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**Welcome to the seventh edition of the VMCTA newsletter.**  
Your submissions are welcome — or feel free to contact a member of the committee with an idea.

## Welcome New Clerks & Treasurers

As the result of Town Meeting elections in March, new clerks and treasurers have joined our ranks. We welcome all of them and offer any help they may need.

Here are some of the names, provided by the Vermont Secretary of State's Office:

- Pamela Brown, Bethel
- Curry Galloway, City of Saint Albans
- Lisa O'Neil, Hartford
- Nancy Gondella, Mendon
- Nikki Tomlinson, Newbury
- Pam Correia, Panton
- Jill Braddish, Peru
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## Spring Educational Opportunities Hands-On Educational Opportunities and More!

On April 19 (Danville) and May 3 (West Rutland), VMCTA will offer its annual spring training. This one-day training is a great opportunity for new clerks and treasurers, as well as a refresher (you can always learn something) for those with experience. Each day will have a similar program with panel presentations and discussion on a broad range of topics. You can benefit from the experiences and insights of your colleagues - great networking opportunities!

Early registration fee is \$25 per person and includes lunch: April 26 (West Rutland). After this date, the fee is \$35. You can still register for Danville, too!

Come for one session or the whole day. Pick the location that is best for you.

### Thursday, April 19, 2018

Danville Town Hall, 36 Route 2 West, Danville  
**SCHEDULE**

- 8 am** Registration
- 8:30-11:45** Treasurer Workshop / Clerk Roundtable
- 11:45-12:45** Lunch
- 12:30-3:15** Clerk Workshop / Treasurer Roundtable

### Wednesday, May 3, 2018

West Rutland Town Hall, 35 Marble Street  
**SCHEDULE**

- 8 am** Registration
- 8:30-11:45** Clerk Workshop / Treasurer Roundtable
- noon-12:45** Lunch
- 12:45-3:15** Treasurer Workshop / Clerk Roundtable

For more information or to register: [www.vmcta.org](http://www.vmcta.org). Registration form is available at the end of this newsletter.



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# Notes from the President

Hello to everyone out there in the Clerk and Treasurer kingdom of Vermont! Before I get too far into this PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, I want to extend to everyone how in awe I am of all of you. The smaller municipalities that do everything for your town to those larger municipalities whose duties are more defined but in much larger volume. No matter our size we begin every day with the attitude and desire of wanting to help our citizens.

**CVC – Cum Laude:** Nellie Noble from Granby, Deb Beckett from Williston, Susie Haughwout from Wilmington and Lucrecia Wonsor from Killington.

**CVT – Cum Laude:** Nellie Noble from Granby and Deb Beckett from Williston.

**CVC – Magna Cum Laude:** Georgette Wolf-Ludwig from Fairlee

I, and your town, thank you for taking the time

## Treasurer of the Year



*Randolph Town Clerk / Treasurer Joyce Mazzucco is pictured here with VMCTA President Lucrecia Wonsor after she was named the 2017 Vermont Treasurer of the Year. She received this award at the banquet at the Annual Meeting in September 2017. Photo: Heidi Racht*

It seems like yesterday that we had our annual meeting in Killington, before the snow flew and the cold arrived. I want to extend my congratulations to our Clerk of the Year, Carol Dawes of Barre City and our Treasurer of the Year, Joyce Mazzucco of Randolph. Both were well deserved - they are valued members of their municipality and of this Association. I also want to extend congratulations to those who were either newly certified or reached an advanced certification level.

**CVC (Certified Vermont Clerk):** LaDonna Dunn from Westfield and Deanna Dee Robitaille from Montgomery.

**CVT (Certified Vermont Treasurer):** Lucrecia Wonsor from Killington.

**CVC – Level 1:** Diana Judd from Holland

to further your education. It is through these trainings and networking with your fellow clerks and treasurers that you bring back new ideas to your towns and who couldn't use a refresher course on the various duties we perform every day! I know that every class that I attend either brings me new information or a re-affirmation that I am doing it right. So, if you are thinking about obtaining your certification or advancing your certification, now is the time to start the process by looking at the application form and gathering your paperwork together before the August primary season begins.

I wish to thank the legislative committee and the Education/Certification committee for their fine work. Karen and Carol have been diligently looking at all the bills and testifying on our behalf. The Education committee, under Tracy's

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lead, is working hard at putting together the New Clerk and Treasurer Training to be held in two locations this spring as well as planning the education seminars to be held at our annual meeting in September. This year's annual meeting will be held on Thursday and Friday, September 20 and September 21, at the Hampton Inn in Colchester. The Executive Board decided try to accommodate some of the treasurers who find the Monday/Tuesday meeting dates inconvenient by moving the dates to Thursday/Friday. The packets for this meeting will be going out around August 1, but you may make your hotel reservations by calling 865-6177. The rates are \$139 for a standard king or two double beds or \$169 for a suite that includes a kitchenette.

I wish to thank everyone for the ability to serve as your President and I am working hard not to let you down. As I thought about what I wanted to accomplish as your President one thing that kept popping into my head was the fact that we need to be more proactive as clerks and treasurers. It seems every year that more and more things are happening down in Montpelier under the Dome that are not necessarily what we want to happen.

## Certification & Continuing Education Committee

Tracy Borst, Thetford (Chair)

Deb Beckett, Williston

LaDonna Dunn, Westfield

Clyde Jenne, Hartland

Diane Judd, Holland

Donna Kelty, Barre Town

Patti Lewis, Fayston

Heidi Racht, Huntington

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## Clerk of the Year



*Carol Dawes, Barre City Clerk, was named the 2017 Vermont Clerk of the Year. She received this award from VMCTA President Lucrecia Wonsor at the VMCTA Annual Meeting in September 2017. Also pictured is Donna Kinville, incoming VMCTA President. Photo: Heidi Racht*

The Legislative Committee has worked hard to make sure that the Association (your) views are presented down in Montpelier. We seem to have lost our voice and our ability to influence those down in Montpelier.

One of the first things the Executive Board did was reach out to the three political parties in the State. We met with both the state Republican Party and Democratic Party representatives at our December meeting. We want to open the lines of communication with them and reinforce with them that elections are near and dear to every clerk and that none of us take this responsibility lightly. We asked each political party how to best garner non-partisan support around elections – unfortunately there was no one perfect solution. However, the end-all objective in these meetings was to let the political parties aware that we are here for any question and hopefully before or when the next election bill comes forward they will reach out to us. We also invited the Progressive Party but due to a meeting conflict was not able to make it.

I also reached out to the League of Women Voters to discuss the same issues as we discussed with the political parties and that meeting will be this spring. I have also put our Association into the lottery for the ability to have a table in the statehouse cardroom during the session to be able to mix and mingle with our senators and

representatives. If anyone has any other ideas what we can do as an Association to regain our voice, please let me know.

So, as I close this presidents message I have some hopes for the coming months:

- I hope that spring is just around the corner.
- I hope that each clerk and treasurer, whether new or skilled, will lean on each other when you have questions or need advice
- I hope that this legislative session brings no more new election laws
- I hope that clerks and treasurers will grab any new learning opportunity that comes their way professionally and personally.
- I hope that the August Primary will be smooth and un-

eventful for all of us

- I hope that everyone enjoys their summer.

Thank you.

—Donna Kinville, VMCTA President

## Best Question of the Week

From Lucrecia Wonsor, who got a call recently from a woman in Rutland advising that several trees have fallen in her yard and did I know someone who would come and take them away?

### And Another...

And during our last storm in March, I got a call from a woman who was going to be travelling from Rutland to an event in Maine and wanted to know if the roads were passable in Killington and if it was safe to drive through.

# Fun with Certifications in September



Clerks and Treasurers with their certification and advanced certifications in September 2017. From left: Deanna Dee Robitaille (Montgomery), LaDonna Dunn (Westfield), Diana Judd (Holland) Georgette Wolf-Ludwig (Fairlee), Lucrecia Wonsor (Killington), Nellie Noble (Granby). Not pictured: Deb Beckett (Williston) and Susie Haughwout (Wilmington). Photo: Tracy Borst

## Legislative Updates

Again it appears that we are in the reactive mode in Montpelier. Carol Dawes is following H. 911 and H. 922. H. 911 is the proposal to change the education funding to a combination of income and property tax and has language to bill the taxes separately.

H. 922 has a section that addresses assessment districts that match the consolidated school district lines for an education grand list separate from the local grand list.

H. 624 is an act relating to providing limitations on obtaining and using copies of the statewide voter checklist. This was initiated by the SOS office as a result of the Federal Government requesting data from the Vermont checklist last year. We testified that we want the same protection as the SOS office so that we are not providing the information at the local level. One of the features of the new statewide voter checklist allows the SOS to provide the information for the voter information requests

H. 899 is an act relating to fees for records filed in town offices and a town fee report and request. You are all aware that this a fee restructure bill and we have been working on this for 2 years. Hopefully, at the least we will be put on a schedule to have our fees reviewed on a regular basis like all other state agencies. Donna Kinville and I will be testifying this week in Senate Gov Ops on this bill and our suggested changes to add flexibility but still require towns to maintain a restoration fund. This has been a painful process due to the diversity of our towns. The negative input has helped us to scrutinize every word so that we can address the many concerns. More to come on this bill....

—Karen Richard, Chair, Legislative Committee

### Legislative Committee

Karen Richard, Colchester (Chair)

Deb Beckett, Williston

Dawn Custer, Hubbardton

Stacy Jewell, St. Johnsbury

Carol Dawes, Barre City

### NEMCIA Registration Now Open

The New England Municipal Clerks Institute and Academy is an intensive program of continuing professional education and advancement where Clerks develop and maintain a high level of administrative expertise needed for the successful operation of increasingly complex municipal government.

Registration for the upcoming session (July 14 -20, 2018 at Plymouth State University in Plymouth, New Hampshire) is now open.

For more information visit the website at [www.nemcia.org](http://www.nemcia.org) or contact or or contact Board Vice Chair and Thetford Town Clerk Tracy Borst, (802) 785-2922 or [townclerk@thetfordvermont.us](mailto:townclerk@thetfordvermont.us)

# Karen Richard Honored with House Resolution



On April 13, Karen Richard, Colchester Town Clerk/Treasurer, was honored with a resolution by the Vermont House of Representatives. Richard will be retiring on June 30. She has worked for her town for 31 years, serving in her current positions since 1998. Here she is in Montpelier, surrounded by VMCTA friends, from left: Rep. Pattie McCoy, Donna Kinville, Tammy Legacy, Donna Kelty, Lucrecia Wonsor. Photo: Rep. Theresa Wood.

## Congratulations!

**Jessica Alexander** recently received CMC (Certified Municipal Clerk) from IIMC (International Institute of Municipal Clerks). This honor was achieved after many years of training and community and professional service.

## VMCTA Committees

The following is the VMCTA Committee List:

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|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Awards                               | Legislative                 |
| Budget                               | Membership                  |
| Certification & Continuing Education | Municipal Records           |
| Constitution                         | Nominating                  |
| Curriculum                           | Public Relations/Newsletter |
| Fundraising                          | Scholarship                 |
|                                      | Website                     |

If you are interested in being on one (or more) of these, please visit this link: [http://www.vmcta.org/index.asp?Type=B\\_BASIC&SEC={D688563A-F6B9-485D-A4CC-8571380A3033}](http://www.vmcta.org/index.asp?Type=B_BASIC&SEC={D688563A-F6B9-485D-A4CC-8571380A3033})

# Paddles Up!

Several Town Clerks have been on Dragonboat teams over the years and Town Clerks Diana Vachon (Shelburne) and Jessica Alexander (Jericho) are trying to organize a dragonboat team of Town Clerks for this year's Lake Champlain Dragon Boat Festival. The day of the festival is Sunday, August 5. The practice weekend is July 28 and 29.

The team will have one practice session in July and it is not necessary to be present for the practice, but it is helpful. The team captain will sign the team up for practice on either July 28 or 29 (the day that most of the team can be there) and the group will need to decide on a team name.

Teams have 20 paddlers and a drummer. The cost is \$1785 per community team but additional money can be raised through sponsors, so don't let the \$ be a deterrent. This amounts to \$85 person but can be divided as \$45 paid by the participant and the other \$40 raised through team fundraising (some team members may raise more than \$40 and some may raise less).

The Lake Champlain Dragon Boat Festival, presented by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Vermont, is a charity dragon boat race event that encourages team effort and community giving to benefit cancer support in the Vermont community.

Participants can be Town Clerks, Town Treasurers, Assistants and anyone else who want to participate in a Town Clerk boat (other co-workers, family members, etc).

The website is available for sign up and we should probably try to sign up by the end of next week. Feel free to respond back to Diana ([dvachon@shelburnevt.org](mailto:dvachon@shelburnevt.org)) or Jessica ([jericovermont@yahoo.com](mailto:jericovermont@yahoo.com)) about ideas for a team name and if you are still interested. ( If you are not interested/unable for this year, let us know that also.) If you know of others interested please invite them.

Festival day is a lot of fun and a good way to blow off some energy before the State Primary Election. In the link below, you can find a video that shows what festival day is like: <https://dragonheartvermont.org/lake-champlain-dragon-boat-festival/about-the-festival/festival-day/>

# Retirements



## Beth Hill, Hartford

The following article appeared in the VALLEY NEWS on March 31, 2018

by Matt Hongoltz-Hetling, Staff Writer

When the man walked into the Town Clerk's Office on Friday morning, he shot a pointed look at Beth Hill as he spoke, but his tone was teasing.

"Don't you just love it, Lisa," he said, speaking to recently appointed Town Clerk Lisa O'Neil, "when the old regime tries to stay around and keep bothering you with stuff?"

Hill raised her eyebrows as she looked back at him, amused.

"How you doing, Beth?" he asked.

They smiled at each other.

"Good," she replied, greeting him by name. "How are you?"

It was a small exchange of a tenor and type that felt familiar to Hill on what was, for her, a momentous day: After 35 years of serving in the Town Clerk's Office, including winning eight consecutive elections unopposed (she appeared on the ballot as Mary "Beth" Hill), she was spending her last few hours as an employee of the town of Hartford.

"It's been kind of special," Hill said, "to be able to serve the town that you grew up in and have deep roots to."

Since being hired on a part-time basis as assis-

tant town clerk in 1983, Hill has shepherded the office through an enormous change — when she began, everything from marriage licenses to quit claim deeds was logged arduously by hand and filed away in cluttered cabinets and registry books.

Back then, the Town Hall, which underwent a major renovation a few years ago, was a much less pleasant work environment.

"Bats everywhere. And mice," Hill remembered. "A lot of mice. ... It was not unusual to walk out of the office and see a bat flying across the hall. Or walk into the bathroom and look up and there's a bat hanging from the ceiling."

The floor of the office also was a cause for concern in those days.

"There were places in the floor where if you stood, you felt like you were going to go right down through the carpet," she said. "And actually, when they tore it apart, there was a chance that you could have."

Hill knows a customer is approaching before they even walk in the door, because she's trained her ear to the squeak of the floorboards outside. And the floorboards were squeaking a lot on Friday, as a parade of people who stopped in to wish her well.

Longtime Hartford Selectman Dick Grassi entered the office, moving immediately to bend down and give her a big hug, smiling as he spoke a few warm words into her ear. Everyone seemed to have something nice to say. Hill's daughter sent her flowers, while Assistant Town Clerk Sherry West bought her a cake.

Hill, 68, was born and raised in Hartford, and occasionally comes across historical records in the town archives that pertain to her great grandfather. She said the town, too, was different when she started in the early 1980s. There was more farmland, and fewer people and buildings.

Something else has changed over the past 35 years.

Hill herself.

When she started the post, she tried to maintain the unflappable calm that she is now known for, but it was hard for her to be the verbal target of an irate taxpayer standing at the counter.

"It would bother me," she said.

Over the years, Hill said, she grew more confident in her decisions and more understanding of the grumpier members of the public.

"They're not upset at you," she said. "The town clerk happens to be the person standing in front of them, so you kind of get the brunt of it. ... (But) you know you can't do it, and it's not your fault."

Hartford Town Manager Leo Pullar said Hill demonstrates mastery of her job, and called her "the epitome of a public servant. She has come to the Town Hall for over 25 years with the sole purpose of serving. She did it with a smile on her face and was always willing to listen to folks."

A self-described homebody with an appetite for police procedural detective novels and television shows, Hill said the relationships she developed with Hartford residents helped to connect her to the community.

"It's made me, I don't know how to put it," she said, pausing to think. "Maybe more outgoing? And learned a lot about people. Because you meet different people every day."

For a town clerk, no two days are alike, but Hill's learned to identify the rhythm of public needs that are only loosely related to the progression of spring, summer, fall and winter outside the office window. Inside, Hill has presided over election season, which is followed by dog license season (things get heavy when the town starts reaching out to expired license holders), which is even now yielding to a spring-inspired marriage license season.

And the office is no longer host to rodents or worrisome weak spots in the floor. The renovated office space is clean, bright and professional looking. Optical scanning systems have replaced the old cantankerous election machines. And every time a page of a document is entered into the formal record, \$4 of the \$10 fee is set aside to fund the restoration and digitization of documents, a drive that allows images of land-deed records from the 1800s to join yesterday's dog license in a modern computing system.

Hill, whose annual salary was \$67,389 last year, also leaves with the distinction of being the last town clerk Hartford voters have elected — the

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# Clerk Retirements

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Town Charter recently was amended so that O'Neil and future clerks will instead be appointed by the Selectboard.

"Town clerks have been elected in Hartford for a long time and I'm the last one to be elected," Hill said.

"Beth was comfortable with the technology. And her smile when you come in the office is just wonderful," friend and longtime Hartford resident Lynn Bohi said during a Friday phone interview. Bohi said that, when she served as a state representative, she often had cause to bring Hill a stack of new voter registration forms, each of which set off a cascade of tasks for Hill before they could be approved.

When Bohi heard that Hill planned to retire, she stopped in to chat and offer tips on maintaining social ties into retirement — perhaps a book club, she advised.

Hill said she's looking forward to sleeping in a little later in the morning, spending time with her grandchildren and casting election day votes without having to stay at the polls into the night to manage the balloting process.

Hill said she would feel comfortable walking out the door at the end of her last day of the job on Friday afternoon, in part because over the last month, she's gained confidence in O'Neil's ability to succeed as the next town clerk.

"A lot of people know Lisa," Hill said. "She grew up in this town just like I did. It's a nice feeling to have the next town clerk also be a longtime town resident."

## Jean Burnham, Bethel

*The following article appeared in THE HERALD on January 18, 2018.*

by Lisa Campbell

**T**here is a major transition happening at the Bethel Town Offices. Jean Burnham, Bethel's town clerk and treasurer of 48 years, has decided it is time to retire.

Though officially retired, Burnham is spending time with her successor, Pam Brown, to ensure the transition happens smoothly. Despite the huge amount of knowledge and detailed information being shared, the atmosphere is cheerful, and good-natured conversations are heard in between the ringing of phones, and meeting

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the needs of townspeople stopping in with a question.



*Jean Burnham, Bethel Town Clerk, is honored at Town Meeting, upon her retirement after 48 years.*

When Burnham first took on this position in 1970, she inherited an office with a manual typewriter and an adding machine. Norm Case, her predecessor, trained her in the details of her new job, but she acknowledges that the learning process takes time and hands-on experience.

Laughing, Burnham recalled watching people walking up the steps to her office and thinking "I hope they will be asking for something I know how to do!" She clearly learned her job well, because Burnham has become a vital resource for how things get done in Bethel. As part of her many responsibilities as town clerk and treasurer, Burnham has maintained a plethora of vital records, including birth certificates, marriage licenses, and land records. The view from the office's conference table offers a glimpse of those records, filed neatly in the town's walk in safe. She notes that when she started in the town clerk position, she was entering land records into book number 45, and that she recently started book number 112!

Interestingly, Burnham's connection to the office goes back to her mother, Doris Borella, who served as assistant town clerk during the tenure

of Norm Case. But her connection to Bethel goes back even further. Her grandfather came to Bethel from Italy as a stonemason in the early 1900s, and her Grandfather Kimball owned the A&P General Store in downtown Bethel.

Burnham has worked with several town managers during her years in the clerk's office, including Bert Moffatt, Ted Nelson, Del Cloud, Keith Arlund, and now Greg Maggard. She was recently delighted by a visit from Moffatt, who stopped by after hearing the announcement about her retirement. When asked what her retirement years might

look like, Burnham said she is looking forward to snowmobiling and kayaking with her husband and spending more time at their camp in Norton.

Additionally, she thinks about slower-paced mornings, with the time to finish a second (or third) cup of coffee, and maybe a book or two.



## Marsha Nelson, Ryegate

She was clerk for 30 years. "I will certainly miss the job and the great people who come to the office for assistance," said Nelson.

# Vermont Clerks at the IIMC Regional Conference



Vermont clerks with outgoing Region 1 Director Carol Anderson (back row, right) at the IIMC Region 1 conference, held in Manchester in March.

## Awards Committee

Georgette Wolf-Ludwig, Fairlee (Chair)  
Priscilla Aldrich, Burke  
Susie Haughwout, Wilmington  
Wendy Wilton, Rutland City  
Patti Lewis, Fayston

The Vermont Municipal Clerks' and Treasurers' Association is sponsoring four Awards this year:

Municipal Clerk of the Year • Municipal Treasurer of the Year  
Municipal Assistant Clerk of the Year • Municipal Assistant Treasurer of the Year

The purpose of these awards are to recognize those Clerks, Assistant Clerks, Treasurers and Assistant Treasurers who have performed admirably during the last year. The awards are presented at the Annual Banquet in September. Watch for details!

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## Fundraising Committee

Nellie Noble, Granby (Chair)  
Priscilla Aldrich, Burke  
Karmen Bascom, Royalton  
Susan Johnson, Cornwall  
Diane Judd, Holland  
Betty Ritter, Cabot

## News from the Education Committee

The Education Committee has met four times this winter, including an organizational meeting in December. The primary focus has been the spring training sessions in April and May.

The Clerk and Treasurer Certification and Advanced Certification applications and requirements are now online. The deadline will be July 31, so get your paperwork started if you plan to apply.

The Committee is also working on the educational sessions for the VMCTA Conference and Annual Meeting on September 20 and 21, which will be held in Colchester. The Committee is looking at speakers, roundtable topics and other opportunities.

After the spring training, the Committee will finalize the September conference and, in the summer, will also review applications for Certifications and Advanced Certifications, which are awarded at the Annual Conference in September.

Please feel free to contact the Ed Committee with any questions, concerns or recommendations you might have. The minutes are on the VMCTA website.

# News from Communities

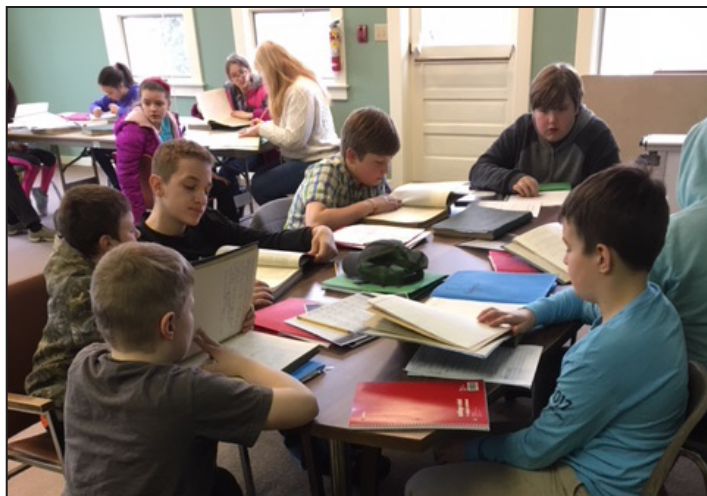
## News from Pawlet

Last year (2017), right after town meeting, we lost our former Town Clerk, **Joanne Waite**, who had served in her role for over 20 years. Joanne was beloved by the community and her impact on the Town of Pawlet will be longstanding.

**Melissa Clarke** who has served the Town of Pawlet as Assistant Town Clerk retired in the Spring of 2017, having worked alongside Joanne Waite (former Town Clerk) and Deb Hawkins (current Town Clerk). Melissa was instrumental in helping transition the voter checklist during the implementation of HAVA.

Another recent retirement is that of **Charles Mason** who has served the Town of Pawlet in various roles since 1960. More recently, Charlie has served since 1999 as one of three Listers. We celebrated his last day on March 5. Charlie has been so instrumental in every aspect of the office, including the Town Clerk's office with his wealth of knowledge with regard to the Town. He is a living history book.

—*Deb Hawkins*



## News from Rochester

Our middle school students have been coming to the Town Office to research all the old one room schoolhouses that were active in Rochester. They have had a great time, and have found some pretty interesting facts. When they are done, they will have a presentation at our community gathering on June 2 to commemorate our final graduation in Rochester.

—*Joanne McDonnell, Rochester Town Clerk-Treasurer*



## News from Barre Town

For close to 25 years, the Town of Barre holds two bulk trash collection events (one in May and one in September) at the Department of Public Works garage. Residents can bring items such as old furniture, construction debris, used plastic toys, pools, etc.

There is a small fee (\$5 - \$20 per load), depending on the size of vehicle and content plus a donation (amount is your choice) which goes to a local group. Some of the groups receiving donation monies have been Project Graduation, Flags for Veterans, Recreation department for various playground improvements, Aldrich Library Teen Committee and many more.

We do not accept household trash, metal, or electronics. The Saturday event is open to residents only and is partially subsidized with tax dollars. As you can see from the photo, they are very well attended with many residents planning remodels/cleanup around the event.

—*Donna J. Kelty, Barre Town Clerk-Treasurer*

## News from Newport

The City of Newport is celebrating its centennial this year from June 29 to July 4. I

—*Stacey Therrien, Assistant Clerk, City of Newport*



# VMCTA

## New Clerks & Treasurers

# TRAINING

**Thursday, April 19, 2018**

Danville Town Hall • 36 Route 2 West, Danville

**Thursday, May 3, 2018**

West Rutland Town Hall • 35 Marble Street, West Rutland

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address Town / City / State / Zip Code

**\$25 Early Registration\* by  
April 12 (Danville)  
April 25 (West Rutland)**

**\*Registration includes lunch**  
\$35 Registration After Dates at Left

**Please mark which training you will be attending and CIRCLE which sessions you will be attending.**  
This allows us to have the appropriate number of handouts available. The detailed agenda appears on the next page.

\_\_\_\_\_ **AGENDA FOR APRIL 19 IN DANVILLE**

**8 am Registration**

**8:30-11:45** Treasurer Workshop or Clerk Roundtable (circle one)

**11:45-12:45** Lunch

**12:45-3:15** Clerk Workshop or Treasurer Roundtable (circle one)

**3:15 pm** Safe Journey Home

\_\_\_\_\_ **AGENDA FOR MAY 3 IN WEST RUTLAND**

**8 am Registration**

**8:30-11:55** Clerk Workshop or Treasurer Roundtable (circle one)

**noon-12:45** Lunch

**12:45-3:15** Treasurer Workshop or Clerk Roundtable (circle one)

**3:15 pm** Safe Journey Home

*Check one date.  
Circle sessions.*

**BACK!**  
by Popular Demand  
**SWAP TABLE!**  
SEE REGISTRATION  
FORM FOR DETAILS

Spring cleaning?  
Clerks & Treasurers:  
bring unused supplies  
to share.

Please indicate your wrap choice: Ham \_\_\_\_\_ Turkey \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate if you have any special dietary needs \_\_\_\_\_

**RETURN THIS FORM WITH A CHECK, PAYABLE TO VMCTA, TO:**

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