Hopkinton Town Clerk/Moderator History
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The earliest history for Town Clerk begins in 1864. Moderators were chosen at each Town Meeting before 1909. In 1909 the Town Meeting voted to begin electing Town Moderator at the Town Elections. In early years, Town Meeting reports were not included in the Annual Town Report and only occasionally were Town Officers listed. The earliest Town Report to be found is for the year 1864, published in 1865. In some instances, the Town Warrant was printed in the report for the year before the actual Town Meeting, but no report of the Town Meeting activities was ever printed. Until 1909, Moderators were chosen for a particular meeting, at that meeting, and paid by the Selectmen.

The following is a listing of the Town Clerk's since 1864 to present:
1864 to 1869: **J.A. Woodbury**
1870 & 1871: **C. Meserve**
1872 to 1875: **B.F. Coburn**
1873:   Town Meeting By Law adopted.
1876:   None listed or mentioned in departmental reports
1877 to 1880: **Jonathan Whittemore**
1881 to 1889: **Charles P. Wonderly**
1890:   **John F. Fitzgerald**
1891 &1892: **Charles P. Wonderly**
1893:   **Frank A. Morrill** – The report for 1893 was included in 1892
1894:   The Town Report ended December 31, 1894
1894 to 1901: **William E Powers**
1902:   **William E Powers** – resigned July 25, 1902, & **Patrick H. Dolan** was appointed.
1903 to 1937: **Patrick H. Dolan**
1937:   **Patrick H. Dolan**, resigned; **James Power**, resigned; **Paul M. Keane** was appointed.
1938 to 1949: **Paul Meade Keaney**
1950:   **Paul Meade Keaney**, deceased; **Robert T. Nealon** was appointed.
1951 to 1969: **Robert T. Nealon**
1970 to 1979: **Mary B. Nealon**
1980: **Mary B. Nealon**, resigned; **Maxine Adams** and served as Interim Town Clerk
1981 to 1995: **Mary B Nealon**
1996 to 2011: **Ann M. Click**
2012 to Present: **Geri Holland**

Town Moderator's since 1892 to present:

1864 thru 1891 there is no indication in Town reports of a Town Meeting or of a Moderator. Although Bylaws adopted March 10, 1873 do indicate Town Meetings to be held. For several years, Moderators were appointed at each meeting. In early days, Town Meetings were held several times a year, usually in March, October, and November; sometimes in February or September as well. If a meeting carried over to another night, (adjourned meeting), it would usually be held the next week, not the next day.

1892: Town Warrant Art. #1 to choose a Moderator; although, there is no indication of an appointment.
1893: Town Meeting chose a Moderator; there is no name given and no indication of being paid.
1894: Town Meeting chose an acting Moderator, R.M. Fahey, March 5th & 8th. Also, R.M. Fahey was
        separately "paid" no date indicated), R.M. Fahey. (Report year ended December 31, 1894.)
1895: Town Meeting chose acting Moderator, R.M. Fahey, March 4, and November 2, 1895
1896: Town Meeting chose acting Moderator, R.M. Fahey, (paid for March 2, 1896)

1897: Town Meeting chose acting Moderator, R.M. Fahey,

1898: C.P. Wonderly, March 7, 1898 (paid); R.M. Fahey, May 28 (paid)

1899: No Moderator indicated

1900: L.D. O'Connell: March 5; D.J. O'Brien: March 22; J.F. Slater: Special Town Meeting

1901 - 1902:   J.F. Slater

1903: J.J. Slattery, March 2

1904: J.J. Slattery, March 7; J.F. Slater, December 3

1905: J.F. Slater, March 6; Horace Phipps, November 7

1906: J.F. Slater

1907: John F. Slattery, March, October, & November – chosen as temporary Moderator at March
       meeting.

1908: J. F. Slater, March & April; Horace Phipps (both paid by Selectmen)

1909: Special Town Meeting chose temporary Moderator, John F. Slater
       At the Special Town Meeting, it was voted to adopt the law providing for election of Moderator
       for one (1) year terms

1910: Wilbur A Wood elected at the Annual Town Meeting
       J.F. Slater elected Moderator March 7, 1910 and served March 7, 14, & 2, 1910.

1911: Wilbur Wood
       Patrick Dolan, chosen as acting Town Moderator March 6, 1911; Adjourned March 10, 1911
       Town Meeting and the September 28, 1911Special Town Meeting.
       Wilbur Wood as Town Moderator October 19, 1911

1912 to 1918: Daniel J. Riley

1919: Daniel J. Riley, resigned, but served January 3, 1919; Selectmen decided not to fill the vacancy
       until the Town Meeting. No indication of who was chosen for that meeting.

1920: Daniel J. Riley was elected at the Special Town Meeting, January 17, 1920

1921: Daniel J. Riley, resigned, but served March 7, 12, and 19 of that year.
       Patrick Dolan was appointed Moderator for September 12, October 18, and December 12

1922: Daniel J. Riley, resigned
       Patrick H. Dolan appointed acting Moderator, Annual Town Meeting
       Wilbur Wood, Moderator, Adjourned Town Meeting
       Jon J. McColl, presiding, November Town Meeting and elected March 5 Town Meeting.
       Joseph A. Buckley, Acting Moderator, Adjourned Town Meeting, Appointed March 10

1923 to 1927: Wilbur H. Wood

1928: John J. Madigan, Jr

1929: Clarence A. Wood

1930: William M. Horregan

1931 to 1946: John J. Carey

1947 to 1951: William H. Kirby

1952 to 1960: John E Thomas

1961: Edward J. Rooney

1962 & 1963: Charles M. Zettick

1964 to 1980: Edward J. Rooney

1981 to 1994: Charles M. Zettick

1995 to Present: Dr. Bruce Karlin

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