

My name is Theresa Colbert Tauro (Terri) and I am running to be your Town Clerk.

My vision is an open and engaged office with improved service, accessibility, voter outreach and communication. I will utilize different formats and think outside the box to relay important dates, deadlines and other information.

This is an important position in so many ways. Most of the ideas listed below will need to go through an approval process and that is where I come in. I will listen to residents needs and ideas, research best practices in other communities, reach out to our local and state legislators to prepare a well-researched and collaborative proposal to present to the Town Meeting Moderator/Board of Registrars/Select Board for the necessary approvals. All government processes have checks and balances, but I have many years of experience and relationships to get the will of the residents across the finish line. In my opinion, being the only fulltime, paid and elected position in Town, it is my responsibility to present ways to improve services and modernize our town government. Commonwealth requirements will not be a ceiling but rather a base to begin. I have already been speaking with other communities and reached out to Secretary Galvin, Auditor DiZoglio and our district representatives. I have run these ideas by members of the Select board, School Committee as well as the MEA. I have found grants that may be able to help make the old Town House more accessible as well as digitization of records a possibility.

- Maintain an open and responsive office with new energy.**
- Enhance communications through social media, emails and regular updates of the Town Clerk webpage.**
- Encourage resident participation through improved communication.**
- Research best practices for Town Meeting, polling and office efficiency.**
- Collaborate with state legislators and town officials to ensure that timely follow-up actions are taken on Town Meeting votes.**
- Update antiquated systems and procedures while celebrating the expertise and efforts of our staff and still honoring our proud history.**
- Preregistering 16 year olds at the high school and creating volunteer opportunities for them to be partnered with experienced poll workers.**
- I will be committed to listening with curiosity and empathy as this is the foundation to problem-solving.**

One last thought... Democracy works best when every voice is heard and respected. We are friends and neighbors, and we need to work together. I will never forget that I am accountable to the Residents of Marblehead so please cast your vote for Theresa Colbert Tauro (Terri) on June 10th so I can get to work for you!