

**Senior Health Assessment and Education Clinics** are coordinated in conjunction with the Dover Council on Aging. These clinics are developed and led by our public-health nurse specialist to provide health assessment and counseling, and to address various health issues such as medications and chronic diseases. The clinics also cover other community resources available to seniors.

**Maternal/Child Health Services** promote the health and stability of families during pregnancy, childbirth, and child-rearing years. Our maternal child-health nurse specialists, certified in lactation, provide assessment, teaching, and support through home visits.

**Communicable Disease Services** promote the prevention and control of communicable diseases through case finding, education, and the provision of follow-up care consistent with, and in collaboration, with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Case finding is conducted through the state MAVEN system. Visits, education, and immunization are all part of this service.

#### **2018 Public Health Statistics for Dover**

Residents Served	145
Communicable Disease Follow-Ups	71
Home Care Visits	21
Senior Clinics Held	53
Flu Clinic Immunizations	121

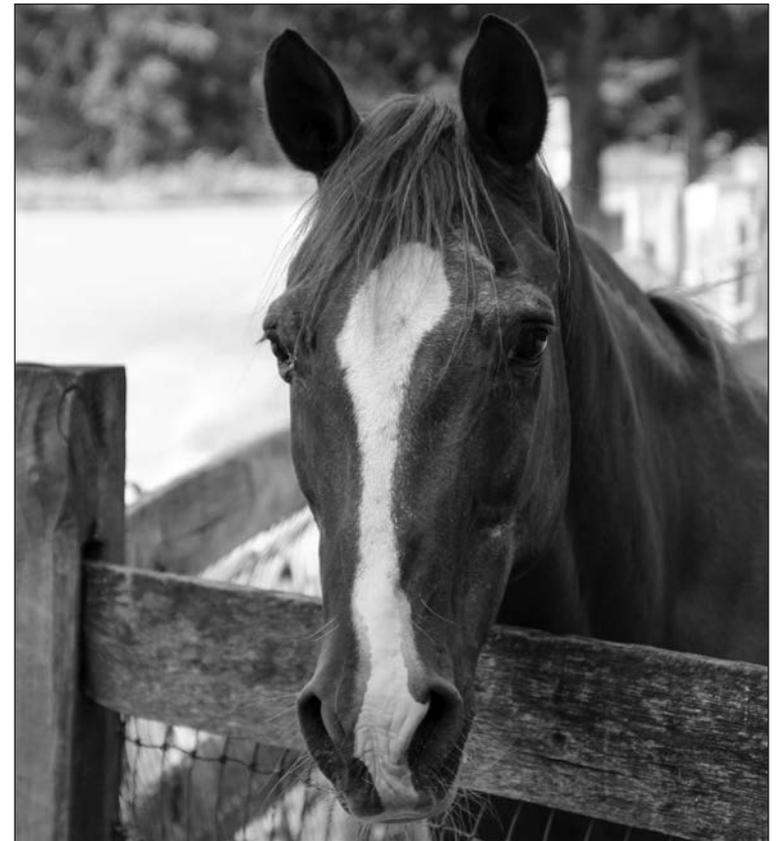


*Summer bounty. Photo by Kate Haviland.*

# DOVER

## *Land Use Reports*

# 2018



## *Report of the* **Planning Board**

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Mark Sarro, Chair  
Carol Chirico  
Henry Faulkner  
Carol Lisbon  
Jody Shue  
Tara Nolan, Associate Member

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The Planning Board is composed of five elected full members and an elected associate member. Its duties are enumerated in various state laws (e.g., Massachusetts General Laws [MGL], Chapters 40A and 41) and the Town of Dover Zoning Bylaws (e.g., Chapter 185, Zoning Bylaws). Consulting Planner Gino Carlucci and part-time Planning Assistant Susan Hall work at the Board's direction.

Planning Board members also serve on the Open Space Committee and Long Range Planning Committee, and they attend the meetings of, and work closely with, other Town boards and committees, including the Board of Selectmen, Board of Health, Conservation Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, and ad-hoc committees for zoning issues, including, in 2018, the Dover Water Resource Study Committee.

Each full member of the Board serves a five-year term. The associate member serves a two-year term. Midterm vacancies on the Board are filled by appointment by the remaining Board members and the Selectmen until the next election, at which time the newly elected member serves for the remainder of the term. In 2018, Jody Shue was re-elected to a five-year term.

### **BOARD APPROVALS**

In 2018, the Board held 19 public meetings on a wide range of issues and granted approvals in the following categories:

#### **SCENIC ROAD PERMITS (5)**

The Board has jurisdiction over the Town's 27 designated Scenic Roads. Pursuant to state and local laws, a person must obtain permission from the Planning Board, after a public hearing, before altering any trees or stone walls within a Scenic Road right-of-way. In 2018, the Board considered five such applications and fielded several other informal inquiries. The applications involved access easements, driveway (re)locations, utility pole attachments, and views of conservation land from the roadway.

## **APPROVAL NOT REQUIRED (ANR) PLANS (4)**

Under the State's ANR process, the Board has the authority to endorse a property owner's plans to create a new lot or lots on their property, as long as the new lot(s) have frontage and adequate access on existing roads and comply with local zoning dimensional requirements. The ANR process is also used to adjust lot lines between abutting lots. In 2018, the Board endorsed four such ANR plans. Given the interest of nearby property owners in proposed ANRs, in 2018 the Board continued its practice of giving informal notification to abutters of ANR applications.

## **SPECIAL PERMITS FOR WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITIES (4)**

The Board is the Special Permit Granting Authority for personal wireless service facilities. Four special permits were requested in 2018. One was for wireless equipment on and around the monopole tower located at the Town Garage. The other three were to add "small cell antennas" to existing utility poles (two on Dedham Street and one on Saddle Ridge Road).

In a related action, the May 2018 Annual Town Meeting approved an updated personal wireless service facility bylaw proposed by the Planning Board. The prior bylaw had not been updated for 20 years, despite significant changes in wireless technology and uses in that time. The new bylaw differentiates between wireless facilities at cell towers and small wireless equipment attached to utility poles. It is also more streamlined, with details on the application and filing requirements for wireless facilities moved from the bylaw itself to the related regulations.

## **SIGN PERMITS (2)**

The Board reviews sign applications and issues permits for signs. The number and nature of signs are of particular importance in preserving the Town's rural character. In 2018, the Board considered and approved two sign applications. One marks conservation land held by the Dover Land Conservation Trust, and the other is for a new business in the Town Center. The Board also reviewed and commented, in an advisory capacity, on the new signs proposed at the Charles River School along Centre Street. (Educational institutions are exempt from most zoning requirements.)

## **Site Plan Reviews**

The Board conducts site plan review of proposed as-of-right uses before the Town can issue a building permit. The review process regulates permitted uses by imposing conditions, limitations, and safeguards to ensure compliance with the terms of the Board's approval. The process allows for public input and consideration of factors such as public safety, lighting, parking, landscaping, and potential impacts on existing structures, open space, and Town resources. In 2018, there was a preliminary site plan review of proposed changes to some of the wireless equipment on and around the monopole tower located at the Town Garage.

Pursuant to state law, the Board governs the local subdivision process. In a subdivision, new streets are laid out to provide frontage for newly subdivided lots. A subdivision can be approved only after the Board conducts a public hearing and makes detailed findings. In 2018, no new subdivisions were proposed. The last subdivisions proposed and approved in Dover were in 2013, and there was a subdivision modification in 2017.

## **Grant Award**

As a designated Green Community, Dover is eligible for state funding of capital projects that promote energy efficiency. In 2017, Dover was awarded an initial grant of \$137,145 that, along with utility company incentives, funded the replacement of nearly all interior and exterior lights with LEDs at four Town buildings. The resulting energy savings will pay for the projects within two or three years, but the cost savings to the Town through the grant was virtually immediate. In 2018, Town Planner Gino Carlucci worked with the Capital Budget Committee, Long Range Planning Committee, and the Board of Selectmen to evaluate Dover's progress on the initial Energy Reduction Plan, file an annual report with the State Department of Energy Resources, and begin identifying new projects for a competitive grant application in 2019.

## **Zoning Bylaws and Open Space**

In 2018, the Board continued to consider further zoning changes to preserve the "small town" feel of Dover's Town Center and residential districts. Motivated in part by the discussion of Springdale Farm, the Board, at the urging of the Long Range Planning Committee, renewed an active discussion of open-space, low-impact zoning alternatives as a possible warrant article for a future Town Meeting. The Board discussed this issue at several meetings in 2018, including a joint meeting with members of other Town boards and committees. At year's end, the Board asked these groups to nominate one or more of their members to participate in a joint working group to engage in a detailed discussion of open space residential zoning in 2019.

The Board continues to believe that the Town's zoning bylaws could better accommodate growth while also preserving open space and Dover's natural resources, such as water quantity and quality, and wildlife. In the past, the Board has proposed bylaw revisions to create permanently protected open space in exchange for some flexibility, by special permit, in the dimensional requirements of existing zoning bylaws. These proposals received a strong majority of votes at three Annual Town Meetings (2006–08) but fell just short of the two-thirds majority vote required to pass. Establishing a joint working group to consider this issue in 2019 is an important, concrete step in deciding whether and how to pursue a future bylaw amendment.

Finally, in 2018, the Board continued to pursue the implementation of the specific recommendations listed in Section IX of Dover's Master Plan, last adopted in 2012. Many recommendations have already been implemented, while some remain open and others should be updated. The Master Plan is updated from time to time, and may be updated again in the near future. The Master Plan and related documentation can be found on the Planning Board's Web page on the Town of Dover website ([www.doverma.org](http://www.doverma.org)).



*Sunrise over Upper Mill Pond. Photo by Susan Seiler.*

## *Report of the* **Zoning Board of Appeals**

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R. Alan Fryer, Chair  
Tobe Deutschmann  
LaVerne A. Lovell  
Michael Donovan, Associate Member  
H. Hamilton Hackney, Associate Member

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The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) has jurisdiction over appeals from rulings of administrative officials of the Town made under the Zoning Bylaw or, if specifically required or allowed under the Bylaw, upon direct application under the Zoning Bylaw or Massachusetts General Laws (MGL), Chapter 40A. Depending upon the zoning district, certain uses of property also require prior approval of the ZBA. The ZBA has authority to grant a variance from the terms of the Zoning Bylaw under certain limited circumstances, and it also has jurisdiction to hear cases involving Special Permit requests and requests for Comprehensive Permits under MGL, Chapter 40B. Additionally, the Zoning Bylaw requires ZBA review of additional construction on land where existing structures or uses, due to changes in the Zoning Bylaw, have become non-conforming. While such structures or uses may remain in their current state, any alteration, addition, or expansion on the property requires ZBA approval. The ZBA is also responsible for reviewing and acting upon requests for approval of alteration or construction within 150 feet of specified water bodies in Dover, most notably the Charles River.

The ZBA follows procedures designed to hear the concerns of all potentially interested parties and to consider whether the relief requested is appropriate under the Zoning Bylaw. Most applications to the ZBA are required to start at the Building Department, with a review of the proposed activity under the Zoning Bylaw and a written denial of the proposed activity from the Building Inspector, before the ZBA may consider an application. The ZBA acts on an application only after holding a public hearing, a notice of which must first be posted in the Town House, published in a local newspaper, and sent by mail to the applicants and other interested parties, as defined by law, including to the abutters of the property in question. Any interested party, whether or not entitled to receive notice of the hearing, may appear at the hearing and be heard. Evidence on the application continues to be received by the ZBA until the hearing is closed. Once the ZBA reaches a decision on an application, a decision is written and filed with the Town Clerk. Notice of the decision is given to the persons entitled to notice of the hearing, and the ZBA's decision becomes final after the legally prescribed appeal period, provided no appeal is taken.

During 2018, the Board received eight applications. Copies of the Zoning Bylaw and also of the ZBA's governing rules are available at the Town Clerk's office.



*Tree on Powisset Farm. Photo by Dennis Dyer.*

## *Report of the* **Highway Department**

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Craig S. Hughes, Superintendent of Streets

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### **Maintenance**

To more effectively control water runoff, berm was installed on Cedar Hill Road, Walpole Street, Centre Street, Pegan Lane, and Main Street. We continue to clean approximately 1,200 catch basins twice yearly as required by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. We continued our guardrail replacement program, installing approximately 150 feet of new steel-backed wooden guardrail at the brook on Springdale Avenue and about 80 feet on Troutbrook Road.

We composted about 1,000 yards of leaves and spread the finished product on Main Street, Centre Street, Cedar Hill Road, Walpole Street, Pegan Lane, and Haven Street. We again contracted out the painting of 600,000 feet of traffic markings, crosswalks, and stop bars. To further enhance the safety of both vehicles and pedestrians, we installed two illuminated stop signs at the intersection of Haven Street and Centre Street and two illuminated pedestrian crosswalk signs on Farm Street, in front of the Dover-Sherborn Middle School.

Finally, a severe wind event in early March brought down many trees and tree limbs, as well as wires. Throughout the following month we were still cleaning up debris. The Department's careful documentation of this event allowed us to file for a reimbursement of approximately \$40,000 from FEMA/MEMA.

### **Tarvia**

In keeping with our five-year pavement management plan, we applied approximately 3,500 tons of asphalt to the following locations: Willow Street, Mill Street, and the Transfer Station. We also assisted the Dover-Sherborn Regional School with advice and bids for the resurfacing of the Administration Building and Middle School parking lots and drive-thru.

### **Solid Waste (Transfer Station)**

Residents threw away 1,247 tons of solid waste that was transported mainly by the Highway Department personnel in 128 trips to Wheelabrator Millbury, Inc. This is 80 fewer tons than last year! Please refer to the report of the Recycling Committee (page 205) for additional data on the recyclables collected. Wade Hayes and Bill Martin are our very competent operators at the Transfer Station, and we are fortunate to have them.

**Solid Waste Tonnage to Millbury**

2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
2,079	2,095	2,123	2,128	1,921	1,327	1,247

**Per-Ton Tipping Fee (\$)**

2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
72.48/ 74.01	74.01/ 74.81	74.81/ 75.66	64.00/ 64.00	64.00/ 66.00	66.00/ 67.17	67.17/ 68.18

**Cost for Solid Waste Disposal at Wheelabrator (\$)**

2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
152,336	155,911	159,749	136,216	124,832	88,331	84,409

**Streetlights**

The Town owns and maintains 67 overhead streetlights. We are currently working with the Town Planner and “Green Community Act” to secure funds to retrofit them with up-to-date, energy efficient LED lighting.

**State Aid (Chapter 90)**

We did not use any state-aid funds this year and are saving the dollars to enable us to resurface the center of Town this upcoming year.

**Snow and Ice**

Winter 2017–18 brought us 62 inches of snow. We had one major northeaster that dumped 21 inches on us. The following log represents our responses to the season.

Date	Snow/Ice	Inches	Equipment Used
December 2017			
9	Snow	5	Sanders/Plows
15	Snow	0.5	Sanders
22	Ice		Sanders
25	Snow	4	Sanders/Plows
26	Ice		Sanders
30	Snow	0.5	Sanders
31	Ice		Sanders
January 2018			
4	Snow	10	Sanders/Plows
15	Snow	1	Sanders
17	Ice		Sanders
18	Ice		Sanders
24	Ice		Sanders
30	Snow	4	Sanders/Plows

February			
2	Snow	1	Sanders/Plows
7	Snow	2	Sanders/Plows
8	Ice		Sanders
March			
2	Snow	1	Sanders
5	Snow	1	Sanders
7	Snow	8	Sanders/Plows
13–14	Snow	21	Sanders/Plows
21	Snow	1	Sanders/Plows
April			
6	Snow	2	Sanders/Plows

**Garage Operation**

The Town Garage was built in 1998 and continues to serve the Town well. It is occupied by the Highway Department, but also the Cemetery Commission, the Town Engineer, and the Web Coordinator. Space is also given to the Parks and Recreation Department and the Water Department. I thank Karl Warnick and his staff for keeping the building in excellent shape.

**Appreciation**

Thanks go to my personnel, the Cemetery Department, and the Parks and Recreation Department for another good year of working together. I also recognize the boards and committees for their support and time. A big thank-you goes to the many groups who donate their time and materials to maintaining the various landscape islands throughout the Town: Chicatabot Garden Club, The Garden Continuum, Strawberry Hill Landscaping, and Betty Brady. Also, many thanks go to the Recycling Committee for their hours of work to promote and encourage the Town’s recycling efforts.

Finally, a very large thank-you to the Board of Selectmen and, in particular, our now-retired Town Administrator David Ramsay and also former Assistant Town Administrator Greer Pugatch for their years of service and valuable knowledge, which they shared with so many.

# Report of the Parks and Recreation Commission

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Chris Boland, Chair

Eric Loeffler, Treasurer

Valerie Lin, Secretary

Jen Daman

Peter Davies

Mark Ghiloni, Director, Parks and Recreation

Nicole DiCicco, Assistant Director, Parks and Recreation

Katelyn Fabri, Programming Assistant

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The Parks and Recreation Department and its supervising Commission (collectively, P&R) are committed to providing residents of all ages with positive recreational experiences through a variety of high-quality programs, activities, and services under the direction of a professional and dedicated staff that is responsive to the changing needs of the community. We are committed to preserving and protecting the natural resources and parkland while improving and enhancing all opportunities for future generations. Our recreational and athletic programs continue to benefit from public, private, and volunteer partnerships. Parental involvement and volunteerism are essential to sustaining our programs, as is collaboration from other Town departments. We thank everyone who assisted us throughout the past year.

**Program Growth:** In 2018, P&R continued to see a rise in participation in a number of programs, including Summer Playground, Powisset Cooks! classes, and Indoor Soccer. We continue to offer indoor Pickleball several mornings during the week and our numbers are continuing to rise. We hope to introduce additional programs and enhance current offerings to support the recreational needs of various age groups.

## Spring Season Program Highlights

**Eliot Hodgkins Fishing Derby:** The Annual Fishing Derby at Channing Pond was held on April 29, 2018, after a postponement due to cold temperatures. The derby featured a number of new prizes and lots of fun.

**Coach Pete's Sports Programs:** In 2018, Peter (Coach Pete) Sylvester continued his popular programs, including baseball, soccer, lacrosse, and spring flag football, with more than 160 participants enjoying these spring classes.

**Baseball/Softball:** Dover-Sherborn Youth Baseball and Softball Club (DSYBS) enjoyed another fun season of instruction and competition. More than 240 boys in grades 1–6 participated in the program. In addition, Dover-Sherborn entered three teams in the Babe Ruth Tri-Valley League to accommodate more than 40 players in grades 7–9 (boys). Unfortunately, softball membership continued to decline, resulting in Dover-Sherborn being unable to sustain a stand-alone league. However, interested softball players were able to join the Natick softball league. Thank you to Jay Gately, Mike Gilio, and John Forman for overseeing the baseball program.

**PROformance Soccer:** Miles Alden Dunn continued to offer a spring soccer program, allowing participants to learn and improve their soccer skills. A group of more than 20 kids participated in the session, which will be offered again in the fall and winter.

**Adult Exercise Classes:** Ellen O'Hara and Pam Herbert of Core Asset Fitness continued to offer popular adult exercise classes at the Caryl Community Center that included cardio strength training, boot camp, and mat Pilates, and which had more than 10 participants in the spring session.

**Tennis:** Instructed by Peter Cooper, the tennis program ran from April through October, with lessons held at the Caryl Park courts. More than 70 children and adults participated in early spring lessons. We also saw an increase in summer participation, with the enrollment of 140 children and adults. We concluded the season with more than 50 participants in the fall program.

**Tae Kwon Do:** More than 45 participants enrolled in the 2018 session of this popular year-round program. Master Jean Theodat, a former World Karate Championship competitor and sixth-degree black belt, accompanied many of his students to local competitions, where they demonstrated proficiency and mastery. In addition, many students earned place recognitions.

**Safety Courses: Home Alone Safety** and babysitting courses were offered during the spring through P&R, and more than 10 participants took part in the classes. We will continue to offer safety classes with the hope that more participants take advantage of such beneficial programs.

## Summer Season Program Highlights

**Summer Playground Program:** This popular long-running program for children in grades K–5 is offered at Chickering School weekday mornings for five weeks every summer. The 2018 program had the most registrations we have seen in recent years. An extended-day option is available Monday through Thursday, 12–2 p.m. On-site performers and activities were enjoyed by more than 210 participants. More than 15 high school and college students served as counselors, and daily activities were planned and managed by adult supervisors.

**Summer Concerts on the Common:** On select Tuesday evenings in July and August, P&R holds free outdoor concerts on the Town House lawn, where professional local musicians and outside talent entertain families as they enjoy the summer weather. This summer, we hosted a number of bands, including the CentreStreeters, Group Therapy, Eddy's Shoe Band, and Sean Fullerton. We were excited to have one of the concerts sponsored by the Dover Cultural Council and saw an increase in family attendance with the addition of kid's games offered by Knucklebones.

**Summer Programs:** Additional summer programs included the Summer Nights baseball program, which served more than 10 K–grade 2 children. Baseball Coaches Academy returned to offer ballplayers instruction and fun for close to 20 kids.

Coach Pete returned to offer a Middle School Travel Program for kids in grades 6–8. Daily field trips included Kimball Farms, Apex Entertainment Center, and Tree Top Adventures. This is a popular program and the summer saw some 35 kids attend. Summer programs have seen an increase in participation over recent years, as they provide families who remain in the area during the summer months with quality programming.



*Dover Youth Soccer League. Photo by Daniel Curtain.  
Courtesy of The Hometown Weekly.*

## Fall Season Program Highlights

**Outdoor Movie:** The annual outdoor movie, which was traditionally shown in the spring, was moved to the fall program season. Scheduled as a nightcap to Dover Days, the event took place on Saturday, September 8. Families gathered on the Town House lawn with their blankets to enjoy our fifth-annual outdoor movie, *Despicable Me 3*. We added a new vendor—Boston Trolley Dogs—as an additional option for food. The families enjoyed this great community event; however, we will look to improve the event to attract more residents.

**Dover Days Fair:** The 2018 fair showcased more than 50 vendors. In addition, the kids Fun Run and Dover Dash 5K—organized and executed by the Dover-Sherborn High School Cross Country team—again attracted many participants to kick off the day's events. Attractions at the fair included food, games, prizes, and various information booths, with vendors, volunteer staff, and patrons all contributing to making this annual event a great success.

**Coach Pete's Sports Programs:** More than 140 participants enrolled in Coach Pete Sylvester's fall programs and enjoyed various sports, including flag football, soccer, baseball, and pre-season basketball clinics.

**D-S Middle School Field Hockey:** All three DSMS Field Hockey teams enjoyed an exciting 2018 season. The program continues to have strong participation with a waitlist at the seventh- and eighth-grade levels. A special thank-you goes out to our coaches, Kaitlyn Fabri and Joelle Sobin, along with P&R's Nicole DiCicco, for their support during these fall months, and to all our parent volunteers and team managers.

**Additional Fall Program Notes:** Fall program offerings included Tennis, Adult Exercise, and Tae Kwon Do.

## Winter Season Program Highlights

**Coach Pete's Sports Programs:** The Caryl Community Center gym was the site for a number of indoor sports programs run by Peter (Coach Pete) Sylvester for children ages 3 to 5. They included Super Tuesdays, floor hockey, and basketball, which attracted many participants. Coach Pete also continued the Winter Vacation Program that included sports, games, and prizes, and was a great hit with kids and parents alike. Lastly, we hosted a free Drop and Shop event in December, which attracted more than 25 attendees who had a fun night of games, activities, and food.

**Winter Tree Lighting:** On December 5, 2018, P&R hosted this annual town-wide celebration of the winter season along with the Dover Foundation and the Chickering School Band. We were excited to be outside as the weather was perfect for a December night. The Chickering School Band and Dover Foundation showcased its talents with numerous songs. Cookies and hot chocolate were served and greatly appreciated by attendees.

**Ice Skating at Channing Pond:** We continue to open the pond for winter skating as often as weather and temperatures allow. Safety and ice conditions are our priority. We hope that temperatures cooperate and that we have long stretches of skating.

**Ice Skating Lessons:** We continue to partner with the Skating Club of Boston Skating Academy to offer skating lessons at the Boch Ice Center. This great local program offers various levels of skating and helps participant learn and refine their skating skills.

**Intramural Basketball:** P&R's informal intramural basketball program offers players a great venue for developing their skills and playing with friends in K–grade 3. More than 125 players enjoyed the program, the success of which is attributable to the more than 15 parents who volunteered as coaches. We thank them for their assistance.

**D-S Middle School Ski Program:** The DSMS Ski Program provided students in grades 6–8 with the opportunity to spend their Friday afternoons and nights skiing at Nashoba Valley Ski Area in Westford, MA. For six consecutive Fridays in January and February, more than 45 skiers and snowboarders traveled to the slopes to enjoy a few hours of skiing.

**Winter Ski and Board Program:** The ski lesson program for students ages 7 to 15 returned to Blue Hills Ski Area in Canton, MA, for five consecutive Wednesdays. More than 15 children from Dover and Sherborn participated in this great introductory program for ski lessons.



*Council on Aging's "Up in Smoke" BBQ. Photo by Daniel Curtain. Courtesy of The Hometown Weekly.*

**Indoor Tennis Lesson:** We continued to offer a tennis program taught by Peter Cooper, which ran daily from December through March indoors in the Caryl Community Center gym and provided more than 15 children with lessons. We are grateful to have Peter with us all year long.

**Additional Winter Program Notes:** Programs mentioned earlier for elementary-school-aged children were also held in the winter, including PROformance Soccer and Tae Kwon Do. Adult programs included adult exercise classes. In conjunction with the Council on Aging, we continued to offer Zumba Gold classes for seniors on Saturday mornings and Pickleball on several weekdays. We are always on the lookout for additional programming for middle school, adults, and seniors.

## Facilities

**Caryl Community Center:** We have seen a steady increase in demand for space at the Caryl Community Center, which is a great facility for holding programs, functions, and special events. The gym is used by P&R for its programming; by Town residents and non-residents for pick-up sports games and birthday parties; by private groups, including the Child Development Center; and by youth sports clubs as an indoor practice space.

In particular, the Caryl Room (old library space) was a steadily used venue for the P&R programs, public meetings, and for birthday parties, scout meetings, COA Lifetime Learning, COA exercise classes and other activities.

**Parks:** P&R maintains many park areas for the enjoyment of Dover residents and non-residents alike. Caryl Park, Channing Pond, and the Riverside Drive boat landing are popular recreational destinations. Five smaller park parcels in Town are maintained by P&R, as are the lands surrounding Chickering School, the Town Library, the Protective Agencies Building, and the Town House.

**Athletic Fields:** P&R's athletic fields are used by P&R and by local youth sports clubs, which include Dover-Sherborn Soccer, Dover-Sherborn Youth Lacrosse, Dover-Sherborn Girls Lacrosse, and Dover-Sherborn Youth Baseball and Softball. P&R maintains three rectangular multipurpose sports fields—two at Chickering Fields and one at Caryl Park. There are also two baseball diamonds—one at Chickering Fields and one at Caryl Park.

P&R is committed to providing all youth athletic teams with safe, high-quality playing surfaces throughout their playing seasons.

## Appreciation

We thank all Parks and Recreation staff members for their dedication in coordinating programs, events, and playfields. A special thank-you goes to long-time Programming Assistant Amy Caffrey, who left the Department after nearly six years of service. Amy was an invaluable member of the team, helping to organize and expand programming, manage the office, and contribute to a number of special projects. We thank Amy for her many contributions and wish her well in all her future endeavors.

We extend a special thank-you to Nicole DiCicco, Tom Palmer, Michael Petrangelo, and Michael Mitchell. Nicole has seamlessly transitioned to the Department over the past year, while Tom, Mike, and Mike perform an outstanding level of work on the playfields, parklands, and outdoor spaces. Along with our staff, thanks go to the Chicatabot Garden Club and Powisset Garden Club for maintaining the flowers and garden spaces, as well as to Mrs. Betty Brady for her continued help.

Our sincere thanks go out to all the volunteers and staff members who help the Department. Our staff continues to maintain a high standard for outdoor spaces and quality programming, and our volunteers have been outstanding, as always, by providing children with the opportunity to learn and grow through our programs. The contributions of these individuals are greatly appreciated by the children and their families, and we add our own heartfelt thanks.



*Summer concert on the Common. Photo courtesy of the Parks and Recreation Department.*

# Parks and Recreation Revolving Fund

For the Year Ending June 30, 2018

Activity/Program	Reserve Beginning Balance	Revenues	Reserve Expenses	Reserve Ending Over/(Under)	Balance
<b>Activity/Program</b>					
Baseball/Softball/T-ball Spring	\$9,593	\$22,894	\$20,693	\$2,201	\$11,794
Basketball Intramural	0	10,765	5,144	5,621	5,621
Baseball Coaches Academy	0	3,272	2,490	782	782
Dover Days Fair	2,986	5,386	4,451	935	3,921
Fencing	0	960	720	240	240
Field Hockey	21,925	13,843	11,662	2,181	24,106
Field Maintenance	43,186	29,351	8,305	21,046	64,232
Fishing Derby	0	400	1,052	(652)	(652)
Misc./Overhead	0	3,204	2,741	463	463
Other Programs	6,728	51,200	33,057	18,143	24,871
Pre-K Sports	15,911	76,242	67,534	8,708	24,619
Ski Programs	2,911	25,360	21,310	4,050	6,961
Summer Concerts	0	500	2,450	(1,950)	(1,950)
Summer Playground	45,414	51,130	41,768	9,362	54,776
Tae Kwon Do	5,322	22,672	18,060	4,612	9,934
Tennis	39,919	59,565	50,386	9,179	49,098
Thundercat Sports	5,849	0	0	0	5,849
<b>Maintenance/Repair/Development</b>					
Caryl Gym Shelving	4,000	0	575	(575)	3,425
Caryl Park Benches	1,000	0	0	0	1,000
Caryl Park Signs	2,000	0	0	0	2,000
Caryl School Repair	12,943	0	0	0	12,943
Development: New/Current Programs	12,950	0	1,131	(1,131)	11,819
Install Gym Floor	21,500	0	17,756	(17,756)	3,744
Equipment Room Organization	4,000	0	0	0	4,000
Irrigation Wells Maintenance	50,500	0	0	0	50,500
Maintenance Equipment	3,456	0	0	0	3,456
Merchants Fees	10,500	0	7,503	(7,503)	2,997
Office Equipment	5,050	0	1,000	(1,000)	4,050
Part-time Staff	4,475	0	1,685	(1,685)	2,790
Porta Pots	9,500	0	2,160	(2,160)	7,340
Printing	6,000	0	2,362	(2,362)	3,638
Registration Software	5,640	0	2,794	(2,794)	2,846
Renovate Baseball Fields/Install Dugouts	15,505	0	0	0	15,505
Tables for Caryl Room/Programs	500	0	360	(360)	140
Sheds	871	0	0	0	871
Split-rail Fence	3,464	0	0	0	3,464
Tae Kwon Do Mats	3,201	0	2,399	(2,399)	802
Tennis Court Repair	53,570	0	0	0	53,570
Unreserved Funds	10,000	0	0	0	10,000
<b>Reserve Fund Totals*</b>	<b>\$440,369</b>	<b>\$376,744</b>	<b>\$331,548</b>	<b>\$45,196</b>	<b>\$485,565</b>

\*Numbers rounded to the nearest dollar.

## Report of the Conservation Commission

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John Sullivan, Chair  
Amey Moot, Secretary  
Tim Holiner  
Jim McLaughlin  
Sarah Monaco  
David Stapleton  
Christy Violin

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The Conservation Commission consists of seven voting members and two open associate member positions. The Commission is responsible for safeguarding wetland resources under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, the Massachusetts Rivers Protection Act, the Dover Wetlands Protection Bylaw, and the Rules and Regulations for the Dover Wetlands Protection Bylaw. Wetlands are protected by a 100-foot buffer zone, and rivers by a 200-foot riverfront zone. Wetlands and buffer zones offer flood control, prevention of storm damage, prevention of pollution, and preservation of groundwater, water supply, and wildlife habitat. Work performed in these and other areas requires a permit from the Conservation Commission and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection.

This year, the Commission heard 15 Notices of Intent (permit applications), five Requests for Determination of Applicability (to decide if a permit is needed), and one amendment to existing Order of Conditions (minor changes to existing permits). Additionally, the Commission entertained many informal discussions with homeowners regarding the disposition of their properties that lie in proximity to wetland resources. The Commission also issued 20 Certificates of Compliance (to close out permitted work) and 12 Enforcement Orders (illegal work related to clearing and filling in jurisdictional areas).

The Commission continues to work on land management for conservation properties. In 2018 it began implementing the Massachusetts Audubon Society Land Management Plans completed in 2017. Tree and brush clearing to restore scenic views was completed on Dedham Street and Valley Farm (Haven Street and Main Street.) properties. Some work was also completed to remove invasive plant species at Valley Farm. Additionally, concrete markers were installed to separate the public path from the residence property at 46 Springdale Avenue, which leads to open fields, a vernal pool, and trails behind the residence that connect to Dover Land Conservation Trust (DLCT) land and recreational trails.

Due to the generous bequest from Arthur Adams Jr., and the continued support of the citizens for our Conservation Fund, the Conservation Commission was able to contribute to the current DLCT acquisition of the Blake Strawberry Hill Street property. Acres of pristine land are now permanently protected with existing public access to Noanet Woodlands through the Blake property.

The Commission cordially invites you to its meetings, which are open to the public and held twice monthly on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. Check the calendar section of the Town website at [www.doverma.org](http://www.doverma.org) for meeting dates.



*Photo by Sandy Ball.*

## Report of the Tree Committee

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John M. Devine, Chair  
Nathaniel Howe  
Laura Walter

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The Town of Dover is a predominantly residential community with a strong commitment to the preservation of its land and large population of trees. The Tree Committee is responsible for the stewardship of trees located within the Town's rights-of-way. This responsibility includes the care and maintenance of shade and ornamental trees, the removal of dead and hazardous trees, and the emergency removal of storm-damaged trees.

In 2018, due to severe weather in early March, the Committee replaced damaged trees at the intersection of Haven Street and Main Street. Trees at the Transfer Station and the Dedham Street island were also affected by these storms and replaced. New plantings were installed at the Church Street island, and new evergreens were planted along Valley Road and Pinewood Road.

The Committee would like to thank the dedicated residents and garden club members who donate their time and services in helping maintain Dover's beautiful country charm. We would like to give special thanks to Betty Brady for her generous time devoted to the Town.

We look forward to another year of progress and urge residents to present us with ideas regarding plantings on Town property. Frequently asked questions can be found at [www.doverma.org](http://www.doverma.org) (under "Government"/"Committee"/"Tree Committee" tabs). Committee members can be reached by leaving a message on the Police Department's non-emergency line at (508) 785-1130.

## Report of the Tree Warden

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John Gilbert

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### Winter Storm

A late winter snow storm caused extensive tree damage throughout Dover. Clean up was expensive and funds were unavailable for pruning per the five-year tree plan.

### Pruning and Removal

Trees were pruned and removed on an as-needed basis.

### Insect and Disease Problems

Gypsy moth defoliated scattered areas in Dover. Damage will likely affect the same areas in 2019.

Although winter moth did extensive damage, it should no longer pose a threat. A predatory fly introduced by entomologists from the University of Massachusetts has drastically reduced the moth population.

No emerald ash borer activity was reported in the past year.

*For help in controlling insect or disease problems, contact a tree care professional.*



*Pegan Hill at sunset. Photo by Paula Moore.*

## Report of the Fence Viewers

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James P. Dawley Jr.  
Carol Lisbon

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Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 49 provides the Town fence viewers with their responsibilities: Fences are to be maintained by their owners and be 4 feet high and in good repair. Fences may be constructed out of rails, timber, boards, iron, or stone.

Fence viewers settle disputes between neighbors and “shall be paid at the rate of \$5 a day for the time during which he is employed” and may take no less than \$1. Fees are to be paid by the parties in dispute. In 2018, there were no requests from residents for our services.

The history of fence viewers in New England began in 1644 when the Connecticut Colony enacted fence legislation because of insufficient fences and unruly cattle. Fence viewers were appointed to survey the condition of fences and ensure that their owners maintained them.

As we drive along the roads of Dover we see many types of fences under construction and many being reconstructed. We are no longer as concerned with unruly animals as we are about safety and the aesthetics of fences and gates. It is highly recommended that Dover’s citizens check the Town’s building code and confer with the building inspector when considering the installation of a stone wall, fence, or gate to ensure that any right-of-way and traffic sightline issues, designated Scenic Road considerations for trees and stone walls, and height restrictions are taken into account.



*Abner (donkey) and Foxy (mule). Photo by Judy Ballantine.*

## Report of the Recycling Committee

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Christopher Poulsen, Chair  
Janit Greenwood  
Myank Jain  
Carol Lisbon  
Wendy Muellers  
Lindsay Nie  
Savita Shukla

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The year 2018 was one of continued progress for the Town of Dover. Solid-waste disposal (trash plus bulky items) continued its downward trend with a 9% reduction in total tonnage. Over the past five years solid-waste disposal has decreased by 42%. Tonnage per household over this same period has decreased by 22%. Recycling tonnage increased by 12% in 2017, reflecting a rise in the rate of recycling of a record 36.9% of total solid waste and recycling.

These improved recycling statistics are attributable to the availability of more recycling options, special events and communications, and an increasing awareness by Dover’s residents of the importance to recycle, reuse, and reduce (the 3Rs). Community education information and announcements are provided to Town residents through the *Dover-Sherborn Hometown Weekly* and the *Dover-Sherborn Press*, Facebook, Nextdoor.com, the Town website, and strategically located electronic signage.

In response to citizen concerns expressed in 2017, the Dover Recycling Committee (DRC) coordinated efforts to issue new stickers for vehicles during spring 2018. More than 2,800 free new red stickers were issued. Green stickers are no longer accepted at the Transfer Station. Residents can obtain a new sticker at the Transfer Station or the Town Garage, located at 2 Dedham Street in Dover.

The DRC updated the welcome letter and brochure it mails to new residents, explaining Dover’s 3R approach to managing household trash and garbage. Deposit Trailer guidelines were revised and communicated to participants. The Deposit Redemption Trailer saw remarkable success in 2018, with 21 tons of beverage containers recycled and \$13,927 returned to 12 local organizations. The DRC extends a sincere thank-you to the organizations that volunteer to maintain the trailer on a monthly basis.

Various physical improvements made to the Transfer Station include new paving, a more clearly defined walkway for improved safety along the recycling roll-offs, a new ramp leading into the Deposit Trailer, new interior walls in the Furniture Shed to reduce water penetration, and additional signage.

The Transfer Station also now features a barrel in front of the plastics recycling roll-off for the disposal of single-use plastic bags, as these bags are not recyclable with other plastics. A new glass-recycling vendor, offering reasonable disposal rates, is providing services previously handled by a now-closed regional facility of a national glass recycler. Although the cost of recycling has increased, the vendor reuses the crushed glass in road and building materials. A new nonprofit book vendor and job-training organization, More Than Words, began operating in June, significantly increasing the number of recycled books, with more than 19,700 books recycled as of this writing. More Than Words also accepts CDs and DVDs, and so we urge Dover residents to recycle these items, as well as to use the two available book bins.

Recycling bin sales are now covered through a Revolving Fund approved at the May 2018 Annual Town Meeting. Composters, rain barrels, and recycling bins are available for sale at the Transfer Station and Town Garage. In 2018, a total of 37 recycling containers were sold to residents, with rain barrels being the most popular.

In October 2018, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) announced that the Town had received a \$4,200 Recycling Dividends Program grant in recognition of the Town's programs and policies to maximize waste reduction, reuse, and recycle. We have added this grant to our 2017 grant of \$6,600 to purchase a portable, solar-powered programmable sign for use at the Transfer Station and throughout Dover for announcements and education. With the programs we have implemented over the past several years and current requirements, Dover has maximized its grant points, unless it implements a pay-as-you-throw program or private-hauler regulations.

The Town's biannual Special Recycling Weekends held in June and October continue to be very popular with 10,000 lb. of confidential documents shredded, 158 mattresses/box springs recycled, 58 bikes reused, and 75 tires recycled. The DRC added a food drive to the October event, and it was a huge success, with 175 lb. of food donated to Natick's A Place to Turn. Given this success, the DRC will continue to support local nonprofits at its 2019 Special Recycling Weekends.

Other significant events organized by the DRC were the Spring Clean-Up, which engaged several hundred residents who picked up trash from Dover's roadsides; and our Dover Days promotion, which enrolled 19 new households to the Town's Food Scraps Program, now with 285 participating households. The DRC works closely with the Board of Health to promote the program, which provides free weekly pick-up of food scraps at residents' homes. The program reduces garbage tonnage at the Transfer Station and protects the operation and longevity of septic systems. Residents are urged to contact the Board of Health to enroll.

The DRC would like to thank Mike Kinchla for his service on the DRC, and it welcomes Myank Jain as our new member. We also thank

Bill Martin and Wade Hayes, who work tirelessly to maintain the Transfer Station and the Furniture Shed and who keep Mary's Swap Shop organized and useful. The Furniture Shed, Rigid Plastics Bin, and Swap Shop are very popular and important contributors to our 3R recycling strategy. Finally, the DRC would like to thank Dover residents for their donations and efforts to reuse items and for their continued efforts to reduce trash and increase recyclables.

**Dover Food Scraps Program**

- All food and organic wastes welcomed
- Divert 10-20% of your “trash” to farm-use
- Free weekly pick-up outside your garage
- 10 gallon pails available here

**Step-up and Sign-up Today!**

Sponsored by Dover Board of Health and Dover Recycling Committee

Photo by Mary Kalamaras.

# Dover Solid Waste & Recycling Data

For the Calendar Year 2018

	2018	2017	2013	2003	Comparison (% Change)		
					1-Year	5-Year	14-Year
<b>Solid Waste (tons)<sup>1</sup></b>							
Refuse/Bulky Items	209	264	n/a	n/a	(21)	n/a	n/a
Trash	998	1,063	n/a	n/a	(6)	n/a	n/a
<b>Total Solid Waste</b>	<b>1,207</b>	<b>1,327</b>	<b>2,095</b>	<b>2,462</b>	<b>(9)</b>	<b>(42)</b>	<b>(51)</b>
<b>Recyclables (tons)</b>							
Mixed Paper (all types) <sup>1</sup>	150	137	217	444	10	(31)	(66)
Cardboard	157	132	122	83	19	29	89
Glass	81	84	95	88	(3)	(14)	(8)
Single Stream <sup>2</sup>	0	0	65	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Metal (cans and scrap)	98	84	67	142	16	46	(31)
Plastic (non-deposit #1-#7)	69	51	43	6	34	60	1,043
Electronics	21	21	28	n/a	(2)	(26)	n/a
Textiles <sup>3</sup>	18	17	n/a	19	6	n/a	(6)
Books <sup>4</sup>	13	8	n/a	n/a	70	n/a	n/a
Comingled Containers <sup>2</sup>	0	0	6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Special Events <sup>7</sup>	13	19	n/a	n/a	(31)	n/a	n/a
Food Scraps <sup>8</sup>	65	57	52	n/a	14	26	n/a
Deposit Trailer Containers <sup>9</sup>	21	20	16	11	8	33	94
Other	0	0	0	2	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>Total Recyclables</b>	<b>706</b>	<b>631</b>	<b>711</b>	<b>795</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>(1)</b>	<b>(11)</b>
<b>Total Solid Waste and Recyclables<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>1,914</b>	<b>1,958</b>	<b>2,806</b>	<b>3,257</b>	<b>(2)</b>	<b>(32)</b>	<b>(41)</b>
Percentage (%) Recyclables to Total <sup>1</sup>	36.9	32.2	25.3	24.4	15	46	51
Households in Dover (HHs) <sup>5</sup>	2,121	2,034	1,999	1,958	4	6	8
HHs Using Private Haulers <sup>10</sup>	635	560	n/a	n/a	13	n/a	n/a
HHs Using Transfer Station (TS)	1,486	1,474	1,999	1,958	1	(26)	(24)
Solid Waste (lb.) per HH User of TS	1,625	1,801	2,096	2,515	(10)	(22)	(35)
Trash (lb.) per HH User of TS	1,343	1,442	0	0	(7)	n/a	n/a
HHs Using Food Scraps Program at Y/E	285	259	n/a	n/a	10	n/a	n/a
Deposit Containers (~ units) <sup>6</sup>	278,540	259,383	211,000	190,083	7	32	47
Recycle Bins Sold (Town Garage/TS)	37	40	n/a	n/a	(8)	n/a	n/a
Motor Oil (gal.)	400	700	750	n/a	(43)	(47)	n/a
Misc. Fluorescent Bulbs (units)	7,408	17,132	1,843	n/a	(57)	302	n/a
Small Batteries (non-auto, lb.)	319	539	n/a	n/a	(41)	n/a	n/a

<sup>1</sup> 2003-16 Includes Dover Trucking (mixed paper only includes DT for '03-'12)

<sup>2</sup> 2013-16 Dover Trucking (started single stream in '13 eliminating contributions to mixed paper and comingles)

<sup>3</sup> Textile bins at Transfer Station (Red Cross & Bay State), excludes D-S High School & Middle School (Bay State Textiles)

<sup>4</sup> Book bin (Big Hearted Books & Clothing Inc., Jan-Jun; More Than Words, Jul-Dec)

<sup>5</sup> Population/households (HH) per Town Report/census data

<sup>6</sup> Estimate based on proceeds

<sup>7</sup> Private document shredding; mattress/tire recycling; and bicycle reuse

<sup>8</sup> Estimate based on 10 lb./week/HH participating (versus 14% or 5.4 lb./week per Mass-DEP and 20 lb./week per Sherborn)

<sup>9</sup> Estimates restated in 2017, assuming 35% of containers are glass and 2.67 glass bottles/lb. (170 g. per bottle) and 30.23 cans/plastic per lb. (15 g. per can/plastic)

<sup>10</sup> Number of households reported as customers of private haulers for solid-waste pick-up at year end

## Report of the Inspector of Buildings

Walter Avallone, Commissioner/Inspector of Buildings  
Zoning Enforcement Officer  
Felix Zemel, Local Inspector of Buildings

The Building Department is responsible for reviewing applications and plans to construct, alter, or demolish any building or structure in Dover for compliance with applicable Dover Zoning Bylaws; Massachusetts State Gas, Plumbing, Electrical, and Building Codes; and Chapter 40A and all other General Laws of the Commonwealth relating to construction and zoning.

Inspectors make field inspections of buildings at various stages of construction, as well as inspect all public buildings, churches, and public and private schools. The Department also responds to inquiries from attorneys, land surveyors, banks, and the general public regarding zoning and building-code issues.

More than 1,200 inspections were performed in 2018 for work constructed under a building permit. Of the 15 new house permits issued, nine were for the demolition of an existing house to be replaced by new construction, leaving a total of six residences added in Dover.

	Applications	Fees	Value
<b>2016</b>			
New Homes	24	\$166,583	\$20,017,960
Schools	0	0	0
Additions, Remodels, Other	382	127,943	14,256,295
<b>Totals</b>	<u>406</u>	<u>\$294,526</u>	<u>\$34,274,255</u>
<b>2017</b>			
New Homes	17	\$157,171	\$16,992,030
Schools	1	41,580	4,185,000
Additions, Remodels, Other	361	184,287	14,589,908
<b>Totals</b>	<u>379</u>	<u>\$303,038</u>	<u>\$35,766,938</u>
<b>2018</b>			
New Homes	15	\$107,657	\$11,586,340
Schools	0	0	0
Additions, Remodels, Other	343	151,304	9,776,976
<b>Totals</b>	<u>358</u>	<u>\$258,961</u>	<u>\$21,363,316</u>

## Report of the Inspector of Wiring

Kevin Malloy, Inspector of Wiring  
Paul Angus, Alternate Inspector of Wiring  
James Naughton, Second Alternate Inspector of Wiring

During 2018, a total of 312 wiring permits were issued, many of which required multiple inspections. In some situations, violations were noted and corrections were made. There was a slight increase in the number of wiring permits issued in 2018 from the previous year.

The Inspector of Wiring can be contacted at 508-785-0032, extension 245, for any concerns related to wiring permits. You may also register a complaint or check on an electrician's license.



Photo by Dee Douglas.

## Report of the Inspector of Plumbing and Gas

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Robert Hauptman, Inspector of Plumbing and Gas  
James Vaughan, Alternate Inspector of Plumbing and Gas  
Michael Guida, Second Alternate Inspector of Plumbing and Gas

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During 2018, a total of 125 plumbing and 150 gas permits were issued. Rough and final inspections were made for both plumbing and gas permits for a minimum of 550 required inspections.

In some situations, violations were found and corrected with a follow-up inspection to complete the inspection process. Any open permits from 2018 will be inspected and closed out in 2019.

Robert Hauptman will retire on December 28, 2019, and James Vaughan will then become the Inspector of Plumbing and Gas.



*Photo by David W. Stapleton.*

## Report of the Open Space Committee

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Amey Moot, Chair  
Mark Adamczyk  
Henry Faulkner, Planning Board  
Boynton Glidden  
Tim Holiner, Conservation Commission  
Gregory M. Kahoun  
Justine Kent-Uritam  
Valerie Lin  
Tara Nolan  
Paul Wood  
Jerry Arnold, Long Range Planning Committee Liaison  
Candace McCann, Board of Selectmen Liaison

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The Open Space Committee (OSC) became a permanent Town government committee in 2001. Its primary purpose is to update the Town's Open Space and Recreation Plan (OS&RP) in accordance with Massachusetts laws and regulations. A revision of the plan is currently under way. The 2011 plan is available on the OSC's page on the Town website ([www.doverma.org](http://www.doverma.org)). In addition, the OSC strives to provide information on Dover's many open spaces and to encourage Dover residents to enjoy them.

The OSC also assists Town boards in managing the recreation and conservation lands under their jurisdiction. Since there are many governmental and nonprofit entities with lands under their control, the OSC purposefully chooses its committee membership to better represent these interests. For example, both the Conservation Commission and the Planning Board appoint members to the OSC, and the Long Range Planning Committee and Board of Selectmen appoint liaisons. The Board of Selectmen appoints the remaining OSC members, some of whom also sit on the Board of Health's Water Resources Study Committee and the Parks and Recreation Commission. OSC members are often members of ad-hoc committees and subcommittees formed to assess projects or problems in Dover. OSC members are also active with local conservation groups: The Trustees of Reservations (The Trustees), the Upper Charles Conservation Land Trust (UCCLT), the Dover Land Conservation Trust (DLCT), Hale Reservation, Mass Audubon, and the Norfolk Hunt Club.

Given this broad representation, discussions during OSC meetings cover many topics, from the desirability of preserving or acquiring particular properties to the issues that surround the potential rail-to-trail conversion to efforts that encourage the use of open space by Dover citizens. The OSC welcomes public attendance of our meetings, which are typically held on

the first Tuesday of the month, September to June, at 7:30 p.m., in the Town House. Please see the Town calendar on the Town's website for the meeting room and agenda.

### **Guided Walks on Dover Conservation Lands**

In 2018, OSC members again led eight guided walks through conservation lands on the second Saturday morning of each month from April to November. These walks took place on town-owned land and reservations held by The Trustees and the DLCT, as well as through the Dover portion of the Medfield State Forest. OSC walks are publicized on the Town website and various e-calendars (Boston.com, WickedLocal.com, NextDoor.com, Patch.com, etc.), through the Conservation Commission, on the Town Library's bulletin boards, and at Dover Market. The OSC will continue offering these guided monthly walks in 2019, and we hope you will join us!

### **Water Study (Board of Health)**

The OSC recognizes the importance of the quality and quantity of Dover's water supplies. The OSC was pleased to support the Board of Health's warrant article for this important study, which received approval at the May 2018 Annual Town Meeting.

### **Support of Other Conservation Groups**

The OSC provides ongoing support for and communication about various projects engaged in by local conservation groups. For example, the OSC:

- Provides support for the DLCT's efforts to acquire 36 acres of undeveloped property owned by the Blake family. The property runs from the scenic field at the corner of Dedham and Strawberry Hill Streets up to Noanet Woodlands. Especially important are fields and several wooded wetlands, as well as the trail and wildlife corridor that link the Charles River and Dedham Street into the vast habitat and trails of Noanet Woodlands and Hale Reservation.
- Offers guidance to the Board of Selectmen on whether to exercise the Town's right of first refusal on properties that are leaving Chapter 61 status.
- Organizes and staffs an "open space" table at Dover Days to offer citizens one-stop access to information and maps from Dover's many conservation organizations, as well as schedules for OSC walks.
- Updates and maintains the "Outdoor Recreation" page on the Town website, which lists passive recreation opportunities, including a list of all conservation properties with walking trails and their associated parking areas.

The OSC will continue to work with the Conservation Commission, The Trustees, the DLCT, the UCCLT, and other groups to improve access and walking experiences at properties throughout Dover.

### **Change in OSC Appointees**

The OSC is pleased to welcome Parks and Recreation Commissioner Valerie Lin as a new member who is replacing our previous commissioner, Eric Loeffler. We would like to thank outgoing member Eric Krusell for his generous service, and we hope to welcome him back on the OSC when his other commitments allow.



*Brook running off Snow Hill. Photo by Boynton Glidden.*

*Report of the*  
**Long Range Planning Committee**

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John T. Donoghue, Chair  
Suzanne Sheridan, Secretary  
George Arnold Jr.  
Robert Springett, Board of Selectmen  
Mark Sarro, Planning Board  
Matthew Schmid  
Robert Andrews, Warrant Committee Liaison

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The Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) is a seven-member committee made up of one member of the Board of Selectmen, one member of the Planning Board, and five members appointed by the Moderator on a rotating basis of one or two members each year for three-year terms. The LRPC advises on, assists, and coordinates the long range planning of all Town boards and committees.

In 2018, the LRPC focused its work mostly on reviewing the formerly proposed Open Space Preservation Bylaw. This was done in conjunction with the Planning Board. The Open Space Preservation Bylaw had been brought before the May 2008 Annual Town Meeting, but it was narrowly defeated after not receiving the necessary two-thirds vote required to pass a Zoning Article. It is the consensus of the Planning Board and the LRPC that it is time to revisit the merits of the Open Space Preservation Bylaw and perhaps revise the version previously defeated.

The Planning Board is convening a working group on the Open Space Zoning Bylaw, which will include members of the LRPC and of many other Town boards and committees. The group's objective will be to determine whether or not to present a revised version of the Open Space Preservation Bylaw for consideration at the May 2020 Annual Town Meeting.

We would like to thank Peter Smith for his invaluable service, as well as John Jeffries and Gordon Kinder for their service and contributions to the LRPC.

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## *Other Town Reports*

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