TOWN CLERK

To the Citizens, the Select Board, and the Town Manager:



Thank you so much for your support since I took over the role of Town Clerk on April 9, 2023. I have an amazing group of coworkers that are wonderful to work with, and the members of the public have been very welcoming.

This was a quiet election year with no State election in June and only a Referendum Election in November. In comparison, 2024 will be a very busy election year as there will be a Presidential Primary in March, a General Primary in June, and a General Election in November. Absentee ballots are always available at the Town Office 30 days before an election. The process requires filling out an Absentee Ballot Application and, these applications can be filled out by the voter, immediate family members, or by telephone request. However, the voter must fill out an affidavit in person to receive a ballot the Friday and Monday before an election as these are considered Special Circumstance Absentee Ballots.

A new State Law that became effective October 25, 2023, has increased the Agent Fee for renewal ATV's and Snowmobiles from \$1 to \$5 and the licensing of new ATV's and Snowmobiles from \$2 to \$6.

As always, I would like to remind all dog owners that it is very important to get their dogs licensed. This is an excellent way to help identify your dog should it get lost and then is found by someone else. Please bring in the current rabies certificate so that information can be updated in our system. For new dogs you need to provide a rabies certificate and a spay/neuter certificate if that is applicable. If you have any questions regarding this, feel free to call the office.

| Dog Licenses | 465 | Births | 278 |
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| Inland Fisheries and Wildlife | 945 | Marriages | 42 |
| | | Deaths | 218 |

| 2023 Elections | | |
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| Municipal Elections | March 27,2023 | |
| Town Meeting | March 27,2023 | |
| RSU 9 Budget Referendum | June 13, 2023 | |
| State Referendum | November 7, 2023 | |

I truly appreciate the assistance of my Ballot Clerks: Ann Arbor, Lynn Caldwell, Mark Caldwell, Shane Cote, Fenn Fowler, Kathy Hussey, Aileen Kennedy, Wayne Kinney, Nancy Martin, Joyce Morton, Dick Morton, John Rosenthal, Clyde Ross, Anne Wehrman, and Charlotte Woodcock for their help at the polls. Matt and Jenn at the Community Center for your assistance and patience. Mavis, Dena, Ed, Leah, Tammy, Kate, Cindy and Tom for their willingness to help with the Absentee Ballots and all of the "behind the scenes" ways that they make things run smoothly.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane L. Dunham Town Clerk

