DOVER

182nd Town Report

2018
In Memoriam

The Town Report of 2018 recognizes the following individuals who served the Town of Dover with commitment and distinction:

Robert Louis DeFusco
Cable TV Advisory Committee, 1984–93
Cable TV Advisor, 1994–2008
Personnel Board, 1995–2004
Network Advisory Committee, 2001–02

Marion Gerrity
Cemetery Commission, 1986–91

Charles Auguste Rheault Jr.
School Committee, 1960–66
Board of Selectmen, 1971–76
MBTA Representative, 1971
Capital Budget Committee, 1972–75
Regional School District Planning Board, 1977–78
Cemetery Commission, 1979–90

Cover photo: Water falls over the mill dam at the site of the Dover Union Iron Works, Noanet Woodlands. Photo by Hadley Reynolds.
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Dover residents are encouraged to provide the Committee with their comments and suggestions for improving this report. Please contact us at townreport@doverma.org.

Peak in Noanet Woodlands. Photo by Ted Finn.
Citizens Volunteer Form

If you are interested in serving the Town in any capacity listed below, please complete this form and return it, either by mail or in person, to the Selectmen’s Office, Town House, 5 Springdale Avenue, or call (508) 785-0032, ext. 221. Information received will be made available to all boards, committees, and departments for their reference in filling vacancies.

Name: ___________________________ Telephone: _____________________

Address: ____________________________

Area(s) of interest: ____________________________

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Availability (e.g. nights, weekends, hours per month): _________________

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Comments: _____________________________________________

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☐ Selectmen’s Office   ☐ Conservation Commission
☐ General Government   ☐ Long Range Planning Committee
☐ Historical Commission ☐ County and Regional Affairs
☐ Council on Aging     ☐ Veterans’ Affairs
☐ Cultural Council     ☐ Human Services
☐ Town Report Committee ☐ Parks and Recreation
☐ Civil Defense        ☐ Town Clerk/Elections
☐ Tree Committee       ☐ Other _________________________
☐ Recycling Committee  ☐                         

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