

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT for 2009

The year 2009 was once again a busy year for the Clerk's Office. We were kept on our toes with Town Meetings, the Annual Election as well as the unforeseen state primary in December. The Board of Registrars and the dedicated election and town meeting workers helped to make the process run smoothly. My staff as usual was ever diligent, making sure every absentee ballot was properly processed, every procedure in place, every new voter added to our rolls. The number of registered voters at the end of 2009 was 4,676.

The Fire Department, Highway Department and Police Department were instrumental in the smooth election process. They assisted in the set up of the polls the day before the election and made sure that all equipment and ballots were delivered by 6:00AM on Election Day, and that the flow of traffic went smoothly. To all of you a heartfelt thanks.

The Annual and Special Town Meetings in May as well as November saw a change to the General By-laws as well as an addition. The Annual/Special in May lasted two evenings with an average attendance of 240 voters each evening.

The amount of \$10,000 was granted by The Community Preservation Committee and approved by Town Meeting body for the restoration and preservation of 12 volumes of historic Town Records.

Over 1095 dog licenses were issued over the past year. The office is ever busy with Passports, processing over 350 applications. Vital statistics for the year changed only slightly with 33 Births, 52 Deaths, and 31 Marriages. The population count is 6,434. Thirty-two new businesses registered in 2009.

Respectfully submitted,
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Mattapoissett Town Clerk