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**Dudley re-opens its town hall to the public five days a week, effective November 6.**

Budget constraints caused by inflation and an insurmountable increase in public education costs led the Dudley Board of Selectmen to seek Proposition 2 ½ Override elections in April and June. Both were unsuccessful, which necessitated a decision to reduce staff and close town hall offices to the public three days per week. The reduction in public hours to 8 a.m. through 4 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays only went into effect on July 25.

Voters in a third Proposition 2 ½ override election in August approved three of five menu-style questions. This resident support has afforded the re-hiring of some cut positions, and in turn, the reinstating of public hours in formerly understaffed offices.

Effective 8 a.m. November 6, town hall will re-open to the public five days per week. The hours will be 8 a.m. through 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 8 a.m. through 12 p.m. on Friday.

Public access evening office hours will also be reinstated for the Town Clerk, Assessor and Treasurer/Collector offices. Monday hours for these offices will be 8 a.m. through 6:30 p.m.

Some individual office hours may vary at times and some town officials are available beyond normal office hours by appointment. Visit [www.dudleyma.gov](http://www.dudleyma.gov) for each department's webpage and information.

Public board, committee and commission meetings are and will continue to be posted online at [www.dudleyma.gov](http://www.dudleyma.gov)

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