

## Treasurer's Report

Audra Girouard

2016 was a year of change! Some good, some bad, and some sad. Susan LaMadeleine's illness at the end of 2015 had her out until the middle of February. I was so happy to have her back! The same day Susan came back, Donna Berry submitted her resignation as Town Clerk. I served as the Town Clerk from March 2<sup>nd</sup> – August 9<sup>th</sup>. It was a very busy five months! Although it was an interesting and challenging experience, I was glad when Cindy Gaboriault decided to run for the position. She's definitely the right person for the job. Susan resigned her position as Assistant Treasurer in June and Beth Cliche was appointed in her place. I'm still saddened by the loss of Lorain Rainey in November. She was such a wonderful, thoughtful, caring woman and I miss her dearly.

The annual tax sale was held in August. Of the five (5) parcels that ultimately went to sale, the Town had to purchase two (2), as there were no other bidders. I have begun compiling a list for the 2017 tax sale. If you are a property owner with delinquent taxes, I urge you to contact me about making a payment agreement before it's too late. I never enjoy sending a property to sale and would much rather make other arrangements.

As I look back on 2016 I'm amazed at all the changes that I never saw coming. Many thanks to all who have supported me though this year. Thanks to my husband and children who had to fend for themselves much more for the time I was serving as the clerk. Thank you to my mother who gave me some good advice and guidance regarding the clerk position. Thank you to the Select Board for having the confidence and trust to appoint me to the position. Many thanks to Cindy for all she did for me during those five months. What a great clerk she's become! Thank you to Susan for the extra load she had to bear during that time as well. Thank you to Beth for taking on the assistant position and for the laughs she brings to the office. Thank you to Arlene Hovey, Carol Gent and Don Nuzzolo for your help during the election. It's wonderful to have such a good group people willing to serve at each election. And finally, thank you to the auditors for always keeping me on the right track. I look forward to what 2017 has to bring.