

## **REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK – 2011**

I attended a boat registration training class in November so I have now completed the first phase of becoming a boat agent. We are currently waiting for the state to incorporate municipalities into the online boat agent system so we can have access and begin registering boats. I am hoping it will be up and running by spring. I will keep you posted. Please call anytime for motor vehicle questions; a quick call often helps you know what paperwork to bring so we can better serve you.

Following the 15 year rule, all 1997 model year vehicles and older are now title exempt. If you have a title exempt vehicle, you still need two forms with the VIN # to prove ownership. A bill of sale with the VIN # printed on it, an old registration, the title, or a VIN Verification form will all work.

It's time once again for renewing dog licenses. I am trying to keep track of the near 700 dogs we have registered in town. If you have a dog and you haven't already renewed, please take a moment to be sure your rabies shot is up to date and come see me before the April 30<sup>th</sup> deadline.

Thank you all for the opportunity to serve as your Town Clerk.

*Michelle Marsh*

Town Clerk

## **REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR- 2011**

Tax payments this year have improved 16% over last year at this time. The tax rate remaining stable helped immensely in keeping property owners on budget.

The Selectboard continues to work toward getting full payment of taxes for the former Edward and Elaine Brown property that is now controlled by the Federal Government. This property has over \$79,000 in outstanding taxes. The Selectboard has been assured that local taxes will be paid, however it could be over two years before the case is settled.

I continue to field questions on the effect of personal credit ratings from tax liens placed on property. By New Hampshire statute a tax lien is placed on property when taxes are in arrears. We do not notify credit bureaus of this, but the liens are a public record and recorded at the Sullivan County Registry of Deeds. Unfortunately, the credit bureaus do not always take the time to record the release of the lien and therefore it remains on the credit report until the property owner asks to have the records corrected.

Respectfully submitted,

*Ruth Ann Wheeler*

Tax Collector