

YORK COUNTY TOWN & CITY CLERK'S ASSOCIATION SECRETARY'S REPORT

September 17, 2009

The York County Clerks held their **FALL DINNER** meeting at the Oak Street Bistro in Alfred on September 17, 2009. There were 36 members and guests in attendance.

Claire E. Morrison, Susan Cote, Sanford; Joan Plummer, Joan Weeman, Brenda Brown, Buxton; Maryann Place, Melissa Albert, Kittery; Joanna Moran, Merton Brown, Shelly Blaisdell, Kennebunk; Wendy Rawski, Patricia Levesque, Sheila Hatch, Brenda Harvey, Eliot; Janice Saunders, Dayton; April Dufoe, Kennebunkport; Lucette Pellerin, Saco; Simone Boissonneault, Arundel; Laura Bragg, Christine Turno, Lebanon; Judi Buckman, Berwick; Christine Dudley, North Berwick; Jessica Keyes, Brenda Layman, Kerri Van Schaack, Wells; Pauline Weiss, Lyman; Joanne Rankin, Shapleigh; Andy Bors, Alfred; Kerry Thorne, Nancy Johnson, Waterboro; Barbara Bennett, South Berwick; Gloria Hermance, Parsonsfield; Mary-Anne Szeniawski, York; Jocelyn Layman, Animal Welfare Society; Norma Worley, Director of the State Animal Welfare Program; Chris Fraser, DVM, State Veterinarian.

President Wendy Rawski opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and asking all those present to introduce themselves.

Wendy mentioned that at the Spring Meeting she thought the discussion about the by-law amendments ended with the President and Vice-President sharing job duties instead of eliminating the VP position. A motion was then made to amend the minutes of the Spring Meeting to reflect that change. That motion passed and the Secretary's Report was approved as amended.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted as written.

Old Business – April Dufoe announced that currently 27 of the 29 towns in York County and 60 clerks, deputy clerks and assistant clerks are members of the association.

April also mentioned that the Association sent a beautiful orchid plant to Shirley Harrison, the Town Clerk of Lyman, who retired at the end of June after 30-plus years of service to the town. Shirley sent a lovely thank-you note and said she was really enjoying her retirement.

President Rawski mentioned that she received two thank-you notes from John Myers, Town Clerk of Buxton and Michele Hughes, Deputy Clerk of Saco for their scholarship money to attend the Clerk's Institute which was held at Plymouth State College in NH this summer. Both found the experience very worthwhile and rewarding and appreciated the support of the association.

New Business – Susan Cote of Sanford, Jessica Keyes of Wells and Joanna Moran of Kennebunk were selected to be the Scholarship Committee for 2010.

The amendments to the by-laws that were proposed at the Spring, 2009 meeting, which included the President and the VP sharing duties and allowing the Secretary and Treasurer to be two different people, were discussed again. On a motion and a second, the amendments to the by-laws were adopted by the association.

Speakers for the Evening – Norma Worley, Director and Chris Fraser, DVM from the State’s Animal Welfare Program. Norma started the presentation by going over all the new laws from this year’s legislative session that went into effect on September 12th. The biggest change that will affect clerks is that we no longer have to go through the warrant process and there is now a late fee of \$15 that begins on Feb. 1st and continues to be in effect all year long.

The second part of the presentation was a discussion and slide presentation about the Buxton seizure of over 250 dogs (over 300 after all the puppies were born). This was the largest rescue of animals that the State of Maine has ever done. Chris Fraser, the State Veterinarian and Norma talked about the logistics of such a huge project in terms of cleaning, housing, medically treating, feeding and caring for so many animals all at once. Then they showed wonderful pictures of the rescued dogs in their new homes.

The **SPRING DINNER** meeting date was set for Thursday, April 15, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at the Oak Street Bistro in Alfred. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by April Dufoe
Secretary