



**126 East Duncan Hill Road
Dover Plains, NY 12522**

DOVER TOWN HALL HOURS

Monday thru Friday - 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Area Code (845)

Town Clerk.....832-6111
 Town Clerk.....fax....832-3188
 Assessor.....832-6167
 Building/Zoning ZBA.....832-6689
 Building/Zoning ZBAfax....832-0370
 Supervisor.....832-3206
 Supervisor.....fax....832-6130
 Highway Garage.....832-9567
 Highway Garage.....fax....832-6032
 Planning.....877-4271
 Planning.....fax....877-4273
 Recreation.....832-9168
 Recreation.....fax....832-3286

CALENDAR OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Town BoardLast Wednesday 6:30 pm
 Architectural Review Board2nd Monday 7:00 pm
 Conservation Advisory CommitteeLast Monday 6:30 pm
 Planning Board1st & 3rd Monday 7:00 pm
 Recreation Commission.....1st Monday 6:30 pm
 Zoning Board of Appeals.....3rd Wednesday 7:00 pm

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT WORK WEEK AND HOURS

136 East Duncan Hill Road, Dover Plains, NY 12522

7:00 a.m.- 3:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday

JUSTICE COURT

Justice R. Wren Abrams..... 6:00 p.m. Thursday
 Except 2nd Thursday for DA Court.... 6:00 p.m.
 Justice John Fusco.....7:00 p.m. Tuesday
 Except 3rd Tuesday for DA Court.....6:00 p.m.

NYS/U.S./Dutchess County
Elected Officials

<u>Office</u>	<u>Name & Address</u>	<u>Phone</u>
<i>NYS Governor</i>	David A. Paterson State Capitol Albany, NY 12224	518-474-8390
<i>Congressman, 19th District</i>	John Hall Office of U.S. Representative John Hall Putnam County Office Building 40 Gleneida Avenue, 3 rd Floor Carmel, NY 10512	845-225-3641 Ext: 371
<i>U.S. Senator</i>	Charles E. Schumer 787 3rd Avenue, Suite 702 New York, NY 10017	212-486-4430
<i>U.S. Senator</i>	Kirsten E. Gillibrand 780 3rd Avenue, Suite 2601 New York, NY 10017	212-688-6262
<i>State Senator, 40th District</i>	Vincent Leibell 1441 Route 22, Suite 205 Brewster, NY 10509	845-279-3773
<i>Assemblyman, 103rd District</i>	Marcus J. Molinaro 532 Legislative Office Building Albany, NY 12248	518-455-5177
<i>DC Legislator District 24</i>	Peter Wassell 22 Market Street Poughkeepsie, NY 12601	845-486-2100

Town of Dover Website

www.townofdover.us

Email

<u>Office</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Email</u>
<i>ARB</i>	Betty-Ann Sherer	ARBSec@TownofDover.us
<i>Building</i>	Maria O'Leary	Building@TownofDover.us
<i>CAC</i>	Cornelius DuPlessis	CAC@TownofDover.us
<i>GIS/IT</i>	Rosalind Cimino	GIS@TownofDover.us
<i>Highway</i>	Joanne Graham	Highway@TownofDover.us
<i>Planning</i>	Betty-Ann Sherer	PlanningSec@TownofDover.us
<i>Recreation</i>	Teri Ptasnick	RecDirector@TownofDover.us
<i>Recreation Commission</i>	James Muncey	JMuncey@TownofDover.us
<i>Supervisor</i>	Ryan Courtien	Supervisor@TownofDover.us
<i>Confidential Secretary To the Supervisor</i>	Rosanne Rifino	RRifino@TownofDover.us
<i>Tax Collector</i>	Katherine Hale	TaxCollector@TownofDover.us
<i>Town Board</i>		TownBoard@TownofDover.us
<i>Town Clerk</i>	Caroline Reichenberg	TownClerk@TownofDover.us
<i>Town of Dover Website</i>		Webmaster@TownofDover.us
<i>Town Historian</i>	Donna Hearn	Historian@TownofDover.us
<i>Town Justices</i>	Judge Abrams Judge Fusco	JudgeAbrams@TownofDover.us JudgeFusco@TownofDover.us
<i>Zoning (ZBA)</i>	Maria O'Leary	ZoningSec@TownofDover.us

Miscellaneous

<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone</u>
DEC Regional Office / Forest Ranger	256-3026
DEC Wildlife	256-3098
Dover-Wingdale Chamber of Commerce	877-3335
Dover Union Free School District	
- Dover Middle/High School	832-4500
- Dover Elementary School	877-4700
- Wingdale Elementary School	832-4530
Tax Collector - Property	877-0257
Tax Collector - School	832-4502
Dover Veterans Memorial Library	832-6605

Elected Officials

<u>Office</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
<i>Town Supervisor</i> Two year term	Ryan Courtien	832-3206	12/31/09
<i>Town Councilman</i> <i>Deputy Supervisor</i> Four year term	Christopher Galayda		12/31/11
<i>Town Councilwoman</i> Four year term	Catherine Frame		12/31/11
<i>Town Councilman</i> Four year term	Richard Hawthorne		12/31/09
<i>Town Councilwoman</i> Four year term	Kathryn Palmer-House		12/31/09
<i>Town Clerk</i> Four year term	Caroline Reichenberg	832-6111	12/31/11
<i>Highway Super.</i> Four year term	Joanne M. Graham	832-9567	12/31/11
<i>Town Justice</i> Term of Office Four year term	R. Wren Abrams	877-6128 877-0353 (fax)	12/31/09
<i>Town Justice</i> Term of Office Four year term	John Fusco	832-9373 832-7378 (fax)	12/31/11
<i>Tax Collector</i> Two year term	Katherine Hale PO Box 123 Dover Plains, NY 12522	877-0257	12/31/09

Tabor Wing House

<i>Bookkeeper</i>	Roksolana Geramita	877-4270
<i>Planning /ARB Department</i>	Betty-Ann Sherer	877-4271
<i>GIS/IT Principal Clerk</i>	Rosalind Cimino	877-4272
<i>(Geographic Information Systems / Information Technology)</i>		877-4273 (fax)

Recreation Commission

<u>Office</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
<i>Member</i> <i>Co-Chair</i>	David Penney	12/31/09 12/31/08
<i>Member</i>	Melissa Luthi	12/31/15
<i>Member</i>	Dawn O'Neil	12/31/14
<i>Member</i>	Frank Harrington, Jr.	12/31/13
<i>Member</i>	Kevin Kitowski	12/31/11
<i>Member</i>	Pamela Marshall	12/31/11
<i>Member</i>	James Muncey	12/31/11
<i>Clerk</i>	James Muncey <i>JMuncey@TownofDover.us</i>	

Zoning Board of Appeals

<u>Office</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
<i>Member</i> <i>Chairperson</i>	Marilyn VanMillon	832-6689	12/31/13 12/31/09
<i>Member</i>	Henry M. Williams	832-6689	12/31/12
<i>Member</i>	Anthony Fusco	832-6689	12/31/11
<i>Member</i>	George Wittman	832-6689	12/31/10
<i>Member</i>	Vacant	832-6689	12/31/09
<i>Clerk</i>	Maria O'Leary <i>ZoningSec@TownofDover.us</i>		

Constables

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Jason Brothers	12/31/09
Joseph Dingee	12/31/09
Steven Slocum	12/31/09
Steven Smith	12/31/09
Sidney Speller	12/31/09
Stephen Wodraska	12/31/09

Architectural & Community Appearance Board of Review

<u>Office</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
<i>Member</i> <i>Chairperson</i>	Scott Daversa	12/31/11 12/31/09
<i>Member</i>	Lloyd Scharffenberg	12/31/13
<i>Member</i>	Brigid Casson	12/31/12
<i>Member</i>	James Murphy	12/31/10
<i>Member</i>	Glenn Nielsen	12/31/09
<i>Clerk</i>	Betty-Ann Sherer <i>ARBSec@TownofDover.us</i>	

Assessment Board of Review

<u>Office</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
<i>Member</i>	Robert Keller	09/30/13
<i>Member</i>	Patricia Landis DuPlessis	09/30/12
<i>Member</i>	William Dachille	09/30/11
<i>Member</i>	William Greiner	09/30/10
<i>Member</i>	Ian Holback	09/30/09

Conservation Advisory Council

<u>Office</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
<i>Member</i> <i>Chairperson</i>	Vacant <i>CAC@TownofDover.us</i>	12/31/09 12/31/09
<i>Member</i>	Vacant	12/31/09
<i>Member</i>	Jerry Suk III	12/31/09
<i>Member</i>	Elisa Sumner	12/31/09
<i>Member</i>	Christopher Tait	12/31/09
<i>Member</i>	Nora Edwards	12/31/09

Planning Board

<u>Office</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
<i>Member</i> <i>Co-Chair</i>	David Wylock	877-4271	12/31/13 12/31/09
<i>Co-Chair</i>	Vacant		12/31/09
<i>Member</i>	Peter Muroski	877-4271	12/31/15
<i>Member</i>	Valerie LaRobardier	877-4271	12/31/14
<i>Member</i>	James Johnson	877-4271	12/31/12
<i>Member</i>	Brian Kelly	877-4271	12/31/11
<i>Member</i>	Barbara Kendall	877-4271	12/31/10
<i>Member</i>	John C. Fila	877-4271	12/31/09
<i>Clerk</i>	Betty-Ann Sherer <i>PlanningSec@TownofDover.us</i>		

Records Advisory Board

<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Caroline Reichenberg	832-6111	12/31/09
Patricia Landis DuPlessis		12/31/09
Christopher Galayda		12/31/09
Donna P. Hearn		12/31/09
Betty-Ann Sherer		12/31/09

Staff Directory

<u>Office</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
<i>Registrar</i>	Caroline Reichenberg	832-6111	12/31/11
<i>Confidential Secretary to the Supervisor</i>	Rosanne Rifino	832-3206	
<i>GIS/IT Principal Clerk</i>	Rosalind Cimino	877-4272	
<i>Deputy Town Clerks</i>	Brenda Cudney Bonnie Franks	832-6111	12/31/11 12/31/11
<i>Bookkeeper</i>	Roksolana Geramita	877-4270	
<i>Assessor</i>	Judy Hyatt	832-6167	09/30/13
<i>Building Inspector</i>	George T. Hearn	832-6689	
<i>Asst. Bldg. Inspector</i>	Robert Serino	832-6689	
<i>Building Clerk</i>	Maria O'Leary	832-6689	
<i>Assistant to Highway Super.</i>	George Heck	832-9567	
<i>Recreation Director</i>	Teri Ptasnick	832-9168 (office) 832-3286 (fax) 877-3701 (pool) 832-6082 (Boyce Park)	
<i>Transfer Station Chairperson</i>	George Wittman	832-6075	12/31/09
<i>Dog Control Officer</i>	Steve Slocum	832-3874	12/31/09
<i>Town Historian</i>	Donna P. Hearn <i>Historian@TownofDover.us</i>		12/31/09 12/31/09
<i>Town Engineer</i>	Berger Engineering and Surveying Poughkeepsie, NY	471-7383 471-3448 (fax)	12/31/09
<i>Town Planner</i>	AKRF 34 S. Broadway Ste. 314 White Plains, NY 10601	(914)922-2360 (914)949-7559 (fax)	12/31/09
<i>Attorney for the Town</i>	Hogan & Rossi 1441 Route 22 Suite 204B Brewster, NY 10509	(845)225-2121 (845)278-6135 (fax)	

Brief Overview of the Town of Dover's History

History first recorded that the hills and valleys of early Dover were areas of open forests, thick swamps and sparkling waters, inhabited by several groups of Indians. Those Native Americans were the Schaghticoke and remnants of the Pequots who lived in the rugged hills surrounding the narrow valley of the Ten Mile River.

Richard Sackett, "of Dover," was granted a patent for land in 1704. He became the earliest settler in eastern Dutchess County, but his claim fell to the Patents of Henry Beekman, (1697 and 1703). Settlement was sparse until 1731, when the Equivalent Lands agreement with nearby Connecticut added almost two miles along the New York border. The patent became known as the Oblong; its meandering river, the Ten Mile, became known as Oblong River. Shortly thereafter, while Quakers purchased and farmed the Oblong Lots, squatters and brigands settled in the hills, while legend claimed Martin Preston became the first white man to settle on East Mountain. Farming was the primary occupation. Dover was located on a direct route to New York City; rest stops like the Old Drover's Inn prospered as the roads swarmed with cattle and sheep, herded by drovers on their way to market. In addition, iron ore was mined as early as the 1750s. Area growth continued at a rapid pace up to the American Revolution, when local ore was used to manufacture weapons and munitions for the revolutionary arsenal.

During the Revolution, Washington's Army marched the Upper Road, from Hartford to Fishkill, which ran beside the Ten Mile River; they camped west of present day Wingdale. Near Church Hill, the Morehouse Tavern hosted General George Washington, and other leaders and dignitaries of the American Revolution, such as Generals Gates, Putnum, Arnold, Parsons, and Lafayette. After the Revolution, new civil divisions in 1788, created Pawling (Pawling) Township from the Beekman Patent; Dover was then a part of Pawling.

The area continued to grow and local leaders gathered to discuss separation of Dover from Pawling. On February 20, 1807, the New York Legislature separated 26,669 acres from Pawling, creating the Town of Dover. The first designated town meeting took place in the home of John Preston, today's Old Drovers Inn.

Farming and iron continued to play major roles in the economy. As the town grew, small clusters of homes appeared near the mills and on the mountain slopes. Around 1850, the Harlem Railroad Division came to town and led to a decline in the drover's business.

During the Civil War, local men and materials made their impact. The Dutchess County 150th Regiment was organized and commanded by General John Henry Ketcham, who went on to become a seventeen term US Congressman. The radical revolving turret for the ironclad warship Monitor, was actually the

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brainchild of Theodore Timby, to whom Ericsson paid royalty fees. Iron ore from a mine in Deuel Hollow was used on the Monitor class warships while Benson J. Lossing documented the War of Rebellion. Lossing, a prolific writer and engraver, lived on Chestnut Ridge, where his home can still be seen today. The War's end saw growth in the marble industry as gravestones were hewn from Ketcham's quarries for monuments in cemeteries such as Arlington National Cemetery. By 1875, 50 farms in Dover spread across the valley and clung to the hillsides; their milk and produce quickly shipped to the New York markets by rail.

In the early twentieth century, the area became a haven for painters who captured the scenic beauty of our rivers, fields, farms and country life on canvas. Tourists flocked to enjoy the Dover Stone Church and the charm of our corner of the world, staying in small local inns for tourists, such as the Bend In The Road Inn. Quarrying, lime production, agriculture and milk-processing were the primary industries in the bustling community. Dover's pristine white marble was used extensively for government buildings in New York, Washington, DC and notable monuments, such as the Washington Arch in Greenwich Village, NYC, which boasts both kinds of Dover Marble.

After WWI, the 'Great Depression' was an era of growth in Dover as New York State built two mental health facilities in the area. Farming declined, but the local work force stayed to staff the growing population in the hospitals. In addition, new employees were drawn from the South and upstate New York.

During WWII, the federal government built a defense plant, which produced magnesium from the local limestone. An overhead tramway carried the ore four miles to the plant. After the war, farming continued to decline; the State hospitals became the major employers in the valley.

In the 1960's, a new era of Mental Health care minimized the need for mental health facilities. The Harlem Valley Psychiatric Hospital population shrank until it eventually closed in the 1980's. As the local economy slowed, New York State located a detention facility, run by the Division For Youth, on the hospital grounds; it was phased out in 2004. The main facility remained vacant for years.

Rapid developments in transportation and railroad industries allowed people to travel longer distances in a shorter time. A population shift began as new residents arrived from Westchester County, lured by beautiful scenery, small town appeal, inexpensive land and low cost residential development. Today, the Town of Dover is contemplating ideas to keep our unique environment with its scenic views, open space and rural character, while encouraging growth and working to rehab the crumbling State Hospital property into a vital economic force.

By Donna P. Hearn, Town Historian

