

2020 Town Clerk's Report

The Clerk is the oldest public servant in local government, dating back to Biblical times. When the early colonists came to America, one of the first offices established was that of the Clerk because colonists understood the importance of keeping accurate, written records.

Regarded to be the heart of local government, the Town Clerk's office is where you go when you first move to town to find out what is required to become an "official" resident of the town. It's the office you visit each year to register your motor vehicles and license your dogs. When your family expands, it's where you can pick up your child's birth certificate. When you are preparing to marry, it's where you acquire a marriage license. And it's where you go to register to vote or file for candidacy for public office.

The Town Clerk is the official keeper of municipal archives and is responsible for maintaining a chronological record of vital records pertaining to the town, including births, deaths, and marriages that occurred in the town. In addition, as a chief election official, the Town Clerk is responsible for administering oaths of office to all elected officials and appointed members of local boards and committees.

The Town Clerk's office collected \$1,139,875 in motor vehicle registration revenues in FY2020. Boat registrations brought in \$1,774 in revenues. Vital records and marriage licenses generated \$9,855 in additional revenue for the town. As required by state law, 1,026 dogs were licensed in FY2020, down significantly from FY2019 – most probably due to limited availability to veterinarian offices during COVID-19 – but still generating \$4,730 in revenue to the town, not including fines or civil forfeitures.

In addition to motor vehicle registration renewals, dog licenses and most vital records can be conveniently requested online through the town's eb2gov system.

The Peterborough Town Clerk's office was staffed in FY2020 by your full-time Clerk, Linda Guyette and Deputy Clerk, Gayle Bohl. Our staff's goal is to make each visit to our office a pleasant and courteous one, and we will make every attempt to serve you efficiently and knowledgeably.

The Town Clerk's office is currently open Monday – Friday, 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM, with no evening hours at this time. We hope that we will be able to add evening availability soon.

We look forward to serving you!

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Guyette
Town Clerk