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Town of Gilmanton,

On August 3rd, 2023 our Elected Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Maura C. Thomas, had her last day after 7 years of service to our town. I, Elise N. Smith, Appointed Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector have been Acting Town Clerk/Tax Collector since. On Thursday, August 31st, 2023, I interviewed with the Board of Selectmen, following they Appointed me as your Town Clerk/Tax Collector until the March 2024 Election, in which I intend to run for the Elected position.

I bought my home in the Iron Works in February 2016, a large deciding factor was the Potter's cows as neighbors. I have been your Deputy since July of 2020 & have spent this time falling in love with my actual neighbors & this meaningful work. I look forward, very excitedly, to continuing to build relationships & my expertise for this community & our state.

An update on office happenings for the remainder of 2023! I want you all to be as informed as possible.

- Brittany Bolstridge, Allenstown Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector, will be training with me, in Gilmanton until October. They do not have a Clerk to train her. She will probably be here 2 days a week, depending on her other trainings, conferences & holidays. We do look alike, it can be confusing 😊 Please welcome her with all the kindness you gave me.
- Bonnie Haubrich, Grafton Town Clerk/Tax Collector, will be serving Gilmanton for the periods of time I am out of office the rest of the year. We will not be closed outside of the remaining holidays. This includes a vacation & my attendance at 3 conferences. Bonnie served Gilmanton through 2020 while we were closed & was instrumental in my training. Please welcome her back with confidence.
- The Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector position has been posted on the website. We have had some interest & I intend to onboard mid-October. I do not want to hire someone in the midst of this schedule.
- I do not intend to make any drastic changes through the rest of the year. With hiring a new Deputy, adjustments of other responsibilities, & the Election in March, I will be considering extended hours.
- We anticipate **FOUR** Elections in 2024. Dates have not been confirmed by the Secretary of State!!! Per RSA, I would anticipate one in January, before South Carolina. Town Election as normal in March, State Primary in September, & State General in November. I want to encourage some new faces to come serve as Ballot Clerks, please send me an email if interested! I also implore you all to be aware of the dates as they are announced. Your vote matters.

Thank you so much for your continued support,



Elise N. Smith, JP
Appointed Town Clerk/Tax Collector