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### **Dalton voters can "abolish" our captured town boards**

Many Dalton voters are frustrated that our town boards seem to be forgetting the town's voting majority.

To many in Dalton, it appears our boards are instead following the agenda of a small, fringe group of outsiders. Our boards seem to march to the drumbeat of this group of mostly out-of-town, anti-development, anti-property rights extremists.

These extremists are very direct. They want to tell the town of Dalton what to do. They want to make us follow their wishes.

What do they want? They want to turn Dalton into their own little backyard. A place they control, regardless of what's good for the town's majority.

These extremists want to prevent all commercial and industrial development in Dalton, or at least in our existing industrial zone.

They don't care that this kind of development could help Dalton's working families manage the burden of high property taxes.

They don't care that commercial and industrial development could fill in the huge gaps in services in our town, including public safety.

These extremists want to make Dalton into a forever-frozen pretty little picture, just for themselves. A vista they can see from their cottages on Forest Lake or from their homes on the ridgelines of our surrounding towns.

It's greed, pure and simple.

What is to be done? Dalton voters can exercise our authority over our town boards. We have a lot of power.

Here's the key fact: **ONLY DALTON RESIDENTS HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE ON OUR TOWN AFFAIRS.**

Zoning, land use, development policies -- it's all up to us and nobody else.

The extremist outsiders have no right to vote. They can line up outside town hall and yell at us as we go in to vote, but they can't vote themselves.

So over time, the Dalton voting majority can elect a new selectboard majority. This may take two annual town meetings but it will happen.

What can we do sooner, without waiting? The Dalton majority can "take back" our other boards. We can do it now, at the upcoming town meeting.

How? We can simply **ABOLISH THEM.**

If the planning board and the conservation commission don't quickly change course and start acting in good faith for the majority of our town, we can **VOTE THEM OUT OF EXISTENCE.**

All it takes is a petition and a town vote.