

## Town Clerk's Report

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2020 turned out to be a challenging and unusual year for all of us. We had just finished our Annual Town Meeting and Presidential Primary when the pandemic hit. Initially all our offices were closed to the public. By April 23rd the Town Clerk's office was open by appointment only for researchers and this continues today for the unforeseeable future. My hours have resumed to normal and with social distancing and masks we are making it work. Masks and hand sanitizer have become our new normal.

August brought our first vote during the pandemic, the State's Primary. We had more participation by absentee ballot than at the polling place. November's General Election saw over 300 absentee ballots cast with the Secretary of State sending all active voters in Vermont a ballot. We had nearly as many in person voters as absentee. Thank you to Susan LaMadeleine, Linda Blakslee, Paula Christopher, Mary Gochie, Arlene Hovey and Theresa Hovey for giving of themselves during these uncertain times. Manning the polls is challenging to begin with and to add masks, gloves, sanitizing sprays, wiping down voting booths and pens took on a whole new level of busy!!

I encourage registered voters to call the office Monday, Tuesday or Thursday from 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM or leave a message to have your ballot mailed to you. If this is a more convenient manner to vote or if you feel it is a safer alternative to in person voting we are more than happy to mail your ballot.

It doesn't look promising that we will be having a rabies clinic again this year due to COVID. You can license your dog on March 2nd at the Town Hall during the hours the polls are open, 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM or by mailing a check or money order to the office. If your rabies vaccine needs updating please send a certificate of rabies with your payment.

I can be contacted at 802-695-2220 or email me at [townclerk@conclerk.com](mailto:townclerk@conclerk.com).

### VITAL STATISTICS

	2018	2019	2020
Marriages	6	10	7
Births	5	3	4
Deaths	12	16	8