



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

**DOVER TOWN HALL HOURS**

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

**TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

\*\*Main Number (845)832-6111\*\*

<b>Dept.</b>	<b>Option #</b>	<b>Fax #</b>
Assessor	7	832-3188
Building/Zoning ZBA	6	832-0370
GIS/IT/DTV22	5	832-3188
Planning	4	832-3188
Supervisor	3	832-3188
Town Clerk	2	832-3188

**Following Departments – Dial Directly**

Finance Office	877-4270.....	fax 877-4273
Highway Garage	832-9567.....	fax 832-6032
Justice Court	832-3461..	fax 832-7378,877-0353
Recreation	832-9168.....	fax 832-3286

**CALENDAR OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS**

Architectural Review Board .....	4th Monday	7:00 pm
Conservation Advisory Committee .....	Last Monday	6:30 pm
Master Plan Advisory Committee.....	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday	7:00 pm
Planning Board .....	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday	7:00 pm
Recreation Commission.....	1st Monday	6:30 pm
Town Board .....	2 <sup>nd</sup> & Last Wednesday	6:30 pm
Zoning Board of Appeals.....	1st Wednesday	7:00 pm

**JUSTICE COURT**

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

**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

**NYS/U.S./Dutchess County**  
**Elected Officials**

**Town of Dover Website**

www.TownofDoverNY.us

**DTV 22**

Town of Dover Municipal Access Channel 22

Or 99.915 (Digital TV's)

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<b><u>Office</u></b>	<b><u>Name &amp; Address</u></b>	<b><u>Phone</u></b>
<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 <sup>rd</sup> 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>	Alan Surman 22 Market Street Poughkeepsie, NY 12601	845-486-2100

**Email**

<b><u>Office</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Email</u></b>
<i>ARB</i>	Betty-Ann Sherer	PlanningARB@TownofDoverNY.us
<i>Assessor</i>	Judy Hyatt	Assessor@TownofDoverNY.us
<i>Building / Zoning (ZBA)</i>	Maria O'Leary	BuildingZoning@TownofDoverNY.us
<i>CAC</i>	Jerry Suk III	DoverCAC@TownofDoverNY.us
<i>DTV22 (Dover Television)</i>	Rosalind Cimino	DTV22@TownofDoverNY.us
<i>GIS/IT (Geographic Information Systems/ Information Technology)</i>	Rosalind Cimino	GIS@TownofDoverNY.us
<i>Highway</i>	Joanne Graham	Highway@TownofDoverNY.us
<i>Planning</i>	Betty-Ann Sherer	PlanningARB@TownofDoverNY.us
<i>Recreation</i>	Teri Ptasnick	RecDirector@TownofDoverNY.us
<i>Recreation Commission</i>	James Muncey	JMuncey@TownofDoverNY.us
<i>Supervisor</i>	Ryan Courtien	Supervisor@TownofDoverNY.us
<i>Confidential Secretary to the Supervisor</i>	Rosanne Rifino	RRifino@TownofDoverNY.us
<i>Tax Collector</i>	Dina Yeno	TaxCollector@TownofDoverNY.us
<i>Town Board</i>		TownBoard@TownofDoverNY.us
<i>Town Clerk</i>	Caroline Reichenberg	TownClerk@TownofDoverNY.us
<i>Town of Dover Website</i>	Rosalind Cimino	WebMaster@TownofDoverNY.us
<i>Town Historian</i>	Donna Hearn	Historian@TownofDoverNY.us
<i>Town Justices</i>	Judge Abrams Judge Fusco	JudgeAbrams@TownofDoverNY.us JudgeFusco@TownofDoverNY.us

## Elected Officials

<u>Office</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone/Ext.</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
<i>Town Supervisor</i> two yr. term	Ryan Courtien	110	12/31/11
<i>Town Councilman</i> <i>Deputy Supervisor</i> four yr. term	Christopher Galayda		12/31/11
<i>Town Councilwoman</i> four yr. term	Catherine Frame		12/31/11
<i>Town Councilwoman</i> four yr. term	Lorraine Perri-O'Neill		12/31/13
<i>Town Councilwoman</i> four yr. term	Kathleen R. Surman		12/31/13
<i>Town Clerk</i> four yr. term	Caroline Reichenberg	112	12/31/11
<i>Highway Super.</i> four yr. term	Joanne M. Graham	832-9567	12/31/11
<i>Town Justice</i> four yr. term	R. Wren Abrams	877-6128 877-0353 (fax)	12/31/13
<i>Town Justice</i> four yr. term	John Fusco	832-9373 832-7378 (fax)	12/31/11
<i>Tax Collector</i> two yr. term	Dina Yeno PO Box 123 Dover Plains, NY 12522	877-0257	12/31/11

## Miscellaneous

<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone</u>
DC Board of Elections	486-2473
DC Board of Health	486-3400
DC Community Action	877-9272
DC Dept. of Emergency Response (E-911)	486-6532
DC Sheriff -Poughkeepsie -Amenia substation	452-0400 373-4300
DC SPCA	452-7722
DEC Regional Office / Forest Ranger	256-3026
DEC Wildlife	256-3098
Dover Union Free School District - Dover Middle/High School - Dover Elementary School - Wingdale Elementary School	832-4500 877-4700 832-4530
Dover Veterans Memorial Library	832-6605
J H Ketcham Hose Co. (Non-emergency)	877-6891
NYS Police - Dover Barracks - Troop K	877-3031 677-6321
Tax Collector - Property - School	877-0257 832-4502

## 2010 Consultants for the Town

<u>Office</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
<i>Engineer for the Town</i>	Joseph Berger Berger Engineering and Surveying Poughkeepsie NY	12/31/10
<i>Planner for the Town</i>	Graham Trelstad AKRF 34 S. Broadway Ste. 314 White Plains, NY 10601	12/31/10
<i>Attorney for the Town</i>	Hogan & Rossi 1441 Rt. 22, Suite 204B Brewster, NY 10509	12/31/10

## Constables

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Jason Brothers	12/31/10
Joseph Dingee	12/31/10
Brett Johnson	12/31/10
Robert Serino	12/31/10
Steven Slocum	12/31/10
Steven Smith	12/31/10
Sidney Speller	12/31/10
Stephen Wodraska	12/31/10

## Recreation Commission

<u>Office</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
<i>Member</i>	David Penney	12/31/16
<i>Co-Chair</i>		12/31/10
<i>Member</i>	Vacant	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@TownofDoverNY.us</i>	

## Zoning Board of Appeals

<u>Office</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
<i>Member</i>	Marilyn VanMillon	12/31/13
<i>Chairperson</i>		12/31/10
<i>Member</i>	Debra Kaufman	12/31/14
<i>Member</i>	Henry M. Williams	12/31/12
<i>Member</i>	Anthony Fusco	12/31/11
<i>Member</i>	George Wittman	12/31/10
<i>Clerk</i>	Maria O'Leary <i>BuildingZoning@TownofDoverNY.us</i>	

## Staff Directory

\*\*Main Number (845)832-6111\*\*

<u>Office</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone/Extension</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
<i>Deputy Town Clerks</i>	Brenda Cudney	109	12/31/11
	Bonnie Franks	108	12/31/11
<i>Confidential Secretary to the Supervisor</i>	Rosanne Rifino	111	
<i>Bookkeeper</i>	Roksolana Geramita	877-4270	
<i>Assessor</i>	Judy Hyatt	105	09/30/10
<i>Assessor Clerk</i>	Carolyn Lasher	106	
<i>Planning / ARB Clerk</i>	Betty-Ann Sherer	100	
<i>Building Inspector</i>	George T. Hearn	102	
<i>Asst. Bldg. Inspector</i>	Robert Serino	104	
<i>Building Clerk</i>	Maria O'Leary	103	
<i>Clerk</i>	Kelly Fusco	104	
<i>Recreation Director</i>	Teri Ptasnick	832-9168 (office) 832-3286 (fax) 877-3701 (pool) 832-6082 (Boyce Park)	
<i>Dog Control Officer (*Interim*)</i>	Paul Hood	845-656-0451	
<i>GIS/IT Principal Clerk/ DTV22</i>	Rosalind Cimino	101	
<i>Transfer Station Chairperson</i>	George Wittman	832-6075	12/31/10
<i>Town Historian</i>	Donna P. Hearn <i>Historian@TownofDoverNY.us</i>		12/31/10
<i>Deputy Town Historian</i>	Kathryn Palmer-House		12/31/10
<i>Registrar</i>	Caroline Reichenberg	112	
<i>Highway Secretary</i>	George Heck	832-9567	12/31/11

## Conservation Advisory Council

<u>Office</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
<i>Member</i> <i>Chairperson</i>	Jerry Suk III <i>DoverCAC@TownofDoverNY.us</i>	12/31/11 12/31/10
<i>Member</i>	Nora Edwards	12/31/11
<i>Member</i>	Christopher Tait	12/31/11
<i>Member</i>	Vacant	12/31/10
<i>Member</i>	Vacant	12/31/10
<i>Member</i>	Vacant	12/31/10
<i>Member</i>	Vacant	12/31/10

## Economic Development Advisory Committee

\*Appointments to be made.

## Master Plan Advisory Committee

<u>Office</u>	<u>Name</u>
<i>Member</i> <i>Chairperson</i>	Ryan Courtien
<i>Member</i> <i>Vice Chairperson</i>	Alex Camillone
<i>Member</i>	Roy Cairns
<i>Member</i>	Merik Czuszel
<i>Member</i>	Constance DuHamel
<i>Member</i>	Cornelius DuPlessis
<i>Member</i>	Linda French
<i>Member</i>	Valerie LaRobardier
<i>Member</i>	James Muncey
<i>Member</i>	Richard A. Renna, Jr.
<i>Member</i>	Kathleen Schibanoff
<i>Member</i>	Betty-Ann Sherer
<i>Member</i>	Steven Vincent
<i>Member</i>	Vacant
<i>Member</i>	Vacant
<i>Clerk</i>	

## Planning Board

<u>Office</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
<i>Member</i> <i>1st Co-Chair</i>	David Wylock	12/31/13 12/31/10
<i>Member</i> <i>2nd Co-Chair</i>	Valerie LaRobardier	12/31/14 12/31/10
<i>Member</i>	Michael Villano	12/31/16
<i>Member</i>	Peter Muroski	12/31/15
<i>Member</i>	James Johnson	12/31/12
<i>Member</i>	Brian Kelly	12/31/11
<i>Member</i>	John C. Fila	12/31/10
<i>Clerk</i>	Betty-Ann Sherer <i>PlanningARB@TownofDoverNY.us</i>	

## Records Advisory Board

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Caroline Reichenberg	12/31/10
Christopher Galayda	12/31/10
Donna P. Hearn	12/31/10
Kathryn Palmer-House	12/31/10
Betty-Ann Sherer	12/31/10

## 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 12/31/10
<i>Member</i>	Glenn Nielsen	12/31/14
<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>Clerk</i>	Betty-Ann Sherer <i>PlanningARB@TownofDoverNY.us</i>	

## Assessment Board of Review

<u>Office</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
<i>Member</i>	Ian Holback	09/30/14
<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

## 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 Pauling (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 150<sup>th</sup> 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