

**Minutes to the 195th
Annual Town Meeting
of the Town of Essex**

May 5th 2014

The 195th Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Essex was called to order at 7:37 p.m. by Moderator Rolf P. Madsen. A quorum of over 160 voters was present at the time.

The following people were appointed as tellers: Wendy Fossa, Vickie Cataldo, Sue Lufkin, Dawn Burnham, Suzanne Lynch, Rebecca Jones, Anne Landry and Chris Williams.

There were no objections to the tellers appointed.

Following the salute to our National Flag, a moment of silence was observed in memory of Warland R. Hersey, Nancy M. Muniz, Francis A. ("Pat") Dunn, Janet Reed, Edwin C. Perkins, Terrance P. Hart and George Lufkin.

The Moderator spoke of a large fire in Essex last week in which one of our Firefighters, George Stavros, was injured. The Moderator praised the Essex Fire Department for their hard work and dedication which was followed by a round of applause from the meeting.

Motion made and duly seconded to waive the reading of the warrant.

There were no objections to waiving the reading of the warrant.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed and warned as the inhabitants of the Town of Essex, qualified to vote as the laws direct, of the Annual Town Election to bring to ballot for the following officers:

- Assessor for three years.
- Moderator for one year.
- Selectman for three years.
- Board of Health member for three years.
- Two Constables for one year.
- School Committee member for three years.
- School Committee member to fill a vacancy for one year.
- Board of Library Trustee for three years.
- Two Planning Board members for five years.
- One Planning Board member to fill a vacancy for four years.
- Housing Authority member for five years.

AND, to do this by vote on one ballot. The polls will be open on Monday, May 12, 2014 at 7:00 o'clock A.M. and will close at 8:00 o'clock P.M. at the Memorial Fire Station, 24 Martin Street, Essex.

ARTICLE 1: ELECTION OF TOWN OFFICERS

Motion made by Jeffrey D. Jones, duly seconded, that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a Surveyor of Bark and Lumber.

Voted Unanimously.

ARTICLE 2: REPORT OF TOWN OFFICIALS

Motion made by Lisa J. O'Donnell, duly seconded, that the Town receive the Reports of the Town Officials, Boards, and Committees contained in the Annual Town Report.

Voted by the Majority.

ARTICLE 3: FISCAL YEAR 2015 WAGE AND SALARY SCALE

Motion made by Jeffrey D. Jones, duly seconded, that the Town vote to approve the Wage and Salary scale for fiscal year 2015 in accordance with the recommendations of the Personnel Board Report.

Voted Unanimously.

ARTICLE 4: COMPENSATION OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

Motion made by Jeffrey D. Jones, duly seconded, that the Town fix the salary and compensation of each of the elected officers of the Town as required by Massachusetts General Law Chapter 41, Section 108, as amended, for fiscal year 2015 in accordance with the recommendations of the Personnel Board Report.

Voted Unanimously.

Motion made by Jeffrey Soulard, duly seconded, that Articles 31, 32 and 34 be visited before Article 5.

Voted Unanimously.

ARTICLE 31: DEFRAY OPERATIONAL EXPENSES – FISCAL YEAR 2014

Motion made by Kenneth Riehl, duly seconded, that Article 31 be indefinitely postponed.

Voted Unanimously.

ARTICLE 32: REPLENISH FINANCE COMMITTEE'S RESERVE FUND FOR FY 2014

Motion made by Richard Ross, duly seconded, that Article 32 be indefinitely postponed.

Voted Unanimously.

ARTICLE 34: UNPAID BILLS FROM PREVIOUS FISCAL YEARS

Motion made by Richard Ross, duly seconded, that Article 34 be indefinitely postponed.

Voted Unanimously.

ARTICLE 5: PAYMENTS TO MASSACHUSETTS WATER POLLUTION ABATEMENT TRUST

Motion made by Jeffrey D. Jones, duly seconded, that the Town vote to transfer from the Town Septic Betterment Fund the sum of \$26,291 for the purpose of making necessary payments to the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust during fiscal year 2015 in accordance with the terms of repayment for Community Septic Management Program loan funds.

Voted Unanimously.

ARTICLE 6: REVOLVING FUND FOR ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Motion made by Jeffrey D. Jones, duly seconded, that the Town vote pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws chapter 44, section 53E ½ to reauthorize a revolving fund for the Animal Control Officer for the purpose of compensating the Animal Control Officer for the care of impounded dogs and for reimbursing the Animal Control Officer for all associated expenses. Payments from dog owners seeking to claim impounded dogs shall be credited to the fund and expenditures from the fund shall be authorized by the Board of Selectmen up to a maximum of \$10,000.

Voted Unanimously.

ARTICLE 7: REVOLVING FUND FOR BOARD OF HEALTH–YOUTH TRIATHLON/EXERCISE PROGRAM

Motion made by David Driscoll, duly seconded, that the Town vote pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws chapter 44, section 53E ½ to reauthorize a revolving fund for the Board of Health for the purpose of

purchase of supplies and services as deemed necessary by the Board of Health for the purpose of the planning and execution of an annual youth triathlon or other exercise program. Donations, grants and fees collected for said purpose shall be credited to the fund and expenditures from the fund shall be authorized by the Board of Health up to a maximum of \$12,000.

Voted Unanimously.

ARTICLE 8: REVOLVING FUND FOR BOARD OF HEALTH – PURCHASE OF SUPPLIES AND SERVICES

Motion made by David Driscoll, duly seconded, that the Town vote pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws chapter 44, section 53E ½ to reauthorize a revolving fund for the Board of Health for the purpose of purchase of supplies and services as deemed necessary by the Board of Health Department for the purpose of health, safety, and/or emergency planning, preparation and education. Donations, grants and fees collected for said purpose shall be credited to the fund and expenditures from the fund shall be authorized by the Board of Health up to a maximum of \$10,000.

Voted Unanimously.

ARTICLE 9: REVOLVING FUND FOR BOARD OF HEALTH – PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

Motion made by David Driscoll, duly seconded, that the Town vote pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws chapter 44, section 53E ½ to reauthorize a revolving fund for the Board of Health for the purpose of purchasing supplies, contracted labor, and pharmaceuticals as needed by the Public Health Nurse and for the payment of Public Health Nurse wages. Medicare and other reimbursements relating to said programs and donations for the purpose of purchasing supplies and pharmaceuticals and for Public Health Nurse labor shall be credited to the fund and expenditures from the fund shall be authorized by the Board of Health up to a maximum of \$12,000.

Voted Unanimously.

Motion made by Ann Cameron, duly seconded, that Article 23 be visited prior to Article 10.

Voted Unanimously.

ARTICLE 23: MANCHESTER ESSEX REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

Motion made by James Haskell, duly seconded, that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,665,060 to fund the Town's assessment from the Manchester Essex Regional School District – said sum to be calculated solely in accordance with the "Agreement Between the Towns of Essex and Manchester-by-the-Sea, Massachusetts with Respect to the Formation of a Regional School District", as most recently amended, by invoking and approving the provision found in paragraph four of Massachusetts General Laws chapter 71, section 16B allowing District members "to reallocate the sum of their required local contributions to the district in accordance with the regional agreement", for the fiscal year beginning July first, two thousand fourteen.

Voted Unanimously.

ARTICLE 10: NOMINATIONS TO THE CONOMO POINT PLANNING COMMITTEE

Motion made by James Witham, duly seconded, that the floor be opened for nominations to fill one vacant seat on the Conomo Point Planning Committee and that the meeting vote to elect the new member from the nominated candidates.

The Moderator opened up the floor for nominations.

A Point of Order is brought forth by Bruce Fortier that the Meeting must vote on the motion prior to opening for nominations.

Motion made by the Moderator, duly seconded, to vote on the original motion.

Original Motion Voted by the Majority.

A Point of Order was brought forth by Bruce Fortier that the Moderator did not open the floor for discussion after the original motion was seconded.

Motion made by the Moderator, duly seconded, rescind the last vote on the original motion.

Voted by the majority.

Discussion ensued.

Original motion voted Unanimously.

Paul Pennoyer of 57 Grove Street and Charlotte Guldemand of 3 Ralston Lane were nominated. The Moderator calls for a Paper Ballot Vote. The Meeting continued and the results were tallied and announced prior to Article 13.

ARTICLE 11: TRANSFER BEACH CIRCLE LOTS FOR LEASE OR CONVEYANCE

Motion made by Jeffrey D. Jones, duly seconded, that the Town vote to transfer the lots identified as Lots 19/97, 19/99, 19/101 and 19/102, on the approved Definitive Subdivision Plan entitled "Central Conomo Point, Beach Circle, Conomo Point Road, Essex, MA" which is on file with the Essex Town Clerk, from the Conomo Point Commissioners for purposes of lease to the Board of Selectmen, acting as Conomo Point Commissioners, for the purpose of conveyance, and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen, acting as Conomo Point Commissioners, to convey said lots after said plan has been duly recorded with the Registry of Deeds, for at least the land-only value for each lot contained within the appraisal report by Tyburski Appraisal Corporation dated April 28, 2014 and to authorize the Board of Selectmen, acting as Conomo Point Commissioners, to enter into all agreements and to execute any and all instruments as may be necessary or convenient on behalf of the Town to affect said conveyance, subject to terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen, acting as Conomo Point Commissioners, deem appropriate.

Standing counted vote:

Yes: 106

No: 41

Motion Carries.

ARTICLE 12: BY-LAW AMENDMENT – CHAPTER 2-13 CONOMO POINT COMMISSIONERS

Motion made by Lisa J. O'Donnell, duly seconded, that the Town vote to amend Chapter 2-13.13 of the Town of Essex Bylaws, Procedure for Sale or Lease of Property at Conomo Point, by deleting the words "Long-term Lease – a lease for a period of more than five years" from Section 1 and by deleting Section 3, entitled Long-Term leases, in its entirety, and replacing it with the text shown in Article 12 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Motion Carries.

TEXT SHOWN IN ARTICLE 12 OF THE TOWN MEETING WARRANT:

Section 3: Leases

- a. If duly authorized by a vote of Town Meeting, the Commissioners may enter into one or more leases for occupancy of any or all of its property at Conomo Point.
- b. Any Town Meeting vote authorizing leases pursuant to this section shall also specify the maximum period of time for such leases.
- c. Prior to entering into any lease(s), the Commissioners shall establish the essential terms and conditions for such leases. Such terms and conditions shall include a requirement that the lessee will pay at least the fair market rental value as determined in accordance with this Bylaw and all taxes assessed upon the property.
- d. After essential lease terms and conditions have been established by the Commissioners, the Commissioners shall retain the services of a Massachusetts Certified General Appraiser with an MAI designation from the Appraisal Institute to determine the

fair market rental value for each segregable portion of the property the Commissioners intend to lease.

e. Upon receipt of appraisals, the Commissioners may offer current leaseholders a reasonable opportunity to accept the terms and conditions established by the Commissioners and enter into leases.

f. The Commissioners may offer leases to the general public in accordance with an open, fair and competitive disposition process, using sound business practices and principles of fair dealing.

The Moderator announces the results of the Paper Ballot vote under Article 10 to appoint nominees to the Conomo Point Planning Committee.

Paper Ballot Vote Results:

Paul Pennoyer: 82

Charlotte Guldmond: 80

Paul Pennoyer has been elected to the Conomo Point Planning Committee.

ARTICLE 13: FUNDS FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF PROPERTY AT CONOMO POINT

Motion made by Susan Gould-Coviello, duly seconded, that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 for the management of property at Conomo Point including but not limited to renovation, demolition, and contents management of structures and maintenance of all outdoor areas.

Motion Carries.

ARTICLE 14: FUNDS FOR ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

Motion made by Lisa J. O'Donnell, duly seconded, that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 and to transfer from free cash the sum of \$25,000 to make roadway improvements, including but not limited to resurfacing roads and improving road shoulders at Conomo Point, including the cost of any necessary design, permitting, preparatory work, paving, construction, and any items incidental thereto.

Voted by the Majority.

ARTICLE 15: ADDING FUNDS TO THE CONOMO POINT LEGAL BUDGET

Motion made by Susan Gould-Coviello, duly seconded, that Article 15 be indefinitely postponed.

Voted by the Majority.

ARTICLE 16: COMMUNITY PRESERVATION SURCHARGE MODIFICATION

Motion made by Kimberly Drake, duly seconded, that the Town vote to amend its acceptance of the Community Preservation Act, Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44B, sections 3-7, as approved by the voters at the May 14, 2007 Annual Town Election, by increasing the surcharge from 0.5% to 1%, and to authorize the appropriation of other municipal revenue to the Community Preservation Fund pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44B, section 3 (b ½), to be implemented beginning in Fiscal Year 2016; provided, however, that before such surcharge increase and appropriation authorization may take effect, the change must be approved by the voters at the Biennial State Election on November 4, 2014 to be held in the Town of Essex.

Voted by the Majority.

ARTICLE 17: FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Motion made by Jeffrey Soulard, duly seconded, that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$6,102,512 as follows: a) raise by taxation the sum of \$937,848 for debt repayment, principal and interest; b) transfer

from the Cemetery Sale of Lots Fund the sum of \$2,400 to the Cemetery Budget; c) transfer from the Cemetery Lot Care Fund the sum of \$8,710 to the Cemetery Budget; d) transfer from the Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund the sum of \$2,400 to the Cemetery Budget; e) transfer from the Wetlands Protection Fund the sum of \$3,500 to the Conservation Commission Budget; f) transfer from free cash the sum of \$266,322 to the Health Insurance Budget, g) transfer from the Ambulance Fund the sum of \$50,000 to the Ambulance Budget; and h) to raise and appropriate by taxation the sum of \$4,831,332 to be allocated between the salaries and expenses of the Town according to the remaining budget items as indicated in the Finance Committee Report.

Voted by the Majority.

ARTICLE 18: SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGET

Motion made by Scott DeWitt, duly seconded, that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,960,987 for the Sewer Enterprise Fund Budget as follows: a) debt repayment, principal and interest – the sum of \$849,722 from sewer betterments, the sum of \$100,000 from Sewer Enterprise free cash, and the sum of \$328,911 to be raised by taxation; and b) funds to be allocated between the salaries and expenses of the Sewer Department – \$642,354 from departmental receipts and the sum of \$40,000 from Sewer Enterprise free cash; all as indicated in the Finance Committee Report.

Voted Unanimously.

ARTICLE 19: WATER ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGET

Motion made by Scott DeWitt, duly seconded, that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$704,202 for the Water Enterprise Fund Budget as follows: a) debt repayment, principal and interest – the sum of \$12,798 from water betterments and the sum of \$40,013 from departmental receipts; and b) funds to be allocated between the salaries and expenses of the Water Department – \$651,391 from departmental receipts; all as indicated in the Finance Committee Report.

Voted Unanimously.

ARTICLE 20: FUNDING ELECTRICAL IMPROVEMENTS AT THE WATER FILTRATION PLANT

Motion made by Scott DeWitt, duly seconded, that the Town vote to transfer from Water Enterprise free cash the sum of \$29,451 for the purpose of making electrical efficiency upgrades to equipment at the Water Filtration Plant, Town of Essex public wells, and any elements incidental thereto.

Voted Unanimously.

ARTICLE 21: NEW PICKUP TRUCK WITH SNOWPLOW FOR WATER DEPARTMENT

Motion made by Scott DeWitt, duly seconded, that the Town vote to transfer from Water Enterprise free cash the sum of \$34,690 for the purchase and equipping of a new pickup truck, with snowplow, for use by the Water Department; and to authorize the Board of Public Works or the Board of Selectmen to take other action as necessary to effectuate the purposes of this vote.

Voted Unanimously.

ARTICLE 22: NEW DUMP TRUCK WITH SNOW PLOW FOR DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS

Motion made by Scott DeWitt, duly seconded, that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Public Works or the Board of Selectmen to enter into an agreement to lease purchase and to fully equip a dump truck with snow plow for use by the Department of Public Works, for a period of three years, on such terms and conditions as the Board deems in the best interest of the Town in order to replace one of the existing dump trucks; and to authorize the Board of Public Works or the Board of Selectmen to dispose of the vehicle replaced by the new dump truck by sale or trade and to take other action as necessary to effectuate the purposes of this vote, and to transfer from free cash the sum of \$22,998 for the first year's payment on said lease.

Voted by the Majority.

Note to reader: Article 23 was visited prior to Article 10.

ARTICLE 24: ESSEX NORTH SHORE AGRICULTURAL & TECHNICAL SCHOOL BUDGET

Motion made by Susan Gould-Coviello, duly seconded, that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$119,433 to pay the Town's share of the operating and capital costs of the Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School District for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2014.

Voted Unanimously.

ARTICLE 25: COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND

Motion made by Kimberly Drake, duly seconded, that the Town appropriate or reserve from Fiscal Year 2015 Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues, or other available funds, all as specified on the Community Preservation Act Town Meeting Handout, the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for Open Space Reserve, Historic Resources Reserve, Community Housing Reserve, Budgeted Reserve, administrative expenses, and specific projects.

Voted Unanimously.

TEXT SHOWN IN ARTICLE 25 OF THE TOWN MEETING WARRANT:

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT TOWN MEETING HANDOUT

RESERVES

To transfer from Community Preservation Fund FY2015 Estimated Annual Revenues and reserve the following sums:

Open Space – FY2015	<u>\$6,793</u>
Historic Resources – FY2015	<u>\$6,793</u>
Community Housing – FY2015	<u>\$6,793</u>
Budgeted Reserve – FY2015	<u>\$23,777</u>
 Total FY2015	 <u>\$44,156</u>

APPROPRIATIONS:

To appropriate from Community Preservation Fund FY2015 Estimated Annual Revenues as follows:

Administrative Expenses – FY2015 \$3,397

Specific Projects

And further, to appropriate \$55,501 from the Community Preservation Fund, undesignated fund balance to be expended for preservation of historic resources, under the supervision of the department(s) or organization (s) listed, as follows:

<u>Department/Organization</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Historical Commission	Reconstruction of Spring Street Cemetery Fence	\$24,900

Town Clerk	Cataloging Historical Records in Town Hall Vaults	\$15,000
Town Clerk	Preservation of Historical Maps and Plans	\$7,500
Town Clerk	Preservation of Civil War Documents	\$8,101

provided further that the Historical Commission and Town Clerk shall make quarterly progress reports to the Board of Selectmen and Community Preservation Committee regarding the status of the projects.

ARTICLE 26: FUNDING A CONSULTANT FOR THE TOWN’S OPEN SPACE PLAN UPDATE

Motion made by Julie Scofield, duly seconded, that the Town vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$7,000 to retain the services of a consultant to update the Town’s Open Space Plan.

Voted Unanimously.

ARTICLE 27: FUNDING THE EQUIPPING & MODIFYING A BOAT FOR THE HARBORMASTER

Motion made by Jeffrey D. Jones, duly seconded, that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to transfer from the Waterways Fund the sum of \$21,000 for modifying, outfitting, and equipping a boat for use by the Harbormaster, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take any other action as necessary to effectuate the purposes of this vote, including the sale or trade of any boat or equipment that is to be replaced with said boat.

Voted by the Majority.

ARTICLE 28: ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIAL PURPOSE STABILIZATION FUNDS

Motion made by Lisa J. O’Donnell, move that the Town vote to establish the following three separate, special-purpose stabilization funds: (1) the town building capital improvements fund; (2) the recreational capital improvements fund; and (3) the purchase of vehicles and major equipment that qualify as capital purchases fund; and further, to transfer from free cash the sum of \$1,000 for each of said funds, for a total appropriation of \$3,000.

Declared 2/3rds vote.

ARTICLE 29: BY-LAW AMENDMENT

Motion made by Susan Gould-Coviello, duly seconded, that the Town vote to amend the Town of Essex Bylaws as shown in Article 29 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Voted unanimously.

TEXT SHOWN IN ARTICLE 29 OF THE TOWN MEETING WARRANT:

CHAPTER I:

Under 1-1:

Currently reads:

1-1 SHORT TITLE.

This book shall be known and may be cited as The Revised General Bylaws of the Town of Essex, 1992, and is herein referred to as the revision.

Replace with:

1-1 SHORT TITLE.

This book shall be known and may be cited as the “General Bylaws of the Town of Essex”. The most recently revised version shall be the prevailing authority.

Under 1-2:

Currently reads:

“**Clerk**” or “**town clerk**” shall mean the municipal clerk duly elected pursuant to law.

Replace with:

“**Clerk**” or “**town clerk**” shall mean the municipal clerk duly appointed pursuant to law.

Currently reads:

“**Town**” shall mean the Town of Essex in the State of Massachusetts.

Replace with:

“**Town**” shall mean the Town of Essex in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Currently reads:

“**Licensed**” shall mean licensed in accordance with the appropriate section or chapter of this revision.

Replace with:

“**Licensed**” shall mean licensed in accordance with the appropriate section or chapter of the General Bylaws of the Town of Essex or any other applicable law.

Under 1-3:

Currently reads (in the 7th paragraph):

Whenever a specific time is used in this revision, it shall mean the prevailing and established time in effect in the State of Massachusetts any day in any year.

Replace with:

Whenever a specific time is used in this Bylaw, it shall mean the prevailing and established time in effect in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts any day in any year.

CHAPTER II:

Under 2-1.5:

Currently reads:

2-1.5 USE OF TOWN MEETING TIME. The conduct of a town meeting not prescribed by law or by the foregoing subsections shall be determined by the rules of practice contained in TOWN MEETING TIME so far as they are adapted to town meetings.

Replace with:

2-1.5 USE OF TOWN MEETING TIME. The conduct of a town meeting not prescribed by: law, the majority of the voters present at a duly noticed town meeting, or

this chapter shall be determined by the rules of practice contained in TOWN MEETING TIME, most recently revised, so far as they are adapted to town meetings.

Under 2-12:

Currently reads:

2-12 JOINT HEALTH DISTRICT. - see 8-9, Page 805

Replace with:

2-12 JOINT HEALTH DISTRICT. [Reserved for future use].

ARTICLE 30: ZONING BY-LAW CHANGE – FLOODPLAIN OVERLAY DISTRICT

Motion made by Lisa O'Donnell, duly seconded, that the Town vote to amend the Town of Essex Bylaws, Chapter VI, "Zoning", Section 10.2, "Floodplain Overlay District" by deleting present the District boundary description as shown in Article 30 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant, in its entirety, and by replacing it with the text shown in the same article; and further, by adding the following immediately after said District boundary description: "All changes to FEMA panel designations pursuant to Article 30 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 5, 2014 shall not take effect until July 16, 2014."

Voted unanimously.

Note to reader: Articles 31 & 32 were visited prior to Article 5.

ARTICLE 33: ASSESSOR'S OVERLAY SURPLUS ACCOUNT

Motion made by Kurt Wilhelm, duly seconded, that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$30,525 from the Assessors Overlay Surplus Account, and the sum of \$50,680 from free cash all to the fiscal year 2013 Assessors' Overlay account to fund an anticipated deficit.

Voted unanimously.

Note to reader: Article 34 was visited prior to Article 5.

A motion was made and duly seconded to dissolve the meeting at 10:59 p.m.

Voted unanimously.

A true copy.

Attest: _____
Christina J. Wright, Town Clerk