

Clerks Corner Dec 2015
End of year 2015

While Horton states in Dr. Seuss's Horton Hears a Who! "A person's a person no matter how small" and "For every voice counts!", if you do not use your voice, it can't be heard.

In Wenham, your voice counts on all matters that affect you in your daily life- public safety, garbage pickup, zoning plans, tax rates and more. A perfect time to make your voice heard is at the Annual Town Meeting scheduled for Saturday April 2, 2016. The Board of Selectmen sets the warrant, or agenda, for Town Meeting but it is the citizen's responsibility to make their concerns and ideas heard throughout the year. Residents are encouraged to attend Selectmen's meetings which are usually held the first and third Tuesday of every month at 7pm. The agendas for these meetings and those for other Town Committees and Boards are posted on the Town's website. If there are particular topics you feel merit discussion, please contact the Town Administrator's office. Selectmen's meetings can also be viewed on HWCAM.org and on Comcast channel 8 or Verizon channel 36.

How about making a New Year's resolution to get involved in the leadership of our town? Consider running for office or requesting an appointment to a board or committee that interests you. The following positions will be on the Wenham Town Election ballot on April 7th- Board of Assessors, Board of Health, Board of Selectmen, Cemetery Commission, Library Trustees, School Committee, Moderator, Planning Board, Tree Warden, Water Commission, and Housing Authority. Information on these positions and nomination papers can be obtained from the clerk in January. There are some vacancies on several committees and boards that are posted on the Town's Website. Please contact the Town Administrator's office if you are interested and think you may be a good fit.

The census form should be arriving in your mail this week and needs to be completed as accurately as possible for many reasons. The information requested by the census is mandated by law and provides us with the necessary proof of residency for veteran's benefits, voting rights, and for funding of grants and public safety services to name a few. Please make the necessary corrections, if any, and return the signed form to the clerk's office during the month of January. If you do not receive a form by January 1st, please contact the clerk's office. The dog registration form is included with the census mailing. All dogs over 6 months old need to be vaccinated against rabies and licensed. Dog licenses in Wenham are valid from January to December with late fees imposed by Town bylaw starting February 1st.

Lastly, the Presidential Primary is scheduled for Tuesday March 1st. The last day to register to vote and/or change your voter registration for this election is February 10, 2016.

Enjoy every moment of the holiday season with family and friends and please consider how you can join in and support the Town of Wenham as we move into 2016 and beyond. Peruse the Town's website and contact anyone in Town Hall for more information.

Dianne Kaplan Bucco was elected the Wenham Town Clerk April 11, 2014. For more information on the clerk's office, please go to www.wenhamma.gov or follow the Wenham Town Clerk on Facebook and Twitter.