

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

The State of New Hampshire Vitals Records restoration program awarded a grant of \$8,100 for restoration and microfilming of Birth, Marriage and Death records from 1878 through 1967. To qualify for the grant, the records in the vault were examined and an assessment made of current conditions and recommendations for the future. We also restored and de-acidified several volumes of town clerk records as part of our ongoing program.

In December, we installed a new Motor Vehicle program created by Avitar. This program has been approved by the State and will enable us to go on-line directly with the State next fall. This will enable our office to offer more services such as plates, lost decals, replacement registrations, etc.

The new program includes dog records. We have imputed all of last year's records and will be working with dog owners to correct any errors. We will be checking inventories, veterinary notices, etc. This program will enable us to send reminders and delinquent notices.

All progress is great but it will mean that we need to think about adding more personnel on a part-time basis. Computers make the work load easier but it is essential that the office have someone else knowing the ropes to cover during vacations, conferences, help out during the busy election season and emergencies.

2007 brought some interesting challenges with the changes in election laws, vital records, and the new motor vehicle program. I look forward to what 2008 will bring.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Ann Wheeler
Town Clerk