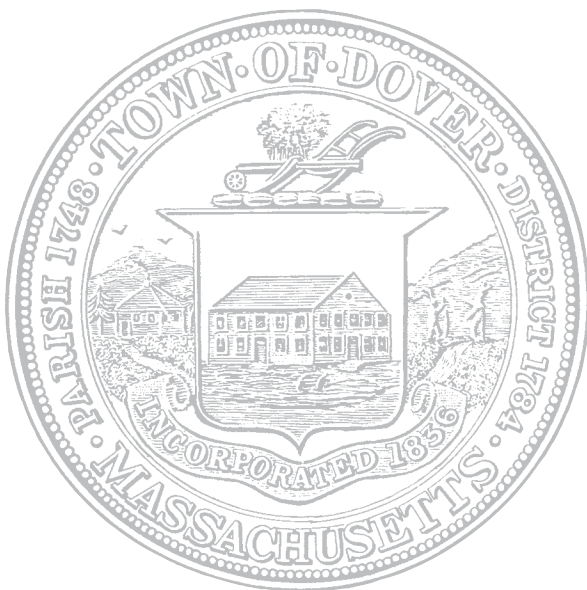


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In Memoriam

The Town Report of 2024 recognizes the following individuals who served the Town of Dover with commitment and distinction:

Philip R. Luttazi

Cemetery Commission, 1968–86
Agent, Swimming Pools and Sewage Disposal, 1986–96
Agent, Board of Health, 1997–2007
Trustee of Larrabee & Whiting, 1998–2024

Jean A. Weise

Teacher, Dover Schools, 1976–1995
Town Report Committee, 2000–06

Kathleen W. Weld

Pianist, Dover Foundation, 1968–2024
Dover Arts Council, 1992–94
Warrant Committee, 1994–2001
Caryl School Study (Reuse) Committee, 2001–02
Long Range Planning Committee, 2002–06
Board of Selectmen, 2002–08
Cell Tower RFP Advisory Committee, 2003–04
Committee to Study the Future of the Caryl School, 2004
Caryl Community Center Building Committee, 2005–09
Caryl Community Center Fundraising Committee, 2006–07
Caryl Community Center Great Room Committee, 2007–09
Fence Viewer, 2008–13
Town Report Committee, 2008–24
Caryl Management Advisory Committee, 2010–22
Parks and Recreation Commission, 2023–24

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Kathy Weld, Chair, *deceased October 2024*
Mary Kalamaras, Chair, *effective November 2024*
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Nicole Lapenta McAllister
Alysia Poe

The *Dover Town Report* is mandated to be the vehicle by which all Town departments, boards, and committees convey to Dover residents a summary of their activities during the year. The Town Report Committee is composed of five appointed members, each of whom serves a three-year term.

On October 24, 2024, the Committee lost one of its longest-serving members, Kathleen W. Weld—our intrepid chair for many years, who expertly led us through thick and thin and whose seemingly limitless energy, exemplary work ethic, attention to detail, and tenacity for getting things right can be seen throughout the *Dover Town Report* across her 16 years of involvement. Her leadership, good humor, and seasoned counsel will be missed. Readers can learn more about Kathy’s life and her civic and artistic contributions to the Town through our Historical Focus feature on page 237.

The Committee enthusiastically welcomes its newest members, who have graciously volunteered to carry forward our work—archivist and librarian Nicole Lapenta McAllister and freelance editor Alysia Poe, whose combined talents are perfectly suited to the task at hand and will surely help us continue to provide our fellow citizens with a high-quality publication.

We once again thank all contributors for submitting their reports in a timely fashion and extend our deep appreciation, as always, to our graphic designer, Pat Dacey, and to the staff at King Printing, in particular Sophie Chhay, for their reliable and professional services.

The *Dover Town Report* would not be the same without the photographic contributions by our community members. We thank past participants for generously sharing their wonderful images of our town and its people and encourage residents and non-residents alike to submit their work for print consideration. For more information and photo submission ideas, visit our Web page at www.doverma.gov/336/Town-Report-Committee.

Dover residents are encouraged to provide the Committee with comments and suggestions for improving this report and to consider joining our ranks by filling a currently open member position. Please contact us at townreport@doverma.gov.

Citizen Volunteer Form

If you are a Dover registered voter 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: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Area(s) of interest: _____

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

Comments: _____

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| ☐ Civil Defense | ☐ Historical Commission |
| ☐ Conservation Commission/
Open Space Committee | ☐ Human Services |
| ☐ Council on Aging | ☐ Parks and Recreation Activities |
| ☐ County and Regional Affairs | ☐ Recycling Committee |
| ☐ Cultural Council | ☐ Selectmen's Office |
| ☐ Finance/Budgets (Warrant/
Capital Budget Committees) | ☐ Town Clerk/Elections |
| ☐ General Government | ☐ Tree Preservation Committee |
| | ☐ Veterans' Affairs |
| | ☐ Other _____ |