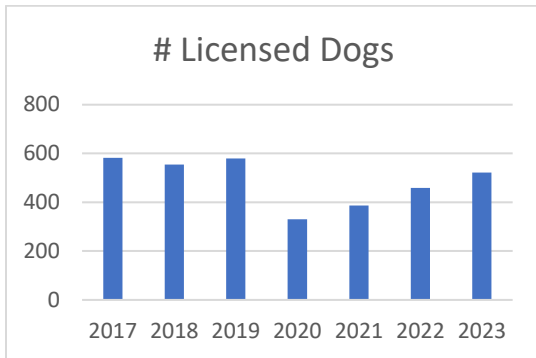


## Town Clerk Report: April to June 2023

### Licensing

- Dogs
  - o 521 licensed dogs so far this year (runs on a calendar year). Dog licenses are due by 4/1 so I expect only a small number of dogs to be licensed for the remainder of the year.
  - o 2019 saw 582 licenses issued, which dropped to 330 in 2020. We're slowly climbing back up to pre-pandemic levels.



- Marriage – 9 marriage licenses issued this quarter.
- Hunting and Fishing – 27 of the various types of licenses sold this quarter. Lest you think this is a big money maker for the town, out of the \$1,055 charged for those licenses, the town keeps a total of \$40.50. The rest goes to the state.

### Voter Challenges

- Every odd numbered year the Board of Civil Authority authorizes the clerk to issue challenge letters to voters the board believes no longer reside in Norwich. This can be based on property transfer records, length of time since they last voted in town, or any other verifiable source (social media, email, etc). Challenge letters contain a stamped postcard that can be returned to our office either attesting that the person still lives in Norwich or that they have moved and no longer vote in Norwich.
- This year the BCA authorized the issuance 146 challenge letters on June 12<sup>th</sup>. As of July 20<sup>th</sup>, I have received 33 return postcards, and re-sent 34 letters that were returned to me to updated addresses.
- Tracking down these voters is a long process; once challenged if there is no response the voter can be purged from our voter rolls only after two general election cycles – so if I challenge a voter this year and receive no response I can purge the voter in 2027.

### Research, records and restoration

- Judy recorded 578 pages of documents this quarter
- We took in \$6,488 in recording fees (\$11 per recorded page for most documents)
- \$2,312 in restoration monies (\$4 per recorded page)
- \$725 in deed copy fees (\$1 per copied page)
- \$194 in research time (that's 48.5 hours of research time)