

## **Town Information from Southborough Town Clerk, James Hegarty**

### **This month's Trivia Question**

Southborough holds an Annual Town Meeting each year and occasionally holds one or more Special Town Meetings. What is the difference between the two meetings?

### **Have you returned your Town Census?**

The 2022 Annual Town Census form was mailed to every household on January 8. If you did not receive one, please call the Town Clerk's office at (508) 485-0710 extension 3005 and we will get a copy to you ASAP.

### **Annual Town Election**

The Annual Town Election will be held on Tuesday May 10, 2022, from 6:30AM to 8:00PM in the Trottier Middle School gym. If you need an absentee ballot to vote in this election, please call the Town Clerk's office at (508) 485-0710 extension 3005 and we will mail a ballot to you in late April.

### **Annual Town Meeting**

The Board of Selectmen have not set the date for the Annual Town Meeting. It was tentatively set for late March indoors at the Trottier School, but due to COVID concerns, it may be moved outdoors in late Spring. Stay tuned for more information. We will place signs around town 2 weeks before the Annual Town Meeting.

### **Are you getting a Real ID driver's license?**

Getting a Real ID license requires a lot of documentation and Massachusetts has some crazy rules on where you need to go to get a copy of your records.

You might need a certified copy of your birth certificate. If you were born in Massachusetts, you can only get a copy from one of three places: 1) The town where you were born, 2) The town where your mother was living at the time you were born or 3) Online from the Massachusetts Vital Records, however, the state charges more than \$50 per copy! In Southborough, we charge \$10 for the first copy and \$2 for each additional copy.

Women may also need a certified copy of their marriage license if they changed their surname when they were married. That document is only available from the Town Clerk where you filed your Marriage Intention paperwork before your wedding, which may not be the town where you had your wedding ceremony. You can also order a copy online from the Massachusetts Vital Records, for more than \$50 per copy!

### **Answer to the Trivia Question**

Annual Town Meetings - Every Massachusetts town is required to hold an Annual Town Meeting which must be held in February, March, April, or May, unless otherwise provided by special law or charter. The Board of Selectman may delay the annual meeting, but it must be completed by June 30th.

Special Town Meetings – Any additional town meetings held later in the year are called Special Town Meetings. If you'd like to read more information on this subject, please read this information from the Secretary of State's web site: <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/cis/cistwn/twnidx.htm>

If you need more information or have questions, please call Town Clerk Jim Hegarty at (508) 485-0710 x 3005.