



West Arlington Grange Dance, 1950's.

Annual Report of the  
Town Officers of  
**Arlington, Vermont**  
For the year ending  
December 31, 2018

Chartered 257 years ago

July 28, 1761



There's coming sadness in Arlington, they say  
Amidst our hills, our vales, and our lost lake  
For dear Linda Crosby, she goes on her way  
After three decades plus, retirement she doth take  
Much deserved, her future filled with fun and rest  
We'll miss her deeply, for she is the very best

She so well tends to Arlington's treasure  
Lo, these many years, the books doth balance  
With care and love beyond human measure  
She coaxed from us money, among her many talents  
A friend, a listening ear, a bounty of Yankee sense  
So much esteemed, she inspires affection immense

For she makes paying taxes a delightful treat  
She beguiles us with warm heart and much loved ways  
Making us part with money with joy, 'tis a feat  
Onward she goes, onward to a new day  
God bless you and thank you, with love and praise we say

By Brian Allen

We wish a fond farewell and huge THANK YOU to our friend and colleague, Linda Crosby, who will be retiring in March after serving the Town of Arlington for over 30 years as Assistant Treasurer and Treasurer. Her dedication, kindness, and knowledge will be missed by all.

# **ARLINGTON, VERMONT**

P.O. Box 268  
3828 Vermont Route 7A  
Arlington, VT 05250-0268

Chartered – July 28, 1761  
Area – 26,668 Acres  
Population: 2,413

## **HOURS OF TOWN & SCHOOL MEETING**

**Monday, March 4, 2019**

**6:30 p.m.**

**At**

**ARLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL  
MACK PERFORMING ARTS CENTER**

### **Hours of Balloting:**

**Tuesday, March 5, 2019**

**10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

**At**

**ARLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL  
GYMNASIUM**

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## **Warning**

March 4, 2019

The inhabitants of the Town of Arlington, Vermont, qualified to vote in Town Meeting, are hereby warned and notified to meet in the Arlington Memorial High School – Mack Performing Arts Center in said Arlington on Monday evening, March 4, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of acting upon and deciding the following Articles 1 through 8, specified below. After completion of these articles, the meeting will stand recessed until 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 5, 2019 to act upon Articles 9 through 42. The polls will be open at the Arlington Memorial High School – Gymnasium, on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.

- Article 1.        To hear and act upon the reports of the Town Officers.
- Article 2.        To see what compensation will be paid to the several Town Officers.
- Article 3.        To see if the Town will vote to have all taxes paid to the Town Treasurer, as provided by law, tax bills to be issued by September 4, 2019, and payment to be in the hands of the Treasurer or postmarked, on or before November 4, 2019.
- Article 4.        To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to borrow in anticipation of taxes such sum or sums of money as is necessary for properly financing the affairs of the Town until the next annual Town Meeting.
- Article 5.        To see if the Town will vote a budget to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town.
- Article 6.        To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to provide the revenue necessary to fund the approved budget, inclusive of Appropriations to be determined and voted.
- Article 7.        To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to apply any surplus funds from the current fiscal year to reduce taxes in the next fiscal year.
- Article 8.        To transact any further business found necessary and proper when met. After any further business under Article 8, said meeting will recess until Tuesday, March 5, 2019.

- Article 9. To Elect the following Town Officers:
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|--------------------------|-------------|
| Moderator                | 1 year term |
| Town Clerk               | 3 year term |
| Town Treasurer           | 3 year term |
| Selectman                | 2 year term |
| Selectman                | 3 year term |
| Lister                   | 3 year term |
| Delinquent Tax Collector | 1 year term |
| Auditor                  | 3 year term |
| Cemetery Commissioner    | 3 year term |
| Grand Juror              | 1 year term |
| Town Agent               | 1 year term |
| Trustee of Public Funds  | 3 year term |
- Article 10. To vote by ballot to see if the voters of the Town of Arlington will allow the Selectboard to create the position of Town Administrator, effective 2020.
- Article 11. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$60,000.00 into the Capital Reserve Fund for the replacement and/or repairs or refurbishing of the Town of Arlington fire trucks.
- Article 12. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$40,000.00 into the Capital Reserve Fund for the replacement and/or repairs of the Town of Arlington highway trucks.
- Article 13. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$15,000.00 into the Capital Reserve Fund for the replacement and/or repairs of the Town of Arlington backhoe, excavator, and loader.
- Article 14. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$6,000.00 into the Capital Reserve Fund for the eventual replacement and/or repair of the Town of Arlington grader.
- Article 15. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$6,000.00 into the Capital Reserve Fund for the purchase and/or repair of sidewalk maintenance/equipment.
- Article 16. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$5,000.00 into a Capital Reserve Fund for the maintenance/removal of diseased and hazardous trees.
- Article 17. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$17,000.00 into the Capital Reserve Fund for the resurfacing of Town roads.

- Article 18. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$5,000.00 into the Capital Reserve Fund for Town bridges and culverts.
- Article 19. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$3,000.00 into the Capital Reserve Fund for the maintenance of Town owned buildings.
- Article 20. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$2,500.00 into the Capital Reserve Fund for the purchase and/or repair of computers.
- Article 21. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$45,000.00 toward the support of the Arlington Rescue Squad.
- Article 22. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$2,250.00 to the Arlington Area Childcare, Inc.
- Article 23. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$3,000.00 toward the support of the Arlington Community House.
- Article 24. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$4,000.00 toward the operation of the Arlington Community Health Nursing Service for the year ensuing.
- Article 25. Shall the Town of Arlington vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$19,300.00 for the support of the Martha Canfield Library, Inc. to provide services to residents of the Town.
- Article 26. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$500.00 toward the support of the Bennington Coalition for the Homeless.
- Article 27. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$360.00 toward the support of the Bennington County Conservation District.
- Article 28. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$1,800.00 toward the support of the Bennington Project Independence Adult Daycare Service.
- Article 29. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$1,200.00 toward the support of the BROCC-Community Action in Southwestern Vermont (formerly 'Bennington-Rutland Opportunity Council').
- Article 30. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$540.00 toward the support of the Center for Restorative Justice.
- Article 31. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$450.00 toward the support of Project Against Violent Encounters, Inc.



- Article 32. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$1,500.00 toward the support of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (R.S.V.P.).
- Article 33. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$500.00 toward the support of the Sunrise Family Resource Center.
- Article 34. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$1,530.00 toward the operation of the Southwestern Vt. Council on Aging.
- Article 35. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$450.00 toward the support of the Tutorial Center.
- Article 36. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$500.00 toward the support of the Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired.
- Article 37. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$295.00 toward the support of the Vermont Center for Independent Living.
- Article 38. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$750.00 toward the support of Neighbor to Neighbor, a home based care giving program.
- Article 39. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$779.00 toward the support of Bennington Area Habitat for Humanity.
- Article 40. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$1,250.00 toward the support of Burdett Commons.
- Article 41. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$2,000.00 towards the support of Greater Northshire Access Television (GNAT-TV) to help support & defray costs related to the videotaping and television broadcast of the Arlington Select Board, Arlington School Board and other public and municipal meetings.
- Article 42. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote to exempt the property of the Arlington Rescue Squad from property taxes for the next five years.

Dated this January 28, 2019

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Keith Squires

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Reggie Jennings, Jr.

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Daniel Harvey

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Timothy Williams

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Cynthia Browning

## Town Officers - Elected

Term expires in year shown.

Moderator	1 year	3/2019	John L. Whalen II
Town Clerk	3 year	3/2019	Robin S. Wilcox
Town Treasurer	3 year	3/2019	Linda P. Crosby
Selectman	3 year	3/2020	Keith Squires *
	2 year	3/2019	Timothy Williams
	2 years	3/2020	Cynthia Browning
	3 year	3/2019	Reginald Jennings
	3 year	3/2021	Daniel Harvey
Listers	3 year	3/2020	Earl LaBatt
	3 year	3/2021	Joseph Garger
	3 year	3/2019	Lee Cross
Delinquent Tax Collector	1 year	3/2019	Linda P. Crosby
Auditors	3 year	3/2021	Bill Budde
	3 year	3/2019	Vacant
	3 year	3/2020	Patricia Williams
Cemetery Commissioner	3 year	3/2021	John Wilcox
	3 year	3/2019	Nathalie Caler
	3 year	3/2020	William J. Bryan
Grand Juror	1 year	3/2019	Darlene Young
Town Agent	1 year	3/2019	Vacant
Trustees of Public Funds	3 year	3/2021	Susan Jennings
	3 year	3/2020	Maureen Harvey
	3 year	3/2019	Vacant
Town Representative	2 year	11/2020	Cynthia Browning
	2 year	11/2020	Kathleen James
Justice of the Peace	2 year	2/2021	Holly Bakke
			Judy Bryan
			MaryAnn Carlson
			John Wilcox
			Gerald Woodard
			Susan Wirkki
			Darlene Young

\* Denotes Chairperson

## Town Officers – Appointed

Term expires in year shown.

Health Officer	3 year	6/2021	Dan Harvey
Deputy Health Officer	3 year	4/2021	Keith Squires
Tree Warden	2 year	4/2020	Keith Squires
Inspector of Lumber	3 year	4/2020	Dan Harvey
Fence Viewers	3 year	4/2020	Gerald Woodard
	3 year	4/2020	Timothy Williams
	3 year	4/2020	Dan Harvey
Land Use Administrator	1 year	4/2019	William Henry
Fire Chief	1 year	12/2019	Jamie Paustian
Asst. Fire Chief	1 year	12/2019	Brian J. Hawley
Asst. Fire Chief	1 year	12/2019	Vince Thompson
Fire Warden	5 year	6/2023	Jamie Paustian
Town Planning Commission	3 year	4/2020	John Williams *
	3 year	4/2019	Elliott Nachwalter
	2 year	4/2020	Michael Murno
	3 year	4/2020	Thomas Williams
	4 year	4/2022	Chris Heins
	2 year	4/2019	Charles Moore
	3 year	5//2021	Garrett Siegel
Zoning Board of Adjustment	2 year	4/2020	Marc Colety
	2 year	4/2019	Ron Weber
	2 year	4/2019	Susan Jennings
	3 year	4/2020	Todd Gamble *
	3 year	4/2021	Vacant
	4 year	4/2021	Cynthia Browning
Emergency Mgt. Director	2 year	4/2020	Keith Squires
BCRC Representative	3 year	4/2021	Keith Squires
	2 year	4/2019	Reginald Jennings
Town Energy Coordinator	1 year	4/2019	Reginald Jennings
Sign Administrator	3 year	4/2019	William Henry
Animal Control Officer	Indefinite		Traci Mulligan

\* Denotes Chairperson

## Town School District Officers

Term expires in year shown.

Moderator	1 year	3/2019	John L. Whalen II
School District Clerk	3 year	3/2019	Robin S. Wilcox
School District Treasurer	3 year	3/2019	Linda P. Crosby
School Directors	1 year	3/2019	Robert Zink
	3 year	3/2020	Mathew Bykowski
	1 year	3/2019	Jeff Tilley
	3 year	3/2019	Nicol Whalen*
	3 year	3/2019 2yrs. remaining	Todd Wilkins ** Exp. 3/2021

\* Denotes Chairperson

\*\* Appointed. (2 years remaining on 3 year term)



Untitled (West Arlington covered bridge), ca. 1954, John J. Risdon:  
Carved tree fungus. Collection of the Bennington Museum.

John Risdon was a photographer and artist who was born in Mt. Tabor, Vermont, in 1875 and died in Binghamton, New York in 1963. John married Selma A. Gault in St. James Episcopal Church in Arlington in 1904. He was best known as a photographer and folk artist with an interest in Southwestern Vermont scenes.

As a photographer, he was known for his glass lantern slides and glass plate negatives. Some of his photographs were made into post cards, and the Russell Collection has a number of his images in the collection.

Risdon is probably best known for his unique folk art. He carved wildlife and sports scenes on the large, flat tree fungus often found in the local forests. The Bennington Museum includes at least three examples in their collection.

**Schedule of Salaries, Wages, and Allowable Expenses  
2018  
Town of Arlington**

CLERK	\$17,906.00	+ FEES PER YEAR
TREASURER	\$14,611.00	PER YEAR
SELECTMEN: CHAIRMAN	\$1,800.00	PER YEAR
SELECTMEN: PER MEMBER	\$1,800.00	PER YEAR
INTERIM SUPERVISOR	\$24.00	PER HOUR
MODERATOR	\$150.00	PER YEAR

BY DISCRETION OF SELECTMEN

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	\$17.00	PER HOUR
CLERK & TREASURER ASSIST.	\$11.33	PER HOUR
AUDITORS	\$12.48	PER HOUR
LAND USE ADMINISTRATOR	\$17.00	PER HOUR
LISTERS	\$13.48	PER HOUR
HEALTH OFFICER	\$300.00	PER YEAR
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	\$5,634.00	PER YEAR
<b>HIGHWAY</b>		
ROAD FOREMAN	\$24.75	PER HOUR
FIRST HELPER	\$23.74	PER HOUR
SECOND HELPER	\$22.00	PER HOUR
<b>PARK AND RECREATION</b>		
SUPERVISOR	\$18.65	PER HOUR
FIRST HELPER	\$16.39	PER HOUR
SECOND HELPER	\$13.85	PER HOUR
MILEAGE	Current Federal Rate	PER MILE

## Section One: Financial Reports of Elected Town Officials

### Town Treasurer's Report

General Town Account – Ending December 31, 2018

<b>Cash on Hand 01/01/18</b>	<b>\$ 200,880.02</b>
<b>RECEIPTS</b>	
2018 Property Taxes Collected	4,656,611.01
Loans from Grader Fund/Backhoe Fund	200,000.00
General Receipts (Fund 11)	92,810.07
Delinquent Tax Collector: Delinquent Taxes	231,635.28
Interest	18,074.69
Penalties	13,021.35
	262,731.32
Highway Receipts (Fund 12)	79,720.06
Fire Department Receipts (Fund 13)	61,903.25
Cemetery Receipts (Fund 14)	7,825.00
Recreation & Park Receipts (Fund 15)	18,063.25
Grant Receipts (Fund 23)	43,788.46
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS:</b>	<b>5,624,332.44</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS:</b>	
Paid 2018 Appropriations – Capital Reserve	138,000.00
Orders #1 - 28 Operating & ER FTD (Funds 11-15 + 23)	828,354.71
Orders #1 - 52 Payroll	372,544.29
Loan Reimb to Grader/Backhoe Funds	200,000.00
Refund - Tax Over Payments	20,946.30
Taxes Paid to School District	3,949,205.86
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:</b>	<b>5,509,051.16</b>
Cash Balance on Hand 12/31/18	116,589.95
<b>Receipts Total:</b>	<b>5,625,641.11</b>
<b>Cash Accounts</b>	
The Bank of Bennington – Operating Now	116,589.95
Petty Cash	123.00
Cash on Hand	116,712.95

<b>Treasurer's Reconciliation With Delinquent Tax Collector</b>	
Uncollected Taxes 1/1/18	\$186,328.88
2018 Taxes to Collector	247,215.31
Total Uncollected	433,544.19
Less 2018 Receipts from Del Tax Collector	-231,635.28
Abated	-8,607.51
Net Tax Bill Adjustments	-89.23
12/31/18 Un-remitted Taxes	193,212.17
Less received from DTC – JAN 2019 (For payments received 12/26/18-1/24/19)	-38,378.51
Adjusted Un-remitted Taxes	\$154,833.63
<b>REAPPRAISAL FUND</b>	
Balance in Fund 1/01/18	\$197,230.58
Interest Received	2,967.13
From State of Vermont	13,529.00
Sub-Total	213,726.71
Paid Reappraisal Orders	-2,967.29
Balance in Fund 12/31/18	210,759.42
Evidenced by Now #2988 @ Bank of Bennington	11,658.14
# CD #201924 @ Bank of Bennington due 3/1/20	142,704.85
# CD #00290 @ Bank of Bennington due 4/12/19	56,396.43
<b>AUDIT FUND</b>	
Balance in Fund 1/1/18	\$31,298.89
Interest Received	388.81
Balance in Fund 12/31/18	31,687.70
Evidenced by NOW Account #0546 @ Bank of Bennington	31,687.70
<b>DISCRETIONARY FUND</b>	
Balance in Fund 1/1/18	\$5,966.11
Interest Received	75.16
Balance in Fund 12/31/18	6,041.27
Evidenced by NOW Account #0554 @ Bank of Bennington	6,041.27
<b>BATTENKILL DREDGING FUND</b>	
Balance in Fund 1/1/18	\$5,583.87
Interest Received	2.79
Balance in Fund 12/31/18	5,586.66
Evidenced by NOW Account #3900917 @ Berkshire Bank	5,586.66

<b>FEMA – IRENE FUND</b>	
Balance in Fund 1/1/18	\$35,992.09
Interest Received	453.45
Balance in Fund 12/31/18	36,445.54
Evidenced by Now Account #654101213 @ Bank of Bennington	36,445.54

<b>COMBINED CAPITAL RESERVE FUND MONIES</b>	
<b>12/31/18 Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$1,217,216.23</b>

<b>CAPITAL RESERVE CHECKING ACCOUNT</b>	
Balance in Fund 1/1/18	\$336.16
Interest Received	6.87
Balance in Fund 12/31/18	343.03
Evidenced by NOW #1405 @ TBOB	343.03

<b>TOWN BACKHOE AND LOADER FUND</b>	
Balance in Fund 1/1/18	\$113,838.11
2018 Voted Appropriation	9,000.00
General Fund BM Principal & Interest Repay	100,378.12
Interest Received	1,078.34
Sub-Total	224,294.57
Loan To General Fund	-100,000.00
Balance in Fund 12/31/18	124,294.57
Evidenced by NOW #1464 @TBOB	124,294.57

<b>TOWN BRIDGES FUND</b>	
Balance in Fund 1/1/18	\$57,348.05
2018 Voted Appropriation	5,000.00
Interest Received	729.32
Balance in Fund 12/31/18	63,077.37
Evidenced by NOW #1502 @TBOB	63,077.37

<b>BUILDINGS MAINTENANCE FUND</b>	
Balance in Fund 1/1/18	\$27,287.03
2018 Voted Appropriation	2,500.00
Interest Received	347.20
Balance in Fund 12/31/18	30,134.23
Evidenced by NOW #1510 @ TBOB	30,134.23



<b>COMPUTER FUND</b>	
Balance in Fund 1/1/18	\$21,060.36
2018 Voted Appropriation	2,500.00
Interest Received	268.75
Balance in Fund 12/31/18	23,829.11
Evidenced by NOW #1529 @ TBOB	23,829.11
<b>FIRE TRUCK FUND</b>	
Balance in Fund 1/1/18	\$207,240.71
2018 Voted Appropriation	50,000.00
Insurance Claim	7,976.00
Interest Received	2,718.51
Balance in Fund 12/31/18	267,935.22
Evidenced by NOW # 1448 @ TBOB	267,935.22
<b>GENERATOR FUND</b>	
Balance in Fund 1/1/18	\$5,327.69
Interest Received	67.12
Balance in Fund 12/31/18	5,394.81
Evidenced by NOW #2147 @ TBOB	5,394.81
<b>GRADER FUND</b>	
Balance in Fund 1/1/18	\$152,603.57
2018 Voted Appropriation	6,000.00
General Fund BM Principal & Interest Repay	100,459.24
Interest Received	1,446.04
Sub-Total	260,508.85
Loan To General Fund	-100,000.00
Balance in fund 12/31/18	160,508.85
Evidenced by NOW #1472 @ TBOB	160,508.85
<b>SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE/EQUIPMENT FUND</b>	
Balance in Fund 1/1/18	\$7,780.52
2018 Voted Appropriation	6,000.00
Interest Received	107.86
Balance in Fund 12/31/18	13,888.38
Evidenced by NOW #1499 @ TBOB	13,888.38
<b>SPECIAL HIGHWAY</b>	
Balance in Fund 1/1/18	\$256,855.49
2018 Voted Appropriation	17,000.00
VT Structures Grant Reimb.	13,320.00
VT Muni Grant Reimb.	12,000.00

Interest Received	3,245.71
Sub-Total	302,421.20
Paid Orders CRF	-19,600.00
Balance in Fund 12/31/18	282,821.20
Evidenced by NOW #1480 @ TBOB	282,821.20
<b>TRUCK FUND</b>	
Balance in Fund 1/1/18	\$178,160.80
2018 Voted Appropriation	40,000.00
Interest Received	2,299.09
Balance in Fund 12/31/18	220,459.89
Evidenced by NOW #1456 @ TBOB	220,459.89
<b>YELLOW BARN FUND</b>	
Balance in Fund 1/1/18	\$21,221.81
Interest Received	287.71
Yellow Barn Donations/Fund Raising	600.00
Dog Park Donations/Fund Raising	2,420.05
Balance in Fund 12/31/18	24,529.57
Evidenced by NOW #1413 @ TBOB *	24,529.57*
*Yellow Barn monies	21,275.57 *
*Dog Park monies	3,254.00 *



Benedict Hollow Lumber camp, ca. 1907.  
H.W. Congdon. Russell Collection..



Batten Kill at Water Street, ca. 1907.  
H.W. Congdon. Russell Collection.

## 2018 TAX RATE SET – JULY 30, 2018

### Town of Arlington Taxes:

2018 Voted Municipal Budget	\$1,435,676.00
Less 12/31/2017 Cash on Hand	-200,880.00
Less Anticipated Income	<u>-247,868.00</u>
Net Town Taxes to be Raised	\$986,928.00
Municipal Grand List	\$313,639,300.00
Municipal Tax Rate of \$00.3200 raises	\$1,003,646.00

### Local Agreement Rate:

Locally Voted Exemptions of \$705,400.00 x Non-Residential Rate set by VT Tax Department of \$1.4437, amount to be raised	<u>10,184.00</u>
Voted Veterans Exemptions of \$240,000.00 x Homestead Education Rate set by VT Tax Department of \$1.5686 amount To be raised	<u>3,765.00</u>
Total to be Raised for Local Agreements	\$13,949.00
Municipal Grand List	\$313,639,300.00
Local Agreement Tax Rate of \$0.0050 raises	\$15,685.00

### Total Municipal Tax Rate Set \$00.3250

### Arlington Education Tax Rate as set by VT Tax Department:

Homestead Education Tax Rate	\$1.5686
Nonresidential Education Tax Rate	\$1.4437

Tax Rates established and duly approved by the Selectmen per authority voted at 2018 Annual Town Meeting.

<b>Total Homestead Tax Rate</b>	<b>\$1.8936</b>
<b>Total Non-Residential Rate</b>	<b>\$1.7687</b>

## Property Tax Collection – 2018

**Current Taxes:** By annual Vote – Property tax bills available by September 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Payment due date is November 5<sup>th</sup>.**

Partial payments accepted January 1<sup>st</sup> to November 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Delinquent Taxes:** Delinquency is immediately after November 5<sup>th</sup> due date.

Partial delinquent tax payments are negotiable.

**Interest:** Per Statute 32 VSA 5136, 1% interest accrues per month or portion thereof from the due date until paid.

**Penalty:** Per Statute 32 VSA 1674, 4% penalty from the due date until December 31<sup>st</sup> of the property tax year; 4% additional penalty is added after December 31<sup>st</sup>.

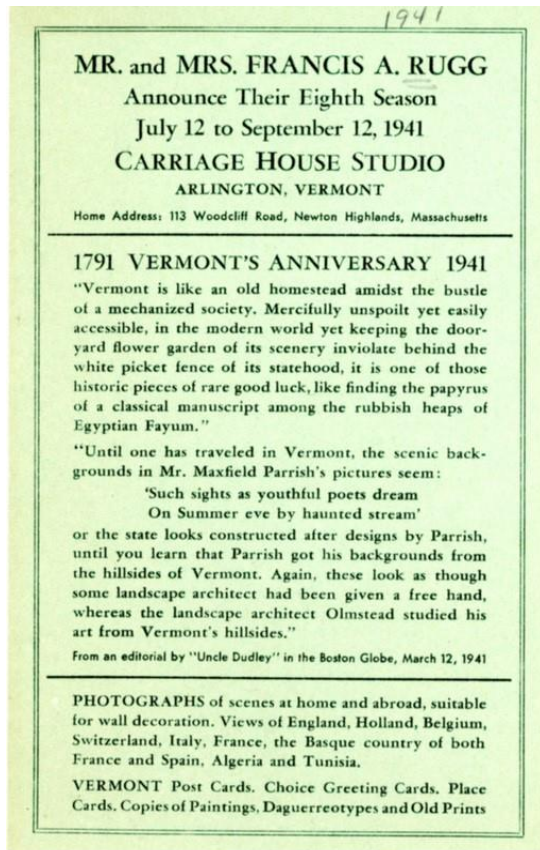
Total penalty is not to exceed 8%.

**Tax Sale:** When necessary.

## SELECTBOARD

### Summary of 2018 Spending and Proposed 2019 Budget

	2018 Proposed Budget	2018 Actual Expenses	2018 Amount to be raised by taxes	2019 Proposed budget	2019 Proposed amount to be raised by taxes
General Fund	533,406.00	500,751.42	441,006.00	550,148.00	453,748.00
Fire Protection	166,639.00	156,984.06	105,021.00	179,336.00	109,836.00
Park	66,114.00	64,694.59	48,414.00	73,211.00	56,411.00
Highway	648,552.00	555,620.11	574,552.00	660,590.00	584,500.00
Cemetery	20,965.00	20,302.34	18,815.00	23,765.00	21,565.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1,435,676.00</b>	<b>1,298,352.52</b>	<b>1,187,808.00</b>	<b>1,487,050.00</b>	<b>1,226,060.00</b>
<b>Increase</b>				<b>51,374.00</b>	<b>38,252.00</b>



Russell Vermontiana Collection.

Dorothy Canfield Fisher suggested that Francis (1873-1954) and his wife Sarah Pomeroy Rugg (1882-1978) open a summer photography studio in 1933. The location was the Carriage House behind the Brick House (now known as the Community House). The Carriage House was over a century old in 1938 and had been renovated and used as a guesthouse for Canfield family guests.

Francis was a Vermont native who had moved away, visited Europe and Africa, and established a reputation as a well-known photographer. His wife Sarah was a French teacher from New England.

The Ruggs turned the Carriage House into a home and studio where they sold photographs, cards, and other small tourist items from 1934 to 1949. Their sign, posted in front of the brick House, was a wagon wheel announcing the location of the studio behind the building.

## Town of Arlington Budget and Expenditures for 2018 and 2019

Account	Budget FY-2018	Actual FY-2018	Budget FY-2019
11-6 TOTAL REVENUE			
11-6-01 DELINQUENT TAXES & INTEREST			
11-6-01-001.00 Property taxes	441,006.00	56,369.31	453,748.00
11-6-01-002.00 Taxes, delinquent	0.00	231,635.28	0.00
11-6-01-003.00 Taxes, delinquent, interest	10,000.00	18,074.69	10,000.00
11-6-01-004.00 Delinquent Taxes Penalty	10,000.00	13,021.35	10,000.00
 TOTAL DELINQ. TAXES & INTEREST	 461,006.00	 319,100.63	 473,748.00
 11-6-02-001.00 State of Vermont	 28,000.00	 38,792.90	 30,000.00
11-6-02-001.01 Income from Fines	4,000.00	3,540.07	4,000.00
11-6-02-003.00 US Treasury	10,000.00	11,349.00	10,000.00
11-6-03-001.01 Town Clerk/Fees	14,000.00	15,700.00	14,000.00
11-6-03-001.02 Town Clerk/Dog Licenses	2,500.00	2,518.00	2,500.00
11-6-03-001.03 Tn Cl. Liq. & Toba. Licenses	900.00	925.00	900.00
11-6-03-004.00 Zoning Fees	2,000.00	1,810.00	2,000.00
11-6-05-001.00 Interest	3,000.00	6,957.76	4,000.00
11-6-09-099.00 Miscellaneous	0.00	1,842.81	0.00
11-6-09-099.02 Misc. Health Insurance	8,000.00	9,374.53	9,000.00
 TOTAL REVENUE	 533,406.00	 411,910.70	 550,148.00
11-7 ADMINISTRATION			
11-7-10 PAYROLL & BENEFITS			
11-7-10-110.01 Salaries/Chair. Select Board	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
11-7-10-110.02 Salaries/Selectmen (4)	7,200.00	7,200.00	7,200.00
11-7-10-110.03 Salaries/Town Clerk	17,922.00	17,922.00	18,500.00
11-7-10-110.04 Salaries/Treasurer	14,627.00	14,627.00	15,100.00
11-7-10-110.05 Clerical	21,000.00	25,399.30	25,500.00
11-7-10-110.06 Listing/Labor	27,164.00	26,702.39	28,000.00
11-7-10-110.07 Town Clerk Assistant	7,200.00	2,575.38	2,850.00
11-7-10-110.08 Treasurer/Assistant	4,500.00	10,484.63	7,000.00
11-7-10-110.09 Town Elections/Poll Worker	650.00	540.75	300.00
11-7-10-110.10 Auditor/Labor	2,000.00	713.61	2,000.00
11-7-10-110.11 Board of Civil Authority	100.00	0.00	100.00
11-7-10-110.12 Health Officer	300.00	300.00	300.00
11-7-10-110.13 Land Use Labor	7,000.00	6,928.29	7,500.00

11-7-10-110.14 Land Use Permits	500.00	840.00	1,000.00
11-7-10-110.15 ZBA/Clerical	100.00	0.00	100.00
11-7-10-110.16 Planning Clerical	100.00	0.00	100.00
11-7-10-110.17 Interim Administrator	16,000.00	11,232.00	16,000.00
11-7-10-110.18 Tax Collectors Fees/penalties	10,000.00	12,990.75	10,000.00
11-7-10-110.19 Salary/Moderator	150.00	150.00	150.00
11-7-10-110.20 Town Clerk Fees	14,000.00	16,392.00	14,000.00
11-7-10-110.21 T. Clk Dog Licenses	900.00	363.84	900.00
11-7-10-110.22 T. Clk Liquor Licenses	80.00	50.00	80.00
11-7-10-210.01 T. Clk Health Insurance	18,100.00	17,315.10	18,884.00
11-7-10-210.02 Treas. Health Insurance	18,100.00	17,315.10	18,884.00
11-7-10-210.03 Admin. Asst. Health Insur.	18,100.00	4,329.70	4,000.00
11-7-10-220.00 Taxes/F.I.C.A.	12,500.00	13,126.14	13,000.00
11-7-10-230.00 VT Employee Pension	1,850.00	3,233.69	2,000.00
11-7-10-260.00 Workmen's Compensation	1,012.00	1,012.00	1,072.00
11-7-10-290.00 VT Unemployment	958.00	1,208.00	741.00
<b>TOTAL PAYROLL AND BENEFITS</b>	<b>223,913.00</b>	<b>214,751.67</b>	<b>217,061.00</b>
<b>11-7-20 OFFICE OPERATIONS</b>			
11-7-20-330.01 Repair, Pur.,Train- Equip	7,500.00	7,935.38	7,500.00
11-7-20-340.00 Town Clerk/Microf/Restora	500.00	1,046.17	1,500.00
11-7-20-431.00 Xerox/Copier	1,000.00	1,264.49	1,000.00
11-7-20-530.00 Telephone	2,700.00	3,082.59	3,000.00
11-7-20-540.01 Planning Comm./Notices	300.00	1,002.52	1,500.00
11-7-20-540.02 ZBA/Legal Notices	300.00	884.09	1,000.00
11-7-20-550.01 Auditor/Town report/Print	1,500.00	1,137.19	1,500.00
11-7-20-550.02 Zoning by laws	100.00	0.00	500.00
11-7-20-580.01 Meetings & Mileage	700.00	699.78	700.00
11-7-20-610.01 Supplies	5,500.00	2,725.02	4,000.00
11-7-20-610.02 Town clerk/office expense	1,900.00	1,711.54	2,000.00
11-7-20-610.03 Computer Expense	1,500.00	1,336.52	2,500.00
11-7-20-610.04 Listers/office expenses	1,200.00	918.43	2,000.00
11-7-20-610.05 Website	200.00	0.00	100.00
<b>TOTAL OFFICE OPERATION</b>	<b>24,900.00</b>	<b>23,743.72</b>	<b>28,800.00</b>
<b>11-7-30 TOWN HALL</b>			
11-7-30-411.00 Water Service	450.00	336.27	450.00
11-7-30-421.00 Rubbish Removal	700.00	728.45	700.00
11-7-30-423.01 Janitorial	7,000.00	7,440.00	7,500.00
11-7-30-423.02 Snow Removal	400.00	0.00	400.00
11-7-30-450.00 Repairs & Services	16,000.00	7,557.06	16,000.00

11-7-30-520.00 Insurance	3,010.00	3,000.00	3,058.00
11-7-30-610.00 Equipment & Supplies	600.00	375.07	600.00
11-7-30-622.00 Electricity	3,300.00	3,642.06	3,500.00
11-7-30-624.00 Fuel	3,500.00	5,122.01	4,000.00
<b>TOTAL TOWN HALL</b>	<b>34,960.00</b>	<b>28,200.92</b>	<b>36,208.00</b>
<b>11-7-70 GENERAL EXPENSES</b>			
11-7-70-330.01 Animal Control	5,634.00	5,634.00	5,810.00
11-7-70-330.02 Arlington Green Up	600.00	370.04	600.00
11-7-70-330.03 Audit by outside firm	13,500.00	10,600.00	15,000.00
11-7-70-330.04 Benn. County Sheriff	44,000.00	38,364.52	44,000.00
11-7-70-330.05 B.C.R.C.	3,966.00	3,966.00	3,966.00
11-7-70-330.06 Landfill/Solid Waste/Recycle	15,000.00	13,945.62	18,000.00
11-7-70-330.07 Land fill/Regional(ISWAP)	1,000.00	663.59	1,000.00
11-7-70-330.09 Emerg. Care, Animal Control	400.00	0.00	400.00
11-7-70-330.10 BCSWA	9,000.00	6,286.71	11,500.00
11-7-70-330.11 Town Plan	0.00	0.00	2,650.00
11-7-70-333.00 Legal Fees	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
11-7-70-340.00 Tax Mapping	1,000.00	507.75	1,000.00
11-7-70-490.00 Taxes/County	23,500.00	22,490.91	22,600.00
11-7-70-520.00 Insurance	6,780.00	6,781.00	2,000.00
11-7-70-540.00 Legal Notices	1,000.00	810.00	1,200.00
11-7-70-550.00 Town Elections/Ballots	5,000.00	3,471.55	2,800.00
11-7-70-560.01 Membership/Dues/VLCT/Oth	3,699.00	3,769.00	3,699.00
11-7-70-560.02 VT Assoc. Consv. Districts	100.00	0.00	100.00
11-7-70-610.00 Emergency Management	3,000.00	3,838.18	8,000.00
11-7-70-622.00 Street Lights	24,000.00	17,926.46	22,000.00
11-7-70-740.00 Forest Fire Warden	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
11-7-70-840.00 Tax Sales/Land Use/Abate	0.00	1,725.67	0.00
11-7-70-840.01 Prior Year School Tax	0.00	4,473.51	0.00
11-7-70-990.00 Miscellaneous	0.00	1,439.24	0.00
<b>TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>168,679.00</b>	<b>153,063.75</b>	<b>173,825.00</b>
<b>11-7-80 DEBT SERVICE</b>			
11-7-80-830.00 Borrowed money	800.00	837.36	800.00
<b>TOTAL DEBT SERVICE</b>	<b>800.00</b>	<b>837.36</b>	<b>800.00</b>

11-7-90 RESERVE FUNDING			
11-7-90-810.03 Sink Fund Maint Tn Own Bld	2,500.00	2,500.00	3,000.00
11-7-90-810.04 Sinking Fund/Computer	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
TOTAL RESERVE FUNDING	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,500.00
 TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	 458,252.00	 425,597.42	 462,194.00
11-8-95 APPROPRIATIONS			
11-8-95-950.01 Arlington Area Childcare	2,250.00	2,250.00	2,250.00
11-8-95-950.02 Arl. Community Club, Inc.	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
11-8-95-950.03 Arlington Comm. Nursing	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
11-8-95-950.04 Benn. Coalition For Homless	500.00	500.00	500.00
11-8-95-950.05 Benn. Co. Conservation Dist.	360.00	360.00	360.00
11-8-95-950.06 Burdett Commons	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,250.00
11-8-95-950.07 Sunrise Fam. Resource Cnter	500.00	500.00	500.00
11-8-95-950.08 BROC	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
11-8-95-950.09 Assoc. for the Blind	500.00	500.00	500.00
11-8-95-950.10 Martha Canfield Library	19,000.00	19,000.00	19,300.00
11-8-95-950.11 Neighbor to Neighbor	750.00	750.00	750.00
11-8-95-950.12 Project Against Violence	450.00	450.00	450.00
11-8-95-950.13 Center Restorative Justice	540.00	540.00	540.00
11-8-95-950.14 Benn. Project Independence	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
11-8-95-950.15 SWVT Council on Aging	1,530.00	1,530.00	1,530.00
11-8-95-950.16 The Tutorial Center	450.00	450.00	450.00
11-8-95-950.17 Rescue Squad	32,500.00	32,500.00	45,000.00
11-8-95-950.18 R.S.V.P.	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
11-8-95-950.19 VT Center Independ Living	295.00	295.00	295.00
11-8-95-950.20 Habitat For Humanity	779.00	779.00	779.00
11-8-95-950.21 GNAT-TV	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
 TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	 75,154.00	 75,154.00	 87,954.00
 TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURE	 533,406.00	 500,751.42	 550,148.00
 TOTAL GENERAL FUND	 0.00	 -88,840.72	 0.00



12-6 HIGHWAY REVENUE			
12-6-01-001.00 Property Taxes	574,552.00	475,900.05	584,590.00
12-6-02-001.02 State of Vermont	28,000.00	32,415.90	30,000.00
12-6-02-001.03 State of Vermont	40,000.00	40,740.66	40,000.00
12-6-06-001.00 Water Dept.	6,000.00	6,563.50	6,000.00
TOTAL HIGHWAY REVENUE	648,552.00	555,620.11	660,590.00

#### 12-7 HIGHWAY SUMMARY

##### 12-7-10 PAYROLL & BENEFITS

12-7-10-110.00 Labor	148,720.00	136,183.02	151,220.00
12-7-10-130.00 Overtime	20,000.00	26,800.38	20,000.00
12-7-10-210.00 Health Insurance	44,000.00	39,413.75	37,700.00
12-7-10-210.01 DOT Physicals	600.00	303.75	600.00
12-7-10-220.00 Social Security	12,900.00	11,997.15	13,100.00
12-7-10-230.00 VT Municipal Pension	9,500.00	8,744.02	10,000.00
12-7-10-260.00 Workmen's Compensation	15,088.00	15,088.00	14,481.00
12-7-10-290.01 VT Unemployment	2,875.00	2,875.00	3,707.00
12-7-10-290.03 Uniforms/T Shirts	2,800.00	2,542.14	2,800.00
12-7-10-530.00 Pager service	300.00	358.65	300.00
12-7-10-580.00 Training/workshops	300.00	225.00	300.00
TOTAL PAYROLL AND BENEFITS	257,083.00	244,530.86	254,208.00

##### 12-7-30 TOWN GARAGE

12-7-30-411.00 Water Service	450.00	560.45	450.00
12-7-30-421.01 Rubbish	700.00	710.38	700.00
12-7-30-430.00 Maintenance	2,500.00	4,655.28	3,000.00
12-7-30-490.00 Petroleum Tank Assessment	50.00	50.00	50.00
12-7-30-520.00 Insurance	3,509.00	3,509.00	3,597.00
12-7-30-610.01 Supplies	1,500.00	2,151.33	2,000.00
12-7-30-610.02 Equipment	650.00	53.75	600.00
12-7-30-622.00 Electricity	1,500.00	1,193.26	1,500.00
12-7-30-623.00 Oxygen & Propane	300.00	326.62	300.00
12-7-30-624.00 Fuel Oil	2,500.00	3,220.42	2,500.00
TOTAL TOWN GARAGE	13,659.00	16,430.49	14,697.00

##### 12-7-42 CLASS 2 ROADS

12-7-42-330.00 Striping/sealing	12,000.00	7,904.90	12,000.00
12-7-42-450.02 Guard rails	500.00	0.00	500.00
12-7-42-450.03 Tree & Brush	3,000.00	1,142.00	3,000.00

12-7-42-450.04 E. Arlington wall	200.00	0.00	200.00
12-7-42-460.00 Culverts & bridges	3,000.00	1,367.72	3,000.00
12-7-42-460.01 Permit Fees	2,000.00	240.00	2,000.00
12-7-42-610.01 Signs	600.00	0.00	600.00
12-7-42-610.02 Grass seed, etc.	400.00	31.50	400.00
12-7-42-650.01 Gravel/stone	10,000.00	3,742.82	10,000.00
12-7-42-650.02 Salt	26,000.00	22,748.06	26,000.00
12-7-42-650.03 Sand	10,000.00	10,000.00	12,000.00
12-7-42-650.04 Chloride	3,000.00	1,707.23	3,000.00
12-7-42-650.05 Hot mix	500.00	0.00	500.00
12-7-42-650.06 Cold patch	500.00	267.49	500.00
12-7-42-650.07 Sidewalk maintenance	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
<b>TOTAL CLASS 2 ROADS</b>	<b>76,700.00</b>	<b>49,151.72</b>	<b>78,700.00</b>
<b>12-7-43 CLASS 3 ROADS</b>			
12-7-43-330.01 Sidewalks	100.00	0.00	100.00
12-7-43-422.00 S. Arlington Plowing	15,000.00	14,280.00	15,000.00
12-7-43-450.01 Tree Removal	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
12-7-43-450.02 Guard rails	500.00	0.00	500.00
12-7-43-460.01 Bridges & Culverts	4,000.00	1,192.60	4,000.00
12-7-43-460.02 Rebuilding	35,000.00	3,470.52	35,000.00
12-7-43-490.00 Permits & Fees	0.00	0.00	1,500.00
12-7-43-610.01 Signs	600.00	0.00	600.00
12-7-43-610.02 Grass seed, etc.	500.00	101.48	400.00
12-7-43-650.01 Gravel/stone	25,000.00	21,396.08	25,000.00
12-7-43-650.02 Salt	12,000.00	7,778.68	12,000.00
12-7-43-650.03 Sand	34,000.00	31,396.85	35,000.00
12-7-43-650.04 Chloride	5,000.00	1,707.22	4,000.00
12-7-43-650.05 Hot/cold mix	500.00	267.49	500.00
<b>TOTAL CLASS 3 ROADS</b>	<b>135,200.00</b>	<b>81,590.92</b>	<b>136,600.00</b>
<b>12-7-60 TRUCKS &amp; EQUIPMENT</b>			
12-7-60-432.01 Maintenance	17,000.00	19,380.19	17,000.00
12-7-60-432.02 Inspections	500.00	180.00	400.00
12-7-60-442.00 Rental equip.	3,500.00	3,170.00	3,500.00
12-7-60-520.00 Insurance	6,010.00	6,003.75	5,885.00
12-7-60-610.00 Supplies	25,000.00	19,929.59	25,000.00
12-7-60-610.01 Safety Equipment	800.00	118.63	600.00
12-7-60-627.00 Oil/gas/l Lubricants	4,500.00	3,430.96	4,500.00
12-7-60-627.01 Diesel	23,000.00	28,536.97	23,000.00
12-7-60-740.00 Equip. purchase/lease	2,600.00	166.03	2,500.00

TOTAL TRUCKS AND EQUIPMENT	82,910.00	80,916.12	82,385.00
12-7-90 RESERVE FUNDING			
12-7-90-810.01 Resurfacing	17,000.00	17,000.00	17,000.00
12-7-90-810.02 Backhoe and Loader	9,000.00	9,000.00	15,000.00
12-7-90-810.03 Sinking Fund/Grader	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
12-7-90-810.04 Sinking Fund/Town Trucks	40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00
12-7-90-810.05 Sink Fund Sidewalk/Maint.	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
12-7-90-810.07 Bridges & Culverts	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
12-7-90-810.08 Hazardous Tree Fund	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
TOTAL RESERVE FUNDING	83,000.00	83,000.00	94,000.00
TOTAL HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES	648,552.00	555,620.11	660,590.00
TOTAL HIGHWAY FUND	0.00	0.00	0.00

13-6 FIRE DEPT REVENUE			
13-6-01-001.00 Property Taxes	105,021.00	95,080.81	109,836.00
13-6-04-001.00 Service to Sandgate	18,319.00	18,331.00	20,662.00
13-6-04-002.00 Town of Sunderland	43,299.00	43,326.00	48,838.00
13-6-09-099.00 Miscellaneous	0.00	246.25	0.00
 TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT REVENUE	 166,639.00	 156,984.06	 179,336.00
 13-7 FIRE DEPARTMENT			
13-7-10-110.00 Salaries	12,670.00	12,670.00	12,670.00
13-7-10-220.00 F.I.C.A.	970.00	755.16	900.00
13-7-10-260.00 Workmen's Compensation	4,199.00	4,199.75	3,366.00
13-7-10-290.01 Medical	4,500.00	0.00	5,500.00
13-7-10-290.02 Insurance	12,650.00	12,625.00	13,500.00
13-7-20-530.00 Telephone	5,000.00	1,681.76	5,000.00
13-7-20-580.00 Training School	5,000.00	1,328.19	5,000.00
13-7-20-610.00 Off Supply/Comp Report	2,500.00	1,016.19	2,500.00
13-7-30-624.00 Fuel for Fire Houses	4,000.00	6,550.52	5,000.00
13-7-60-432.00 Maintenance	23,500.00	36,349.26	23,500.00
13-7-60-627.00 Oil/gas/lubricants	500.00	1,359.75	750.00
13-7-60-627.01 Diesel	2,000.00	2,378.15	2,500.00
13-7-70-441.00 Rental on Houses	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
13-7-70-500.00 S. Arl/Cambridge Agreement	1,350.00	0.00	1,350.00
13-7-70-740.00 New Equipment	35,000.00	24,070.33	35,000.00
13-7-70-990.00 Emergency Contingency	800.00	0.00	800.00
 13-7-90 RESERVE FUNDING			
13-7-90-810.00 Sinking Fund/New Fire Truck	50,000.00	50,000.00	60,000.00
 TOTAL FIRE DEPT RESERVE FUNDING	 50,000.00	 50,000.00	 60,000.00
 TOTAL FIRE DEPT EXPENDITURES	 166,639.00	 156,984.06	 179,336.00
 TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND	 0.00	 0.00	 0.00

14-6 CEMETERY REVENUE			
14-6-01-001.00 Perpetual Care	650.00	1,950.00	700.00
14-6-01-001.01 Property Taxes	18,815.00	12,477.34	21,565.00
14-6-03-001.00 Sale of Lots	1,000.00	4,075.00	1,000.00
14-6-04-001.00 Burial Fee	500.00	1,500.00	500.00
14-6-09-099.00 Miscellaneous	0.00	300.00	0.00
 TOTAL CEMETERY REVENUE	 20,965.00	 20,302.34	 23,765.00
 14-7 CEMETERY EXPENDITURES			
14-7-10-110.00 Cemetery Salaries	850.00	850.00	850.00
14-7-10-220.00 FICA	65.00	65.03	65.00
14-7-20-990.00 Office Misc.	50.00	4.90	50.00
14-7-30-300.00 Operating Contract	14,600.00	13,260.00	14,600.00
14-7-30-300.01 Operating Maintenance	5,000.00	3,847.41	5,000.00
14-7-70-990.00 Perpetual Care	0.00	2,275.00	700.00
14-7-70-990.02 Veterans Memorial Flags	400.00	0.00	2,500.00
 TOTAL CEMETERY EXPENDITURES	 20,965.00	 20,302.34	 23,765.00
 TOTAL CEMETERY FUND	 0.00	 0.00	 0.00
 23-6 GRANTS REVENUE			
23-6-02-001.26 Mun. Roads Grants-in-Aid	0.00	12,000.00	0.00
23-6-05-001.14 VT Structures BC1321	0.00	13,320.00	0.00
23-6-05-001.21 7A SIDEWALK CA0374	0.00	18,468.46	0.00
 TOTAL GRANTS REVENUE	 0.00	 43,788.46	 0.00
 23-7 GRANTS EXPENDITURES			
23-7-70-990.14 VT Structures BC1321	0.00	13,320.00	0.00
23-7-70-990.21 7A SIDEWALK CA 0374	0.00	13,882.12	0.00
23-7-70-990.26 Mun Roads Grants-in-Aid	0.00	12,000.00	0.00
 TOTAL GRANTS EXPENDITURES	 0.00	 39,202.12	 0.00
 TOTAL GRANTS FUND	 0.00	 4,586.34	 0.00

15-6 PARK REVENUE			
15-6-01-001.00 Property Taxes	48,414.00	46,631.34	56,411.00
15-6-04-002.00 Town of Sandgate	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
15-6-04-003.00 Town of Sunderland	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
15-6-04-004.00 Arlington School	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00
15-6-09-001.00 Golf Donations	5,000.00	3,419.00	4,000.00
15-6-09-002.00 Park Donations	100.00	100.00	100.00
15-6-09-003.00 Concession	100.00	0.00	200.00
15-6-09-099.00 Miscellaneous Income	0.00	2,044.25	0.00
 TOTAL PARK REVENUE	 66,114.00	 64,694.59	 73,211.00
 15-7 PARK & RECREATION			
15-7-10 PAYROLL & BENEFITS			
15-7-10-110.00 Labor	33,000.00	34,655.09	34,000.00
15-7-10-220.00 Taxes/F.I.C.A.	2,525.00	2,651.00	2,650.00
15-7-10-260.00 Workmen's Compensation	2,170.00	2,170.00	2,170.00
15-7-10-290.00 VT Unemployment	2,074.00	2,080.50	1,859.00
 TOTAL PAYROLL AND BENEFITS	 39,769.00	 41,556.59	 40,679.00
 15-7-20 ADMINISTRATION			
15-7-20-520.00 Insurance	330.00	327.00	339.00
15-7-20-610.01 Office Supplies	200.00	0.00	200.00
 TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	 530.00	 327.00	 539.00
 15-7-30 PARK BUILDINGS			
15-7-30-411.00 Water	500.00	609.05	500.00
15-7-30-421.00 Rubbish	700.00	694.00	700.00
15-7-30-450.00 Maintenance	4,000.00	1,755.51	4,000.00
15-7-30-520.00 Insurance	415.00	414.50	393.00
15-7-30-610.00 Supplies	1,000.00	946.12	1,200.00
15-7-30-622.00 Electricity	1,000.00	3,262.13	2,000.00
 TOTAL PARK BUILDINGS	 7,615.00	 7,681.31	 8,793.00
 15-7-41 GOLF COURSE			
15-7-41-411.00 Water	500.00	356.49	500.00
15-7-41-610.00 Grass Seed/Fertilizer	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00
15-7-41-610.01 Course Supplies	2,000.00	785.60	2,000.00

TOTAL GOLF COURSE	3,700.00	1,142.09	3,700.00
15-7-42 FIELDS & GROUNDS			
15-7-42-460.03 Ice Rink	0.00	0.00	5,400.00
15-7-42-622.00 Electric Soccer	500.00	0.00	0.00
15-7-42-622.01 Electric Softball	200.00	33.31	0.00
15-7-42-622.02 Electric Tennis	200.00	68.23	0.00
15-7-42-650.00 Grass Seed/Fertilizer	1,500.00	1,905.00	2,000.00
15-7-42-650.01 Maintenance	3,000.00	4,579.97	3,000.00
TOTAL FIELDS AND GROUNDS	5,400.00	6,586.51	10,400.00
15-7-60 EQUIPMENT			
15-7-60-432.01 Maintenance	4,000.00	4,459.59	4,000.00
15-7-60-627.00 Gas/Oil/Lubricants	1,800.00	1,192.55	1,800.00
15-7-60-627.01 Diesel	200.00	0.00	200.00
15-7-60-740.00 Equipment Purchase	3,000.00	998.95	3,000.00
15-7-60-740.01 Equipment Lease	100.00	750.00	100.00
TOTAL EQUIPMENT	9,100.00	7,401.09	9,100.00
TOTAL PARK AND RECREAT EXPENSES	66,114.00	64,694.59	73,211.00
TOTAL PARK AND RECREATION FUND	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	0.00	-84,254.39	0.00

31-6 CAPITAL REVENUE			
31-6-04-001.23 Fire Truck Insurance	0.00	7,976.00	0.00
31-6-05-001.10 CRF CKBK	0.00	6.87	0.00
31-6-05-001.21 Yellow Barn	0.00	287.71	0.00
31-6-05-001.23 Fire Truck	0.00	2,718.51	0.00
31-6-05-001.24 Town Truck	0.00	2,299.09	0.00
31-6-05-001.25 Backhoe & Loader	0.00	1,456.46	0.00
31-6-05-001.26 Grader	0.00	1,905.28	0.00
31-6-05-001.27 Spec Highway	0.00	3,245.71	0.00
31-6-05-001.28 Sidewalk & Equip	0.00	107.86	0.00
31-6-05-001.29 Town Bridges	0.00	729.32	0.00
31-6-05-001.31 Town Buildings	0.00	347.20	0.00
31-6-05-001.32 Computers	0.00	268.75	0.00
31-6-05-001.34 Generator	0.00	67.12	0.00
31-6-08-001.23 Fire Truck	0.00	50,000.00	0.00
31-6-08-001.24 Town Truck	0.00	40,000.00	0.00
31-6-08-001.25 Backhoe & Loader	0.00	9,000.00	0.00
31-6-08-001.26 Grader	0.00	6,000.00	0.00
31-6-08-001.27 Soec. Highway	0.00	17,000.00	0.00
31-6-08-001.28 Sidewalk & Equip	0.00	6,000.00	0.00
31-6-08-001.29 Town Bridges	0.00	5,000.00	0.00
31-6-08-001.31 Town Buildings	0.00	2,500.00	0.00
31-6-08-001.32 Computers	0.00	2,500.00	0.00
31-6-09-001.27 Special Highway	0.00	25,320.00	0.00
31-6-09-002.21 Yellow Barn - Dog Park	0.00	2,420.05	0.00
31-6-09-099.21 Yellow Barn Miscellaneous	0.00	600.00	0.00
 TOTAL CAPTIAL REVENUES	 0.00	 187,755.93	 0.00
 31-7 CAPITAL EXPENDITURES			
31-7-80-700.27 Spec. Highway	0.00	19,600.00	0.00
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	0.00	19,600.00	0.00
 TOTAL CAPITAL FUND	 0.00	 168,155.93	 0.00



21-6 REAPPRAISAL REVENUE			
21-6-02-001.00 State of Vermont	0.00	12,107.00	0.00
21-6-02-002.00 State VT Training	0.00	1,422.00	0.00
21-6-05-001.00 Interest Income	0.00	2,967.13	0.00
21-6-09-990.00 Miscellaneous	0.00	270.00	0.00
 TOTAL REAPPRAISAL REVENUE	 0.00	 16,766.13	 0.00
 21-7-20-580.00 Training/Travel	 0.00	 572.50	 0.00
21-7-20-610.00 Supplies	0.00	2,664.79	0.00
 TOTAL REAPPRAISAL EXPENDITURES	 0.00	 3,237.29	 0.00
 TOTAL REAPPRAISAL FUND	 0.00	 13,528.84	 0.00
 22-6 DISCRETIONARY REVENUE			
22-6-05-001.00 Interest Income	0.00	75.16	0.00
 TOTAL DISCRETIONARY REVENUES	 0.00	 75.16	 0.00
 24-6 AUDIT REVENUE			
24-6-05-001.00 Interest Income	0.00	388.81	0.00
 TOTAL AUDIT REVENUES	 0.00	 388.81	 0.00
 TOTAL AUDIT EXPENDITURES	 0.00	 0.00	 0.00
 TOTAL AUDIT FUND	 0.00	 388.81	 0.00

## Trustees of Public Funds

The Trustees of Public Funds is an elected office that is charged with the proper investment and distribution of a Town's Trust funds.

At the present time the Town of Arlington has four trust funds that we maintain.

1. Edith and Emmett Smith Trust Fund  
This fund was established in 1985. It is to be used for a worthwhile project which relates to the enrichment of Arlington's History, Government, Community Recognition, or similar project by any Arlington Citizen or Community group, preferably it should be used by a Youth or Youth Group. The amount of \$2700.00 must be left in the account at all times.
2. Florence Holden Fund  
This fund was established in 1968. It is to be used for the needs of poor person's who have been victimized by fire or an accident who may require aid beyond what is provided by law.
3. Tri-Centennial Fund  
This fund is to be used for the Sunderland-Arlington Tri-Centennial celebrations
4. Perpetual Care Fund  
When you purchase a lot in any of the Arlington Town cemeteries a portion of the funds goes to this fund to provide maintenance of the lot.

In April of 2018 we decided to invest the majority of the money from the Perpetual Care Fund in an investment account. \$9247.55 was put into a checking account. This amount was what had accumulated over time above and beyond what was originally put into a bond. The remaining 100,000.00 was put into an investment account that we feel will help our money grow faster overtime. Unfortunately with the political times we have lost a little this last year but have gained it back to date in 2019.

Respectfully submitted  
Susan Jennings  
Maureen Harvey

<b>Edith and Emmett Smith Trust</b>	
Balance as of 12.31.17	4,613.88
Interest earned in 2018	11.55*
Balance as of 12.31.18	4,625.43
<b>Florence Holden Trust</b>	
Balance as of 12.31.17	3,789.53
Interest earned in 2018	308.16*
Balance as of 12.31.18	4,097.69

<b>Tri Centennial Fund</b>	
Balance as of 12.31.17	1,129.63
Interest earned in 2018	14.01*
Balance as of 12.31.18	1,143.64
<b>Perpetual Care Fund</b>	
Balance as of 12.31.17	109,247.55
Checking Account Balance as of 4.12.17	9,247.55
Deposits	2,406.74
Withdrawals	
Checking Account Balance as of 12.31.18	11,654.29
<b>Investment Account Balance as of 4.12.17</b>	
	100,00.00
Deposits	
Withdrawals	
Investment fluctuation	(2,959.00)*
Investment Account Balance as of 12.31.18	97,041.00*

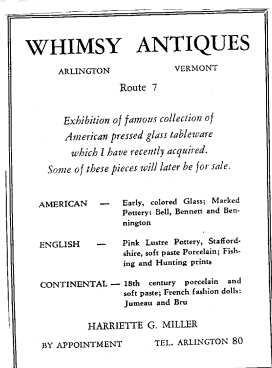
\* Cannot be verified by the Town Auditors based on the available statements.



Paintings and Sculpture  
by  
HARRIETTE G. MILLER

C. W. KRAUSHAAR ART GALLERIES  
730 Fifth Avenue, New York  
Second Floor, Hecksher Bldg.

April 17th to May 8th  
1937



## Harriette Gowen Miller

Harriette Gowen was born March 6, 1892 in Cleveland, Ohio and died on April 28, 1971 in Paris, France. She married twice, first to Henry Payne Bingham January 13, 1912 in Cleveland. Henry and Harriette had two children. Her second marriage was to George Harlan Miller May 6, 1926 in Paris, France. George was a diplomate who served in Europe from 1921 through 1929. Following his resignation from the diplomatic service, they moved to Arlington in the early 1930's.

Harriette studied art at the Cleveland School of Art. She was an accomplished sculptor and painter, but had to give up her sculpture work due to arthritis. She did continue to paint for the rest of her life.

The Miller's lived on Whimsy Farm in south Arlington. Harriette opened Whimsy Antiques in the 1950's and sold early paintings, antiques, and American folk art. Harriette was an active supporter of local Vermont arts and was a founding member of the Southern Vermont Arts Center in Manchester. She also supported the internationally known artist and composer Carl Ruggles who lived in Arlington in a former school house at the corner of School and Russell Streets. Ruggles dedicated one of his compositions, *Evocations No. 1*, to her.

## Arthur and Vida Guiterman

Arthur Guiterman was a free-lance writer and poet born November 20, 1871 in New York City and died in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on January 11, 1943. Arthur was a well-known and very popular poet and speaker known for his sense of humor. He served on the editorial boards of the *Women's Home Companion* and the *Literary Digest*. In 1910 he co-founded the Poetry Society of America and later served as President of the Author's Fellowship League. He contributed book reviews written in verse to Life magazine for more than twenty years. His fifteenth and final anthology was published in 1943, the year of his death.

Arthur married Vida Lindo (born December 29, 1886 in New York City; died October 7, 1977 in Bennington, Vermont). Vida was an interior decorator for many years before establishing a reputation for her hand lettering and illuminated manuscripts.

The Guitermans "moved" to Arlington in 1920. Arthur was invited to give a reading in Manchester, Vermont, for the Poetry Society of Southern Vermont along with Carl Sandburg and Edna St. Vincent Millay (among others). Following this they began to spend more time visiting Arlington and lived in the Brick House (a.k.a. the Community House). Their friend Dorothy Canfield Fisher let Vida fix up the Carriage House behind the Brick House as a studio. Around 1935 they purchased the Hill House. They lived in Arlington six months of the year until Vida's death in Bennington in 1977. (See the poem "Hill Born" by Arthur and art work by Vida on the back page.)



For many years there was a pet parade in East Arlington that awarded prizes to the top three entrants. The Guitermans began to hold the fair in the village at Hill House and awarded prizes to all children that entered to fair.

## Herbert and Helen Congdon

Herbert Wheaton Congdon was born in West Brighton, New York on May 9, 1876, the son of Herbert Martyn and Charlotte Congdon. He died in Arlington on August 14, 1965. Congdon trained to be an architect and joined his father's architectural firm in New York City. Early in his career, he was best known for his designs of Episcopal churches along the east coast of the United States, while his later work focused on documenting and encouraging the preservation of older New England homes.

Growing up Congdon spent summers in Vermont from 1883 to 1923. When his father died, he permanently moved to Arlington where he rented the apartment in the Brick House. He married Helen Jones in 1927, and they settled in a house of his design on Buck Hill Road where they raised two sons.



The Brick House, ca. 1907.

The Congdon's were very involved in local and state activities. Herbert was active in photography, St. James Episcopal Church, documenting early New England and Vermont architecture, local government, and the Green Mountain Club and trail. He was well known for his books, including *Old Vermont Houses* (1940), *The Covered Bridge* (1941), and *Early American Homes for Today* (1963).

Helen Congdon was also active. She was Dorothy Canfield Fishers secretary, Martha Canfield Memorial Library librarian, and other church and community activities.

Herbert Wheaton Congdon's activities include:

Walked the Long Trail and kept a photographic journal and helped make the first maps, 1914

High Bailiff, Bennington County, 1924-1926

High Bailiff, Bennington County, 1924-1926

High Sheriff, Bennington County, 1926

Member of the Vermont legislature, 1926-1928

Vermont Commission for Country Life, 1928

Member of the Arlington School Board, 1927-1930

Officer in the Green Mountain Club

Moderator of the Arlington Town Meeting, "many years"

Served in the Arlington Civil Defense and Aircraft Warning Service during World War II

Member of the Sons of the American Revolution

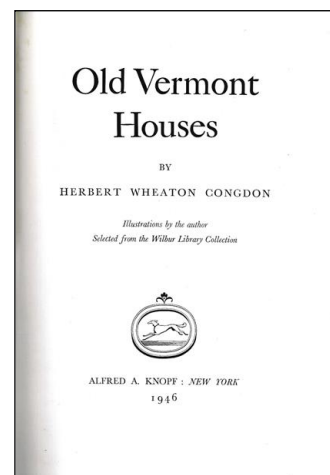
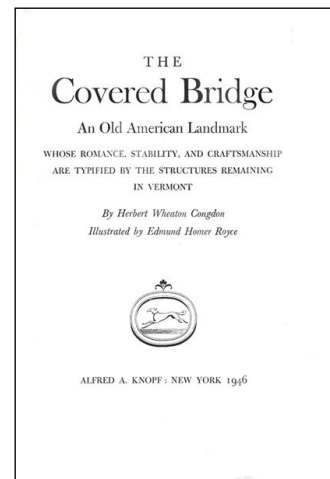
Member of Red Mountain Lodge #63

Director of the Children's Aid Society in Vermont

Trustee of the Episcopal Diocese of Vermont

St. James Episcopal Church organist, for "many years"

Restored "a number of old houses in Rhode Island and Vermont."





Burdett House, Episcopal Parsonage, H.W. Congdon, ca. 1907.

## **Section Two: Reports of Elected Officials**

### **Arlington Selectboard**

The Selectboard continues to improve the infrastructure of the Town at a reasonable cost to the taxpayers of Arlington.

- Highway projects in 2018 included culvert upgrades and drainage improvements throughout the Town.
- Rebuilding the Town Hall entrance area was completed and will improve the entrance. Work to further maintain the Town Hall will be completed in 2019.
- The Town purchased a new highway truck that will be delivered in 2019. This vehicle will be paid for from Capital Funds set aside for that purpose.
- The Route 7A Sidewalk Project that begins at the Town Hall and goes to the Recreation Park is in the planning stages with planned construction for 2020. A grant from the State of Vermont will pay for \$328,000.00 of the estimated cost of \$375,000.00. The Town portion will be paid from Capital Funds and budgeted funds.
- An undersized culvert on Ball Mountain Road will be replaced in 2019. Grant funds will pay 90% of the cost of the project.

The March 5, 2019, Town voting on articles will include Article 10, the request for approval by the voters to create the position of a Town Administrator. This position will begin in 2020, if approved.

## **Town of Arlington Capital Plan**

**PURPOSE:** The Arlington Capital Plan provides an outline of future proposed capital expenses and funding in a way that maintains a level municipal budget.

**GOAL:** Planning for future projects and equipment purchases that are significant costs - in a way that will prevent large increases in single year budgets.

### **PROCEDURE:**

1. A Capital Plan will outline projects and equipment purchases in a 5 to 10 year schedule with proposed date and estimated cost for each purchase.
2. A yearly expenditure for each item will be included.
3. The Capital Plan will be updated each year for approval by the Selectboard, and included in the annual Town Report.

### **PROJECT QUALIFICATIONS:**

1. A project that will be a significant loss to the Town if it is not repaired or replaced;
2. A project for which the estimated future cost will be \$25,000.00 or more.
3. A project that - if it is not repaired or replaced would cost \$25,000.00 or more in the future.
4. A project that would require debt obligation or borrowing.
5. A project that requires purchases of land for future municipal buildings or highways.
6. Construction of new municipal buildings or rehabilitation of existing buildings.
7. A project purchasing major equipment or vehicles with a life expectancy of five years or more and a cost of \$25,000.00 or more.

### **FUNDING:**

1. Capital projects and funding requests will be presented as individual articles to be voted by Australian ballot each year at the annual Town Meeting.

### **EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS:**

1. Capital funds shall be commingled for investment and expenditure purposes.
2. Capital funds shall only be used for listed capital projects or be used in lieu of short-term borrowing by the Town of Arlington in anticipation of taxes.
3. Capital funds that are used by the Town in lieu of borrowing in anticipation of taxes shall be repaid to the Capital fund in the same fiscal year that funds are borrowed, and within twenty (20) days after the due date of collection of taxes. The amount repaid shall include lost interest on the borrowed money.
4. A separate and complete accounting of all capital funds shall be included in the annual Town Report.



Capital Asset Description	Replace	Asset #	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Town Highway Trucks</b>			Projected Life							
2011 Ford 550 Plow/Sander	2020	TH-1	9 Yrs	0.00	90,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2015 International Plow/Sander	2027	TH-2	12 Yrs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2006 International Plow/Sander	2018	TH-3	12 Yrs	170,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Replacement Cost</b>				170,000.00	90,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Payment to CRF (Projected)</b>				40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00
<b>Balance CRF Trucks (as of 12/31)</b>			220,459.89	90,459.89	40,459.89	80,459.89	120,459.89	160,459.89	200,459.89	240,459.89
Capital Asset Description	Replace	Asset #	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Town Highway Equipment</b>										
2001 New Holland Loader	2019	TH-101	18 Yrs	165,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1995 Galion Grader	2021	TH-102	26 Yrs	0.00	0.00	200,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1985 Ford Backhoe/Loader	2023	TH-103	38 Yrs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50,000.00	0.00	0.00
1998 Caterpillar Excavator	2038	TH-104	30 Yrs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2016 John Deere 3039 Tractor	2028	TH-105	13 Yrs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Replacement Cost</b>				165,000.00	0.00	200,000.00	0.00	50,000.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Payment to CRF (Projected)</b>				27,000.00	24,000.00	24,000.00	24,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
<b>Balance CRF Equipment (as of 12/31)</b>			298,691.80	160,691.80	184,691.80	8,691.80	32,691.80	7,691.80	32,691.80	57,691.80
Capital Asset Description	Replace	Asset #	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>(7 Year rotation)</b>										
<b>Town Fire Trucks</b>										
2004 Rescue/Pumper	2032	FD-74	28 Yrs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1990 Pumper	2020	FD-75	28 Yrs	0.00	400,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2013 Pumper	2041	FD-76	28 Yrs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1999 Pumper	2027	FD-77	28 Yrs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2004 Brush Truck	2034	FD-78	30 Yrs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Replacement Cost</b>				0.00	400,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Payment to CRF (Projected)</b>				60,000.00	65,000.00	65,000.00	65,000.00	65,000.00	65,000.00	65,000.00
<b>Balance CRF Firetrucks (as of 12/31)</b>			267,935.22	327,935.22	(7,064.78)	57,935.22	122,935.22	187,935.22	252,935.22	317,935.22
Capital Asset Description	Replace	Asset #	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Town Bridges &amp; Culverts</b>										
BR # 13, TH #29	2021	BR #13		0.00	0.00	22,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
BR # 4, TH # 1	2022	BR #4		0.00	0.00	0.00	60,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
BR # 17, TH #22	2030	BR #17		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
BR # 24, TH #23	2050	BR #24		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CULVERT #1202, TH #12	2019	CL #1202		520,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Replacement Cost*</b>				20,000.00	0.00	0.00	60,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Payment to CRF (Projected)</b>				5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
<b>Balance CRF Bridges &amp; Culverts (as of 12/31)</b>			63,077.37	48,077.37	53,077.37	58,077.37	3,077.37	8,077.37	13,077.37	18,077.37
* Note: Amounts shown on this line represents the Town's 10% share of town highway projects funded with State & Federal monies.										



2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035
0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	225,000.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	225,000.00	0.00	3.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00
280,459.89	95,459.89	135,459.89	175,456.89	215,456.89	255,456.89	295,456.89	335,456.89	375,456.89	415,456.89
2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	65,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
25,000.00	26,000.00	26,000.00	26,000.00	26,000.00	26,000.00	26,000.00	26,000.00	26,000.00	26,000.00
82,691.80	108,691.80	69,691.80	95,691.80	121,691.80	147,691.80	173,691.80	199,691.80	225,691.80	251,691.80
2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	450,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500,000.00	0.00
0.00	450,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500,000.00	0.00
65,000.00	65,000.00	70,000.00	70,000.00	70,000.00	70,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00
382,935.22	(2,064.78)	67,935.22	137,935.22	207,935.22	277,935.22	352,935.22	427,935.22	2,935.22	77,935.22
2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	18,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	18,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
23,077.37	28,077.37	33,077.37	38,077.37	25,077.37	30,077.37	35,077.37	40,077.37	45,077.37	50,077.37

## Town Auditor's Report

We have audited the financial statements of the Town of Arlington as of and for the year ended December 31, 2018 as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with 24 V.S.A. 1681-1684, which, among other things, require that we examine the accounts of all town officers and all other persons authorized by law to draw orders on the town treasurer.

Our objectives were to 1) validate the correctness of the town accounts, 2) detect fraud or errors in these accounts, and 3) verify the financial condition and results of operations of the town as of and for the year ended December 31, 2018.

To accomplish these objectives, we obtained an understanding of the operation of the town's government, including internal controls over financial transactions. We interviewed town officials to gain an understanding of town operations. We reviewed the town's accounting system, cash handling procedures, and segregation of duties. To verify the existence and year-end balance of cash accounts, we confirmed the year-end balance with the banks. In addition, we performed a cash proof for all accounts. To verify the amount of delinquent taxes at year-end, we performed a reconciliation of taxes billed, tax adjustments, tax payments and interest and penalty billed and collected.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Arlington as of December 31, 2018 and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

Respectfully submitted  
William Budde  
Patricia Williams

## Delinquent Tax Collector's 2018 Report

### Outstanding Taxes

2013	1 parcel	\$180.00
2014	1 parcels	\$296.95
2015	2 parcels	\$373.10
2016	4 parcels	\$3,327.62
2017	24 Parcels	\$33,532.38
2018	59 Parcels	117,123.58
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$154,833.63</b>

Parcel detail information is available at the Treasurer's office.

## **Listers Annual Report**

In the past year our Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) has gone from 109.44 up to 111.23, and our Coefficient of Dispersion (COD) went from 15.84 to 13.95, a strong indication that it is time for a general reappraisal of all properties.

The CLA and COD are complicated statistical systems that the state uses to track the accuracy of each town's Grand List, and are very important factors in setting the State Education tax rate. The Common Level of Appraisal is the relation between property appraisals and the actual price of valid sales. The COD is the Coefficient of Dispersion, an indicator of how fairly the taxes are distributed within the town.

As we reported last year, we have contracted for a town-wide reappraisal to begin in July of this year and be completed for the 2021 Grand List. This is a huge task for the listers, and we will be asking for your cooperation. You will receive more information from us as we get into the project. Town reappraisals are paid for by annual funds received from the state, so there will be no additional tax burden on you.

Each year we remind all property owners to file their Homestead Declaration (HS-122) on a timely basis. This is required every year if you own and occupy your property as your primary residence on April 1. It will determine which tax rate you are subject to and is used to determine your property tax rebate, if you are eligible. If your tax returns are done by a service, make sure your HS-122 is included.

As usual, the listers will be doing our annual field visits in March and April. If your property has undergone any changes in value, up or down, please notify us, so we can make the appropriate adjustments.

Our office is officially open Tuesday to Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and usually on Monday and Friday. Our phone and fax number is 802-375-9022.

The Arlington Board of Arlington Listers,  
Joseph Garger; Earl LaBatt; Lee Cross

## **Arlington Recreation Park**

The Arlington Recreation Park was busy in 2018. We have seen increased activity on all of the fields and the walking path every year.

Projects for 2019 include: completing the Dog Park area with permanent fencing; The surface of the Ice Skating Rink near RT 313 will be repaired to make it more usable, The Red Mountain Lodge has worked to make this possible; The Walking Trail will be upgraded to improve the walking surface. The Park committee has moved this project along.

Anyone that wishes to volunteer to help with any project, please contact the Town Clerk at 375-2332.

## Town Clerk's Report

2018 was a challenging year for our election process, as the venue changed from the gymnasium to the Mack Performing Arts Center, but it all came together without too many complaints. Thanks to all who helped out in an unusual circumstance. Our voter turnout was excellent for the midterm primary and general elections, not only here in Arlington, but across the entire state.

Dog licensing is a state requirement which is designed to assure that all dogs are vaccinated against rabies. Last year we licensed 444 dogs in Arlington. The new 2019 tags are now available and can be obtained by mailing a check (\$9.00 spayed/neutered or \$13.00 non-spayed/neutered) along with an updated rabies certificate to Arlington Town Clerk, PO Box 304, Arlington, VT 05250

Finally, a fond farewell and huge THANK YOU to our friend and colleague, Linda Crosby, who will be retiring in March after serving the Town of Arlington for over 30 years. Her dedication, kindness, and knowledge will be missed by all.

Please feel free to contact the clerk at (802) 375-2332, by email at [arltc@comcast.net](mailto:arltc@comcast.net), or by mail at P.O. Box 304, Arlington, VT 05250.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robin Wilcox, Town Clerk

### Mead Schaeffer

Mead Schaeffer was born in Freedom Plains, New York in 1898, grew up in Springfield, Massachusetts, lived in New Rochelle, New York, Arlington, Vermont, and Sea Cliff, New York. He died November 6, 1980 in New York City while attending an Illustrator's Club luncheon. In 1939, Schaeffer bought a house on Sandgate Road in West Arlington where he spent most of his career. In 1950 the Schaeffer's sold their Arlington home to artist Don Trachte and moved to Sea Cliff, New York.



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Schaeffer was a talented and prolific artist, known for his illustrations, pen and ink drawings, and woodcuts. Before his reputation was established as a magazine illustrator, he illustrated popular classic novels by major authors. During his life he produced more than 5,000 illustrations for the most popular and well known magazines of his time.

Some of his most well known works were completed during World War II in support of the American military and the important war bond drives of the period. He traveled to Washington, D.C., with his close friend and near neighbor Norman Rockwell to offer a series of illustrations supporting the important war bond effort to raise money. Rejected by the Office of War Information, the pair met with Ben Hibbs, the editor of the *Saturday Evening Post*, and discussed their ideas for a series of patriotic illustrations. This time they received enthusiastic encouragement and much of the resulting work appeared on *Post* covers. For Schaeffer the most important outcome of this period was probably his Armed Forces Commemorative Series of paintings.



John and Dorothy Fisher, Sarah Cleghorn, and Herbert Congdon, ca. 1907.

## **Section Three: Reports of Appointed Officials**

### **Animal Control Officer's Report**

2018, with one exception, was an uneventful year, a good thing for Animal Control work. It is likely that at least half the town was made aware through profuse posters and the use of social media regarding a frightened dog lost from a wedding held at West Mountain Inn in July. The soon-to-be wed couple had driven cross country with her from CA and had then left on their overseas honeymoon while the dog remained at large. I spent a great deal of time both at the Inn and in the surrounding areas of Arlington and Sunderland as sightings came in and the Havahart trap was moved accordingly. The bride's father came to stay in the area and help with the search as well as a woman they'd found who possesses an uncanny ability to help locate and capture dogs in these difficult cases. In the end a search dog was also called in and Josie was finally captured that night up in Sunderland, truly a miracle as well as a lesson to Never Give Up!! Happy endings are definitely the rewards that keep me going in this line of work.

This too often is counterbalanced by cases such as the Sunderland dog that was brought to me by a passerby finding it out in the road. Their ACO was out of town and I ended up having to miss and reschedule most of my day while dealing with the dog's ungrateful and quite nasty owners.

3 Arlington dogs were also claimed by their owners with another being surrendered by her owner and eventually being adopted. With the assistance of the VT state police I succeeded in convincing the owners to surrender a very pregnant dog chained to a dog house and avoid a repeat of a previous case with a different chained dog belonging to these owners who had whelped her litter in this dog house. Only 5 days after this seizure the female delivered 10 puppies. The last stray was likely a dump near the old shelter building who'd found her way to a summer home on a quiet side road and had made a nest for herself on the covered porch. She was a really neat dog but her exuberant tackle upon being rescued really torqued me requiring numerous chiropractic visits and the



shelter agreed to take her into their adoption program while I recovered and from where I am certain she was quickly found by some lucky new home!

Animal bite cases continued to be a bit on the higher side again in 2018 with 3 cat, 5 dog and 1 chipmunk reports being filed.

A large percentage of my responses to filed complaints are initiated with the use of warning letters and/or phone calls. I have always viewed this job as an opportunity to first educate and offer assistance that will hopefully result in a solution to a problem. The ultimate outcome is one where owners and neighbors are happy and the dog receives the care and training it requires and deserves. When there is no response or a belligerent one and situations continue with no apparent attempt to correct then further enforcement becomes necessary. It is always gratifying when I am able to work with owners to resolve issues and I am more than happy to share my expertise as a professional trainer towards that end.

I continue to be frustrated by the use of social media often being the **only** measure used to report a lost or found animal. Too often no reports are filed with ACOs, vets, shelters or police. I have been trying for years to use a Facebook page with only limited success. Please help “like & share” [Animal Control-VT & Luckydog Adoptions](#). I maintain it with listings of lost & found pets in addition to notices, educational articles and fun info. I am happy to post lost & found pictures and info that is sent to me. Please also keep in mind that local dogs in need of homes may also be posted.

I can be reached at my home phone, 375-6121. An answering machine will insure that you are able to reach me as soon as possible. You **must** leave your name and number for complaints to be acted upon. This also enables me to contact you for any further necessary information.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Traci Mulligan, Animal Control Officer

## **Arlington Fire Department Annual Report**

The Arlington Volunteer Fire Department responded to 142 calls for assistance in 2018. The calls by town were:

<b>Location</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Number</b>
Arlington	89	Shaftsbury	3
Sunderland	37	Shushan, NY	4
Sandgate	6	Manchester FD	7
East Dorset	1	Bennington Rural	1
VT State Police	5		

The breakdown of calls by type of incident was:

Type of Incident	Number
Structure / chimney fire	19
Grass / brush fire	4
Car fire	3
Rescue Squad assist	11
Motor vehicle accidents	26
Power lines down	16
Storm damage	11
Alarm activation – no emergency	33
Carbon monoxide alarm	9
Mutual aid	16
Good intent	4
Alarms	22
Furnace malfunction	3
Wilderness / water rescue	4

The Volunteer Members of the Fire Department performed in excess of 920 hours of training last year. We currently have one member enrolled in the State Firefighter 1-2 program in Bennington that involves approximately 250 hours of skills training.

We have continued the task of identifying the specifications for a replacement for our oldest truck, a 1990 custom pumper. This process requires roughly 2 years of planning, including meetings with manufacturers, trips to inspect other trucks, putting out proposals for bids, and build time for the winning manufacturer. We hope to place an order by the end of the year with a delivery in mid to late 2020.

We have begun the process of becoming an EMS First Responder organization. This has come about from the need for additional EMS Responders in the area. We have been working with the Arlington Rescue Squad in instituting this program as we will be assisting them in the future. As part of the process, there will be public comment meetings for additional information on how the program will work.

In closing, please remember to **change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors** and test them regularly. Also, **please post your 911 numbers in a visible location from the road** so time is not wasted responding to your emergency. **Dial 911 for an emergency** and 802-375-2323 for non- emergencies.

Respectfully Submitted,  
James Paustian, Fire Chief

## Fire Warden's Report

The Arlington Fire Wardens issued 109 permits to kindle an open fire in 2018. We also responded to two grass/ brush fires in Arlington. Both fires occurred in the spring and included out buildings. The spring is a very trying time, as the weather gets nicer the

urge to burn increases, and so does the threat of a fire getting "out of control." Please call for a permit before burning to see if the State has issued a "RED FLAG." This means no outside burning is allowed due to weather conditions. Burning during a Red Flag warning could result in a fine and possibly a bill for the cost to extinguish the fire.

Please remember it is illegal to burn trash or debris at any time. You must have a permit to burn brush, leaves, and clean wood unless there is at least 3" of snow cover.

Our Arlington Fire Wardens are:

Fire Warden	James Paustian	802-733-1961
Deputy Warden	Brian Hawley	802-558-2230
Deputy Warden	Vince Thompson	802-681-5812

Respectfully Submitted,  
James Paustian, Fire Warden, 2019 – 2023

## **Health Administrator's Report**

As of June 1, 2018, I was officially appointed to the position of Town Health Officer for the Town of Arlington. This position was held until early 2018 by Al Godreau who served in this capacity for many years, but due to health reasons had to resign the position. I want to take the opportunity to thank Mr. Godreau for his years of dedicated service to the community.

The Town Health Officer is an appointed position by the Department of Health of the State of Vermont and this position is over 100 years old. The Selectboard recommends a candidate to fill the position and the State then makes the appointment. In this respect, the position is similar to the Forest Fire Warden in each Town in Vermont.

I have spent most of this year learning the laws and regulations as well as my role and responsibilities as Town Health Officer. I have been referred to three minor cases regarding health and safety issues in 2018.

Each Town has a Town Health Officer and a local Board of Health (composed of the Town Health Officer and the Selectboard.) The position originally involved controlling communicable disease. Today however, the majority of the Town Health Officer's work has shifted toward environmental health issues such as failed septic systems, unsafe drinking water, rental housing, sanitation, and animal bites.

Please feel free to contact me with any health related concerns through the Selectboard's Administrative assistant, Janet Barry (802) 375-6474 or the Town Clerk, Robin Wilcox (802) 375-2332.

Daniel M. Harvey  
Town Health Officer



## Land Use Administrator's Report

Zoning permits and compliance letters issued in 2018 involved the following:

Standard Permits		Variance Permits	
Accessory buildings	7	Accessory Buildings	1
Additions	6	Additions	4
New residences	2	New residences	1
Swimming pools	1		
Wood boilers	1		
Signs	1		
Conditional Use Permits		Zoning Compliance Letters	36
Additions	2		
Accessory dwelling units	1		

Respectfully submitted,  
William G. Henry, Land Use Administrator

## Planning Commission Report

The Arlington Planning Commission meets on the fourth Thursday of each month. These meetings are open to the public and community participation is welcome. We now have a complete seven-member board with some alternates. If you are interested in becoming a board member in the future, please contact John Williams at 375-1223.

In the past year, the Planning Commission has reviewed site plan applications including: Gristmill Productions at 288 Old Mill road and an accessory building in both the flood plain and possibly in a wetland area.

In 2018, the separate 1999 Subdivision Regulations with the Cluster Subdivision Regulations in the 2013 Arlington Town Bylaws were combined in a draft by the Planning Commission. In December, Catherine Bryars of BCRC presented a major revision of our draft of the combined Subdivision Bylaw to the Planning Commission. This revision of the draft Subdivision bylaw will be completed in 2019.

Many other revisions to other sections of the 2013 Arlington Bylaw were also approved in 2018 including typos, clarifications, new definitions, and new additions. Further revisions of other sections of the Bylaw are expected in 2019.

In 2018, the Planning Commission decided to begin revision of the Arlington Town Plan for completion by 2020. As part of that process, Catherine Bryars said that an energy plan section was required in the new Town Plan. BCRC will also help with the the overall revision of the Town Plan.

I would like to thank my fellow commission members, the Land Use Administrator and the Select Board for their time, support, and expertise throughout the past year.

Respectfully submitted,  
John Williams

## Section Four: Arlington Water Department

	Budget FY 2018	Actual FY 2018
71-6 WATER DEPT REVENUE		
71-6-04-001.00 Metered Water Receipts	270,000.00	277,095.97
71-6-05-001.00 Interest	0.00	2,677.44
71-6-05-001.01 Project Interest	0.00	187.40
71-6-06-001.00 Grants	0.00	20,000.00
71-6-09-099.00 Miscellaneous	0.00	1,180.51
71-6-09-990.01 Miscellaneous Revenue	0.00	12,399.24
71-6-70-820.01 Bank Revenue	0.00	45,000.00
71-6-70-860.01 EPA Grant Revenue	0.00	107,099.75
 TOTAL WATER DEPARTMENT REVENUE	 270,000.00	 465,640.31
 71-7 WATER DEPARTMENT		
71-7-09-990.01 Miscellaneous Expense	0.00	371.25
 71-7-10 PAYROLL & BENEFITS		
71-7-10-110.00 System Operator Salary	52,598.00	52,550.60
71-7-10-110.01 Operator Assistant	1,500.00	0.00
71-7-10-110.02 Clerical	8,500.00	7,788.00
71-7-10-210.01 Health Insurance	9,024.00	8,257.12
71-7-10-220.00 Taxes/FICA	4,700.00	4,521.85
71-7-10-230.00 VT Municipal Pension	3,300.00	3,093.80
71-7-10-260.00 Workmen's Compensation	4,500.00	4,631.00
71-7-10-290.00 VT Unemployment	958.00	958.50
 TOTAL PAYROLL AND BENEFITS	 85,080.00	 81,800.87
 71-7-20 ADMINISTRATION		
71-7-20-320.00 Operator Training	300.00	55.00
71-7-20-330.00 Computer Training/Repair	200.00	0.00
71-7-20-441.00 RR Lease	92.00	92.00
71-7-20-490.00 Permits & Fees	4,000.00	3,505.89
71-7-20-520.00 Insurance	2,005.00	2,756.92
71-7-20-530.00 Telephone	700.00	741.83
71-7-20-560.00 Memberships/Subscriptions	100.00	345.00
71-7-20-610.00 Office Supplies	1,200.00	2,267.60
71-7-20-610.01 Office Equipment	100.00	0.00
71-7-20-610.02 Water Quality Report	600.00	486.67

TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	9,297.00	10,250.91
71-7-60 EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE		
71-7-60-432.00 Vehicle Maintenance	1,000.00	357.86
71-7-60-620.00 Fuel	1,000.00	1,210.60
TOTAL EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	2,000.00	1,568.46
71-7-70 SYSTEM OPERATION		
71-7-70-330.00 Traffic Control	500.00	0.00
71-7-70-340.00 Sample Testing	2,000.00	767.50
71-7-70-422.00 Snow plowing	500.00	820.00
71-7-70-424.00 Grounds Care	500.00	0.00
71-7-70-430.00 Building Maintenance	2,500.00	0.00
71-7-70-431.00 System Equipment - Repair	5,000.00	6,992.48
71-7-70-442.00 System Equipment - Rental	1,000.00	0.00
71-7-70-450.00 Town Services	8,000.00	6,563.50
71-7-70-460.00 Infrastructure Repair/Mai	3,000.00	7,333.54
71-7-70-610.00 Supplies	9,000.00	6,878.13
71-7-70-611.00 Chemical Supplies	200.00	126.37
71-7-70-622.00 Electric	10,000.00	12,059.75
71-7-70-741.00 System equipment - new	5,000.00	0.00
71-7-70-860.01 EPA Grant Expenditure	0.00	75,881.36
TOTAL SYSTEM OPERATION	47,200.00	117,422.63
71-7-80 OTHER EXPENSES		
71-7-80-820.01 Bank Payment	0.00	103,467.50
71-7-80-830.00 Interest Expense	2,000.00	1,397.43
71-7-80-860.00 Grant Expenses	0.00	20,000.00
TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES	2,000.00	124,864.93
TOTAL WATER DEPT. EXPENDITURES	145,577.00	336,279.05
TOTAL WATER DEPARTMENT FUND	124,423.00	129,361.26

## Treasurer's Water Department Report

<b>Operating Account</b>		
Cash on Hand 1/1/18		123,649.03
Metered Water Receipts		277,095.97
Asset Management Grant		20,000.00
Miscellaneous		1,180.51
Interest		2,677.42
Bond Checking Close Out		433.80
	Sub-Total	425,036.73
Paid Operating Orders		-172,026.44
Balance in Fund 12/31/18		253,010.29*
Evidenced by Acct. 7989 @ TBOB		253,010.29
*Operating Acct		53,010.29*
*Reserve Funds		200,000.00*
<b>Bond Account</b>		
Cash on Hand 1/1/18		10,127.99
Bank Loan @ TBOB		45,000.00
EPA Loan Distribution		107,099.75
AWD Operating Acct. Grant Reimb.		1,900.00
Miscellaneous		371.25
Interest		187.42
	Sub-Total	164,686.41
Paid Orders #14 - 27		-163,881.36
Miscellaneous		-371.25
Closed Acct. 10/2/18		-433.80
Balance in Fund 12/31/18		0.00
<b>EPA Loan RF3-333 \$4,000,000.00</b>		
Balance Outstanding 1/1/18		3,728,502.18
EPA Distributions 1/1 – 12/31/18		107,099.75
Final Project Balance Outstanding 12/31/18		3,835,601.93
<b>VERMONT MUNICIPAL BOND BANK</b>		
30 Payments of \$ 135,933.22 per year	Payments due June 1, 2019 – June 1, 2048	
Total Loan Due	\$ 3,835,601.93	
Total Adm. Cost	242,394.67	
30 Year Project Cost	\$ 4,077,996.60	



Boys' Choir Outing, ca. 1909.H.W. Congdon. Russell Collection..

## Section Five: 2010 Arlington Community Agency Reports

### Arlington Area Childcare, Happy Days Playschool

**This year, Happy Days provided services to 114 children; 60 from Arlington, 18 from Sunderland, 3 from Sandgate, and 33 from other towns.**

In our 35th year, Arlington Area Childcare continued a family-centered approach to providing a quality early care and education program for the community. Our goals this year included increasing family events and education as well as staff development. Here's a look at what we accomplished, with the support of our community.

**Thank you to community members and community agencies for helping us complete our mission this year.**

Happy Days strives to work with the community to benefit children and families and provide the support they need. The **Norshaft Lions** now provides HD with yearly vision screenings through Lions Kidsight USA. All children age 6 months and older gaze into a machine for 3 seconds and it will measure their sight accuracy. Yearly, **Fisher School** loans their hearing testing equipment and **Lynn Williams** donates her time so preschool children can have their hearing tested. Several times **Battenkill Valley Health Center** has visited Happy Days, bringing educational materials and gifts for kids and to be available to parents to answer questions. **Rick LaDue** has provided animal and nature activities for our school agers.

**Peggy Hanson and the Martha Canfield Library** came twice to classroom family nights to talk about the library, sign families up for library cards, and share information about the program 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten. Research shows children learn to read much more easily if they have been read 1,000 books before kindergarten. The program helps families track their reading and get free books for every 200 books read to their child. Our Fall Festival is a loved event each year with free hayrides from the **Skidmores**, apple cider demonstrations by **Alan Tschorn** and **Kathy Snow and Greg**

**Stork** provide gourds and pumpkins for everyone to take home and explore. For the first time, we secured a **Dollar Skate at Riley Ice Skating Rink**. This fundraiser allowed families to try ice skating for a reasonable price. These are just a few of the many community members who have volunteered for our family enriching activities and events and have helped support our Mission.

**Summer Lunch Program:** For the last two summers, with the help of the *Strengthening Families* grant, Happy Days has provided healthy, enriching snacks for three weeks to the Summer Lunch Program at Fisher Elementary School. Weekly, local churches provide groceries for many families who need extra food in the summer months. Happy Days provided samples of delicious, healthy recipes along with the ingredients to make the meals at home. Happy Days fulltime cook Cindy Pike along with Carol Barbierri researched family friendly, simple recipes such as frozen banana pops, cucumber dip with vegetables, pumpkin cookies, pita pockets, English muffin pizzas and banana energy balls.

Our goal was to give families simple recipes that are fun to make and that incorporate vegetables and fruit to encourage healthy eating. As a center, we feel strongly about the importance of educating families about nutritious foods and creating a healthy community. **Over 30 families, 68 children, participated, including many Happy Days families.**

**Staff Development:** Finally, we proudly supported 7 of our staff who took college coursework this fiscal year and especially Renee Gordon who completed her BA degree in Early Education! Thank you to all our staff that consider their job a profession and strive to improve their knowledge!!

## **Arlington Community House**

One of the center pieces of historic downtown Arlington, the Arlington Community House serves the communities of Arlington, Sandgate, Sunderland, and surrounding communities. The Arlington Community House was deeded to the town of Arlington in 1947 by Dorothy Canfield Fisher with the intent that a portion of the house be used as a meeting place for local groups to gather. Today this Federalist style house remains an open door for local groups to gather such as The Garden Club, Battenkill Runners, AA, Arlington Nursing Association, Boy Scouts of America Troop 334, and Overeaters Anonymous. This past year an average of 18 uses per month were made.

Burdett Commons continues to be housed in one wing of the house, and the Martha Canfield Library continues to utilize an area for used book sales.

The Arlington Community House is run by a volunteer Board of Trustees and is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization. The Board of Trustees' main goal for 2017-2018 was to deplete the \$40,000 loan that was obtained when the new furnace was installed. Through fund raising efforts and generous donations, this goal has been nearly met. The Christmas tree and wreath sales and the June bazaar were two of our fund raising efforts this past year. Two apartments on the second floor help generate financial support as well.

As with any historic or aging structure, more repairs have been needed to keep the Arlington Community House structurally and aesthetically sound. The next much needed project this past summer came in the form of brick work that needed to be repaired and repainted. All six chimneys were in need of attention. Two chimneys which were at risk

of collapsing were rebuilt, and all six chimneys were recapped. The brick was in need of repainting on the entire house including the foundation. Once again, the Board of Trustees took a loan out, this time for \$20,000 to take on this much needed maintenance and repair. John Davis Masonry was awarded the bid to complete the repairs this past summer. John meticulously repaired the house with historic preservation in full consideration.

The future holds more needed upkeep including slate work, window replacements, and repair of the porch columns, rear deck, and door entrance to Burdett Commons. The Board of Trustees is dedicated to continuing to find ways to make sure the Arlington Community House remains a place for groups to gather, and a historic site for downtown Arlington.

In November, the Board of Trustees held their monthly meeting at Brookdale Fillmore Pond where Ken Nicholson now lives. Ken was awarded a President in Perpetuity certificate to thank him for his many years of service to the Arlington Community House. Ken served as President for most of those years.

The Arlington Community House Board of Trustees meets the third Monday of every month at 4 PM.

The Board would like to thank everyone who has helped with the upkeep of the house. There are many too numerous to name who have given time and/or skill to assist in the maintenance of this house, as well as donations made to help with upkeep.

We look forward to another busy year at the house. If you are part of a group interested in using the house, please call Lynn Williams at 802 375-6119.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charles Webster, President

## **Arlington Community Public Health Nursing Service**

On behalf of the Arlington Community Public Health Nursing Service, Inc., I am writing to express our appreciation for the continued financial support of the board and the citizens of Arlington. The Nursing Service is respectfully requesting that the board consider funding for the year 2019 in the amount of \$4,000. The costs of Manchester Health Services providing home care to our residents in need continues as well as the Dental Programs for Fisher Elementary, the Middle School, and the High School. Various other medical assistance needs are appropriately funded as they arise in our community. Our scholarship program continues each year as well, with four scholarships in place to four worthy Arlington graduating students who receive it for their entire four years depending on their diligently continuing their studies.

We sincerely hope you are able to grant our request so we may continue to provide these important services.

The 30 citizens from our communities that compose our board thank you sincerely for your service to our town and for your support of our missions.

Sincerely,  
Jean Freebern, Vice President

## **Arlington Food Shelf, Inc.**

We are pleased to report for the second year in a row, the number of families we served in 2018 at the Food Shelf showed a slight decrease from 2017, despite the fact that we had new families sign up to receive nutritious and healthy food from us. The Food Shelf distributed 20,580 pounds of food during the past year, which has been about average for the past three years.

We also partnered again this summer with the Arlington Summer Lunch Program that was designed to provide 10 weeks of lunches to families from the Arlington and Sunderland Elementary Schools. This program has been a huge success and we are pleased to be a part of it.

Thanks to donations from area schools, churches, businesses, organizations, and individuals, the Food Shelf's mission has been met for another year. We are proud to inform the citizens of Arlington that their donations have convinced us that no area resident goes hungry. We would especially like to thank the Arlington Area Renewal Project for hosting several events this past year, making the Food Shelf a beneficiary of those events. We are an all-volunteer organization, with no paid staff or directors and are recognized by the Federal Government as a non-profit charitable organization under 501 (c) (3) guidelines.

This past year, again due to the generosity of the surrounding communities, we were able to replace our aging furnace with a new, much more efficient, heating system. We have also installed an emergency warning system to alert us if there is a problem with our walk-in freezer.

Many thanks go to our volunteers: those who help stack our shelves, help during distribution hours, serve as Board of Directors, and maintain our building. Our motto: "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" is made much easier thanks to these volunteers.

Lastly, we would be remiss if we failed to thank the management and employees of MACK MOLDING who once again made our Thanksgiving Dinner Basket Program possible. This year we provided 98 complete turkey dinners to individuals and families in our community. Thank you to all who contributed to this effort.

Our Food Shelf, located on Old Mill Road in East Arlington, provides clients with a clean, friendly, and full-service Food Shelf, where your neighbors are allowed to "shop" in a welcoming atmosphere. We are open the first and third Tuesdays of every month and on an emergency basis. All are welcome. No one in need is ever turned away. Visitors are always welcomed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jack Gunther, President

## **Arlington Rescue Squad**

The Arlington Rescue Squad, Inc. (ARSI) would like to thank the residents of Arlington for their continued financial support through the Town appropriations. This year, we are requesting an increase in town funding to help offset the ever increasing costs of running our organization. We have not had an increase in town appropriations in many years. We are asking for \$45,000.00, up from \$32,500.00.



This year, we responded to a total of 590 calls, a 25% increase from last year. Every year the number of calls increases. Not only does Arlington Rescue respond to medical emergencies and auto accidents in the Arlington area, but we are there to assist the Arlington Fire Department with stand-by assistance for structure and/or brush fires, and our community members needing assistance from falls and medical needs.

This last year, we've been busy making some long overdue building repairs and we replaced an aging ambulance at a cost of over \$190,000 which will now need to be paid off over the next several years. The cost of new required Emergency Medical Service (EMS) equipment and supplies keeps increasing and there is no way we would be able to continue providing our services without community financial support.

Moving toward the future, the Arlington Rescue Squad is not only looking to provide emergency medical services to the communities that we serve, but are looking to becoming more pro-active in our community with some new and exciting programs, including a new Explorers Post program which will be the first EMS Explorers post in the state. This program is designed to teach important life and career skills to young people from all backgrounds through immersive career experiences and mentorship provided by ARSI, community, and business leaders. This program will help equip young people with character, leadership, and life skills that can be used both today and in their future careers. We are providing more training opportunities for the general public and our local work force to include CPR/AED and Basic First Aid.

Arlington Rescue has a dedicated mix of paid and volunteer staff that provide emergency medical coverage 24 hour per day, 7 days a week. We have a staff of two full time employees working Monday through Friday from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and our volunteers provide coverage weeknights from 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. and on weekends. All staff and volunteers continually train and update their skills to provide the highest quality care available, and they are dedicated to maintaining a high level of proficiency in the field of emergency medicine.

Unfortunately, it is getting harder and harder to build and even maintain our volunteer ranks. The decline in volunteers is tied to changing work patterns and other obligations. To help offset the need for volunteer man-hours, incorporating the paid staff to cover the weekend peak times, and lessen the burden to our volunteers, will increase our cost by about \$12,500.00.

We encourage anyone interested in volunteering in any capacity to contact us. There is nothing more rewarding then helping your neighbor in a time of need.

Respectfully submitted,  
Josh Williams, Executive Director

### ***Public Service Announcement:***

***Please remember that in order for emergency agencies to find you and your residence, house numbers must be clearly posted. If you have a long driveway, please have your numbers by the road. Number signs are still available at the rescue squad building.***

## **Burdett Commons, Inc.**

Burdett Commons of Arlington is celebrating twenty years of being in operation servicing the towns of Arlington, Sunderland, and Sandgate. This spring, on May 18<sup>th</sup>, we are going to host a huge birthday celebration and we hope to have all community members join us for a day of fun! This past year has seen several changes at Burdett including working on improving our space and programming.

We offer several youth and family programs. Currently we run school vacation camps when school isn't in session. We have a new program that was started this fall called The Creative Commons, a once a month painting and snack activity for the youth. We also have implemented a playgroup on Fridays for our youngest community members. There are various other youth and family events throughout the year.

Burdett has continued to provide the local artisans and vendors of our communities with options to sell their goods. We continue to hold a summer market from June to September on the Community House front lawn. We also do an annual Holiday Food and Craft Fair at Fisher Elementary School. Our monthly adult craft night continues to flourish, a different instructor comes each month to teach a different craft or skill.

Burdett Commons has two major fundraisers for the year that get several community members involved. We hold a Basket Party at Sunderland Elementary School and our annual Haunted House that takes place at the Arlington Community House.

We would like to send a special thank you to the Arlington Community House for providing us with a home for the past several years. We would also like to thank Sunderland Elementary School, Fisher Elementary School, and the Federated Church for providing us with a space when needed for larger events. A special thank you to all of our volunteers throughout this past year, without the support of the community we would not be able to do nearly as much as we wish.

Thank you for the continued support of our organization.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amy Caples, Director

## **Martha Canfield Memorial Free Library**

It has been a busy year at the Martha Canfield Library. We thank you for your support as we strive to offer services you want and need.

To celebrate the Four Freedoms Festival, we held an exhibit in the Gallery of *Norman Rockwell and the Arlington Artists*, curated by Don Trachte, Jr. The exhibit included Saturday Evening Post covers by John Atherton, Vic Donahue, George Hughes, Gene Pelham, Mead Schaeffer and, of course, Norman Rockwell, along with photos of Rockwell's models, information about the Four Freedoms Bond Tour in 1943, and samples of work by cartoonist Don Trachte and writer Dorothy Canfield Fisher. The Gallery also featured an exhibit of memorabilia from the USS Bennington and Arlington during World War II, curated by Bill Budde of the Russell Collection. Several former crew members of the ship came by to see the exhibit during Bennington Battle Day Weekend.

The Russell Collection received several important donations related to local and state history. The largest donation was a collection of six albums and three boxes of Kenny Family History. The Kenny's owned and operated the well-known Evergreen Inn on the Green River in Sandgate. The collection is a combination of family history and the history of this popular local inn. We also added indices of Sunderland deeds compiled by local historian Dave Thomas. He has also contributed indexes for Sandgate, Arlington deeds, as well as indexes for early Probate records for the three towns and Arlington grand lists and militia rosters.

Thanks to a grant from the Berkshire Bank, we were able to expand our children's programs, especially the summer reading club and activities. Over 2000 children and adults attended programs in 2018. We joined the *1000 Books Before Kindergarten* program, encouraging children listen to stories. Parents can sign up at the Library and borrow a bag of specially chosen books for young readers-to-be.

During 2018 library card holders borrowed over 18,400 items from our collection. These items included not only books and movies, but also electronic books, downloadable audio books, and park and museum passes. The library staff and volunteers also enabled library card holders to borrow over 700 items from libraries throughout the state of Vermont as well as libraries in other states. So, with programs for all ages, a quilt group, story-times for pre-schoolers, a Dorothy Canfield Fisher Award book discussion group, free computer use, help finding information, books, movies, games and puzzles to borrow for long winter nights (and hot summer days), or researching your family history, there's always something to do at the library. Or, with your free library card from home, you can go on our website and look up magazine and local newspaper articles, learn a new language, take an online course, check our catalog to see if we have the latest bestseller, and download an e-book or audiobook. We're always happy to answer your questions.

Respectfully submitted,  
Phyllis Skidmore, Director  
Sheila Kearns, President, Board of Trustees



Scare Crow, ca. 1907-1910. H.W. Congdon. Russell Collection.

## **Section Six: Reports of County, Regional and State Agencies**

### **Bennington Area Habitat for Humanity**

Habitat for Humanity International (HfHI) is a global non-profit housing organization whose vision is a world where everyone has a decent place to live. Habitat works in all 50 of the United States and in 70 countries. Since its founding in 1976 by Linda and Millard Fuller, Habitat has helped more than 13 million people achieve strength, stability, and self-reliance through safe, decent, and affordable shelter.

Bennington County Habitat for Humanity (BCHfH) is an affiliate of HfHI. BCHfH works in partnership with Bennington County residents who cannot otherwise become homeowners or afford needed home repairs. An applicant's need for better housing, income, and willingness to partner with BCHfH are paramount when choosing qualified homebuyer partners. Each adult partner family member must complete 200 hours of sweat equity. Homebuyers pay an interest free mortgage thru monthly payments that include escrow for property taxes, insurance, and Homeowner Association fees, where applicable. Homebuyers' monthly payments never exceed more than 30% of their income. The monthly mortgage payments help build more homes.

BCHfH is locally run and locally funded. With the exception of some contract services, Habitat homes are built by local volunteers. Area businesses, service providers, and individuals help build, donate materials, and provide financial support. Town appropriations purchase building supplies and materials for our local projects.

Fiscal year 2018 (July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018) was a good year for BCHfH. We had two houses under construction in the first half of the fiscal year and finished those houses in the second half of the year. The Palmer family moved home in April 2018 to the North Branch neighborhood of Bennington, and the Sausville family was able to close on their house shortly after the end of FY18. The Sausvilles and Palmers are now neighbors. We also hired a full-time Construction Manager in late May 2018, and this new staff position has helped us build and repair more houses each year. We began our ninth home in the Jennifer Lane neighborhood in June 2018. We are partnering with the Southwest Vermont Council on Aging to build ramps for people who want to remain

safely in their own homes. These folks income qualify through our Habitat program, and we have discovered the work is rewarding, especially since several of the people we partnered with needed a ramp in order to come home from health care facilities. We continue to build in both the Jennifer Lane neighborhood of Manchester Center and in the North Branch Street development of Bennington.

Our Resale Store in Manchester sells new and gently used furniture, building supplies, appliances, housewares, tools, and home improvement products that have been donated to us. We sell items at reasonable prices, thereby affording shoppers with quality furnishings they can afford, and we keep items out of the landfill. The proceeds from the store provide meaningful support for our construction programs.

Two of our 23 homes are located in East Arlington, providing safe, affordable housing for two East Arlington families. Two of our home repair projects have been in Arlington. Many Arlington residents have volunteered with our construction programs. Two of our Board members are from the Arlington area. We encourage residents of Arlington to apply for homes and home repair projects. We are grateful for the Town of Arlington's continued support and hope we can count on your assistance in the future. None of our projects would be possible without the support we receive from area towns, businesses, houses of worship, and individuals. Together, we do make a difference in the lives of hard-working, lower-income area residents. For more information about our work, please visit our website [www.benningtoncountyhabitat.org](http://www.benningtoncountyhabitat.org).

Respectfully submitted,  
Monica Knorr, President, Board of Directors

## **Bennington County Coalition for the Homeless**

The Bennington County Coalition for the Homeless gratefully acknowledges the Town of Arlington's support for Bennington County families and individuals experiencing Homelessness. BCCH strives to prevent and end homelessness by providing emergency overnight shelter, short-term emergency housing, and transitional housing. We are committed to providing more than just a bed. Our programming provides the building blocks necessary for people to become self-sufficient so that they may sustain permanent housing and remain independent. Because we strive for sustainable solutions, clients are required to participate in coordinated case management with our staff and partner agencies. Other offerings include life skills classes, employment readiness coaching, budgeting, and credit repair.

BCCH currently houses 65 people each night in our two shelter facilities: 966 Main Emergency Shelter, Thatcher House Family Shelter. Of the 298 individuals we served last year, almost 52 were children in families. By day, 966 Main operates as a drop-in center where those in need can gain access to clothing, bedding, and personal care products. They are also able to utilize the kitchen and bathroom facilities, meet with a case manager, and use the computers to search and apply for employment opportunities.

A portion of the BCCH annual budget is made up of state grants. The remainder of the budget is made up of town funding appropriations, foundation grants, and donations from our community. Town participation is a crucial part of our annual budget and it is

our hope that the Town of Arlington will include BCCH on the March ballot for town funding. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Christopher Oldham, Executive Director

## **Bennington County Conservation District**

The mission of the BCCD is to promote rural livelihoods and protect natural resources in southwestern Vermont. Our work in fiscal year 2018 included:

- With help from the Bennington and North Bennington public works and roads crews, continuing the construction of a boardwalk for floater access in Greenberg Headwaters Park in Bennington.
- Coordinating an assessment of erosion potential on forest roads in the Mettowee watershed in Rupert and Dorset and the design of restoration options for several of those problem sites.
- Securing funding to purchase a bedding chopper for the Pownal and Shaftsbury highway departments. The mulcher will help the road crews seed and then mulch newly cleared ditches and other exposed soil surfaces.
- With the considerable help of an EcoAmericorps member headquartered at BCCD, implementing the work plan for the Batten Kill Watershed Comprehensive Invasive Species Management Association (CISMA). Projects included invasive species treatments on several public and privately owned parcels; workshops; the creation of two management plans for public lands; newspaper articles; and much social media outreach.
- An effort to work with thirty five landowners in Arlington and Sandgate to create a voluntary Japanese knotweed management consortium. Several of the landowners expressed interest in pursuing treatments on their own. Two landowners have done so.
- Securing funding to install drainage structures and a grass-lined waterway at the Rupert Highway Garage site.
- Securing funding for the restoration of a portion of Mt. Anthony Road and Fowler's Way in Pownal. The area now sends significant quantities of sediment to Tubbs Brook.
- Taking soil samples for and assisting in inputting data during a months-long nutrient management planning course for a farmer in Rupert. The class will help the landowner comply with the new Required Agricultural Practices.
- Working closely with U.S. Forest Service Green Mountain National Forest, the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, our regional planning commission, many municipalities, and several local and regional non-profit organizations to further our congruent missions.

Respectfully submitted,  
Shelly Stiles, District Manager

## **Bennington County Regional Commission**

The Bennington County Regional Commission (BCRC) works with and on behalf of its member municipalities to build strong, resilient, and sustainable communities, to foster economic prosperity, and to promote a high quality of life for residents of the region. The BCRC plays an important role in coordinating work among local governments, state and federal agencies, regional public and nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and private interests.

In addition to its ongoing role in supporting the comprehensive planning work of municipal officials and volunteer boards and commissions, the BCRC serves as a regional center for work in community and economic development, transportation, energy, environmental conservation, water quality, solid waste management, and emergency management. The BCRC regularly conducts and sponsors public meetings and workshops on these topics throughout the region.

During the past year, the BCRC has worked to implement its comprehensive plan through a variety of programs and cooperative work with member municipalities. Economic development planning in the region has become one of the BCRC's main program areas. Economic development planning at the BCRC, including dedicated staff directed by a committee with representatives appointed by the regional development corporation, supports business retention, growth, and recruitment. An outgrowth of this economic development work involves a cooperative effort across the region and with Windham County to develop a US EDA approved Southern Vermont Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. The BCRC also is providing staff support for a major downtown redevelopment project in Bennington that grew from brownfields and community development work overseen by the Commission. Concern over the state's water quality has led the BCRC to identify and implement local projects that not only reduce storm water runoff, but also protect roads, bridges, culverts, and private property. Other important accomplishments have included: assistance with updates to several municipal comprehensive plans and bylaws, "Act 174" compliant town energy plans, new village center designations, implementation of the regional solid waste management plan in cooperation with the Bennington County Solid Waste Alliance, and management of local transportation projects.

Some of the key projects to be undertaken by the BCRC in the coming year include: continued work on the Southern Vermont Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, energy plan implementation activities, workforce and business development initiatives, including cooperative programs with the Lightning Jar co-working facility, new local water quality management plans and projects, assessment and support for redevelopment of brownfield sites throughout the region, expanded education and outreach to support waste reduction and recycling goals, completion of municipal hazard mitigation plans, and a feasibility study for a pathway connecting Bennington with Williamstown, Massachusetts.

The BCRC is governed by locally appointed commissioners from seventeen area municipalities and commissioners who represent interests ranging from public health to economic development. Our office, located at 111 South Street in Bennington, is open Monday through Friday. Regular meetings are held on the third Thursday of every other

month, with frequent special meetings throughout the year (information at: [www.bcrvvt.org](http://www.bcrvvt.org)).

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Sullivan, Director

## **Bennington County Sheriff's Department**

Attached is a report outlining our enforcement efforts from January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2018, in the Town of Arlington.

In addition, our office continues to accept unused and expired medications for destruction. We offer fingerprinting services for State background checks, Hazmat, TSA pre-check, and other services.

This year was the 10<sup>th</sup> annual New Year's Eve Safe ride program where members of the department gave 230 residents a safe and sober ride home. We recently expanded this service to include Super bowl Sunday to help reduce instances of intoxicated driving.

This year was also our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Santa's Helpers event where the Deputies donated their money along with local businesses who sponsored this event. We adopted families throughout the county and deliver Christmas gifts to children in need.

We also partnered with Meals on Wheels to help deliver meals to people who are in need. If you feel you could benefit from this service, please contact Meals on Wheels directly.

As always, please feel free to contact the department should you have any concerns about your community's law enforcement needs. Remember if you see something suspicious; please report it to law enforcement. The Deputies are committed to ensuring your safety.

Sincerely,  
Chad D. Schmidt, Sheriff



Dorothy and Sallie Fisher, June 1, 1912. H.W. Congdon. Russell Collection.



Civil Tickets		Incidents/Arrests	
Possessing/consuming marijuana (21 and over) of marijuana	3	911 Hang-up call	1
<b>Traffic Tickets</b>		Accident – injury	1
		Alarm	4
		Arrest on warrant	2
Counterfeit plates	1	Assist motorist	7
Using portable electronic device	6	Cruelty to a child	1
Condition of vehicle	12	Domestic disturbance	1
Failed to display front plate	3	Drugs – possession	1
No rear plate	1	Driving with suspended license	5
Failure to drive to the right	4	Juvenile problem	3
Following too closely	3	Overdose	1
Operating with no insurance	6	Parking	0
1-10 mph over speed limit	30	Suspicious event	12
11-20 mph over speed limit	64	Theft of services	0
21-30 mph over speed limit	4	Traffic stops	489
31 mph or more over speed limit	1	Unsecure premises	0
Obstructed windshield	1	Welfare check	5
Signals required	1	Accident – fatality	0
Operating after suspension	9	Accident – property damage	4
Failure to use child restraint	2	Animal problem	2
Inspection sticker not assigned	1	Agency assist (to other law enforcement)	19
Vehicle entering from private road	1	Assist public	10
Vehicle not inspected	21	Directed patrol	9
Failure to carry registration	3	Disturbance	1
Open container (alcohol/marijuana)	3	Driving under the influence	2
No registration	6	Eluding police	1
Operating with no license	4	Motor vehicle complaint	4
Stop sign violation	4	Noise complaint	1
Limitations on passing	2	Property watch	1
No inspection	2	Threats/harassment	2
Possession of license	2	Untimely death	2
<b>Total tickets</b>	<b>197</b>	VIN verifications	1
		<b>Total incidents / arrests</b>	<b>592</b>

Traffic Warnings			
Using portable electronic device	2	Vehicle emerging from driveway	1
Driving on road laned for traffic	1	Limitations on passing	1
Failure to display front and rear plate	1	Vehicle not inspected	37
Following too closely	1	<b>Total warnings</b>	<b>133</b>
Stop sign violation	2		
1-10 mph over speed limit	21		
11-20 mph over speed limit	18		
21-30 mph over speed limit	1		
Signals required	1		
No validation sticker on plate	1		
Condition of vehicle	27		
Failed to display front plate	9		
Failed to drive to the right	2		
Failure to yield to emergency vehicle	3		
Registration required	3		
Vehicle entering intersection	1		

## Bennington County Solid Waste Alliance

The Bennington County Solid Waste Alliance (BCSWA) includes the Towns of Arlington, Bennington, Dorset, Glastenbury, Manchester, Pownal, Rupert, Sandgate, Searsburg, Shaftsbury, Stamford, and Sunderland.

**2018 and 2019 Household Hazardous Waste Events:** In 2018, the BCSWA held household hazardous waste events in Bennington, Searsburg, Stamford, and Dorset. A total of 484 households participated along with several businesses. The Alliance will hold the next event on **Saturday, May 18, 2019** at the Bennington Transfer Station, 904 Houghton Lane in Bennington, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for the 13 Alliance towns.

**Business and School Outreach:** The Alliance reached 40 businesses in 2018 providing guidance on recycling, disposing hazardous materials, and properly diverting food scraps and organics from landfills. This past year, the Alliance worked with Mt. Anthony Union High School and the Dorset School on improving their recycling efforts. If your school, business, or institution is interested in learning about ways to handle solid waste, organics, recyclables, and other materials, please contact Paula Kamperman at (518) 788-2553 or [paulakamperman@gmail.com](mailto:paulakamperman@gmail.com).

**Visit Your Transfer Station:** There are seven transfer stations serving the Alliance including the Bennington, Sunderland and Northshire Transfer Stations operated by Casella and the Pownal, Searsburg, Shaftsbury, and Stamford Transfer Stations operated by and serving those towns. Transfer stations accept food wastes and several accept batteries, fluorescent bulbs, and electronic waste (E-Waste) among other materials. For more information on services provided by the transfer stations, visit <http://www.bcswavt.org/programs-and-projects/transfer-stations/>.

**Reduce Your Waste During the Holidays:** Visit <http://foodshift.net/blog/8-tips-reduce-waste-thanksgiving/> for ways to reduce food waste during the holidays. Better meal planning, creative cooking with leftovers, composting, and giving extra food to those in need can all help reduce waste and save money. The BCSWA website also has a new section on donating food to food pantries. For the holidays, using recycled wrapping paper, avoiding unnecessary packaging, sending electronic cards instead of paper cards, and other planning can save a lot of waste at this time of year.

**Sharps:** If you use sharps, including needles, and need to dispose of them, visit our web page on how to seal them in a sturdy container for disposal. Sharps cannot be recycled and are dangerous if not disposed of properly.

**Be Careful What You Put Down the Drain:** Many materials, especially household hazardous waste, should NOT be poured down the drain, either to a septic tank or field or to wastewater treatment plants. These chemicals are toxic, will kill the organisms that break down waste, and will enter surface and groundwater supplies. Flushing prescription drugs down the toilet should also be avoided as these have been shown to harm fish and amphibians. Visit <http://www.bcswavt.org/programs-and-projects/sludge-septage-residual-waste/> for more information that will protect our water supplies.

**Batteries, Fluorescent Bulbs, E-Waste, Textiles, and Paint:** Many retail stores are accepting alkaline and rechargeable batteries, fluorescent bulbs, including both tubes and CFLS, and latex and oil based paint for FREE! Goodwill in Bennington accepts

clothing and has trucks on weekends in Arlington and Manchester for donations of clothing. There are textile boxes located all over Bennington County, including at the transfer stations, where you can donate clothing. Goodwill also accepts donations of clothing and other items. Visit them at [www.goodwill-berkshires.com](http://www.goodwill-berkshires.com). Several of the transfer stations accept E-Waste, batteries, fluorescent bulbs, and other materials. Visit [www.bcswavt.org](http://www.bcswavt.org) to find locations for disposing these materials.

**Pharmaceuticals:** There are several locations to drop off pharmaceuticals including:

- **Bennington Police Department**, 118 South St., Bennington, VT 05201. Open 24/7. Accepting pills and patches. Phone: 802-442-1030.
- **Manchester Police Department**, Public Safety Facility, 6041 Main St., Manchester Center, VT 05255. Open 24/7. Accepting pills and patches. Phone: 802-362-2022.
- **Bennington County Sheriff**, 811 US Route 7, Bennington, VT 05201. Open Monday to Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Accepting pills and patches. Phone: 802-442-4900 (ask for dispatch).
- **Southwestern Vermont Medical Center**, 100 Hospital Dr., Bennington, VT 05201. Open 24/7. Accepting pills, patches, liquids, and aerosols. Phone: 802-442-6361.
- You can also order FREE envelopes to mail back up to 8 ounces of unwanted medicine from: <http://www.healthvermont.gov/free-prescription-medication-mail-back-envelopes>.

**Next BCSWA Board Meeting:** The next BCSWA board meeting will be on Wednesday, January 16, 2018 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Arlington Town Hall, 3828 Vermont Route 7A, Arlington, VT 05250. An agenda will be at [www.bcswavt.org](http://www.bcswavt.org) at least two weeks prior to the meeting.

**Need More Information?** Visit [www.bcswavt.org](http://www.bcswavt.org) to find information on recycling, composting, disposing of prescription drugs, and services offered by waste haulers, or contact Michael S. Batcher at (802) 442-0713, x 2, or email Michael at [mbatcher@bcrvvt.org](mailto:mbatcher@bcrvvt.org).

## **Bennington Project Independence**

Bennington Project Independence (BPI) is a comprehensive, person-centered, and cost-effective Adult Day Service alternative to traditional nursing home or long-term care. We assist older persons and younger adults with disabilities to remain as independent as possible despite any life challenge that they may face. Individuals have the opportunity to receive care and support during the day and return to the comfort of their own homes or their family's homes in the evening. Bennington Project Independence is proud to have been able to assist families caring for loved ones at home to "share the care" for 40 years.

BPI provides a safe, sensitive, and supportive day program for adults age 18 and older. We serve people who feel isolated without the support of family and friends, persons dealing with bereavement, depression or other emotional issues, persons with delicate or chronic medical conditions that would benefit from personal care or health

monitoring, persons facing end-of-life challenges, younger persons with acquired brain injury as well as serving persons in all stages of Alzheimer's Disease and other cognitive impairments who need compassionate, specialized assistance.

At the Dr. Richard A. Sleeman Center on Harwood Hill, Bennington Project Independence is able to provide a wide range of individually-tailored services including meaningful, life-enriching adult activities, educational presentations and mentally stimulating activities, nursing, wellness and personal care, social work support, delicious and healthy meals, opportunities for socialization, intergenerational experiences, pet visits, fitness groups, art and music therapy, our nustep personal fitness training program, as well as community trips and tours. The comprehensive services provided by BPI and the innovative Dr. Richard A. Sleeman Center facility are considered to be models for our State and the Nation.

Bennington Project Independence is a Medicaid Choices for Care Adult Day Service provider and a Veterans Administration Adult Day Health Center.

BPI is committed to providing comprehensive services for our participants and their families as well as for our community at large. Bennington Project Independence offers free Basic Fall Prevention Tai Chi classes for the community. BPI also received a grant from the National Caregiver Initiative through the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging to purchase the Second Wind Dreams Virtual Dementia Tour program. This experiential program is designed to increase sensitivity to and understanding of how persons with dementia may be experiencing the challenges of daily living. BPI is pleased to make the Virtual Dementia Tour available free of charge to caregivers and interested community partners throughout Bennington County. 100% of the employees at BPI have completed the Second Wind Dreams Virtual Dementia Training.

Bennington Project Independence is honored to be of service to the residents of Arlington. We are extremely grateful for the continued support and look forward to continuing to provide the highest caliber of Adult Day Services for Arlington families for many years to come.

Respectfully,  
Linda Wichlac, Executive Director

## **Bennington Rutland Opportunities Council (BROC)**

On behalf of BROC Community Action and the thousands of people with low-income or living in poverty that we serve throughout Rutland and Bennington Counties, we want to express our thanks and gratitude for supporting us through over the years on Town Meeting Day. BROC Community Action assists families and individuals in crisis and help provide a sustainable path forward.

Over the past year, BROC Community Action has provided substantial assistance to residents in the Town of Arlington. **97 individuals in 52 families were assisted** including receiving food at the BROC Community Food Shelf, senior commodities, housing counseling, heating and utility assistance, forms assistance for benefits such as 3SqVT, budget and credit counseling, starting or expanding a small business, and resources and referrals.

Despite the significant outcomes BROC Community Action has achieved for the residents of the Town of Arlington over the past year, there is still more work to do. People come to us cold, hungry, homeless, jobless, or facing major health conditions every day. Your town appropriation helps ease the struggle for nearly 10,000 people who seek assistance from us each year as we meet the basic needs of their families and provide a path forward whenever possible.

We truly value our collaboration with Arlington as we assist those most in need.

Sincerely,  
Thomas L. Donahue, CEO  
tdonahue@broc.org

## **Center for Restorative Justice**

The Center for Restorative Justice (CRJ) has been serving Bennington County as its community justice agency since 1982. Each year, the agency continues to grow and expand to meet the ever-changing needs of the community. This past year, CRJ helped over 1,650 individuals to make positive changes in their lives, the lives of others, and their community. Over \$6,500 was donated back to charities from funds received from CRJ program participants and over \$8,000 in restitution was collected and given back to victims who were harmed or impacted by crime.

CRJ continued to provide a full continuum of community justice alternatives ranging from juvenile pre-charge programs focused on preventing young people from entering the justice system, to programs holding adult offenders of crime accountable to their victims and their community.

CRJ's Court Diversion programs held 227 first time/low level offenders accountable for repairing the harm they caused, helped 198 young people with underage drinking and marijuana civil violations connect with treatment and education, and assisted 279 individuals with suspended driver's licenses to get reinstated and legally back on the road.

One of CRJ's newest programs this past year is the Treatment Diversion Program. In this program's first year, 70 individuals facing criminal charges were not only held accountable for their actions, they were connected to treatment services to address underlying mental health or substance abuse issues impacting their engagement in criminal behavior. Treatment Diversion cases are diverted from the court system thus providing an effective cost savings for the community.

For a full breakdown of the many programs and services offered at CRJ, please visit our website at [www.bcrj.org](http://www.bcrj.org).

CRJ is a non-profit agency that receives support through state grants, local contracts, private donations, and funding from towns such as yours. Together through our partnership, our community is benefited and strengthened as we create opportunities to help empower people to get their lives back on track.

Thank you very much for your continued support.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Leitha Cipriano, CRJ Executive Director

## **Greater Northshire Access Television (GNAT)**

***Mission:** To provide public access to media technologies, equipment, training, and local information for our regional community.*

***Vision:** To facilitate and foster free speech, to promote and facilitate civic and cultural engagement and to be the community resource for new media technology and training.*

Thank you for your past support of GNAT. Your financial support enables us to provide video coverage of your local government meetings. GNAT is a 501 (c)(3) Not for Profit Organization created by community members in 1995. GNAT employs local citizens to videotape the meetings and makes these meetings (and other educational, civic, and community events) available to all citizens on our cable channels and on our website: [www.gnattv.org](http://www.gnattv.org).

In addition to our meeting coverage, GNAT offers free and low cost media services and provides a platform for local voices to be heard. Residents, government entities, community organizations, and schools within our eleven-town service territory may produce and broadcast non-commercial television programs. GNAT maintains community television studio facilities, lends high quality video equipment, and provides technical training. GNAT maintains a vibrant youth program including internships, media production camps, and school collaborations. The News Project provides local news and information (in 2018 GNAT Produced 255 local News Project programs).

### ***2018 Usage Data***

- 432 Equipment & Facility Reservations
- 182 Training Sessions
- 394 People Trained
- 50 Community Video Announcements
- 461 Community Bulletin Board Announcements
- 634 Local Public Programs Produced
- 191 Government Meetings
- 167,866 Online Video Views

Local media coverage is vital to our democracy. We ask for your financial contribution to help support the work we do. Thank you again for your thoughtful consideration and support.

Visit us at [www.gnat-tv.org](http://www.gnat-tv.org).

## **Green Mountain RSVP**

Green Mountain RSVP, part of the Corporation for National and Community Service- Senior Corps, is a nationwide program for people age 55 and older who want to contribute to their communities through volunteering. Volunteers donate their skills and knowledge, and provide meaningful services to programs and nonprofit organizations in the local area. Green Mountain RSVP believes that our senior population is our most valuable asset in keeping our communities strong.

Green Mountain RSVP helps local non-profit and civic organizations by recruiting and matching volunteers to meet community needs. Our goal is to ensure that volunteers contribute their time and talents to programs that have a significant, positive impact on the quality of life in Bennington County. They address community concerns that are vital for our senior population and their neighbors they include supporting Healthy Futures and Aging in Place through food pantry support, meal delivery, tax assistance, companionship, and transportation.

In our companionship & wellness programs we offer 13 Bone Builder classes throughout Bennington County, serving over 500 seniors around Southern Vermont. Volunteers in Arlington have served hours at SVMC, delivering Meals on Wheels, supporting local libraries, assisted residents with tax preparation, given rides to medical appointments, and taught Bone Builders classes twice a week, in two locations, benefiting many area residents, along with numerous other community priorities.

You are welcome to contact Lenora Volkmer in our Bennington office at (802)447-1546 or speak to me directly in the Bennington Office at (802) 772-7875. Thank-you for your continued support.

Respectfully,  
Cathy Aliberti, Green Mountain RSVP Director

## **Green Up Vermont**

Green Up Day marked its 48th Anniversary on May 5, 2018 with 22,700 volunteers participating and 225 tons of litter collected throughout the state. Always the first Saturday in May, Green Up Vermont is a nonprofit private organization that relies on your town's help to continue the annual tradition of cleaning up our roadways and waterways, while promoting civic pride. The tradition of Green Up Day began in 1970 by Governor Deane C. Davis and will celebrate its 50th Anniversary in May 2020.

Green Up Vermont also offers a statewide educational component for grades K-2 by providing free activity booklets to schools and hosts its annual student poster design and writing contests for grades K-12. To learn more please visit [www.greenupvermont.org](http://www.greenupvermont.org).

Support from cities and town's is an essential part of our budget, enabling us to cover fourteen percent of our annual operating budget. All town resident's benefit from clean roadsides! Funds help pay for administrative and program support, which includes over 55,000 Green Up trash bags, an educational component, and promotional outreach.

Seventy-five percent of Green Up Vermont's budget comes from corporate sponsors and individual donors. Individuals can donate to Green Up Vermont on Line 23 of the Vermont State Income Tax Form or anytime online at [www.greenupvermont.org](http://www.greenupvermont.org).

Keep in touch with Green Up Vermont news by joining our newsletter, liking us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter, and following our blog by visiting our website. You can contact us at GREEN UP VERMONT, P.O. Box 1191, Montpelier, Vermont 05601-1191; (802) 229-4586; or by email to [greenup@greenupvermont.org](mailto:greenup@greenupvermont.org).

**Save the dates:** Green Up Day, May 4, 2019 and Celebrating our 50th Anniversary, May 2, 2020. A Vermont tradition since 1970!

## **Neighbor to Neighbor**

Neighbor to Neighbor's mission is to assist our neighbors to live independently by providing no-cost volunteer services that help to cultivate relationships.

Since 2004, Neighbor to Neighbors and our group of volunteers has provided vital services to older and disabled residents of the Northshire. In 2018, 90 care recipients received friendly visits, transportation to appointments, and help with chores around the house and yard. In addition, we held monthly social events that allow care recipients to enjoy a delicious lunch and some form of entertainment. Twenty Arlington residents are either volunteers or Neighbor to Neighbor care recipients. At our monthly events this year, care recipients enjoyed things like a bus trip to have lunch in Weston and to visit the Vermont Country Store, shared stories with Long Trail School students, musical bingo, and two concerts by the Arlington Middle and High School Chorus.

Our volunteers provide all of our services free of charge. We receive funding through local towns as well as through private, corporate, and foundation donations. We also wrote and received a grant from the Tarrant Foundation this year. We continue to receive requests for our help and add new care recipients each month. We often speak with care recipients who praise our work and who count on us to keep them engaged in the larger Northshire community.

On behalf of the Neighbor to Neighbor steering committee, our dedicated volunteers, and, most importantly, those we serve, Neighbor to Neighbor is most grateful for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robin Galguera, Executive Director

## **Project Against Violent Encounters (PAVE)**

Project Against Violent Encounters (PAVE) is committed to providing compassionate support, practical services and the pathway to healing and safety for countless victims of domestic violence and sexual assault throughout Bennington County. Our organization has grown from a crisis hotline to the multiple and comprehensive support services we now provide. These services include 24 hour hotline, court and social service advocacy, case management, emergency financial assistance, access to legal services, access to emergency housing, supervised visitation, parenting classes, community awareness, school-based prevention education, and more.

The hotline is still where it often begins and our volunteers remain the backbone of the support we offer. In the past year, we provided 17 Arlington residents with comprehensive services, half initially contacting us through the emergency hotline. These residents received advocacy services including emotional support, safety planning, court advocacy, case management, and housing services. In addition, 14 adults and 10 children received supervised visitation services through our Family Time Center.

Domestic violence is the third leading cause of homelessness among families. Our emergency shelter program provides families with short-term housing and case management services with the goal of obtaining safe, permanent housing. In the past year, we provided 42 adults and 33 children with 3,016 nights of shelter services.



To stop the generational cycle of abuse, we must start early and invest in prevention strategies that provide healthy parent-child relationships, friendships, and dating relationships. Through our education and empowerment programs: pre-kindergarten to college; Nurturing Parenting classes; Women's Support Groups; Healthy Mind, Body and Family workshops and Financial Literacy Program, we helped over 3,500 children, teachers and other adults learn new skills and techniques.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff, and families served, I thank the residents of Arlington for your ongoing support to PA VE. Your support creates greater opportunities for the people impacted by domestic and/or sexual violence who need our services each year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Campbell, Executive Director

## **Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging**

This report describes the services that the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging (SVCOA) provided to elders in Arlington in 2018:

### ***Senior Meals:***

The Council helped provide 1,515 meals that were delivered to the homes of 20 elders in your community. This service is often called "Meals on Wheels." In addition, 66 Arlington elders came together at a luncheon site in your area to enjoy a nutritious meal and the company of others; 1,930 meals were provided.

### ***Case Management Assistance:***

SVCOA case management staff helped 35 elders in your community. Case managers meet with an elder privately in the elder's home or at another agreed upon location and assess the elder's situation. They will work with the elder to identify needs and talk about possible services available to address those needs. If the elder desires, the case manager will link the client to appropriate services, coordinate and monitor services as necessary, and provide information and assistance to caregivers. Case managers also help elders connect with in-home assistance programs, including a program called Choices for Care. This program is especially helpful to frail elders facing long-term care placement who still wish to remain at home.

### ***Other Services and Support:***

1. "Senior HelpLine" assistance at 1-800-642-5119. Our Senior HelpLine staff provide telephone support to elders and others who need information on available programs and community resources;
2. Medicare and health benefit counseling information and assistance through our State Health Insurance Program;
3. Legal service assistance through the Vermont Senior Citizens Law Project;

4. Information about elder issues and opportunities via various agency articles and publications;
5. Nutrition education and counseling services provided by SVCOA's Registered Dietician;
6. Senior Companion support for frail, homebound elders;
7. Outreach services to elders dealing with mental health issues through our Elder Care Clinician. This service is provided in cooperation with Rutland County Mental Health;
8. Transportation assistance;
9. Caregiver support, information and respite to family members and others who are providing much needed help to elders in need of assistance;
10. Money Management programs that offer either a volunteer bill payer or representative payee services to elders and younger disabled individuals.

## **Sunrise Family Resource Center**

Sunrise has been in the business of strengthening families for almost 50 years. As a member of the VT Parent Child Center Network, we provide strength based support services to the most vulnerable young children and families in Bennington County. From our on-site Accredited Early Care and Education Center for infants and young children to our alternative high school Diploma program for young parents and so much more in between.

- We work closely with the Vermont Department of Children and Families, United Counseling Service, SVMC, Catamount Connections, Vermont Department of Health, BROCC, GBIC, and others to provide this necessary safety net.
- We are experienced in providing Intensive Family Based Crisis Intervention, geared towards keeping families together.
- To address the ever-growing issue of homelessness throughout our community, we offer a program that educates families in becoming fiscally responsible tenants and brings both tenants and landlords together.
- We offer playgroups and parenting education classes for parents.
- Our Job Club program offers job skill development and connects local employers with unemployed parents.
- Our Youth Development Program provides guided transition for young adults aging out of the State foster care system.

We view the comprehensive services we offer as a wraparound approach to families in our community.

In FY2018, Sunrise provided information and referrals to 34 families from Arlington looking for quality childcare. We facilitated Professional Development for three childcare providers/centers from Arlington. We provided intensive strength based crisis case management to two families from Arlington and identified 10 children who required ongoing developmental risk management, support and coordination of care services. Almost 5% of our total service population originates from the Town of

Arlington. As always, we continue to provide these quality of life services at no cost to the families we serve.

We would like to offer a huge thank you for the support the voters of Arlington have extended. We would not be as well prepared to assist your young families without it.

Sincerely,  
Denise Main, Executive Director

## **The Tutorial Center**

Founded in Bennington in 1971, 2019 marks the Tutorial Center's 48th year of helping the region's children and adults achieve educational, career, and life success! Please accept our thank you for the many years of support for our work. Your support enables us to help EVERY child or adult who comes to us for help.

The Tutorial Center has long-established learning centers in both Bennington and Manchester, enabling Bennington County residents to easily access our services where they live or where they work. In 2018 we said goodbye to our long-time executive director Jack Glade who leaves with our appreciation for his innovation and stewardship. It is my pleasure to succeed Jack and I look forward to partnering with so many in the community who help strengthen our work.

Our educational support services include tutoring for all ages, adult literacy, dropout prevention, alternative high school education, English language classes for non-English speakers, the High School Completion program, GED preparation and testing, job readiness training, workplace literacy for employees, software and technology training for business, enrichment classes, SAT preparation, and our innovative and nationally-recognized YAP experience for at-risk young adults.

Another highlight of our work involves our partnership with Seedlings, which continues to provide high quality after-school tutoring at Bennington Elementary and Molly Stark.

Town of Arlington appropriation funds support our tutoring work, enabling us to offer tutoring to any student who needs our assistance to succeed in school or to avoid becoming a dropout. This past year we provided tutoring for 287 students, in subjects ranging from beginning reading to algebra, calculus, technology, and foreign languages. Most were from low-income families. Over 90% of these students made measured educational progress under our guidance. These results show up in the local schools as increase standardized test scores, and in local businesses as more productive employees.

Another 163 adults were enrolled in our free adult education services, including eight Arlington residents, with two students earning a high school diploma! Over 9,000 hours of free instruction was provided to our students.

High-quality educational activities that respond to community needs - and produce lasting community impacts - that is what your Town funding supports. We thank you, and we look forward to your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,  
Peter Fish, Executive Director

## Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired

For many years, the town of Arlington has supported our mission to help Vermonters with visual impairments to be more independent, cultivate adaptive skills and improve their quality of life. With your support, the Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired [VABVI] have completed another successful year. Thank you for your on-going support!

The Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired's 2018 Fiscal Year was an exciting one. We served more clients than ever before and we launched our new iOS Training program for adult clients.

It's clear to us at VABVI that our mission and services will continue to play a critical role in the lives of many Vermonters well into the future. We are working harder than ever to support anyone living in Vermont who is experiencing vision loss.

- **iOS Training Program:** Starting in January 2018 VABVI began providing clients with one on one iOS Training on iPhones and iPads.
- **PALS (Peer Assisted Learning and Support) Groups:** PALS Groups, held throughout Vermont, are monthly meetings where members share coping strategies and to discuss the practical, social and emotional challenges of vision loss.
- **HAPI (Helping Adolescents Prepare for Independence):** The HAPI program enables Teachers of the Visually Impaired and Certified Vision Rehabilitation Therapists to work one-on-one with students to practice daily living skills.
- **IRLE Summer Camp (Intensive Residential Life Experience):** IRLE camp helps VABVI students develop social skills, meet fellow visually impaired peers, meet adult mentors, learn independent living skills, and improve self-advocacy skills.

During Fiscal Year 2018, we served 1,770 clients from all 14 counties in Vermont. This included 3 adult clients and 2 students in Arlington, and 56 adult clients and 14 students in Bennington County.

For more information about VABVI's services, or to volunteer, please contact Katie Shappy at (800) 639-5861 ext. 219, or at [kshappy@vabvi.org](mailto:kshappy@vabvi.org) or visit us our website at [www.vabvi.org](http://www.vabvi.org). Feel free to "like" us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/vabvi.org](https://www.facebook.com/vabvi.org).

## Vermont Department of Health

At the Vermont Department of Health, our twelve Local Health District Offices around the state provide health services and promote wellness for all Vermonters.

Your local office is in Bennington at 324 Main Street, Suite 2. Available to help individuals and families at worksites, schools, town meetings, or by appointment, we work hard to provide you with knowledgeable and accessible care, resources, and

services. We also partner with local organizations and health care providers to ensure we're equipped to respond to the community's needs. In 2018, we worked in partnership with communities to:

- *Increase capacity* statewide to prevent underage and binge drinking and reduce prescription drug misuse and marijuana with Regional Prevention Partnerships (RPP).
- *Prevent and control* the spread of infectious disease. In 2018, we spent \$13,729,406 on vaccines provided at no cost to healthcare providers around the state to make sure children and adults are protected against vaccine-preventable diseases. We also responded to 244 cases of infectious disease.
- *Promote wellness* by focusing on walking and biking safety, reducing tobacco exposure, and increasing access to healthy foods through the implementation of local projects and municipal strategies.
- *Support healthy families* by helping kids stay connected with providers and dentists following transfer into foster care.
- *Serve families and children* with the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Nutrition Education and Food Supplementation Program. In 2018, we served over 11,000 families.
- *Provide trainings* on Help Me Grow to Healthcare and Early Childhood Education Providers to support improved access to resources and services for parents and families with young children.
- *Share new data and reports* including the *Vermont Lead in School Drinking Water Testing Pilot Report* which is helping Vermonters understand and address the risk of lead in school drinking water, and the *Injury and Violence in Vermont* report, which is shedding light on the risk of suicide among youths.
- *Work with businesses* in planning and starting worksite wellness strategies to improve on-the-job opportunities for health for local residents, including creating Breastfeeding Friendly locations to support growing families.
- *Work with local partners*, including, schools, hospitals, and emergency personnel, to ensure we are prepared to distribute medicine, supplies, and information during a public health emergency.
- *Improve understanding* of how to stay healthy at work, home, and in the community through initiatives and resources related to 3-4-50, Help Me Grow, WIC, Building Bright Futures, Be Tick Smart, 802Quits, and the Breastfeeding Friendly Employer project.

Learn more about what we do on the web at [www.healthvermont.gov](http://www.healthvermont.gov)

Join us on <https://www.facebook.com/vdhbennington/>

Follow us on [www.twitter.com/healthvermont](http://www.twitter.com/healthvermont)

Call us at [802-447-3531](tel:802-447-3531)

## The Vermont Center for Independent Living

Since 1979, The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) has been teaching people with disabilities and the Deaf how to gain more control over their lives and how to access tools and services to live more independently. VCIL employees (85% of whom have a disability) conduct public education, outreach, individual advocacy, and systems change advocacy to help promote the full inclusion of people with disabilities into community life.

Preliminary numbers for our FY'18 (10/2017-9/2018) show:

- VCIL responded to over **3,700** requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information, referral and assistance and program services for individuals living with a disability.
- VCIL Peer Advocate Counselors (PACs) provided one-on-one peer counseling to **315** individuals to help increase their independent living skills and **11** peers were served by the AgrAbility program.
- VCIL's Home Access Program (HAP) assisted **149** households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications;
- **83** of these received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible.
- Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided **87** individuals with information on assistive technology; **45** of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment.
- **532** individuals had meals delivered through our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60.
- We are also home to the Vermont Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (VTEDP) which served **41** people and provided **33** peers with adaptive telecommunications enabling low-income Deaf, Deaf-blind, Hard of Hearing and individuals with disabilities to communicate by telephone.

VCIL's central office is located in downtown Montpelier and we have five branch offices in Bennington, Chittenden, Lamoille, Rutland, and Windham Counties. Our Peer Advocate Counselors and services are available to people with disabilities throughout Vermont. Our Windham County office also houses the Vermont Interpreter Referral Service (VIRS) (previously under the VT Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing) and provides statewide interpreter referral services for sign language, spoken English and CART services for assignments in medical, legal, mental health, employment, educational, civil and recreational settings.

During FY '18, **13** residents of **Arlington** received services from the following programs:

- Meals on Wheels (MOW) (over **\$350.00** spent on meals for residents)
- Peer Advocate Counseling Program (PAC)
- Information, Referral, and Assistance (I,R&A)

To learn more about VCIL, please call VCIL's toll-free I-Line at: **1-800-639-1522**, or, visit our web site at **[www.vcil.org](http://www.vcil.org)**.

## **Vermont League of Cities and Towns**

The Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, owned by its member municipalities and directed by a 13-member Board of Directors that is elected by the membership and comprising municipal officials from across the state.

VLCT's mission is to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. It is the only statewide organization devoted solely to delivering a wide range of services to local officials who serve municipalities of varying populations and geographic regions but face similar requirements with disparate resources. All 246 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, as are 139 other municipal entities, including villages, solid waste districts, regional planning commissions, and fire districts.

Local governments in Vermont provide essential services to residents and visitors alike. From managing budgets, conducting elections, assessing property and maintaining roads to providing public safety services, recreational programs, water and sewer infrastructure, street lighting, and libraries, the work carried out by appointed and elected officials and community volunteers is both critical and challenging. The demands on local government are complex and require resources that are not always available in every city, town or village in the state.

VLCT provides legal, consulting, and education services to its members, offering important advice and responses to direct inquiries, as well as training programs on specific topics of concern to officials as they carry out the duties required by statute or directed by town meeting voters. We represent cities and towns before the state legislature and state agencies, ensuring that municipal voices are heard collectively and their needs are met. VLCT also advocates at the federal level, primarily through its partner, the National League of Cities, and directly with Vermont's Congressional delegation.

VLCT offers opportunities to purchase risk management products and services that directly meet the specific and specialized needs of local government through the VLCT Employee Resource and Benefit (VERB) Trust and the VLCT Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF).

During the 2018 calendar year, VLCT News converted to a magazine style publication from its newsletter format, with the intent to provide more content and diverse information in each edition.

VLCT also finalized the details of moving its digital data to the "cloud," thereby increasing operational efficiency and enhancing cybersecurity and redundant protection of information. This move also reduced the need to acquire, maintain, and replace costly capital equipment. Improvements to the website are ongoing, and in concert with this effort is the research into a new customer relations management system, designed to help VLCT provide important information to members, but also to simplify ways that members provide information to VLCT that is shared among all municipalities.

VLCT conducted a series of Listening Sessions in 12 communities around the state to hear directly from local officials about services received from VLCT and whether any changes are needed, including whether new services should be initiated or outdated ones

eliminated. Further discussions will be held with the Board of Directors. Members will be kept apprised of progress in setting future goals and priorities.

At the heart of all these activities is VLCT's commitment to serving as a good steward of member assets, and we are proud of the continued progress being made in that effort. Members are welcome to visit the VLCT office anytime to review the operations of the organization, to ask questions, and to access resources that can help each individual official and employee carry out the important work of local government.

To learn more about the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, including its audited financial statements, visit the VLCT website at [www.vlct.org](http://www.vlct.org).

## **Vermont State Representatives Report**

State Representatives Cynthia Browning (D) and Kathleen James (D) are holding office hours the first two Saturdays of every month in Arlington and Manchester during the 2019 legislative session. Seven term representative Browning and newly elected James represent the two-seat Bennington 4 district of Arlington, Manchester, Sandgate, and part of Sunderland. As of the deadline for submitting this to the Town Report, there has not yet been significant activity in the Legislature, but we will be reporting on developments at Town Meeting time. We can report that Rep. James has been assigned to the House Education Committee and Rep. Browning will again serve on the House Ways and Means Committee.

The office hours, open to the public, are held on the first and second Saturday of each month from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. at Chauncey's (5403 Route 7A, Arlington) and The Next Chapter Café (15 Bonnet Street in the Northshire Bookstore, Manchester). Browning and James switch locations each of those two Saturdays.

We hope to see you at upcoming office hours, so we can share news from Montpelier, answer your questions, and discuss your ideas, issues, and concerns. See below for full contact information.

February 2: Browning at Chauncey's, James at Next Chapter	8:00 to 9:30 a.m.
February 9: James at Chauncey's, Browning at Next Chapter	8:00 to 9:30 a.m.

March 2: Browning at Chauncey's, James at Next Chapter	8:00 to 9:30 a.m.
*** Both legislators will be attending town and school meetings across the district. ***	
March 9: James at Chauncey's, Browning at Next Chapter	8:00 to 9:30 a.m.

April 6: Browning at Chauncey's, James at Next Chapter	8:00 to 9:30 a.m.
April 13: James at Chauncey's, Browning at Next Chapter	8:00 to 9:30 a.m.

May 4: Browning at Chauncey's, James at Next Chapter	8:00 to 9:30 a.m.
May 11: James at Chauncey's, Browning at Next Chapter	8:00 to 9:30 a.m.

June 1: Browning at Chauncey's, James at Next Chapter	8:00 to 9:30 a.m.
June 8: James at Chauncey's, Browning at Next Chapter	8:00 to 9:30 a.m.



Cynthia Browning (D-Arlington) can be reached at 375-9019 and [cbrowning@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:cbrowning@leg.state.vt.us). You can also find her on Facebook (Cynthia Browning) and her Website ([cynthiabrowning.com](http://cynthiabrowning.com)).

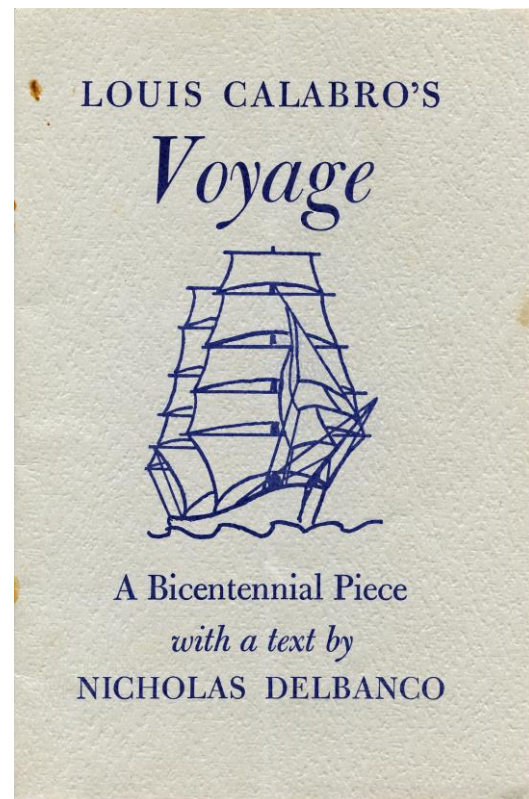
Kathleen James (D-Manchester) can be reached at 802-366-1159 (home) and 802-733-1435 (cell), as well as email ([kjames@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:kjames@leg.state.vt.us)), Facebook (Kathleen James VT State Representative) and her Website ([kathjamesforstaterep.com](http://kathjamesforstaterep.com)).

### **Louis Calabro**

Louis Calabro is an Italian American composer and teacher born in Brooklyn, New York November 1, 1926. He died in Bennington, Vermont on October 21, 1991 when 64 years old. He was an Arlington resident from 1955 until his death.

Calabro served as a paratrooper during World War II and graduated from Julliard in 1952 with the help of the G.I. Bill. He began his teaching career at Bennington College in 1955 where he established the Masters in Fine Arts program. In addition to many other awards, grants, and commissions, he received two Guggenheim Fellowships, the first in 1954 and the second in 1959.

While an Arlington resident, he was the founder and musical director of the Sage City Symphony in 1973. Under his guidance, the symphony was “considered one of the premier volunteer community orchestras in the county.” The orchestra performed four public concerts per year under his directorship.



## Section Seven: 2018 Statistics

### Births 2018

Surname	Name	Parents
Aldrich	Brooks L.	Douglas & Laura
Beauchemin-Allen	Hunter O.	James & Candice
Blake	Orion H.	Aaron & Katherine
Burke	Raelynn G.	Brandan & Sierra
Burns	Johnathan E. C.	Brian & Sarah
Grimes	Nicholas W. Jr.	Nicholas & Gina
Hoyt	Everlee G.	Jeremy & Alexis
Hoyt	Catriona C.	Jonathan & Kristina
Kenyon	Jack L.	Leonard & Kelsey
King-Woodard	Arthur L.	Nicholas & Katharine
Kolbe	Nina A.	William & Kathlena
Lane	River L.	Kyle & Karen
Mann	Greyson C.	Zackery & Sherrie
McConnell	Colton M.	Eric & Elizabeth
Nadeau	Leo D.	Jeremy & Lauren
Perkins	Charlotte M.	Ryan & Lauren
Peters	Jesse J.	Jeremy & Marli
Secoy	Kinsley R.	Paul & Logan
Wilder	Logan A.	Thomas & Tonya
Witmer	Kassidy W.	Norman & Eunice

## Deaths and Burial Permits 2018

### Death Certificates

Boonchuilier,	Karen A.
Brown,	Harry W. Jr.
Clayton,	Kenneth E. Sr.
Coulter,	Jerome R. Sr.
Fischer,	Francis E.
Freisatz ,	Clara Joy
Goding,	Linda R.
Grout,	Dorothy
Hayes,	Roger W.
Katrick,	Patricia A.
Kayatta,	Nelda M.
LaFountain,	Paul A., Sr.
Leverson,	Virginia L.
Lindsey,	Michael C.
Lonergan,	Gail P.
Mattison,	Sharon A.
Militzer,	Mary E.
Miller,	Jean E.
Rodies,	Horst E.
Schonberg,	Jane B.
Selig,	Kenneth R.
Snow,	Howard C.
Taylor,	Malcolm J.
Tifft,	Helen
Wafer,	Frances J.
Werner,	John A.
Whitman,	Helen E.
Williams,	Robert B.
Witt,	Stephen H. Sr.
Young,	William I.

### Burial Permits Issued

Dorr,	Richard J.
Kehoe,	Patricia A.
McAneny,	Pamela A.
Mears,	Allan J.
Rist,	Kimberly J.
Wyman,	Arthur G.

## Marriage Licenses 2018

Couple		Officiant
Brenda L. Nicholson	& Louis G. Fagnant	John A. Wilcox
Phillip R. Toole	& April L. Bushee	Matthew J. Bushee
Charles G. Draper III	& Colleen E. Tahbo	Gerald Woodard
Kathryn L. Whitten	& John W. Rath III	John H. Reed
Sean C. Campbell	& Susanna H. Glendenning	Mary Ann Carlson
Alan C. Nelson	& Melissa S. Caisse	Rev. Alanna VanAntwerpen
Katelyn M. Solkoske	& Scott D. Bauersfeld	Mary Ann Carlson
Kristen M. Wagner	& Jonathan J. Osterman	Matthew Gagne
Zachary L. Nathanson	& Erica N. Refkin	Jarah Greenfield
Aaron M. Steinfeld	& Jennifer R. Curtis	Alastair Curtis
Kimberly N. Lachant	& Kelly C. Brooks	Amber Churco
Jennifer M. Carmichael	& Timothy M. Prout	Ryan Carmichael
Diana M. Marrone	& Jared L. Rubin	Brian Cohen
Molly B. Burnett	& Joshua M. Poland	Darlene M. Young
Kali E. Trautwein	& Brendan J. Harris	Darlene M. Young
Elizabeth R. Roberts	& Mohammed A. Khan	Jessie Cerretani
William E. Atlas	& Emily E. Byrne	Mark Hollingsworth
Kristen M. Gallipani	& Patrick J. Kelly Jr.	Rev. Claire L. North
Patricia L. Molfetta	& Katherine A. Vlahakis	Aimee Dixon
Heather W. Ward	& Eugene A. Yurtsev	Peter B. Ward Jr.
Allen C. Whittredge	& Terri L. Field	David B. Shaffe
Hillary R. Federico	& Matthew B. Andrew	Ann Cascella
Meaghan Morgan-Puglisi	& Chad J. Cloud	Michael J. Kelly
Joshua A. Sherman	& Carolyn J. Blitz	Scott Buckner
Brittney E. Recore	& Joseph M. Padin	Kimberly Hodge
Emily B. Maurer	& Anthony W. Paris	Theodore Gordon
Jennelle S. Hoffman	& Charles A. O'Brien	Anita L. Sheldon
Lauren M. Elwell	& Matthew C. Day	Gerald Woodard
Chelsea W. Simon	& Franklin K. Jeffery	Carroll A. Simon
Sarah E. Goodman	& Vilma J. Reyes	John De Sousa
Elizabeth L. Billings	& Ralph H. Billings	Sadie M. Saucier
Kira L. Benson	& Gary J. McDonough-Gunther	Richard Lederer
Elaina C. Donofrio	& Sean P. Roche	Michael D'Andrea
Gwendolyn J. Douglass	& Meghan E. Biondolillo	Mary Ann Carlson
Hannah B. Smith	& Steven M. Erikson	Craig D. Townsend

James A. Sheppard	& Tiffany R. Wild	Mary Ann Carlson
Hilary J. Cooke	& Brandon D. Honeycutt	Jackson Sheehan
John J. Ruggles	& Tara D. Parker	Mary Ann Carlson
Jocelyn R. Sheff	& Matthew P. Yazel	Daniel Sheff
Steven M. Kruger	& Elyse N. Winning	Mary Ann Carlson
Alexis L. Tatro	& Jeremy M. Hoyt	Terry Rousseau

## **Section Eight: Town Meeting Minutes and Ballot results**

### **Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting March 5, 2018**

Those present at head table:

Chairman Keith Squires  
Selectman Daniel Harvey  
Selectman Cynthia Browning  
Selectman, Timothy Williams  
Moderator, John L. Whalen II  
Town Clerk, Robin Wilcox

There were approximately 70 residents present.

Moderator John Whalen called the meeting to order at 8:20 pm

A motion was made to allow non-resident Brian Keefe to speak by Mary Ann Carlson and seconded by Lorraine Naaktgeboren

Brian Keefe and Cynthia Browning both spoke to voters about the legislature activities they are involved in. Mr. Jim Baker also addressed the assembly. He talked about the renewal project and the committees that have been formed in a grassroots effort to make Arlington great again. He said that the school board and select board have been very supportive in this effort. The hope is to attract young families to live and work in our area and he urges more involvement from anyone interested in being on a committee.

Moderator John Whalen introduced the members of the select board.

Resolution was read aloud;

### **RESOLUTIONS - 2018 Memorial Resolution Town of Arlington**

**WHEREAS**, Roger N. Hanson, a resident of Arlington died on December 17, 2016 after serving his community on the Arlington Cemetery Commission.

**WHEREAS**, Roger was also dedicated to many community organizations in Arlington.

**WHEREAS**, Mary Ann L. Schaefer, a resident of Arlington died on April 13, 2017 after serving her community as an Auditor for the Town of Arlington.

**WHEREAS**, Mary Ann was also dedicated to many community organizations in Arlington.

**WHEREAS**, Diane L. Jennings, a resident of Arlington died on September 23, 2017 after serving her community as a Trustee of Public Funds.

**WHEREAS**, Diane was also dedicated to many community organizations in Arlington.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the community of Arlington take public note of its loss in the passing of these valuable and esteemed citizens; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this expression of sympathy be extended to the family of Roger Hanson, the family of Mary Ann L. Schaefer and the family of Diane L. Jennings, and that this **RESOLUTION** be made a permanent part of the record of this Meeting on this date of March 5, 2018.

Motion to adopt resolution: Maureen Harvey  
Seconded by: Lorraine Naaktgeboren  
Unanimously carried

Motion to dispense with the reading of the 2018 Warning:  
Motion by: Mary Ann Carlson  
Seconded by: Michael Murno  
Motion Carried

Motion to dispense with the reading of the 2017 Annual Town Meeting Minutes:  
Motion by: Maureen Harvey  
Seconded by: Jean Miller  
Motion Carried

**ARTICLE 1: To hear and act upon the reports of the town officers.**

Motion to accept reports by: Brian Allen

Seconded by: Maureen Harvey

Discussion; Dave Naaktgeboren asked why the water department and park and recreation are not included in the capital plan. Mr. Squires explained that the water department is a separate entity, not part of taxpayer monies and therefore not included. The park and recreation, he explained, is maintained by the town and is part of the town budget. Mr. Keelan asked about the yellow barn property. The board gave a brief update of the activities at the property including growing of Christmas trees, walking the nature trails, and dog walking. Olavi Wirkki asked why the delinquent tax report is so brief. Linda Crosby, delinquent tax collector, explained that the state is urging towns to get away from printing all of the names, but the list is available at the treasurer's office.

Motion Carried

**ARTICLE 2: To see what compensation will be paid to several Town Officers.**

Moderator Whalen explained that this year the Clerk and Treasurer's salaries would have a 3.0% increase. All remaining salaries of Interim Supervisor and members of the Selectboard would remain the same.

Office	2017	2018
Selectboard Chairman	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
Selectboard Members (4)	7,200.00	7,200.00
Town Clerk	17,384.00	17,922.00
Town Treasurer	14,185.00	14,627.00
Moderator	150.00	150.00
Interim Supervisor	16,000.00	16,000.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$57,699.00</b>

Motion to accept by: Brian Allen

Seconded by: Maureen Harvey

Discussion; Mr. John Haugsrud thinks more should be spent on the officers running the town. His comment will be recorded in the minutes as a suggestion for next year's consideration.

Motion Carried

**ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to have all taxes paid to the Town Treasurer, as provided by law, tax bills to be issued by September 4, 2018, and payment to be in the hands of the Treasurer, or postmarked on or before November 5, 2018.**

Motion to accept by: Maureen Harvey

Seconded by: Laraine Naaktgeboren

Motion Carried

**ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow in anticipation of taxes such sum or sums of money as is necessary for properly financing the affairs of the Town until the next annual Town Meeting.**



Motion to accept by: Olavi Wirkki  
Seconded by: Irene Novotny  
Motion Carried

**ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote a budget to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town.**

Motion to accept the select board's budget as proposed by: Mathew Bykowski  
Seconded by: Mary Ann Carlson

Total budget presented by Selectmen was \$1,435,676.00.  
Salaries had already been voted in the amount of \$57,699.00.  
Appropriations to be voted upon the next day total \$213,154.00.  
Total figure to be voted on at this time is \$1,164,823.00.

Discussion; Questions arose about the different funds, including Battenkill Dredging, FEMA-Irene Fund, and how those funds are used, as well as the Park and Recreation. Darrin Jennings wonders why Ice Pond road went from a paved road to a gravel road. Jamie Paustian makes reference to a fire truck and feels that more money needs to be saved in the reserve fund for the future purchase.  
Motion Carried

**ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to provide the revenue necessary to fund the approved budget, inclusive of Appropriations to be determined and voted.**

Motion to set the tax rate by: Mary Ann Carlson  
Seconded: Jean McHale  
Motion Carried

**ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to apply any surplus funds from the current fiscal year to reduce taxes in the next fiscal year.**

Motion to accept by: Sue Wirkki  
Seconded: Maureen Harvey

Michael Murno thinks the cash on hand should be set aside into an emergency fund instead of using it to reduce the tax rate. Mr. Squires stated that if we budget too much, this is the way we give it back to the taxpayer. Olavi Wirkki agrees with Chairman Squires, and likes the way it is done by giving it back to the taxpayer instead of creating slush funds.  
Motion Carried

**ARTICLE 8: To transact any further business found necessary and proper when met. After any further business under Article 8, said meeting will recess until Tuesday, March 6, 2018.**

Mary Ann Carlson asked to be heard along with Cassidy Pickering and Heidi Pedimonti. They came forth to bring a non-binding resolution for consideration.

### **NON-BINDING RESOLUTION**

Concerned members of our community, inspired by our group Earth Matters of 350VT and with the Arlington Memorial High Student Environmental Club, request to present the following RESOLUTION to the Assembly for its consideration. The concepts as presented are non-binding pledges or resolves. We are asking you to keep them in mind in your homes, when you vote and to support them in your daily lives.

**Whereas**, extreme and erratic temperatures, increasingly severe storms, flooding and a rise of tick-borne diseases and threats to our farmers and maple sugar makers clearly demonstrate that Climate Change is one of the most urgent problems facing our state, nation and the world;

**Whereas**, the State of Vermont has a goal in the Comprehensive Energy Plan to achieve 90% of its energy from renewable sources by 2050, yet is making insufficient progress towards achieving that goal:

**Now Therefore**, let us as individuals and as citizens and representatives of the Town of Arlington, Resolve:

To urge the State of Vermont to give serious consideration to the long term impact on the climate and the environment before permitting the development of any new or expanded large scale fossil fuel projects, including energy pipelines. To urge the State of Vermont to strengthen its commitment to the challenge of achieving at least 90% renewable energy for all people in Vermont with firm interim deadlines. To urge the State of Vermont to take the necessary steps to ensure that the transition to renewable energy is fair and equitable for all residents with no harm to people with low income, people of color, or rural communities.

To take such steps as individuals and as a town to do our part to meet these challenges by committing to efforts such as: Protecting town lands from new or expanded large scale fossil fuel projects and opposing easements or other agreements for any pipelines crossing public or private lands. Enlisting state support for the weatherization of town buildings and schools and when feasible, the installation of alternate energy sources, such as roof-top solar on town or private structures. Aspire to do our best to weatherize our homes, economize our use of fossil fuels in auto and home, support electric car charging stations and do all that we can to improve the quality of life for all people by reducing the overall use of energy.

Ms. Jean Freeburn asked that a voice vote be taken which was seconded by Bill Budde. Unanimous approval was heard.

Randy Novotny made a motion to have the pledge of allegiance at all future town meetings, which was agreed upon by all.

Treasurer Linda Crosby addressed the assembly. She thanked Robin Wilcox and Brenda Pike for filling in for her during her leave of absence. She wanted to let everyone know that she will be retiring as town treasurer at the end of this year, and urges anyone interested to come into the treasurer's office for a visit.

Motion to recess until tomorrow morning at 10:00 am: Maureen Harvey  
Seconded: Sue Wirkki  
Motion carried.

Meeting was recessed at 9:30 pm

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Moderator

**Official Ballot Results**  
**Annual Arlington Town Meeting**  
**Tuesday, March 1, 2016**

For Moderator for 1 Year Vote for not more than ONE		For Auditor for 3 Years Vote for not more than ONE	
JOHN L. WHALEN II	<b>297</b>	BILL BUDDE	<b>288</b>
Write-In	<b>3</b>	Write-In	<b>0</b>
For Selectman for 2 Years Vote for not more than ONE		For Cemetery Commissioner 3 Years Vote for not more than ONE	
CYNTHIA BROWNING	<b>268</b>	JOHN WILCOX	<b>294</b>
Write-In	<b>13</b>	Write-in	<b>2</b>
For Selectman for 3 Years Vote for not more than ONE		For Grand Juror for 1 Year Vote for not more than ONE	
DANIEL M. HARVEY	<b>262</b>	DARLENE M. YOUNG	<b>290</b>
Write-In	<b>14</b>	Write-In	<b>0</b>
For Lister for 3 Years Vote for not more than ONE		For Town Agent for 1 Year Vote for not more than ONE	
JOSEPH GARGER	<b>278</b>	Write-in	<b>23</b>
Write-In	<b>0</b>		
For Delinquent Tax Collector for 1 Year Vote for not more than ONE		For Trustee of Public Funds for 3 Years Vote for not more than ONE	
LINDA P. CROSBY	<b>210</b>	SUSAN JENNINGS	<b>276</b>
KENDELL JENNINGS	<b>94</b>	Write-in	<b>3</b>
Write-in	<b>1</b>		
		For Trustee of Public Funds for 3 Years(term expires 3/2019) Vote for not more than ONE	
		Write-in	<b>20</b>

*Official Town Meeting Ballot Results Tuesday, March 1, 2016, continued*

Article 10.	To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$50,000.00 into the Capital Reserve Fund for the replacement and/or repairs or refurbishing of the Town of Arlington fire trucks.	YES 278 NO 43
Article 11.	To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$40,000.00 into the Capital Reserve Fund for the replacement and/or repairs of the Town of Arlington highway trucks.	YES 269 NO 50
Article 12.	To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$9,000.00 into the Capital Reserve Fund for the replacement and/or repairs of the Town of Arlington backhoe, excavator, and loader.	YES 268 NO 52
Article 13.	To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$6,000.00 into the Capital Reserve Fund for the eventual replacement and/or repair of the Town of Arlington grader.	YES 266 NO 51
Article 14.	To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$6,000.00 into the Capital Reserve Fund for the purchase and/or repair of sidewalk maintenance/equipment.	YES 247 NO 72
Article 15.	To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$17,000.00 into the Capital Reserve Fund for the resurfacing of Town roads.	YES 285 NO 32
Article 16.	To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$5,000.00 into the Capital Reserve Fund for Town bridges & culverts.	YES 276 NO 35
Article 17.	To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$2,500.00 into the Capital Reserve Fund for the maintenance of Town owned buildings.	YES 269 NO 47
Article 18.	To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$2,500.00 into the Capital Reserve Fund for the purchase and/or repair of computers.	YES 264 NO 52
Article 19.	To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$32,500.00 toward the support of the Arlington Rescue Squad.	YES 286 NO 29

Article 20.	To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$2,250.00 to the Arlington Area Childcare, Inc.	YES 240 NO 79
Article 21.	To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$3,000.00 toward the support of the Arlington Community House.	YES 255 NO 63
Article 22.	To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$4,000.00 toward the operation of the Arlington Community Health Nursing Service for the year ensuing.	YES 271 NO 47
Article 23.	Shall the Town of Arlington vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$19,000.00 for the support of the Martha Canfield Library, Inc. to provide services to residents of the Town.	YES 281 NO 38
Article 24.	To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$500.00 toward the support of the Bennington Coalition for the Homeless.	YES 256 NO 63
Article 25.	To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$360.00 toward the support of the Bennington County Conservation District.	YES 232 NO 86
Article 26.	To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$1,800.00 toward the support of the Bennington Project Independence Adult Daycare Service.	YES 259 NO 60
Article 27.	To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$1,200.00 toward the support of the BROCC-Community Action in Southwestern Vermont (formerly 'Bennington-Rutland Opportunity Council').	YES 225 NO 93
Article 28.	To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$540.00 toward the support of the Center for Restorative Justice.	YES 219 NO 98
Article 29.	To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$450.00 toward the support of Project Against Violent Encounters, Inc. (PAVE).	YES 248 NO 72
Article 30.	To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$1,500.00 toward the support of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (R.S.V.P.).	YES 253 NO 69

Article 31.	To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$500.00 toward the support of the Sunrise Family Resource Center.	YES 210 NO 110
Article 32.	To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$1,530.00 toward the operation of the Southwestern Vt. Council on Aging.	YES 257 NO 63
Article 33.	To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$450.00 toward the support of the Tutorial Center.	YES 239 NO 80
Article 34.	To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$500.00 toward the support of the Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired.	YES 270 NO 49
Article 35.	To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$295.00 toward the support of the Vermont Center for Independent Living.	YES 247 NO 74
Article 36.	To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$750.00 toward the support of Neighbor to Neighbor, a home based care giving program.	YES 248 NO 71
Article 37.	To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$779.00 toward the support of Bennington Area Habitat for Humanity.	YES 231 NO 89
Article 38.	To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$1,250.00 toward the support of Burdett Commons.	YES 232 NO 85
Article 39.	To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$2,000.00 towards the support of Greater Northshire Access Television (GNAT-TV) to help support & defray costs related to the videotaping and television broadcast of the Arlington Select Board, Arlington School Board and other public and municipal meetings.	YES 225 NO 96
Article 40.	To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote to exempt the property of the Arlington Fire Company #1 from property taxes for the next five years.	YES 292 NO 29
Article 41	To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote to exempt the property of The Arlington Lions Club, Inc. from property taxes for the next five years.	YES 254 NO 68

Article 42	To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote to exempt the property of the Arlington Community House from property taxes for the next five years.	YES 269 NO 53
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### **Carl Ruggles, Rockwell Kent, and Harriette Gowen Bingham Miller**

Composer and painter Carl Ruggles was born in East Marion, Massachusetts, March 11, 1876, and died in Bennington, Vermont, October 24, 1971. He is buried in Evergreen Cemetery in Arlington, Vermont. He married Charlotte Snell, a professional singer, on April 27, 1908.

Ruggles graduated from Harvard University and went on to become a widely respected composer of distinctive American music along with Charles Ives. Later in his life he became a highly regarded painter.

Before he settled in Arlington Ruggles became friends with artist Rockwell Kent. It was through Kent that Ruggles was introduced to sculptor and painter Harriette Gowen Bingham Miller. Miller was taken with Ruggles features and asked if he would sit while she completed a bust, and during that time they became fast friends. Miller became a financial supporter of Ruggles providing a stipend for nearly 50 years.



Carl Ruggles, ca. 1950. John Atherton.  
Smithsonian Institution.

Rockwell Kent lived in Arlington from 1919 to 1925. With the help of Arlington author Dorothy Canfield Fisher, the Kents purchased a house on Red Mountain that they named "Egypt." Kent invited Ruggles to visit him in Arlington in 1921, and in 1923 Fisher invited Ruggles to stay in the Brick House on Main Street. The following year, 1924, Ruggles purchased the vacant school house at the corner of School and Russell Streets. Ruggles lived in the converted school until 1966 when he moved to Bennington.

It was also 1924 when Miller moved to Arlington and purchased what became known as Whimsy Farm. Kent was Carl Ruggles' closest friend during Ruggles' early years in Arlington, but it was not long before a close bond developed between Kent, Ruggles, Miller, and Fisher.

Ruggles had already debuted several of his music compositions in the United States and Paris, but in 1935 he had the first exhibition of his paintings at Bennington College. In 1968 his music contributions were honored when The Carl Ruggles Festival was held in Bennington. For the first time all of his music was performed in one concert by four orchestras. The organizing committee included fellow Arlington residents Louis Calabro and George Hughes. Ruggles died three years later of pneumonia.



## **Town of Arlington Directory**

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ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER - TRACI MULLIGAN .....	(802) 375-6121
ARLINGTON FOOD SHELF - JACK GUNTHER .....	(802) 375-6328
Hours: 1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. on the 1st Tuesday of each month, and 3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	
ARLINGTON MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL .....	(802) 375-2589
ARLINGTON POST OFFICE .....	(802) 375-6904
BENNINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING .....	(802) 442-0713
BURDETT COMMONS .....	(802) 375-6700
CASELLA LANDFILL .....	(802) 362-4082
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CEMETERY COMMISSIONER – NATHALIE CALER .....	(802) 375-6135
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WATER DEPARTMENT – BURR SNOW .....	(802) 375-9531

<b>NEW - Town of Arlington website:      <a href="http://arlingtonvermont.org">arlingtonvermont.org</a></b>
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# KILLBORN

**WE OWN** the land," the plainsmen swear,  
 "We own the land we fence and till!"  
 The mountain men are silent, where  
 The land owns them, and always will.

**TWO RANGES** rim our valley  
 With scant a league between  
 The marble-ribbed Maconics,  
 The granite-crested Green.

Where here a torrent gushes,  
 And there a cataract gleams;  
 The marble and the granite  
 Are in those mountain streams.

We drink the living waters  
 That come through channeled stone.  
 Their marble and their granite  
 Are in our brawn and bone.

*Arthur Guiterman.*



*Vida Lindo Guiterman fecit*

Poem by Arthur Guiterman; Art and lettering by his wife Vida Lindo Guiterman. This was presented to Dr. George Russell on his birthday.