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## It's All on Record

### Agnes Pier – Town Clerk



Agnes Pier is one of a long line of Windsor Town Clerks who dedicated themselves to maintaining Town of Windsor records with the utmost diligence and accuracy.

"I made it my business to not only carry on the tradition of preserving Windsor's history, but modernize the accessibility of the information for all to see." Pier said. Through a combination of historic preservation and the conversion of minutes, land records, maps and trade names to online availability, virtually anyone can stop in the office to easily research the topic of their choice.

During Windsor's 375th anniversary, an exhibit of Windsor's precious historic documents spearheaded by Pier was the highlight of her tenure with the town. The "treasures" displayed at that event included land records dating back to 1640, vital records (births, deaths, marriages) dating back to 1639 and many other miscellaneous documents dating back just as far. Today, those same items are available for viewing – just ask!

At times, the clerk's office holds unconventional events such as the more than 50-year tradition of distributing free marriage licenses on Valentine's Day and the annual "Just for Fun Dog Show" to

The International Institute of Municipal Clerks recognized Agnes Pier upon the completion of her certification as a Master Municipal Clerk in March 2011. This is the highest level of certification for a town clerk, requiring more than 380 hours of training.

promote June as dog licensing month. Those are just two examples of how the Windsor Town Clerk's office is one of a kind.

Thanks to Agnes and the 25 town clerks before her, Connecticut's first town is fortunate to house a collection that is the envy of many towns – even Wethersfield.