students. Mr. Bates was funded by the Dalton Cultural Council and we thank them for their opportunity.

Exercise:

Osteo-Exercise – 4 times weekly
Line Dancing Shake Your Soul Tai Chi

Health:

Flu Clinic Foot Care Clinic Blood Pressure Clinic
Caregiver Support Group Bereavement Support Group

Social Activities & Classes:

Acrylic Painting Bridge Coffee Cafe
Knitting Mahjongg Movie Night
Oil Painting Pitch Poetry
Quilting Travel Club

NEW PROGRAMMING ADDED in 2014:

So many people have suffered the loss of loved ones, and with no local place to refer them a support group was identified as an ongoing need in the community. With the assistance of two Elms College nursing students Jennifer Axt and June Green, we were able to introduce a much needed Bereavement Support Group to the community. Beginning with a Meet & Greet Ice Cream Social, the nurses met and talked with individuals about their experience with grief. After assessing the need they have contacted Hospice Care of the Berkshires and arranged a monthly support group which now meets at 3:00 pm on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Feedback from this group has been very positive, even from those who were hesitant in attending.

Painters who wish to paint in a group setting, (any medium) but not take a class can attend Self-Paint. There are no instructor fees as there is not instructor.

SERVING THE HEALTH INFORMATION NEEDS OF ELDERS (SHINE):

Patricia "Pattie" Pero provides outreach services for the Dalton Council on Aging and SHINE services under Elder Services. Pattie works a 19 hour week and during this time in 2014 met with 486 residents and fielded 774 phone calls. 252 were residents over the age of 75 years of age and 160 were persons with

disabilities. This year, GE followed Crane and Company's lead, relinquishing company run health insurance. Their retirees with the help of Pattie, were able to identify which plans best suited their situations and enroll during a short window period. Pattie assisted individuals accessing benefits and financial assistance in excess \$19,714.

TRANSPORTATION:

Dalton is very fortunate to be able to offer lift van service to our residents who are 60 and older, or disabled of any age. Throughout 2014, the service was available Monday through Friday (excluding holidays) from 8 AM to 3 PM, weather and driver availability permitting.

The door-to-door van service is available for medical appointments, shopping, and other needs within Dalton and Pittsfield, with occasional trips to the Berkshire Mall in Lanesborough when the schedule permits. Notice is required at least 24 business hours in advance for scheduling needs. The fee is \$1.50 per trip/stop for COA & Senior Center events, and \$3.00 per trip/stop for all other rides. During 2014, the Dalton COA van service provided 2,706 rides [Medical- 796, Nutritional- 465, Social/Recreational- 785, Shopping- 478, Other (Personal Grooming, Bank, etc.)- 182] to 78 residents [60 and older- 73 (6 of whom were wheel-chair bound), Under 60 disabled- 5] and traveled 16,441 miles over 241 days in service. Of the total number of rides, 20.8% of them were for people deemed disabled by the Berkshire Regional Transit Authority under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

NEWSLETTER/COMMUNICATION:

The Silver Banner newsletter was sent to the community two times this year through the financial support of the Friends of the Council on Aging. The most current issue of the Silver Banner is also available online by using the links on the Dalton website at www.dalton-ma.gov, through the assistance of webmaster, Louise Frankenberg. The COA is taking email addresses and hopes to begin an electronic version soon.

A monthly calendar listing Senior Center activities and meal options is produced monthly and is available at the Senior Center and online. Postings on the Berkshire Eagle Bulletin Board published on Monday's lists scheduled activities and important updates and changes. The Senior Center has a Facebook page now where upcoming events, calendars, alerts and photos and video of activities are posted. Like the Dalton Senior Center (MA) and stay up to date with last minute opportunities, changes and cancellations.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Volunteers are the backbone of the services and programs provided by the COA. Ninety- sixvolunteers serve as committee members, gaming, computer and craft instructors;cooks, dishwashers and meal servers, receptionists, office workers; newsletter support including article contributions and editing as well as preparing the mailing; intergenerational programs such as Bridges and reading programs; and home visits and grocery shopping for some of our most vulnerable and home bound residents. Individuals wishing to donate time and knowledge can call the Senior Center to learn about opportunities.

VETERANS HISTORY PROJECT:

Dalton Community Television preserves the histories of local veterans and individuals who supported the war(s) effort through videotaped interviews which are submitted to the Library of Congress. Members of all wars are encouraged to contact the Dalton Community Television station to preserve the history of war from a personal level.

FRIENDS OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING:

The Friends of the Council on Aging is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization which is the fundraising arm of the COA. Fundraising activities this year were their annual letter fund-raising campaign, and a craft fair under the guidance of Maureen Mitchell was held in the fall. The group organized and funded the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner serving 48 of the 98 volunteers providing services to the community. They also provided the funds to purchase the Veterans Day cake, and Price Chopper, Stop & Shop and local gift cards, and gift bags of fruit and candy for the annual holiday luncheon.

2013 members include:

Dennis Gian, Chair	Carol Powell, V. Chair
Carol Morrison, Secretary	Judith Trumble, Treasurer
Gail Gargon	Nancy Bissell
Helga Knappe	Marjorie Limburg
Mary Lamke	Audrey Poirier
Catherine (Peter) Rivers	Susan Jacobs
Carol Clayton	

DALTON COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

The Dalton Council on Aging Board is appointed for three year terms by the Dalton Select Board. The purpose of the Board is to advise and provide input regarding the response to needs in the community. Members sit on five ad hoc committees which include Finance, Senior Housing, Strategic Planning, Building and Maintenance and Marketing/Community Relations.

2014 appointees are:

Joyce Lacatell, Chair	Maureen Mitchell, Vice Chair
Jack (John) McDonough, Treasurer	Jean Poopor, Clerk
Judith Brooks	Marcia Brophy
Amy Chapman	Robert Dean
David DiNicola	Doris (Dorie) Lamica
Mary Lamke	Helga Knappe
John Rys	Ralph Young
Shirley Zawistowski	Alternates: Cynthia Cardeli

The Building and Maintenance Committee, appointed by the Select Board, is comprised of the COA Board, Friends of the COA and community members whose role is to oversee issues pertaining to the building upkeep and repairs.

These members include:

Drew Finn, Chair (Community)	David DiNicola, Co-Chair (COA)
Carol Morrison, Clerk (Friends)	Mary Lamke
Maureen Mitchell (COA)	Tom Renak (Community)
Kelly Pizzi (COA)	

CRA

Alison Peters, Executive Director

Dalton is fortunate to have three beautiful parks where our community can gather to enjoy the great outdoors. Pinegrove, Chamberlain and Greenridge Park provide many opportunities for people of all ages. Pinegrove, our most highly used area, contains a playground and multiple fields for softball, baseball and football, as well as basketball courts. In addition, there is a pavilion with open space where organizations, families and friends meet for gatherings of all kinds. Chamberlain is the home to our Little League organization, as well as a place for the younger kids to play baseball and soccer. And last, Greenridge has a playground, basketball court and another baseball field.

Due to the generosity of several local organizations and businesses, and the hard work of volunteers and the town and CRA staff, many upgrades have taken place at the parks. From field repairs and new bleachers to new basketball backboards, the parks continue to evolve with the needs of the community.

Dalton is also fortunate to have the W. Murray Crane Community House which provides recreation, as well as social, cultural and educational activities for people of all ages. Through the Community Recreation Association (CRA), the Community House continues to follow their mission by offering approximately 100 programs to the adults and youth of our community, both in the parks of our town and at the community house

At the CRA, we place a strong emphasis on children and families, delivering after school care, teen programs, family events and a wide variety of enrichment programs to our community.

For our youngest members, we offer Kindergym, a program offering structured and unstructured playtime for children up to age 6. We also provide an opportunity for parents and toddlers to hop in the pool together during our Parent/Toddler Swim program. This helps young children become comfortable in water, while teaching parents water safety.

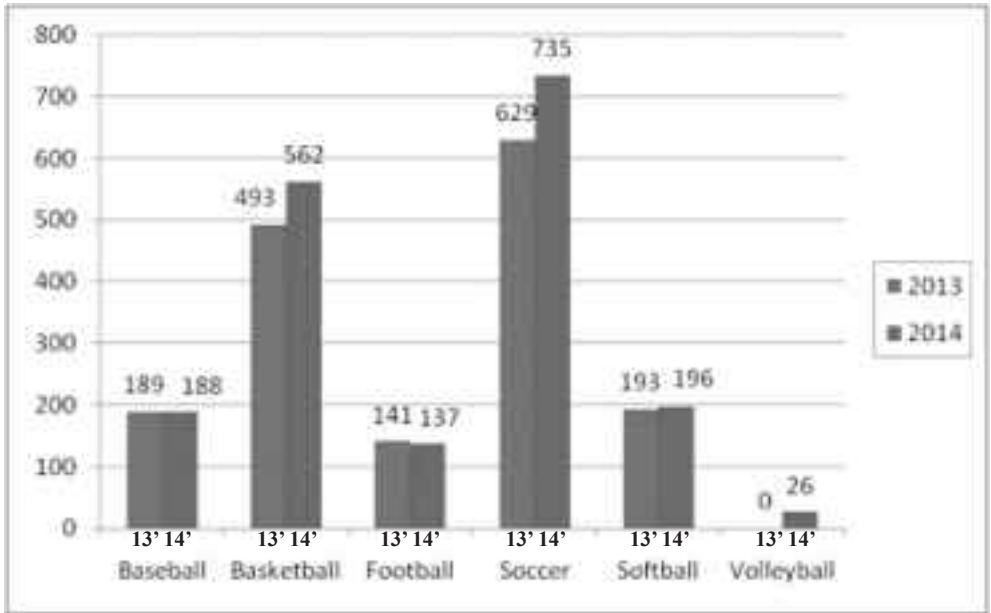
In September, 2014 we began a new program to help working families by offering before school care at Craneville Elementary School. After school programs are offered at Craneville Elementary School and the Dalton Youth Center (DYC) for elementary and middle school students. Parents will find these to be safe places for their children to do their homework, socialize and get physical activity. During school vacations, snow-days and in the summer, we have similar camps available from 7:30 am until 5:00 pm. .

At the youth center, we serve young adults with an after-school drop-in program, tutoring, weight lifting, the Big Buddies program and the Junior/Senior Leaders Club, just to name a few. Our goal is to help our youth achieve their full potential, grow into responsible young adults who understand the value of community service and are ready to enter college, the work force, or training.

We offer many types of sports programs, all focusing on building teamwork, good sportsmanship, healthy exercise and fun. Our sports cover all seasons, from fall football and soccer, to basketball and finally the spring season of baseball,

softball, lacrosse and more soccer! This past year, over 1800 children participated in our sports leagues, a 12% increase from 2013!

2014 - Number of Youth Participants by Sport



The pool, fitness center, exercise classes, SPIN, Pickleball, basketball court and racquetball courts offer healthy exercise to young adults, adults and retirees. The pool is open from early morning to evening with a wide range of activities, from adult lap to water aerobics. The fitness center has similar hours, making it capable of meeting almost everyone’s needs, morning, noon or night. At lunchtime, we offer exercise classes and basketball pick-up games. Racquetball is seeing resurgence in popularity and we now have leagues three to four times a week. In April, 2014, the CRA began offering Pickleball, the fastest growing sport around. A cross between tennis and ping pong, it’s a fun and contagious sport that all ages can enjoy.

And last, the CRA offers programs for families. We manage the town’s summer parks program which provides special activities when school is not in session. Pinegrove Park is alive with different events such as the penny carnival, picnic and the ‘Just Play’ hoops league. The CRA, also, hosts special events such as concerts, outdoor movie nights, the fishing derby, Easter egg hunt, Halloween parade and visits with Santa. Six years ago we also began a program for families with children with disabilities. We have 30 special needs children from all over Berkshire County paired up with a big buddy who meet regularly to play gym games, soccer, baseball, swim, and dance, among other things.

The CRA is made up of an experienced and committed staff that is focused on

delivering quality programs to our community. However, we couldn't do all this without the generosity and support of hundreds of businesses, organizations and volunteers. From special events like the Gib Kittredge Auction to the coaching of a youth sports team, these programs could not exist without this dedicated and loyal community.

At this time, we'd like to give a special thanks to all the volunteers and businesses that support the CRA and the many programs we provide. Thank you so much!

CULTURAL COUNCIL

Donald Harris & Monica Montferret, Co-Chairperson

The Dalton Cultural Council's mission is to promote access, excellence, education and diversity in the arts, humanities and interpretive sciences in order to improve the quality of life for all residents. The Massachusetts Cultural Council has overseen the Local Cultural Council Program since 1990. MCC receives funding from an annual state appropriation. Each year, the MCC distributes funds to LCCs; in turn, LCCs make grants to schools, organizations and individuals in their communities. These funds are paid to successful applicants on a reimbursement basis.

In October 2014, our cultural council received 36 applications supporting a wide variety of projects. The following projects were approved for funding in an amount totaling \$4,450 for FY 2015:

FY 2015:

Craneville Elementary School	African Drum & Dance Troupe	\$300
Sheryl Robbins, Craneville Gr. 1)	Colonial Theater, Harold & The Purple Crayon	\$350
Berkshire Music School, Craneville Sch.)	Shakespeare and Company - Romeo & Juliet	\$300
	Nessacus Middle School	
Berkshire Pulse, Inc.	Dance Program	\$500
Tamarack Hollow Nature & Cultural Center	Dalton CRA Nature Exploration	\$400
	New Vaudville Physical	
Dalton Council on Aging	Comedian	\$250
Bernice Lewis	Sugar Hill Folk Festival	\$300
Maureen Shea, (Craneville Place)	Senior Residence Performance	\$200
Dalton Community Recreation Association	Dalton CRA Concert Series	\$600
	Eagles Band Concert at	
Eagles Band, Inc.	Dalton CRA	\$400

Chesterwood Gregory Maichack, (Dalton Library)	Weekend Sculpture Program Series	\$150
	Scarlet Poppies: Pastels Poetry with Music & Video	\$450
Alice Spatz		\$350

The current members of the Dalton Cultural Council are: Margaret Cahill, Jonathan Croy, Donald Harris Co-Chairperson, Monica Montferret Co-Chairperson, and Jenna Ware. Thank you for your continued support of cultural programs in our community.

DALTON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Robert DiFazio, Library Director

As I near the end of my first full year as Library Director, I am happy to report that our circulation numbers are rising, attendance continues to increase, and we've begun taking a more active role in the Dalton Community.

Over the past year we've begun a Facebook page (Find Us On Facebook!) for those who prefer that information format over our more traditional webpage (www.daltonlibrary.org). Both sites are updated several times a week with new title lists, program offerings, and general library news. We've just purchased 6 new public use PC's. These are equipped with Microsoft Office and are available for searching our databases, working on the web, word processing, and printing.

The Library has also been working to better integrate itself into the Dalton community. We've worked with the CRA and their summer parks program and Craneville Elementary School and their Authorfest. This past year was also the first time the library participated in Dalton's Light Up The Holidays. We were thrilled to host the Nessacus Middle School Band, pass out popcorn, and set up a children's craft station. In the coming year, we're hoping to further our exposure in the community by participating in as many events as possible (let us know if you have any suggestions!).

We're also beginning the process of putting together a long-term plan for the library. This is a vital step in helping guide the direction of the library, and is also a prerequisite for applying for most grant opportunities available to libraries. We're in the early stages of this process, having just completely updated our policy and procedure manual and begun working with the Massachusetts Library Association for guidance. In the coming months we'll be asking for community participation in helping to plan our future.

Collections:

We strive to build the most well rounded collection possible. It's our hope that we can provide something for everyone in our community. The most recent focus of our collection development has been to reinvigorate our children's and young

adult collections. This process consisted of withdrawing outdated materials, replacing classic texts that were in poor condition, and updating the collection with more relevant titles. I undertook the task of going through our picture book, early reader, and young adult collections; while Barbara Kubli performed the far more difficult task of dealing with children's fiction and non-fiction. By the end of the project, we'd withdrawn approximately 1000 outdated books and replaced them with an almost equal number of new titles. This has had a particularly amazing effect on the circulation of picture books and early readers.

We were also able to use some gift and grant money to further improve these collections. A donation from the Dalton Rotary allowed us to purchase approximately 75 children's books on CD, which more than doubled our offerings of this format. A grant from the Katharine L.W. and Winthrop Murray Crane Foundation has allowed us to create an entirely new young adult collection. Their generosity has allowed us to purchase approximately 250 graphic novels, comic book anthologies, and Japanese Manga books. This collection will be available sometime in the spring and will be housed next to our already existing young adult collection.

Programs:

The library has been expanding the number and diversity of its program offerings. We're hoping to continue this trend into the coming year. Our most popular (and most fun) programming continues to be our Children's STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) program Tuesdays at 10, and Storytime Thursdays at 10. Both programs are led by Wendy Provencher, CFCE Coordinator at Central Berkshire Regional School District, and Kathy Hoag, Assistant Librarian. STEAM consists of a story, small snack, and an educational project. Storytime consists of several stories, a snack, and a craft project. We're also lucky to have the assistance of the St. Agnes first graders, who help our pre-school age attendees by reading stories, passing out snack, and help with the craft project. Moving forward, we're hoping to possibly add some Saturday morning programming for families that can't make it on weekday mornings.

Our summer reading program was a huge success this year. We had almost 200 children sign up for the program, with the majority of them turning in their completed reading sheets. We like to think our revitalization of the Children's area was responsible for this marked increase over last year, but the amazing array of prizes provided by the Friends group certainly didn't hurt. Along with STEAM and Storytime, we added a weekly Writer's Workshop, led by Sarah DiFazio; and a weekly Game Day, which turned the children's area into a madhouse one day per week.

We also put forth a diverse array of offerings for our adult patrons. Our most consistent program is our Book Discussion Group, which meets on the last Wednesday evening of the month. Recent titles have included "Wild", "The Art Forger", and "The Mermaid Chair". We've also been trying to increase the number of craft programs offered (let us know if you or someone you know might be interested in leading a craft program). There have been beading programs hosted by Michelle Koelle and papercraft programs hosted by Jessica McComish.

Other programs have included meditation instruction sessions led by Dr. Andrew Vidich, a pastel painting class (funded primarily through a Cultural Council grant), taught by Greg Maichak, and two 6-week sessions of genealogy research instruction, conducted by Alan Horbal. If you have any suggestions for other programming, by all means, let us know!

Friends:

The Friends group continues to provide a great deal of support and assistance to the library. This year, they've provided the funding for newspapers, museum passes, reading club books, and our summer reading program. They've accomplished this through membership dues, bake sales, and book sales. Without their generous support, the library would've been forced to go without a good deal of material. Beyond financial support, Friends members Dian Elser, Janet Claffie, and Helen Kimball combined to donate approximately 6 hours per week of their time to process our Interlibrary Loan transactions. With a small staff and tight budget, this is a critical gift to the library. The Slate of officers for 2014-15 are: Dian Elser, President; Kim Slade, Vice President; Chris Faye, Secretary; Vicky Sedgwick, Treasurer; Rae-Ann Winters, Membership Coordinator; and Members-at-Large, Elizabeth Chisum, Janet Claffie, Helen Kimball, Cynthia Riggs-French, Mary Haddad.

Personnel:

I would like to personally thank the staff for welcoming me to the Library and providing invaluable assistance as I transitioned from running a medical library to a public library. Assistant Director, Katherine Hoag, has been incredibly generous with her knowledge of the Dalton community and the Library's history. Staff members Helen Cultrera, Gladys Lofink, Pam Bachli have also shared a great deal of insight on the workings of the Library. One of our Pages, Mary Ann Gillooly, left us to relocate to Cape Cod. We were fortunate to replace her with Maddison Zink. Finally, Barbara Kubli, the Interim Director prior to my arrival, was generous enough ease the the transition in leadership by working with me for the first six weeks of my tenure.

The work of the staff has allowed us to add approximately 3,000 items to the collection, circulate 45,000 items from our circulation desk, borrow 6,500 items from other libraries, and lend 6,200 items to other libraries. All of this has been accomplished with a budget that has been increasing by less than 1% per year over the past several years.

Finally, I would like to recognize the hard work and donated time of the Library Board of Trustees. The Board is the elected governing body of the library, with legal responsibility for library funding, contents, policy, and service. The current Board members are: John Kittredge (Chairperson), Judith Douville (Vice Chairperson), Anne Ronayne (Recording Secretary), Max Ehrlich (Treasurer), Fred Sears (Incoming Chairperson), Joan Roy, Gail Pinna, Mark Rancourt, and Mary Gingras.

DALTON HOUSING AUTHORITY

Susan I. Gregory, Executive Director

Board of Commissioners:		Term Expires
Chairperson	Kathleen Burke, 96 Curtis Ave.	2016
Vice Chairperson	Judy Conroy, 293 High Street	2015
State Appointee Member	Tom Callahan, 306 North Street	2017
Member	Nils E. Jacobsson, 76 Dalton Division Rd.	2019

Regular meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 6:30 PM at 293 High Street. The Annual meeting is held on the second Monday of June.

Current programs are: 40 (one bedroom) units at Pomeroy Manor and 30 (one bedroom) and 1 (two bedroom) units at Pinegrove Manor under Chapter 667, low income elderly/disabled. We also have five, (three bedroom) units under Chapter 705, low-income families.

These are funded by the Department of Housing & Community Development in Boston. We have a long waiting list for our 667 elderly programs. We have an extensive waiting list for the 705 family program.

Eligibility criteria are under requirements adopted by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development. Income limits for one person household is \$44,750. Two person is \$51,150.

Tenants in Senior Housing pay 30% of there adjusted income for rent which includes all utilities. Families pay 27% of adjusted income and pay their own utilities. The Dalton Housing Authority has suffered diminishing Operating Reserves over the years. Contributing factors are the increase cost of utilities and the loss of metered usage fees for water and sewer now totaling approximately \$43,370.00 annually. Water and sewer fees alone exceed 11% of the Authority's budget. The Authority's total operating expenses for FYE 9/30/14 was \$365,533.00.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Daniel D. Filiault, Emergency Management Director

Since June of 2013 the Emergency Management Department has been working with the Emergency Management Departments of Hinsdale and Windsor on a new Reverse 911 system called CodeRED. The system was launched in January 2014 with a test call to all of the residents of Dalton, Hinsdale and Windsor.

Since that time we have been busy gathering cellular phone numbers, emails and other information from residents so that we can contact the citizens of our community in time of crisis.

In 2014 we used the CodeRED Reverse 911 ^call back system on three separate occasions for Emergencies in the Town of Dalton. The first was when a Category 1 Tornado touched down in the south end of Dalton causing some serious damage to houses and devastating damage to many trees in the area. Fortunately there were only minor injuries from the incident.

CodeRED allowed us to contact the whole community and advise people to stay away from the affected area, thus making the cleanup of the downed trees and opening of the roads much easier.

The Police and Fire Departments responded to the area immediately and through their efforts they were able to block off the worse areas and keep residents away from downed lines at a number of locations. They were assisted by members of the Berkshire Sheriff's Department who provided equipment to be used to block the roadways.

We also had assistance on site from Patrick Carnevale, District 3/ 4 MEMA Director who responded to the scene and provided advice, direction and assisted the responding departments in getting needed materials from his agency.

I also want to Thank, Sheriff Tom Bowler, and Major's Jack Quinn and Tom Grady of the Sheriff's Department who assisted on site along with Town Manager Ken Walto and members of the Dalton Emergency Action Council.

The employees of the Town of Dalton Highway Department responded and did a wonderful job clearing the roadways of debris quickly and efficiently.

The second incident actually happened just a few days later when a construction crew working on Housatonic Street accidentally drilled a hole in the main water transmission line for the Dalton and Pittsfield.

For about 12 hours Dalton had its own geyser as water was shot about 50 feet into the area from the pressure on the pipe, we had to shut the pipe off to relieve the pressure and allow repairs.

We were required to declare a water emergency for the Town for about 72 hours so that repairs could be made by employees of the Dalton and Pittsfield Water Departments and an outside company hired to change the pipe.

Later in the year we had to close down Main Street for about 10 hours due to a serious motor vehicle accident near the Main Street and Housatonic Street intersection.

The use of the CodeRED system allowed us to communicate with residents in a timely manner to provide directions on rerouting of traffic and advisory notices

in all three cases, thus showing the community the value of the system.

In each of these cases we received fantastic cooperation from the citizens of Dalton and we thank you for this.

For more information on how to sign up for CodeRED and information on the system and how it works you can go to the Town of Dalton's website and follow the prompts to the CodeRED site.

We also encourage those townspeople who have Facebook pages to like the Dalton Emergency Management Page where we try and provide information and suggestions on how to handle emergencies.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Gerald J. Cahalan Jr., Fire Chief

The call volume of the Dalton Fire Department has increase over last year, coming up to 916 calls, up from 759 last year. The majority of calls are for medical assistance. Staffing of the ambulance is getting harder to staff, with many volunteers not able to leave work, working out of town or just are unable to commit because of family issues. If you have the time are willing to take on all the tedious training to help your community, please stop by the firehouse and grab an application or speak with a member or the chief. It is a very rewarding experience to help your community.

To offset this, the District applied for and received a Federal Grant through the FEMA SAFER program for two full time positions. These positions will be fully funded for two years and will give us two full time Firefighters. The firefighters will also respond to medical calls as part their duties, with fire taking priority. After an interview of six candidates, three being local, Lucas Perry and Thomas Balardini were hired. They alternate between two shifts, 6am -2pm and 10am - 6pm.

The Dalton Fire District owns and operates: Three Pumpers and one 110' Aerial/quint. The Fire Association owns/operates: 1 Pumper/Rescue, 1 ambulance staffed with basic EMT's, 2 ATVs. The Town of Dalton owns: 1 Brush vehicle and is operated by the volunteers from the Fire District. We are staffed by one Full Time Chief, two full time FF/EMT's and 32 volunteers that are a mix of EMT's and Firefighters.

The Department has taken on five new probationary members and lost some others for various reasons.

I'd like to thank the Town of Dalton town offices, its residents, The Dalton Police Department and the Dalton Highway Department for the cooperation they give the Dalton Fire Department. Coordination and Cooperation is the way to keep a cohesive working environment and it is a pleasure to work with all of the departments.

I'd like to thank Gibby Rudd and Bob Benlin, and the other members of the Dalton Water Department for their hard work keeping the water flowing. The regular flushing and maintenance of the hydrant system keeps all of us safe.

A little breakdown on statistics:

Fires 27	Rescue & Emergency Medical Service 630
Hazardous Condition (No Fire) 37	Service Call 59
Good Intent Call 42	False Alarm & False Call 106
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster 11	
Special Incident Type 4	TOTAL: 916

Not a bad year for a change.

I am reminding everyone to please make sure your residence or business has a house number. We cannot help you if we can't find you.

All dumpsters 6 yards or over must be permitted in the Town of Dalton. Permits are available at the Dalton Fire Station.

Remember, 9-1-1 for Police, Fire and Medical calls. Give your address, phone number and problem. Stay on the line and answer the dispatchers questions.

I would also like to add, Volunteers are also welcome. If you have time or are interested in volunteering for the fire department or ambulance, please stop by and we will show you our house and equipment. It can be very rewarding and challenging and also is a great way to help your community.

FOREST WARDEN

Gerald J. Cahalan Jr., Forest Warden

The Dalton Fire Department had another non eventful Dalton season, with some small outdoor burning complaints.

Reminder to the town, burning season is from January 15 - April 30, 4pm. There will be no extension of the burning season for 2014. Permits are \$5.00 for the season. You must call in or go online at <http://www.bcburnpermits.com> to register each day to burn.

I would like to thank the citizens of Dalton and the various departments for their cooperation and look forward to another uneventful season. I would also like to thank the department volunteers for the hard work you put in.

HIGHWAY, CEMETERY & PARKS DEPARTMENT

John Roughley, Highway Superintendent

The Department's primary mission is to maintain and improve the Town's roads, sewer and drainage systems. This work is performed and accomplished by a very dedicated and professional staff. The Department is also responsible for maintaining the Town's parks and cemeteries.

Routine maintenance performed within our department on roads includes cutting brush, patching pot holes, painting crosswalks and road lines and replacing street signs.

The sewer systems are cleaned and flushed on a regular basis. The known problem areas are on a scheduled maintenance program to alleviate blockages. Over the past year we inspected many sewer lines and made repairs where needed. We also maintain over 800 catch basins during the year.

During the winter season we aim to keep all streets and sidewalks clear and safe. All of the Town's streets, parking lots and sidewalks are swept by Department personnel.

Spring is when our four cemeteries are cleaned up in preparation for our Memorial Day observance. Monthly Cemetery Trustee meetings are held at 9 am on the second Wednesday of each month at the Main Street Cemetery Office. Anyone wishing to speak to the Trustees is invited to attend. Winter decorations should be removed from the cemeteries by April 15th and summer decorations should be removed by October 15th.

The Town's parks are also cleaned up each spring for the upcoming recreational season. We work with the CRA to make sure all ball fields are ready for the upcoming baseball and softball seasons.

We have had a successful year, due largely in part to the staff of the Highway Department. We thank the residents, Select Board, Town Manager and all other Town employees for their guidance and support. We look forward to the year to come.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

George White, Chairman

To the Dalton Citizens. 2014-2015 was considered one the best years in status, and one of the saddest. We lost one of our long-time associates members, Stacia Garvey. Stacia has a wealth of Dalton knowledge that she gave to our commission. (Stacia---we miss you)

In June of 2014, we received our first grant from Community Development Tourism for the sum of \$180,000.00. It was a great boost for the Historical Commission. We have applied for many grants, and this was the first one awarded us. It will bring the Fitch Hoose House back to its original appearance of 1846. We also received a gift of \$1500.00 from Berkshire Bank and \$1000.00 donation from the Town of Dalton. Great appreciation from Dalton Historical Commission to all donors.

We applied for 501C in 2010 from the Federal Government, for a tax-free eligibility.

Our tag sale was held on June 28th, This time, we made it thru the day without rain. HURRAH!

We took a trip to the Samuel Harrison House in Pittsfield. The tour was given by Churchill Cotton of the Restoration Committee.

Some small progress has been made to the White house, which is just above toe Hoose House. We hope to have a museum and store in this building.

We took a trip to Byron Weston Mill to see the progress made and the new turbin to produce electricity.

Our Annual Christmas Party was held at the Dalton Restaurant. Corey White a guest for his donated time to our projects.

HOOSE RESTORATION COMMITTEE

Joyce White, Chairperson

The Hoose House Restoration Committee was constructed to oversee the bidding and dispersal of grant money and donations received. Bids were put out to oversee the restoration. The bid from CME was accepted by the committee. We have held board meetings on Thursdays at 11:00 a.m., since the formation of the committee in November. Some of the decision work to be done: the exterior work will consist of removing the siding, the interior work will consist of stripping walls and ceilings: and a new construction of the dismantled shed portion of the building. We are sure the Town will be pleased with the end results.

INSPECTOR OF WIRING

John M. Broderick, Inspector

Service Work	27
New Houses.....	1
Additions & renovations.....	18
Security Systems	13
Furnaces.....	8
Pools & Hot Tubs	2
Solar Panels	3
Generators.....	1
A/C Equipment.....	4
Misc. Elec. Work	22
Total Permits	99

MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE

Robert Dassat, Chairman

After a early morning mist the parade groups all formed at the first methodist church for the town of daltons annual memorial day parade. The parade groups were once again honored by the patriotic people and children who came out. It takes a lot of work to put this ceremony together,i am grateful to the committee that works with me.the ceremony at the mound of the unknown dead in the main st cemetery began under beautiful sunshine with the invocation given by reverand brian lamberton of the first church of the nazarene.the tribute to the 2014 ceremony was to pay honor to all our men and women who had paid the ultimate sacrifice and also to the ones serving protecting our freedom. The waconah high school band under the leadership of brian rabuse began with the playing of the “ star spangl ed banner” the pledge of allegiance followed led by myself robert dassat. As it was in last years ceremony we felt it to be included once again the pow-mia ceremonial reading presented by pete morrissey.all our select men and women were present,among the honored guests on the mound were arthur filkins commander of the vfw of dalton ,guest speaker gail penna,state representative paul mark, john ellis chaplain for both the american legion and vfw still very active at 90 hats off to john. My thanks go outonce again to master of ceremonies thomas callahan for the job he does preparing the program.the student orators from our high school were miss shannon steele and miss sarah bachli who did an excellent job.wreath bearers placing wreaths for all wars were colleen kiley,keegan lennon,sophie gordon,naddie riechers,isabella riechers andsasha ehrlich.we were honored once again with bagpiper dennis mesango playing “amazng grace” the reading of thenamesof the war dead including the civil war were read.the american legion rifle squad followed with the firing volleys, taps were performed by band members isabelle haug and christian pickwell as i conclude my report i would be remise if i left out the boys scout troupe #4 and the children of cranville school for helping with the placement of cemetery flags on our veterans graves and special thanks to the memorial day committee members

PLANNING BOARD

Caleb Darby, Chairman

The Dalton Planning Board was formed in 1939 and is primarily responsible for issues involving land uses such as Zoning Bylaws and subdivision construction, as well as division of land. The current quality of life and the “look” of Dalton is a tribute to the hard work by the many residents, past and current, who have donated their time and talents by serving as members of the Dalton Planning Board.

The Board consists of five elected residents with five-year terms and one resident appointed by the Select Board to serve as an associate member. Planning Board meetings are regularly scheduled to be held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7PM in the Town Hall, Callahan Room. Additional meetings are held as they are required.

In 2014, the Planning Board held eleven regular monthly meetings, eight public hearings and one special meeting. During those meetings, they endorsed five Form A applications for the division of lands within Dalton, granted two Special Permit renewals for earth removal and one Special Permit amendment for earth removal. They also reviewed nine Special Permit applications before the Board of Appeals, held several discussions regarding updating the Master Plan and took the lead in Berkshire Regional Planning Commission’s Priority Development Fund - Affordable Housing Action Plan.

In addition, the Board has a long term goal to update and improve the Dalton Zoning Bylaws so that these documents better serve the residents of Dalton. Throughout 2014 the Board conducted two public hearings regarding zoning by-law revisions in advance of the Annual Town Meeting. By-laws that were discussed were: Drive-Thru’s, Signs, Medical Marijuana Dispensaries, Poultry and Solar Photovoltaic Installations, Large & Small. Voters at the Annual Town Meeting approved the Sign By-law, Medical Marijuana Dispensary By-law and the Large Scale Solar Photovoltaic Installation By-law. Since then, Recreational Vehicles parked in front yards has also been a topic of discussion.

Members of the Planning Board were Caleb Darby, Zack McCain, Michael Szklasz and Karen Quinn. New member Greg Geyer filled the vacancy from the departure of Richard Ladd after May. The Board thanks former Chairman Richard Ladd for his longstanding commitment and service to Dalton. Recording secretaries for the year were Lisa Peltier and Patricia Jehle.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Jeffrey E. Coe, Chief of Police

For the first time in several years, 2014 was a quiet year for personnel changes. Officer Munch graduated from the Full Time Police Academy in June and returned to our ranks. Welcome back!! With the recent changes, retirements and promotions, we found ourselves shorthanded with Reserve Officers. In July we requested names from Civil Service to hire 2 part time Reserve Officers. In September, Dorothy DiMouro was offered a position with the department. Ms. DiMouro has since completed the Basic Reserve Academy and was appointed

February 23, 2015 to our ranks. Welcome aboard Officer DiMouro!! She will now complete her Field Training and then will be on her own.

Officers responded to an average of 12 service calls per shift while also conducting in depth investigations, teaching DARE or Police Explorers, attending TRIAD, collecting and analyzing evidence, patrolling on bike patrol, performing equipment maintenance, or conducting other especial policing tasks including building security checks and traffic enforcement.

Officers maintain constant training throughout the year. Officers complete trainings based upon current Municipal Police Training Council guidelines as well as maintaining their specialties. Officers within our department have many specialized training areas and are listed as follows:

Officer Thibodeau - School Emergency Planning Council and TRIAD Program

Officer Strout teaches our DARE Program and is a Sexual Assault Investigator

Officer Bishop is a Sexual Assault Investigator

Officer Powell is our Evidence Officer

Officer Mozzi is our K9 Officer

Officer Munch and Buzzella are trained in forensic cell phone and computer technology.

Officer Mozzi and Munch - Police Explorers

Officer Mozzi and K9 Max maintain their certifications by attending weekly trainings and annual certification training.

In addition to the biannual National Drug Take Back, which is usually held each spring and fall, at the Dalton CRA, Citizens of Dalton can drop off unused or unwanted prescription drugs for immediate disposal at our station at any time. We only ask, if possible, to please black out names on the prescription bottles to save the time of our officers and also not to drop sharps in the box. Sharps can still be dropped off however they need to be placed in a separate container.

We have received \$8,745 in federal and state grant funding toward the purchase of new protective vests for 11 officers whose current vest are deteriorating. Newly hired officers received new vest utilizing grant money obtained last year. I would like to thank the dedicated men and women of the Police Department.

Congratulations to Officer Jonathan Bishop for being awarded the 2013 Dalton Police Officer Award and Sgt. Christopher Furlong for being awarded the 2014 Dalton Police Officer Award. These awards are voted on and presented by the Dalton Police Association. Finally, I would like to thank my Administrative Assistant Rebecca Whitaker for being flexible and accommodating to the ever changing department needs.

Dalton Police Department 2014 Statistics:

Total call responses:.....	14,056
Business & Non 911 Calls.....	13,280
Officer Initiated responses.....	8,769
Intrusion Alarm Calls	51
911 Calls	781

Incidents	340
Arrests.....	96
Motor Vehicle stops	956
Motor Vehicle Accidents	134
Motor Vehicle Citations Issued.....	640
Citations Fines Received	\$ 6,535.00
Parking Fines Issues	100
Parking Fines Levied	\$ 1,330
Firearms Permits Issued	118
Firearms Permit Fees Received	\$ 2,600
Copies of reports.....	\$ 446.00

Accident forms and license to carry/firearm identification card applications can be found on line at www.dalton-ma.gov under town services. Completed police accident reports can be obtained online with your report number at www.getcrashreports.com

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Paul K. Vacchina, Sealer

For period commencing January 1, 2014 and ending December 31, 2014 inclusive
 In compliance with Chapter 98 Section 37 as amended by Chapter 295 of the Acts of 1998

Section 37. Each municipality shall annually, between January 1 and January 31, submit to the director a written report that describes the components of the municipality’s weights and measures program, including, but not limited to, an inventory of all weighing and measuring devices and equipment and the date of the most recent certification for each device or piece of equipment, inspection results by category, results of tests performed pursuant to Section 56D, total citations issued by category, the net loss restored to consumers and merchants as a result of its enforcement program, and any other information required by the director.

A municipality that does not report to the director in the manner prescribed in this section shall not be eligible to retain any revenues generated by the municipality as a result of imposing civil citations as provided in Section 29A.

<i>Test measures for Gas Pumps</i>	<i>Number of Each</i>	<i>Last Date of Certification</i>
5 Gallons	1	2009

<i>Scales</i>	<i>Sealed</i>
Under 100 lbs	8
5,000- 10,000 lbs	

<i>Automatic Liquid Measuring Devices</i>	<i>Sealed</i>
Gasoline	32

SHADE TREE DEPARTMENT

John Roughley, Tree Warden

The Shade Tree Department had another busy year. Many hazardous trees have been removed or pruned. With level funding and increased cost for removal, the number of new trees planted has been greatly reduced over the past few years.

The Highway Department has helped to remove several large trees that WMECO took down for the town. The power company does assist in tree removal when trees pose a risk to their equipment.

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

TOWN ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

Sandra J. Albano, Town Accountant

I am pleased to submit the 38th Annual Report of the Town Accountant for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2014.

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 FY14 books have been closed and submitted to the Department of Revenue. Free Cash has been certified in the amount of \$803,526 for use in FY15. The Town of Dalton continues to battle financially with our diminishing levy capacity.

The Town's Statutory responsibility to hold the levy limit growth by 2.5% becomes difficult when budgets, not in the Town's control, are not held to that Statute.

The FY16 budget process has begun and we are faced with the challenge of balancing the budget. All departments are working hard to level fund expenditures and find ways to decrease spending.

I would like to thank Dawn Fahey for all her hard work in the Treasurer's and Accountant's office. Dawn has brought some valuable skills into this department, and is a very dedicated worker. I look forward to working with her on the many challenges these two departments continually face.

Schedule 1: Combined Balance Sheet, June 30, 2014
Town of Dalton, Massachusetts

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES			FIDUCIARY FUND TYPE TRUST & AGENCY	ACCOUNT GROUP LONG TERM DEBT	TOTALS MEMORANDUM ONLY
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	CAPITAL PROJECTS			
ASSETS						
Cash and Cash Equivalents	1,841,032	214,328	95,434	2,149,402		4,300,196
Receivables						
Property Taxes	185,528					185,528
Less: Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts	(50,399)					(50,399)
Excise Taxes	66,963					66,963
Tax Liens	161,465					161,465
Departmental	85,395	6,096				91,491
User Charges	42,857					42,857
Tax Foreclosures	140,692					140,692
Due From Other Governments	-	202,903				202,903
Due From Other Agencies	-					-
Due From Other Funds	-					-
Amount to be Provided for the Payment of Debt					1,638,649	1,638,649
Total Assets:	2,473,533	423,327	95,434	2,149,402	1,638,649	6,780,345

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES			FIDUCIARY FUND TYPE TRUST & AGENCY	ACCOUNT GROUP LONG TERM DEBT	TOTALS MEMORANDUM ONLY
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	CAPITAL PROJECTS			
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY						
Liabilities:						
Vendor Warrants Payable	116,617	34,784		2,960		154,361
Payroll Warrants Payable	-					-
Accrued Payroll	56,618	1,195				57,813
Accrued Employer Taxes	723					723
Employee Withholdings	35,541					35,541
Due to Other Governments	-					-
Due to Other Funds						-
Due to Other Agencies	(757)			13,484		12,727
Undistributed Receipts						-
Unclaimed Items	2,802					2,802
Prepaid Highway Excavation Fees	1,450					1,450
Deferred Revenue		208,999				208,999
Property Taxes	135,129					135,129
Tax Liens	161,465					161,465
Tax Foreclosure	140,692					140,692
Other	195,215					195,215

Schedule 1: Combined Balance Sheet, June 30, 2014
Town of Dalton, Massachusetts

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES			FIDUCIARY FUND TYPE	ACCOUNT GROUP	TOTALS
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	CAPITAL PROJECTS			
BANS Payable						-
Performance Bond Deposits					1,638,649	1,638,649
Bond Indebtedness			-	16,444	1,638,649	2,745,566
Total Liabilities:	845,495	244,978	-			
Fund Equity:						
Reserved for Encumbrances	56,867	6,693		16,600		63,560
Reserved for Expenses	465,000					481,600
Reserved for Overlay Released	-					-
Reserved for Payment of Debt/Capital	36,289					36,289
Reserved for Continuing Appropriation	119,849					119,849
Reserved for E911 Support/Training Grant Deficits	-	3,415				3,415
Reserved for Nonexpendable Trust Principal				125,100		125,100
Undesignated	950,033	168,241		1,991,257		3,204,965
Total Fund Equity	1,628,038	178,349		2,132,957	-	4,034,778
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity:	2,473,533	423,327		2,149,402	1,638,649	6,780,345

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY (continued)

Schedule 1 - A
Special Revenue Funds
Fund Equity for the Year Ended June 30, 2014

	Balance 7/1/13	Revenue	Prior Year Corrections	Transfers In	Expenses	Transfers Out	Balance 6/30/14
Animal Kennel Donations	-						-
Beautification Commission Donations	1,330	55			186		1,199
BJA Recovery Act JAG Grant - Federal	-						-
Canine Officer Grant	-	25,000			21,945		3,055
CATV Local Broadcasting	-	100,315			100,315		-
Cemetery Repair Donations	10,000						10,000
Cemetery Vandalism Restitution	383						383
COA Formula Grant	-	13,432			13,432		-
COA Gifts/Donations/Programs	7,615	1,277			4,136		4,756
COA Incentive Grant	890				890		-
COA Programs Revolving	6,073	7,179			2,824		10,428
COA Transportation Fund	4,321	10,280			9,248		5,353
Community Development Block Grant	16,895					16,000	895
Community Septic Mgt.	18,000						18,000
Composting Bin Grant	494						494
Cultural Council	4,496	4,258			4,305		4,449
Cultural Council Donations	779						779
Dalton Papers	2,333	25					2,358
Dog License Revolving	265				255	10	-
Drug Task Force/Byrne Grant	3,044	19,637			18,979		3,702
Electric Inspections Revolving	2,105	4,790			5,010		1,885
Extended Polling Hours	-						-
Gov's Hghwy Sfty Bureau Grants	14						14
Grave Digging OT Revolving	2,497	1,395			1,184	208	2,500
Highway Chapter Funds	(138,976)	274,051			135,075		-
Historical Commission	805	45					850
Insurance Claims Under \$10,000	14,764				1,450		13,314
Insurance Reimbursements over \$20K	128,391						128,391
Legal Advertising Revolving	3,000	2,675			2,223	452	3,000
Library Donations	8,246	500			1,494		7,252
Library Incentive Grant	30,463	8,172			4,722		33,912
MA Releaf Grant	-						-
Miscellaneous Non-Recurring Grants/Gifts	11,804	37,546		5,000	67,595		(13,244) *
Municipal Recycling Program Grant	614						614
Parks Maintenance Revolving	1,175						1,175
Planning Board Deposits-BCC Cnslt	2,100						2,100
Planning Board Deposits-PineCrest	350						350
Planning Board Engineering Follow-Up	3,474						3,474
Plumbing Inspections Revolving	-	7,867			7,867		-
Police Dept Local Gifts	-						-
Police Outside Detail	2,431	98,416		5,000	97,063		8,784
Police Vest Grant	(2,385)	2,385					-
Records Preservation Project	592						592
Skateboard Park Donations	1,841						1,841
Small Cities Grant Recapture	-						-
State 911 Comm Dept Incentive Grant	(94,085)	132,847		1,000	127,939		(88,177) *
Wetlands Protection Fund	3,762	350			241		3,871
Total Fund Equity	59,900	752,497	-	11,000	628,378	16,670	178,349

*Fund 223 State 911 Communication Grant - Submitted 5 months Expenditures for Grant Reimbursement between Jan 2014 and April 2014
- **The State has not reimbursed \$89,040.46** (5 months Expenditure) as of 11/10/14

*Fund 229 - State 911 Training Grant - Submitted Reimbursement for **\$7,067.66** May 29, 2014. **State has not reimbursed as of 11/10/14**

*Fund 229 - MA DOT Winter Rapid Recovery Payment of **\$34,069** dated 08/25/14 and Payment of **\$10** dated 9/11/14 received from State

Schedule 1-B: Capital Projects Fund Equity for The Year Ended June 30, 2014

	Balance 07/01/13	Revenues	Transfers In	Expenses	Transfers Out	Fund Equity Balance 6/30/14	Grant Revenues Anticipated	Temporary Borrowing Issued	Projects	
									Authorized	Not Complete
Capital Projects - Departmental	7,299	-	93,649	93,649	-	7,299	-	-	392,250	-
Capital Projects - Building	1,110	-	-	-	-	1,110	-	-	1,110	-
COA Senior Center - Building	5,830	-	-	1,970	-	3,860	-	-	3,860	-
Landfill Closure	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Street Project	36,540	-	-	2,350	-	34,190	-	-	34,190	-
Housatonic Street Project	75,000	-	-	26,025	-	48,975	-	-	48,975	-
	125,779	-	93,649	123,994	-	95,434	-	-	480,385	-

**Schedule 1-C: Trust and Agency Funds
Fund Equity and Liabilities for the Year Ended June 30, 2014**

	Balance 7/1/13	Receipts	Due from Others	Transfers In	Expenses	Transfers Out	Balance 06/30/14
Fund Equity:							
<u>Non-Expendable Trust</u>							
Principal - Cemetery	35,100	-	-	-	-	-	35,100
Principal - Library	60,000	-	-	-	-	-	60,000
Principal - School	30,000	-	-	-	-	-	30,000
	<u>125,100</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>125,100</u>
<u>Expendable Trust</u>							
Cemetery	28,029	191	-	-	9,650	-	18,570
Library	69,387	391	-	-	2,380	-	67,398
School	82,717	287	-	-	-	-	83,004
Local Law Enforcement	2,405	1,312	-	-	2,986	-	730
	<u>182,538</u>	<u>2,181</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,016</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>169,702</u>
<u>Stabilization Funds</u>							
General Stabilization	279,582	798	-	1,638	-	5,798	276,220
Capital Stabilization	1,033,533	2,984	-	10,883	-	36,289	1,011,111
Litigation Stabilization	226,710	656	-	-	-	-	227,366
Sewer Stabilization	123,184	362	-	25,000	-	-	148,546
	<u>1,663,009</u>	<u>4,800</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,521</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>42,087</u>	<u>1,663,243</u>
<u>OPEB Liability Trust</u>							
Pension Reserve Fund	13,000	29	-	35,000	-	-	48,029
Unemployment Compensation Fund	121,633	225	-	20,000	-	20,000	121,858
	<u>5,015</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,025</u>
	<u>2,110,295</u>	<u>7,245</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>92,521</u>	<u>15,016</u>	<u>62,087</u>	<u>2,132,957</u>
Total Fund Equity							

**Schedule 1-C: Trust and Agency Funds
Fund Equity and Liabilities for the Year Ended June 30, 2014**

Liabilities:	Balance 07/01/13	Receipts	Due from Others	Transfers In	Disbursements	Warrant Payable	Balance 6/30/14
<u>Agency Funds</u>							
Dalton Fire District	1,012	470,498	-	-	467,255	-	4,255
Dalton Redevelopment Authority Operations	19,343	105,122	-	6,000	125,501	1,155	6,119
Deputy Collector Fees	-	14,907	-	-	14,907	-	-
Parking Clerk Fees	-	366	-	-	366	5	5
Town Clerk Fees	-	7,351	-	-	7,351	-	-
Town Collector Fees	315	-	-	-	-	-	315
State Share of Gun Permit Receipts	2,863	14,375	-	-	13,288	-	3,950
	23,533	612,619	-	6,000	628,668	1,160	14,644
<u>Trust Funds</u>							
Library Trust - Vendor Warrant Payable						1,800	1,800
Total Liabilities	23,533	612,619	-	6,000	628,668	2,960	16,444
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity:	2,133,828	619,864	-	98,521	643,684	65,047	2,149,402

**Schedule 2: General Fund Revenues, Budget to Actual
For the Year Ended June 30, 2014**

	FY14 ESTIMATED	FY14 ACTUAL	VARIANCE FY14 BUDGET TO FY14 ACTUAL
<u>SEWER OFFSET RECEIPTS</u>			
Sewer Late Fees #4245		6,060	
Sewer User Fees #4246-14		728,937	
Sewer User Fees #4246-13		11,319	
Sewer Lien Fees #4247		34,212	
Sewer Hook-Up Charges #4467		1,000	
Hinsdale Sewer Bill #4746		34,394	
	831,027	815,922	(15,105)
<u>ESTIMATED LOCAL RECEIPTS:</u>			
<u>Motor Vehicle Excise, #4150</u>			
2008 & Prior		340	
2009		380	
2010		553	
2011		1,020	
2012		8,772	
2013		133,109	
2014		647,767	
	655,000	791,941	136,941
<u>Other Excise,</u>			
Farm Animal Excise #4162		-	
Classified Forest Land #4163		-	
Forest Products Tax #4164		-	
Hotel/Meals Tax #4167		36,318	
	27,650	36,318	8,668
<u>Penalties & Interest on Taxes & Excise:</u>			
Interest & Penalties on Taxes #4171		31,523	
Interest & Penalties on Tax Titles #4172		24,006	
Interest & Penalties on Sewer User #4173		-	
Interest & Penalties on Other A/R #4174		-	
Property Tax Demands #4177		3,300	
Motor Vehicle Demands/Warrants #4178		13,080	
Demand/Fees Tax Liens Redeemed #4179		590	
Income & Expense Penalties Added to Tax #4190		150	
	45,000	72,649	27,649
<u>Payment in Lieu of Taxes</u>			
Trailer Park Fees #4165		4,608	
Pmts in Lieu of Taxes #4180		2,075	
Pingrove Manor Pilot #4181		1,645	
	6,600	8,328	1,728
<u>Other Charges for Services</u>			
Board of Appeals #4373		550	
Planning Board #4374		700	
Zoning #4375		-	
Sealer of Wghts/Measures #4466		380	
	900	1,630	730

**Schedule 2: General Fund Revenues, Budget to Actual
For the Year Ended June 30, 2014**

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	FY14 ESTIMATED	FY14 ACTUAL	VARIANCE FY14 BUDGET TO FY14 ACTUAL
Fees			
Registry of Motor Vehicles #4175		5,840	
Municipal Lien Fees #4321		3,850	
Bad Check Fees #4330		100	
Default Warrant Removal Fee #4332		-	
Collector Late Fees Ch40 S21E #4333		-	
Duplicate Bill Fee #4382		855	
Code Red Emergency Network Fee #4731		1,706	
Communication Center Fees #4810		11,581	
Private Hauler Recycling Fee #4335		-	
Highway Excavation Fees #4377		2,750	
	17,000	26,682	9,682
Departmental Revenue Council On Aging #4379			
	5,000	5,552	552
Departmental Revenue Cemetery #4378			
	30,000	41,030	11,030
Other Departmental Revenue			
Town Clerk - Street List #4371		40	
Town Clerk - Other #4372		31	
Assessors Maps #4383		717	
Assessors Information Requests #4384		-	
Dalton Fire District Tax Reimbursement #4811		10,000	
Lanesborough ACO Reimbursement #4337		5,355	
Photocopies #4391, 4392		293	
Town Maps #4393		3	
Recycled Goods #4329		6,161	
School Census #4841		3,453	
Charge for Bid Specs #4380		-	
Police Reports #4397		761	
Police Outside Detail Cruiser Fee #4396		975	
Police - Outside Detail Admin Fee #4398		4,996	
Town Collector Miscellaneous #4844		80	
	29,500	32,865	3,365
Licenses & Permits			
All Alcohol Licenses On Premise #4411		4,800	
Beer & Wine Licenses #4413		600	
All Other Alcohol Licenses Off Premise #4414		1,200	
Dog Licenses #4420		28,389	
Raffle Permits #4455		60	
Cable TV Franchise #4458		1,110	
Building Permits #4460		18,913	
Health Agent Receipts #4462		3,835	

**Schedule 2: General Fund Revenues, Budget to Actual
For the Year Ended June 30, 2014**

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	FY14 ESTIMATED	FY14 ACTUAL	VARIANCE FY14 BUDGET TO FY14 ACTUAL
Police Pistol Permits #4473		4,875	
Other Licenses & Permits #4499		5,370	
	61,350	69,152	7,802
<u>Fines and Forfeits</u>			
Motor Vehicle Fines #4694		7,905	
District Court Restitution #4698		2,630	
Parking Fines #4771		2,585	
Library Fines #4772		2,266	
Unlicensed Dog Fines #4773		6,470	
Police Fines #4774		111	
Youth Tobacco Fines #4776		-	
Other Fines #4775		-	
	20,500	21,967	1,467
<u>Investment Income</u>			
Earnings on Investment #4820		5,869	
	8,000	5,869	(2,131)
<u>Miscellaneous Recurring</u>			
Miscellaneous Revenue #4840		-	
Miscellaneous State Revenue #4699		-	
		-	-
<u>Miscellaneous Non-Recurring</u>			
Miscellaneous Revenue #4840		37,718	
Miscellaneous State Revenue #4699		4,543	
Additional Assistance General Fund #4699		-	
Miscellaneous Federal Revenue #4540		10,602	
Federal Retiree Drug Subsidy #4544		-	
Workman's Comp Refund #4843		-	
Sale of Surplus Inventory/Books #4815 #4813		-	
Premium/Accrued Interest on Bonds #4930		-	
		52,863	52,863
TOTAL ESTIMATED LOCAL RECEIPTS:	906,500	1,166,846	260,346
<u>CHERRY SHEET REVENUE: (NET OF CHERRY SHEET OFFSETS)</u>			
Exemptions - Vets, Blind, Srvg. Sps, Elderly #4617, 4616	30,908	12,048	(18,860)
State Owned Land #4611	50,484	50,484	-
School Aid (Ch70) #4621	272,926	272,926	-
Vocational Students Transportation #4637	-	78,582	78,582
Veterans Benefits #4667	46,049	36,933	(9,116)
Unrestricted General Government Aid #4671	985,076	985,076	-
General Fund Supplemental	-	-	-
	1,385,443	1,436,049	50,606
TOTAL GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS	3,122,970	3,418,817	295,847

**Schedule 3: General Fund Appropriations, Expenditures and Encumbrances
For the Year Ended June 30, 2014**

Department Title	FY14 Final Budget		Vendor Payments Expended	Year End Department Balance	Amount Encumbered or Carried Forward to FY15	Closing Entries	Unencumbered Balance
	Including FY13 CarryForwards and Transfers	Salary Expended					
114 Moderator	462	362	-	100	-	-	100
122 Select Board	21,104	17,682	3,239	183	-	-	183
123 Town Manager	141,512	130,173	7,967	3,372	3,003	-	369
131 Finance Committee	185	-	176	9	-	-	9
132 Reserve Fund	8,184	-	-	8,184	-	-	8,184
133 Prior Year Bills	1,331	-	1,330	1	-	-	1
135 Accountant	54,950	46,690	7,089	1,171	-	-	1,171
138 Group Purchasing	600	-	600	-	-	-	-
139 Town Audit	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
141 Assessors	99,684	73,394	16,448	9,842	-	-	9,842
142 Triennial Revaluation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
143 Town Re-Mapping	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
145 Treasurer	101,853	79,100	14,482	8,271	-	-	8,271
146 Town Collector	93,321	78,715	10,717	3,889	-	-	3,889
151 Town Counsel	45,000	-	44,991	9	-	-	9
152 Telephone	14,040	-	12,035	2,005	-	-	2,005
154 Recording Secretary	4,396	2,930	-	1,466	-	-	1,466
157 Computer	8,500	-	5,118	3,382	-	-	3,382
158 Postage Meter	17,215	-	16,358	857	-	-	857
159 Tax Title Foreclosures	2,500	-	-	2,500	-	-	2,500
161 Town Clerk	88,616	76,423	2,525	9,668	4,366	-	5,302
162 Elections	7,083	1,941	2,812	2,330	-	-	2,330
163 Board of Registrars	9,576	4,930	2,215	2,431	-	-	2,431
171 Conservation	1,846	-	902	944	-	-	944
175 Planning Board/Board of Appls	22,942	20,613	308	2,021	-	-	2,021
182 Development & Industrial Commission	1,200	-	1,068	132	-	-	132
191 Old Dalton High Maintenance	7,100	-	6,707	393	-	-	393
192 Building Maintenance	64,563	52,112	10,151	2,300	-	-	2,300
195 Town Report	6,650	-	5,921	729	-	-	729
196 Town Hall	78,470	1,340	70,426	6,704	-	-	6,704
197 Central Supplies	15,100	-	14,797	303	-	-	303
210 Police Department	939,193	857,424	79,664	2,105	30	-	2,075
222 Communications	165,440	80,616	9,110	75,714	-	-	75,714
240 Building Inspector	50,099	41,730	7,000	1,369	-	-	1,369
244 Weights and Measures	1,419	1,319	-	100	-	-	100

**Schedule 3: General Fund Appropriations, Expenditures and Encumbrances
For the Year Ended June 30, 2014**

	<u>FY14 Final Budget</u>		<u>Vendor Payments</u>	<u>Year End Department Balance</u>	<u>Amount Encumbered or Carried Forward to FY15</u>	<u>Closing Entries</u>	<u>Unencumbered Balance</u>
	<u>Including FY13 Carry Forwards and Transfers</u>	<u>Salary Expended</u>					
<u>Department Title</u>			<u>Expended</u>				
247 Meat & Cattle	1,377	1,377	-	-	-	-	-
292 Animal Control	23,706	19,142	2,832	1,732	-	1,732	1,732
294 Forest Warden	3,595	1,704	807	1,084	-	1,084	1,084
295 Emergency Management	6,024	-	5,165	859	-	859	859
296 Tree Warden	18,077	2,077	15,125	875	-	875	875
310 CBRSD	7,852,025	-	7,852,023	2	-	2	2
320 Vocational Education	557,824	-	487,006	70,818	-	70,818	70,818
401 Town Engineer	8,695	-	8,100	595	565	-	30
420 Highway	406,937	276,543	107,302	23,092	60	-	23,032
423 Snow and Ice	162,592	28,628	133,962	2	-	-	2
424 Street Lights	82,800	-	80,603	2,197	-	-	2,197
433 Landfill Closure	14,286	757	11,377	2,152	-	-	2,152
434 Transfer Station	17,375	-	6,386	10,989	-	-	10,989
440 Sewer	38,850	5,332	16,606	16,912	-	-	16,912
449 Sewer Treatment	797,677	487	705,959	91,231	-	-	91,231
491 Cemetery	77,212	52,446	14,795	9,971	-	-	9,971
510 Health Agent/Board	31,270	29,344	929	997	-	-	997
522 Visiting Nurse Association	6,535	6,035	351	149	-	-	149
523 Berkshire Mental Health	2,143	-	2,143	-	-	-	-
541 Council on Aging	119,765	91,295	25,324	3,146	-	-	3,146
543 Veterans Services	105,061	6,761	95,288	3,012	-	-	3,012
591 Berkshire Regional Planning	4,642	119,022	4,642	1,649	-	-	1,649
610 Library	183,344	62,673	62,673	1,649	-	-	1,649
630 CRA - Parks Programs	58,955	58,955	58,955	6,487	-	-	6,487
650 Parks Maintenance	47,382	26,906	13,989	495	-	-	495
691 Historical Commission	1,300	-	805	495	-	-	495
692 Memorial Day	1,970	-	1,926	44	-	-	44
693 Cultural Activities	2,280	-	2,280	-	-	-	-
710 Maturing Debt and Interest	307,816	-	307,314	502	-	-	502
820 State Assessments	32,827	-	33,607	(780)	-	-	(780)
911 Retirement	378,316	-	362,336	15,980	-	-	15,980
913 Unemployment Insurance	5,000	-	1,387	3,613	-	-	3,613
914 Health Insurance	878,501	-	773,676	104,825	-	-	104,825
915 Life Insurance	6,500	4,783	4,783	1,717	-	-	1,717
916 Town Share - Medicare	36,414	30,684	30,684	5,730	-	-	5,730

**Schedule 3: General Fund Appropriations, Expenditures and Encumbrances
For the Year Ended June 30, 2014**

<u>Department Title</u>	<u>FY14 Final Budget Including FY13 CarryForwards and Transfers</u>	<u>Salary Expended</u>	<u>Vendor Payments Expended</u>	<u>Year End Department Balance</u>	<u>Amount Encumbered or Carried Forward to FY15</u>	<u>Closing Entries</u>	<u>Unencumbered Balance</u>
919 Fringe Benefits	27,060	15,720	1,551	9,789	301	-	9,488
932 FY03 Vote - Capital Projects	1,638	-	-	1,638	-	1,638	-
932 FY08 Vote - Capital Projects	37,542	-	16,700	20,842	20,842	-	-
932 FY09 Vote - Capital Projects	1,750	-	-	1,750	-	1,750	-
932 FY11 Vote - Capital Projects	24,087	-	4,500	19,587	10,500	9,087	-
932 FY12 Vote - Capital Projects	30,878	-	5,000	25,878	7,200	18,678	-
932 FY13 Vote - Capital Projects	66,700	-	66,700	-	-	-	-
932 FY14 Vote - Capital Projects	23,000	-	12,954	10,046	10,000	46	-
941 Court Judgments & Claims	3,000	-	-	3,000	-	-	3,000
945 Town Insurance Coverage	244,294	-	242,039	2,255	-	-	2,255
950 Trust Fund Commissioners	229	-	-	229	-	-	229
991 Landfill Monitoring Continuing Appr	119,849	-	-	119,849	119,849	-	-
993 Transfer to Capital Project - Housatonic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
997 Transfer to Stabilization - Sewer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
998 Transfer to Pension Reserve Fund 84	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>14,933,234</u>	<u>2,251,070</u>	<u>11,934,740</u>	<u>747,424</u>	<u>176,716</u>	<u>31,199</u>	<u>539,509</u>

**Schedule 4: Schedule of Bond Indebtedness
For the Year Ended June 30, 2014**

<u>Description</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Month/Year Issued</u>	<u>Final Maturity Date</u>	<u>Original Amount Due</u>	<u>Outstanding</u>
<u>Outside Debt Limit:</u>					
-					
<u>Inside Debt Limit:</u>					
Capital Projects Bonded FY09	Various	06/01/09	06/30/19	240,332	120,161
Capital Projects Bonded FY09	Various	06/01/09	06/30/23	1,312,040	954,839
Capital Projects Bonded FY12	2.35%	12/15/11	06/30/17	512,000	300,000
Capital Projects Bonded FY13	2.00%	03/19/13	03/15/18	220,000	170,000
Capital Projects Bonded FY14	2.00%	06/25/14	06/15/19	93,649	93,649
Total:				<u>\$ 1,638,649</u>	

Short Term

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<u>Authorized and Unissued Debt</u>	<u>Date of Vote</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Bond Issued</u>	<u>Retired Rescinded Revoted</u>	<u>Unissued</u>
Prior Year Authorizations	Various	3,737,900	2,712,829	1,025,071	-
Capital Projects Departmental FY05	06/28/04	128,200	97,955	26,245	4,000
Capital Projects Departmental FY06	06/27/05	267,500	166,162	51,338	50,000
Capital Projects Departmental FY07	06/26/06	153,600	144,737	8,863	-
Capital Projects Departmental FY07	10/23/06	200,000	200,000	-	-
Capital Projects Departmental FY08	06/25/07	234,000	225,960	8,040	-
Capital Projects Departmental FY08	06/25/07	202,040	202,040	-	-
Capital Projects Departmental FY08	11/19/07	1,110,000	1,110,000	-	-
Capital Project Senior Center FY10	09/28/09	512,000	512,000	-	-
Capital Projects Departmental FY12	05/02/11	75,000	75,000	-	-
Capital Projects Departmental FY12	06/27/11	157,600	145,000	-	12,600
Capital Projects Departmental FY14	05/06/13	75,000	75,000	-	-
Capital Projects Departmental FY14	10/29/13	140,000	18,649	-	121,351
Capital Projects Departmental FY15	06/30/14	197,000	-	-	197,000

Total Authorized and Unissued Debt

\$ 7,189,840 \$ 5,685,332 \$ 1,119,557 \$ 384,951

**Schedule 5: Analysis of General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance
For the Year Ended June 30, 2014**

Balance, 7/1/13		628,179
Adjustments:		
2012 Invoice paid twice - Check returned to Town - Voided 02/02/14	25	
General Fund Closed Capital Projects back to Capital Stabilization	(10,883)	
General Fund Closed Capital Projects back to General Stabilization	(1,638)	
		(12,496)
Open:		
Reserve for Encumbrances and Carry Forwards	(56,867)	
Reserve for FY14 Expenses	(465,000)	
Reserve for FY14 Capital Improvement	(36,289)	
		(558,156)
Close:		
Dog Licenses Chapter 53E 1/2 not Revoted in FY14 Remaining Balance	10	
Legal Ad Revolving over \$3,000 (Special Revenue)	451	
Cemetery OT Revolving over \$2,500 (Special Revenue)	209	
Transfer Landfill Continuing Appropriation to General Fund Landfill Monitoring #433	14,286	
Other Financing Sources	67,087	
Other Financing Uses	(86,000)	
Prior Year Reserve for Encumbrances and Carry Forwards	163,691	
Prior Year Reserve for Expenses	565,000	
Prior Year Reserve for Capital Improvement Debt	13,000	
Expenditures	(14,185,810)	
Revenues	14,340,582	
		892,506
Ending Balance June 30, 2014		950,033

TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Daniel D. Filiault, Chairman

The Dalton Traffic Commission was founded by the Board of Selectmen in the early 1970's as an advisory board to provide input to the Town on matters pertaining to vehicular and pedestrian traffic within the Town of Dalton.

The Commission which consists of 5 volunteers from the Community and the Chiefs of the Police and Fire Departments meets monthly to review applications for construction, businesses and other matters that could affect the ability of the citizens to travel safely within the town. The Traffic Commission is deeply grateful to the many committees and Boards within the community and the citizens of Dalton for their support.

For a number of years we have been working with local and State agencies to get a solar powered pedestrian light at the intersection of Fox Road and Hinsdale Road.

In 2014 we were finally able to have the Pedestrian Activated Light erected. This required numerous studies by agencies and engineers to determine the proper location and style of light to be used. We are grateful to Town Manager Ken Walto who worked with us and supervised the efforts to get the light erected.

The light is Solar Powered and works when a pedestrian pushes a button mounted on the post. When activated a light flashes in both directions on Hinsdale Road warning motorists of the presence of pedestrians.

The location was chosen to make it safer for students at Nessacus Middle School and citizens using the playing fields at the school after hours to cross the roadway. It is located in a heavily traveled area for vehicles so we need your cooperation.

I urge all citizens to drive by the location and make note of the placement of the light and get familiar with the light so that we can work together to make it as effective as possible.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Sharon M. Messenger, Town Treasurer

I am pleased to submit my annual report for Fiscal Year 2014. It has been another busy year in my office and we've seen an increase in people who were unable to pay their taxes and were put in Tax Title. In September of 2014 I received twenty one new tax title accounts from the Collector's office. This is the most I have seen in the fourteen years that I have worked for the Town of Dalton. Of those twenty one new accounts twelve have been paid in full and three are on payment plans. We continue to work with the people in tax title by putting them on a payment plan when possible, however at times this is unsuccessful and we end up doing a foreclosure. We had a total of five foreclosures in Fiscal Year 2014 and another one in August of 2014.

I would like to thank my Assistant Treasurer Dawn Fahey for all of her hard work and dedication throughout the year. Without her help it would have been difficult to pursue the tax title collections as aggressively as we did. Dawn is also in charge of the drug subsidy reimbursement for the Town and this year we were reimbursed a total of \$17,334.77.

GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES

Personal Property Taxes 2014 and Prior	316,577.08
Real Estate Taxes 2014	10,370,256.75
Real Estate Taxes Prior Years	126,291.38
Motor Vehicle Taxes 2014	647,766.95
Motor Vehicle Taxes 2013	133,108.70
Motor Vehicle Taxes Prior Years	11,065.06
Interest and Penalties on Taxes	31,522.70
Inc & Exp Penalty added to Tax	150.00
Demands, Warrants & Fees	16,970.00

11,653,708.62

TAX LIENS RECEIVABLES

Tax Liens	108,640.14
Interest and Penalties on Liens	24,005.82

132,645.96

STATE RECEIPTS (CHERRY SHEET)

State Owned Land	50,484.00
Elderly Persons	12,048.00
Unrestricted General Government	985,076.00
School Aid (Chapter 70)	272,926.00
Hotel/Meals Tax	36,317.97

1,356,851.97

COMMONWEALTH OF MA. STATE RECEIPTS

911-Dept. Support and Incentive	132,846.87
Arts Cultural Council	4,250.00
Police Vest Grant	2,385.00
Council on Aging Formula Grant	13,432.00
Transportation of Vocational Students	78,582.00
Library Incentive Grant	8,171.58
Motor Vehicle Fines	7,905.00
Highway Chapter Money	274,051.26
Veterans Benefits	36,933.00
Miscellaneous State Revenue	4,543.00
Canine Officers Grant	25,000.00

588,099.71

OTHER GOVERNMENTAL REVENUE

Receipts Drug Task Force	19,637.14
Communications Center Services	11,581.00
Berkshire District Court Restitution	2,630.00
Hinsdale Sewer Services	34,394.00
Miscellaneous Grants	37,546.16

105,788.30

FEDERAL REVENUE

Federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes	2,075.00
EPA Clean up Grant	105,108.38
Miscellaneous Federal Revenue	10,602.03

117,785.41
GENERAL GOVERNMENT- CHARGES FOR SERVICES/FEES

Lanesborough ACO Shared Expense	5,355.26
Registry of Motor Vehicle Charges	5,840.00
Trailer Park Fees	4,608.00
Sewer Late Fees	6,060.00
Sewer User Fee 2014	728,936.47
Sewer User Fees Prior Year	11,319.29
Sewer Liens 2014	32,383.34
Sewer Liens Prior Years	1,828.68
Municipal Lien Fees	3,850.00
Bad Check Fees	100.00
Sale of Street Lists	40.00
Highway Excavation Fees	2,750.00
Cemetery Charges	41,030.00
Assessors Maps	716.50
Police Reports	761.00
Police Outside Detail Admin Fee	5,971.39
Cable Franchise Fee	1,110.00
Sewer Hook up Charges	1,000.00
Library Fines	2,266.30
Unlicensed Dog Fines	6,470.00
Police Fines	111.25
Recycled Goods	6,160.79
Parking Fines	2,585.00
Duplicate Bill Charge	855.50
Pilot Payments Pine Grove Manor	1,644.75
Code Red Emergency Network Annual Fee	1,705.59

875,459.11
GENERAL GOVERNMENT- LICENSES/PERMITS

Planning Board	700.00
Alcohol Licenses	4,800.00
Beer and Wine Licenses	600.00
All Other Alcohol Licenses	1,200.00
Raffle Permits	60.00
Building Permits	18,913.05
Health Agent	3,835.00
Sealer of Weights and Measurers	380.00
Police Pistol Permits	4,875.00
Board of Appeals Postage	550.00
All other Licenses and Permits	5,370.00

41,283.05
MISCELLANEOUS GENERAL REVENUE

Beautification Committee Donations	55.00
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Town Collector Miscellaneous Revenue	80.39
Council on Aging Van Receipts	10,279.97
Council on Aging Gifts/Donations	1,277.00
Photo Copies	112.19
Town Clerk Other	30.56
Town Maps	3.00
Grave Digging Overtime	1,395.00
Library Copier	181.00
Library Donations	500.00
School Census	3,452.80
Miscellaneous Revenue	37,717.58
Historical Donations	45.00
COA Program Fees	5,552.50
Wetlands Protection Funds	350.00
Dalton Papers	25.00
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	61,056.99

AGENCIES

COA Program Revolv	5,552.50
Soup and Sandwich Program	1,626.00
Revenue Dalton Redevelopment	13.61
Operations	
Parking Clerk Receipts	366.00
Warner Cable TV Franchise	100,315.39
Dog Licenses	28,389.00
Legal Advertising	2,675.00
Plumbing Inspections	7,867.00
Electrical Inspections	4,790.00
Deputy Collector Fees	14,907.00
Police Outside Detail	98,415.95
Fees Retained by Town Clerk	7,350.75
Law Enforcement Trust	1,310.00
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	273,578.20

EARNINGS ON INVESTMENTS

General Funds	5,869.24
Local Law Enforcement Trust	1.58
Capital Stabilization	2,984.50
Litigation Stabilization	655.89
General Stabilization	798.14
Pension Reserve Funds	224.57
Arts Cultural Council	7.83
Sewer Stabilization	362.14
Unemployment Interest	10.08
OPEB Liability Trust	29.02
Cemetery Trust Fund Interest	191.23
Library Trust Fund Interest	390.84
School Trust Fund Interest	287.49
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	11,812.55

TOTAL ALL RECEIPTS FY 2014

15,218,069.87

TRUST FUNDS

ARTS CULTURAL COUNCIL

Balance June 30, 2013	\$4,495.75	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts Grant	\$4,250.00	
Warrants FY 2014	\$(4,305.00)	
Interest Earned FY 2014	\$7.83	
Balance June 30, 2014		\$4,448.58

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Balance June 30, 2013	\$5,014.50	
Interest Earned FY 2014	\$10.08	
Balance June 30, 2014		\$5,024.58

PENSION FUNDS

Balance June 30, 2013	\$121,633.29	
Interest Earned FY 2014	\$224.57	
Balance June 30, 2014		\$121,857.86

GENERAL FUND STABILIZATION

Balance June 30, 2013	\$279,581.34	
Interest Earned FY 2014	\$798.14	
Transfers Out	\$(5,798.00)	
Transfers In	\$1,638.40	
Balance June 30, 2014		\$276,219.88

CAPITAL FUND STABILIZATION

Balance June 30, 2013	\$1,033,532.89	
Transfers in	\$10,882.77	
Transfers out	\$(36,289.00)	
Interest Earned FY 2014	\$2,984.50	
Balance June 30, 2014		\$1,011,111.16

LITIGATION FUND STABILIZATION

Balance June 30, 2013	\$226,709.62	
Interest Earned FY 2014	\$655.89	
Balance June 30, 2014		\$227,365.51

SEWER FUND STABILIZATION

Balance June 30, 2013	\$123,184.42	
Interest Earned FY 2014	\$362.14	
Transfers In	\$25,000.00	
Balance June 30, 2014		\$148,546.56

LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS

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

Interest Balance June 2013	\$64,441.93	
Interest Income FY 2014	\$390.84	
Transfers Out	\$(580.22)	
		\$64,252.55

Balance Library Trust Funds June 30, 2014 **\$129,197.55**

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

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

Interest Balance June 30, 2013	\$25,073.73	
Warrants FY 2014	\$(9,650.00)	
Interest FY 2014	\$191.23	
		\$15,614.96

Balance Cemetery Trust Funds June 30, 2014 **\$53,669.96**

SCHOOL TRUST FUNDS

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

Interest Balance June 30, 2013	\$82,716.99	
Interest Income	\$287.49	
		\$83,004.48

Balance School Trust Funds June 30, 2014 **\$113,004.48**

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST

Balance June 30, 2013	\$2,405.46	
Receipts FY 2014	\$1,310.00	
Expenditures FY 2014	\$(2,986.49)	
Interest Income FY 2014	\$1.58	
		\$730.55

Balance Local Law Enforcement Trust June 30, 2014 **\$730.55**

OPEB LIABILITY TRUST

Beginning Balance	\$13,000.36	
Transfers In	\$35,000.00	
Interest Income FY 2014	\$29.02	
		\$48,029.38

Balance OPEB Liability Trust June 30, 2014 **\$48,029.38**

MATURING DEBT AND INTEREST SCHEDULE FY 2014

Type of Issue	Date Issued	Original Amount	Principal Paid	Date Due	Interest Paid	Remaining Principal
Town Hall Renovations	6/1/09	\$1,110,000.00	\$304,001.00	1/15/14	\$33,003.54	\$805,999.00
Communications Center	6/1/09	\$202,040.00	\$53,200.00	1/15/14	\$6,099.66	\$148,840.00
Roads	6/1/09	\$98,157.00	\$49,081.00	1/15/14	\$2,061.22	\$49,076.00
Capital Projects	6/1/09	\$142,175.00	\$71,090.00	1/15/14	\$2,985.60	\$71,085.00
Senior Center Bond	6/15/12	\$512,000.00	\$212,000.00	8/15/13	\$8,812.50	\$300,000.00
Library Renovations	3/19/13	\$75,000.00	\$15,000.00	3/15/14	\$1,483.33	\$60,000.00
Cruiser	3/19/13	\$32,000.00	\$8,000.00	3/15/14	\$632.89	\$24,000.00
Overhead Door and Rain Gutters	3/19/13	\$10,000.00	\$2,000.00	3/15/14	\$197.78	\$8,000.00
Highway Truck	3/19/13	\$103,000.00	\$25,000.00	3/15/14	\$2,037.11	\$78,000.00
Highway Truck	6/25/14	\$93,649.00				\$93,649.00
Total Outstanding Debt as of June 30, 2014						\$1,638,649.00

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Barbara L. Suriner, Town Clerk

As the local arm of the Secretary of State's Office, the Town Clerk serves you as the chief election official, supervising polling places, election officers and the general conduct of all elections. The Clerk directs the preparation of ballots, polling places, voting equipment, voting lists, the certification of nomination papers and initiative petitions; administers campaign finance laws, voter registration and absentee balloting, and prepares, records and reports official election results to the Secretary of State; and supervises and serves on the Board of Registrars. In addition to serving as the DOR Account Administrator for the Town; Federal Census Liaison and responsible for any required redistricting; our office conducts the Annual Town Census; preparing and printing in-house, all Street Lists, Voter Lists, School Lists, and furnishes the Jury List to the Office of the Jury Commissioner.

The Town Clerk is also responsible for recording and certifying all official actions of the Town, including Town Meeting legislation and appropriations, Planning and Zoning Board decisions, signs all notes for borrowing, keeps the Town Seal, and submits all General and Zoning Bylaws to the Attorney General for approval and maintains the Town Code. Newly enacted Ethics and Open Meeting laws require all employees, volunteers and vendors to receive a transcript of both laws yearly and to also take an online test upon employment and every two years thereafter. The statute requires the Town Clerk to be responsible for distributing copies of said law to all employees, volunteers and vendors, collecting sign-off sheets from each yearly; and also receiving, filing and maintaining copies of all test certificates which must be retained for six years.

In addition to the above, this office processed many legal claims as well as preparing search requests and certified documents for same. We issued 35 Business Certificates and 8 Discontinuance of Business Certificates; 1,234 dog licenses; 5 permits for raffles and bazaars; along with other various state licenses and permits. Chapter 40, Section 21D requires the Town Clerk to collect District Court fines for noncriminal disposition, not limited to but including Animal Control, Junk Car, False Alarm, Snow and Ice Removal, Alcoholic Beverages, Town Parks Playground, Failure to Pay Municipal Charges & Bills, Zoning, Noise Control, Smoking, Hawkers and Peddlers, Uniform Numbering System of Dwellings Bylaws and Board of Health Youth Possession Regulation violations. Under the Animal Control Bylaw adopted December, 1993, dog licenses are due January 1 of each year regardless of when the census is mailed out; with a \$10 late fee effective February 1, and a \$50 per dog Failure to License fine after April 1. Dog licensing information along with the form to license by mail is available on the Town website. In 2014, owners paid 243 late fees, 82 fines for unlicensed dogs, 1 unrestrained dog, 18 dogs and cats not vaccinated against rabies for a total of \$4,870, in addition to holding fees and miscellaneous fines. Several cases were filed at District Court which adds an additional charge of \$25 to cover the administrative cost of preparing these court cases. The State legislature passed a new Animal Control Law in 2012 with many requirements for municipalities, including raising fines to \$50 per

dog per offense. I encourage all residents to license their dogs each year in a timely manner to avoid paying these mandated fines which we are obligated to charge.

As local Registrar of Vital Statistics, registering all vital events occurring within the community and those events occurring elsewhere to local residents, we recorded and preserved 48 birth, 98 death and 19 marriage records contributing to the basis for the Commonwealth's Central Vital Registration system. In addition, we processed 22 Intentions of Marriage, issuing 19 Marriage Licenses; and issued 503 certified copies of births, deaths and marriages in 2014, as well as notarizing or certifying a multitude of documents.

At the recommendation of the Registry of Vital Records and the United States Department of State, we will no longer be printing the individual names from vital records in the Town Report. This will help to protect the privacy of individuals as well as help to curb identity theft.

As Public Records Officer, this office is responsible for administering the oath of office to all elected and appointed members of local committees and boards, keeping all officials informed of any changes in the State's Open Meeting and Conflict of Interest Laws; and are responsible for posting meetings and agendas of all governmental bodies, in two places at Town Hall and on the Town website. Providing access to public records in compliance with State Records Law and corresponding regulations, we performed innumerable search requests and conducted or assisted with genealogical research for members of the public.

In conjunction with General Code, we completed the arduous project of codifying the Town's Bylaws, Regulations, General Law Acceptances and Special Acts which was accepted at the June, 2008 Special Town Meeting. Codification is the collection and organization all of our legislation into a numbered and stylized document that is easily located and read. The Town Clerk is responsible for maintaining and updating the Code with all subsequently enacted and adopted legislation. Citizens can now access the Dalton Code via a link on the Town's website, dalton-ma.gov, which also contains lists and telephone numbers of Town Officers, Rules and Regulations of various Town Boards, Town Meeting and Election Warrants and Minutes, Ethics Legislation, various forms; as well as obtain a multitude of other information relative to the Town and Berkshire County. You will also find a link on the website to access Dalton's new official site for posting meetings, agenda and minutes. You may also go online to mytown-government.org/01226 to find meeting postings and other information for Dalton.

As accountability includes maintenance, disposition, and preservation of municipal archival records and materials, I have initiated an ongoing restoration project in an effort to preserve and restore Dalton's earliest records which were decomposing daily due to acidic paper and ink which devours these irreplaceable documents until they crumble and/or are illegible. We are therefore compelled to preserve this priceless heritage for posterity, and are pleased to report that a total of eleven handwritten volumes plus many individual historical records have been preserved; partially as a result of grants from the Dalton Cultural Council and the donated proceeds of Ray Fischer's book, "The Dalton Papers". I am happy to report that the second large binder of these very old individual historical documents was

preserved in 2012 and invite all interested parties to call and make arrangements to inspect this priceless heritage as we must oversee the handling of the books.

I extend sincere appreciation to my Assistant, Melissa A. Davis and also want to express gratitude to my former Assistant Jean M. Gingras for coming out of retirement to assist us occasionally when the need arises. They both are warm, friendly, sensitive and hardworking, and the Town is fortunate to have such dedicated people willing to serve their community. Please also let me take this opportunity to thank the citizens of Dalton for their continual support for the past 37+ years which is very much appreciated.

DOG LICENSES ISSUED/FINES COLLECTED

(Please note that Dog Licenses are due January 1 each year regardless of when the census is received)

Males	89
Neutered Males	381
Females	57
Spayed Females	430
Commercial Kennel	1
Multiple Pet Permit (4 – 6 Dogs)	70
Transfer Licenses & Tag Replacements	
Total 2014 Dog Licenses Issued	1,239
Total Number Late Fees Assessed	243
Total Prior Years Arrears Collected	445
Total License/Late Fee Amount Paid To Town Treasurer	\$ 24,360.00
Total Animal Control/Police Fines, Court Fees & Misc. Paid To Town Treasurer	\$ 4,870.00
TOTAL AMOUNT PAID TO TOWN TREASURER	\$ 29,230.00

VITAL STATISTICS

Births	49
Deaths	98
Marriages	19

To visit Dalton’s new official meeting posting site, go to mytowngovernment.org/01226.

Meeting information is also available 24/7 by calling 413-285-2709.

FISH & WILDLIFE LICENSES ISSUED

DUE TO 2011 STATE CHANGES IN THE LICENSING PROCESS, WE NO LONGER SELL FISH & GAME LICENSES. ALTHOUGH YOU MAY PURCHASE YOUR LICENSES ONLINE, WE RECOMMEND THAT YOU OBTAIN THEM AT THE MA WILDLIFE OFFICE LOCATED AT 88 OLD WINDSOR ROAD AS THEY DO NOT CHARGE ADDITIONAL FEES.

TOWN COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Jane A. Carman, CMMC

Real Estate, Fire District, Personal Property, and Fire Personal Property Taxes are all 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. These are preliminary bills, each being one quarter of last year's total bill. 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 February 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 \$5.00 late fee and 14% interest per annum is added. If that amount is not paid within 14 days, the Tax Title process begins.

Real Estate and Fire District tax bills can be viewed and printed online at taxbillsonline.com. Sewer bills are due semi-annually; Cycle #1 due October 1st, and Cycle #2 due April 1st. If not paid by the due date, a \$10.00 late fee and interest at 14% per annum is added. If a late bill is not paid, the entire balance is added to the next year's Real Estate Tax as a Sewer Lien.

Motor Vehicle excise bills are due 30 days from the date of issue. If left unpaid, a \$5.00 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.

I would like to thank Assistant Collector Jodi Hollingsworth for her dedication and hard work.

Please see charts for collection details.

Taxes	FY	Balance 6/30/13	Commitment	Abatement	Exemption	Refunds	Received	Transferred	Liened	Tax Title	Balance 6/30/14
Real Estate	2014		10,665,238.34	41,649.35	38,720.22	50,253.39	10,420,510.14			34,294.88	180,317.14
Sewer Lien	2014		35,509.43				32,383.34			1,796.89	1,329.20
Water Lien	2014		4,327.33				4,129.33			198.00	-
& E Lien	2013	150.00					150.00			-	-
Real Estate	2013	145,647.69					126,291.38			17,744.05	1,612.26
Sewer Lien	2013	1,970.24					1,828.68			141.56	-
Personal Prop	2014	3,001.75	318,563.76	456.64		719.30	315,227.14			-	-
Personal Prop	2013	151.98	1,027.39	1,027.39			1,974.36			3,599.28	-
Personal Prop	2012		57.12				94.86			-	-
Fire District	2014		455,189.60	1,777.58		3,845.90	447,081.84			1,110.96	9,065.12
Fire District	2013	4,924.87					4,261.47			663.40	-
Fire Personal	2014		13,596.20	19.49		54.07	13,492.01			-	138.77
Fire Personal	2013	106.27		33.75			72.52			-	-
Motor Vehicle	2014		705,050.40	14,920.32		7,665.58	655,432.53			-	42,363.13
Motor Vehicle	2013	79,673.02	71,698.87	8,429.66		7,552.78	139,864.49			-	10,630.52
Motor Vehicle	2012	15,031.63		422.50		397.25	9,169.04			-	5,837.34
Motor Vehicle	2011	3,946.28					1,332.70			-	2,638.97
Motor Vehicle	2010	2,502.19		286.87		312.26	552.93			-	1,949.26
Motor Vehicle	2009	2,161.26					379.69			-	1,781.57
Motor Vehicle	2008	1,911.68					149.59			-	1,762.09
Motor Vehicle	2007	2,467.41	20.83	2,467.41			20.83			-	-
Motor Vehicle	2006	1,992.08	142.81	1,992.08			142.81			-	-
Motor Vehicle	2005	1,850.42	26.98	1,850.42			26.98			-	-
Motor Vehicle	2004	2,100.85		2,100.85						-	-
Sewer User	2014		770,664.54	190.50		946.11	729,882.07	10.00		-	41,528.08
Sewer User	2013	40,565.65					11,319.29		29,246.36	-	-
Police Detail	2014	17,839.16					98,415.95			-	6,096.00
Cruiser Fee	2014		86,672.79				975.00			-	40.00
Admin Fee	2014	1,149.27	1,015.00				4,996.39			-	427.60
SIB Com Ctr	2014		4,274.72				11,581.00			-	-
Fire Dist Reimb	2014		11,581.00				10,000.00			-	-
Hinsdale Sewer	2014		10,000.00				34,394.00			-	-
Clerk Census	2013	3,452.80	34,394.00				3,452.80			-	-
Lanesboro A C	2014		5,355.26				5,355.26			-	-
Pinegrove	2014		1,644.75				1,644.75			-	-
Totals		329,143.70	13,198,419.41	77,681.93	38,720.22	71,746.64	13,086,585.17	10.00	29,246.36	55,949.74	311,116.33
					Collections	this page					
					other	89,965.47					
					total 2014	13,176,550.64					

Other Monies Collected FY2014 - Town Collector

Type	Acct#	Amount
Sewer Late Fee	4245	\$6,060.00
Interest FD	4171	\$1,460.83
Interest tax	4171	\$29,102.22
Sewer Interest	4171	\$2,420.48
Returned Checks	4330	\$75.00
Demand Fees MV	4178	\$6,130.00
Demand Fees Tax	4177	\$3,300.00
Warrant Fees	4178	\$6,950.00
Deputy Fees	251R	\$14,907.00
RMV Fees	4175	\$5,840.00
MLC	4321	\$3,850.00
Trailer Park	4165	\$4,608.00
Sewer Hookup	4467	\$1,000.00
Trench Permit	4377	\$1,150.00
Interest MM	4820	\$470.46
Duplicate Bills	4382	\$855.50
Court Reimbursement	4844	\$80.39
Code Red	4731	\$1,705.59
TOTAL		\$89,965.47

POSTAGE REPORT

Jane A. Carman

Postage Expenses

Maintenance Agreement	\$ 1,291.00	July 1, 2013 Balance	\$ 13,921.70
Reset Charges	-	Deposits	8,000.00
Meter Rental	768.00	Total Postage Available	21,921.70
Postage	14,298.99	Postage used FY 2014	5,762.75
Total Expenses	\$16,357.99	Balance June 30, 2014	\$16,158.95

PLUMBING & GAS INSPECTOR

Stanley A. Greenleaf

Plumbing permits issued in 2014	64
Gas Permits issued in 2014	94
Total plumbing & gas permits issued in 2014	158
Plumbing	Gas
Residential 59	Residential 85
Commercial 3	Commercial 6
Industrial 2	Industrial 3

VETERANS' SERVICES/BENEFITS

Rosanne M. Frieri, Director

I am pleased to submit the Veterans' Services report. This report highlights our commitment to helping Veterans in their time of need.

Qualifying Veterans and their dependents receive necessary financial assistance for food, shelter, clothing, fuel, and medical care in accordance with a formula which takes into account the number of dependents and income from all sources. Eligible dependents of deceased Veterans are provided with the same benefits as if the Veteran were still living.

This past year we have processed ten Chapter 115 claims for senior veterans that fit the income criteria. We are also assisting many of our veterans with fuel assistance and medical co-pays. However, our work continues to face the challenges of a weak economy and high unemployment.

We are committed to providing Veterans and their families with the very best services we can provide. Our Nation has depended on our Veterans; we want them to know they can depend on us.

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

Emergency Calls

For Ambulance Service	911
To Report a Fire.....	911
For Emergency Police Calls.....	911
For Other Fire Dept. Business.....	684-0500
For Other Police Dept. Business	684-0300
Emergency Management.....	684-0020

Other Town Services

All Town Hall Departments can be reached by dialing 684-6111 at the following extension numbers:

Meeting Schedule

Accountant	Ext. 17	
Animal Inspector.....	Ext. 36	
Assessors.....	Ext. 10	
.....	Ext. 22	
.....	Ext. 23	
Board of Appeals.....	Ext. 29	1st Tues. 7:30 p.m.
Board of Registrars	Ext. 14	
Building Inspections	Ext. 27	
Conservation Commission	Ext. 11	4th Tues. 7:00 p.m.
Cultural Council	Ext. 11	
Development and Industrial Commission/.....	Ext. 29	1st Weds. 8:00 a.m.
Dalton Redevelopment Authority		
Finance Committee	Ext. 11	On Chair's call
Health Department	Ext. 20	1st Mon. at 4:00 p.m.
Historical Commission	Ext. 35	
Inspector of Wiring	Ext. 27	
Planning Board	Ext. 29	3rd Wed. 7:00 p.m.
Plumbing and Gas Inspect.	Ext. 27	
Public Health Nurse	Ext. 20	4th Thurs. 9:30-11:00 a.m. at the Senior Center
Sealer of Weights& Measures.....	Ext. 11	
Select Board.....	Ext. 13	2nd & 4th Mon. 7:00 p.m.
Town Clerk.....	Ext. 14	
Assistant Town Clerk	Ext. 15	
.....	Ext. 16	
Town Collector.....	Ext. 24	
Assistant Town Collector	Ext. 25	
Town Manager	Ext. 12	
Town Moderator.....	Ext. 11	
Town Planner	Ext. 29	
Traffic Commission.....	Ext. 30	
Treasurer	Ext. 18	
Veterans Service.....	Ext. 19	Tues. 1:00-3:30 p.m.; at Town Hall, Thurs. 3:00- 5:30 p.m. at Senior Center

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY (CONTINUED)

The following departments can be reached by dialing the following telephone numbers:

Animal Control	684-0300	24 hours a day
Cemetery Department	684-6117	24 hours a day
Cemetery Trustees.....	684-6117	2nd Wed. 1 p.m.
Communications	684-0300	24 hours a day
Community House	684-0260	
Council on Aging	684-2000	2nd Wed. 6:30 p.m.
Dalton Youth Center.....	684-0120	
Emergency Management.....	684-0020	
Fire Department	684-0500	24 hours a day
Fire District Treasurer	684-6118	
Forest Warden	684-0500	24 hours a day
Highway/Sewer Department.....	684-6115	7 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Housing Authority.....	684-2493	2nd Mon. 6:30 p.m.
Library.....	684-6112	
Parks and Recreation.....	684-0260	
Police Department.....	684-0300	24 hours a day
Police Department Fax.....	684-6108	
Police Department.....	684-0300	24 hours a day
Public Health Nurse	281-4030	
Town Hall Fax.....	684-6107	
Water Department	684-6118	

Town Hall Hours: 8-5 Mon.-Wed; Thurs. 8-6

Transfer Station Hours: Tues. & Wed., 2-6; Fri. & Sat., 8-4

Boy Scout Bottle Drive: First Saturday each month at the Transfer Station

A REMINDER TO ALL RESIDENTS—

TOWN HALL HAS EXTENDED ITS MONDAY - WEDNESDAY HOURS
TO 5 PM AND THURSDAY TO 6 PM.

**There is a locked drop box located in the first Town Hall entryway
on South Carson Avenue for the convenience of residents who
cannot make payments, etc., during regular town hall hours.**

2014 ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION BALLOT

Barbara L. Suriner, Town Clerk

To Choose and Elect the Following Town Officers:
(May 11, 2015 Annual Town Election)

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

About the Cover

In December, Dalton became a state designated “Green Community” with an initial grant of \$142,725 for projects to reduce energy consumption by 20% in the next 5 years. Congratulations for a job well done are due to the Green Dalton Committee (GDC) which spearheaded the effort. Health Agent, Edward Fahey, also contributed significantly by completing and filing the application.

Shown from left to right: Cheryl Rose, GDC Co-Chair; Mary R. Cherry, Select Board Chair; Richard Hall (GDC); Louisa Horth, John F. Boyle, John W. Bartels, Jr., Michael Szklasz, Select Board; David Wasielewski, and Edward Holub, GDC.