

# Lumley has seen many changes while town clerk

Evelyn Lumley will be one of the first people to tell you that the town of Morrisville has definitely grown over the years.

Dressed in a white ribbed t-shirt and a smart navy and green plaid jumper, Lumley sits behind her glossy cherry desk in the Morrisville town clerk office which is decorated in mauves, brass and dark wood.

As the town clerk since June of 1977, Lumley has first-hand knowledge about just how much Morrisville has grown, particularly about the Town of Morrisville staff. "I've watched it grow so much," Lumley said.

"The Town of Morrisville has expanded from one part-time employee to about 53 part-time and full-time employees."

This expansion led the Town of Morrisville to build the new Town Hall that Lumley sits in now.

Lumley and the rest of the town employees got to move from the old Chamber of Commerce building into the new Town Hall building in December of 1992.

The new building, Lumley said, was "quite a difference from our old building."

With the change of Town Hall sites came a change in her responsibilities as Town Clerk.

Lumley's primary duties as town clerk include keeping the community calendar, keeping the mayor and commissioners informed of their appointments and keeping minutes of the town board meetings.

And for the first time, Lumley gets to collect payables at her office window.

Although previously confined to working with town officials, Lumley said she is enjoying the opportunity to help citizens as well.

"I like being able to soothe and satisfy citizens about one thing or another," she said.

And with the addition of this collection responsibility, Lumley says quite busy juggling the townspeople and the town leaders.

"Keeping the mayor and commissioners posted as to where they need to be and when is definitely a full-time job in itself," Lumley said.

Of course, keeping up with the mayor may have been a little easier in the past for Lumley since the mayor was her husband.

Lumley's husband was mayor of Morrisville for 13 years and com-

missioner for four years prior to that.

Although she worked with her husband the mayor for 13 years, Lumley says that the recent change has not had much of an effect on her.

"I worked closely with my husband, and it would be the same if he lost an election and I had to work with another mayor."

The change that's had the biggest impact on her as town clerk was a recent personal move.

Lumley and her husband recently moved from Morrisville to Mid-

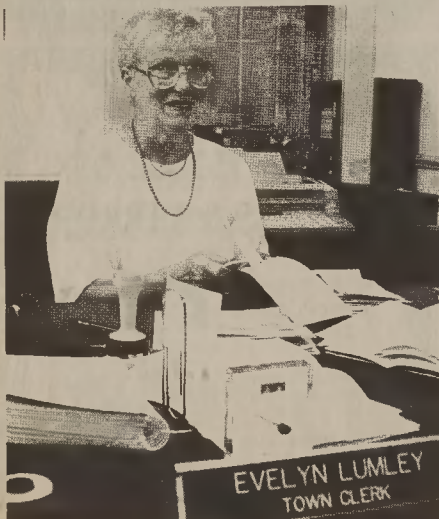
dlesex, so Lumley has about an hour's commute to and from work each day.

So her and her husband load up in the car every weekday morning and battle the I-40 morning rush hour traffic to open the town clerk window at 8 a.m.

Then when the town hall closes at 5 p.m., Lumley picks her husband up from work and battles that same traffic to get back home to Middlesex.

But Lumley can only say nice things about the long, arduous route.

"We're simply enjoying it," she said and smiled.



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