



Arlington, Vermont, village, 1856

Annual Report of the
Town Officers of
Arlington, Vermont

For the year ending
December 31, 2020

Chartered 259 years ago
July 28, 1761



In Appreciation of Keith Squires for 30+ years of dedication to the Town of Arlington. Working endless hours with integrity and level-headed common sense, always a gentleman and courteous, your leadership will not be forgotten.

Many Thanks and Gratitude from a grateful Town

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

2020 Arlington Town Meeting

Remote Online Town Meeting

Monday, March 1, 2021, 6:30 p.m.

Zoom login:

<https://zoom.us/j/91307360977?pwd=ejNnUkpzbGVvZk1GZjUwQnZJWUk4UT09>

Telephone login: +1 929-205-6099

Webinar ID: 913 0736 0977

Passcode: 426610

Hours of Balloting:

Tuesday, March 2, 2021, 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

At the American Legion Post #69

54 Legion Road, Arlington, Vermont

If you would like an absentee ballot mailed to you, please call the

Town Clerk at 375-2332.

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Warning

March 2, 2021

The inhabitants of the Town of Arlington, Vermont, qualified to vote in Town Meeting, are hereby warned and notified to meet remotely on March 1, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. using the below connection and information:

Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/91307360977?pwd=ejNnUkpzbGVvZk1GZjUwQnZJWUk4UT09>

Or Telephone: +1 929-205-6099

Webinar ID: 913 0736 0977

Passcode: 426610

The polls will be open at the American Legion Post #69, on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.

Article 1. Shall the voters authorize to have all taxes paid to the Town Treasurer, as provided by law, tax bills to be issued by September 3, 2021, and payment to be in the hands of the Treasurer or postmarked, on or before November 3, 2021?

Article 2. Shall the voters authorize total fund expenditures for operating expenses of \$ 1,405,419 of which \$ 1,136,913 shall be raised by taxes and \$ 268,506 by non-tax revenues?

Article 3. Shall the voters authorize the election of the following Town Officers?:

Moderator	1 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
Trustee of Public Funds	3 year term (expires 2022)
Trustee of Public Funds	3 year term (expires 2024)
Trustee of Public Funds	3 year term (expires 2023)

- Article 4. Shall the voters authorize the transfer of \$50,000 from the 2020 Highway Department surplus into the Capital Reserve Fund for bridges and structures, \$15,000 to the Capital Reserve Fund for the removal of hazardous trees in the town right of way, and \$25,000 to the Capital Reserve Fund for replacement and/or repairs of the Town of Arlington backhoe, excavator, and loader?
- Article 5. Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to apply any surplus funds other than those approved for allocation by voters in other articles on this ballot from the 2020 fiscal year to reduce taxes in the 2021 fiscal year?
- Article 6. Shall the voters of the Town of Arlington authorize the elimination of the office of Auditor, with future audits to be provided by a public accountant licensed in this State in accordance with 17 V.S.A. § 2651b(a)?
- Article 7. Shall the voters of the Town of Arlington authorize the Selectboard to appoint a town treasurer as provided in 17 V.S.A. § 2651f?
- Article 8. Shall the voters authorize the sum of \$75,000.00 into the Capital Reserve Fund for the replacement and/or repairs or refurbishing of the Town of Arlington fire trucks?
- Article 9. Shall the town establish a reserve fund to be called the Extraction Tools Fund to be used for the purchase of extraction tools in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2804?
- Article 10. Shall the voters authorize 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 11. Shall the voters authorize 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 12. Shall the voters authorize 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 13. Shall the voters authorize the sum of \$6,000.00 into the Capital Reserve Fund for the purchase and/or repair of sidewalk maintenance/equipment?
- Article 14. Shall the voters authorize the sum of \$5,000.00 into a Capital Reserve Fund for the maintenance/removal of diseased and hazardous trees?

- Article 15. Shall the voters authorize the sum of \$20,000.00 into the Capital Reserve Fund for the resurfacing of Town roads?
- Article 16. Shall the voters authorize the sum of \$30,000.00 into the Capital Reserve Fund for Town bridges & culverts?
- Article 17. Shall the voters authorize the sum of \$3,000.00 into the Capital Reserve Fund for the maintenance of Town owned buildings?
- Article 18. Shall the voters authorize the sum of \$3,000.00 into the Capital Reserve Fund for the purchase and/or repair of computers?
- Article 19. Shall the town establish a reserve fund to be called the Park Equipment Fund to be used for the purchase of capital equipment for the Arlington Recreation Park in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2804?
- Article 20. Shall the voters authorize the sum of \$5,000 into the Audit Fund to pay for audit work?
- Article 21. Shall the voters authorize the sum of \$45,000.00 toward the support of the Arlington Rescue Squad?
- Article 22. Shall the voters authorize the sum of \$2,250.00 to the Arlington Area Childcare, Inc?
- Article 23. Shall the voters authorize the sum of \$3,000.00 toward the support of the Arlington Community House?
- Article 24. Shall the voters authorize the sum of \$4,000.00 toward the operation of the Arlington Community Health Nursing Service for the year ensuing?
- Article 25. Shall the voters of Arlington authorize to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$21,500.00 for the support of the Martha Canfield Memorial Library, Inc. to provide services to the residents of the voters?
- Article 26. Shall the voters authorize the sum of \$500.00 toward the support of the Bennington Coalition for the Homeless?
- Article 27. Shall the voters authorize the sum of \$360.00 toward the support of the Bennington County Conservation District?
- Article 28. Shall the voters authorize the sum of \$1,800.00 toward the support of the Bennington Project Independence Adult Daycare Service?

- Article 29. Shall the voters authorize the sum of \$1,200.00 toward the support of the BROCC-Community Action in Southwestern Vermont (formerly 'Bennington-Rutland Opportunity Council')?
- Article 30. Shall the voters authorize the sum of \$540.00 toward the support of the Center for Restorative Justice?
- Article 31. Shall the voters authorize the sum of \$450.00 toward the support of Project Against Violent Encounters, Inc?
- Article 32. Shall the voters authorize the sum of \$1,500.00 toward the support of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (R.S.V.P.)?
- Article 33. Shall the voters authorize the sum of \$500.00 toward the support of the Sunrise Family Resource Center?
- Article 34. Shall the voters authorize the sum of \$1,530.00 toward the operation of the Southwestern VT Council on Aging?
- Article 35. Shall the voters authorize the sum of \$450.00 toward the support of the Tutorial Center?
- Article 36. Shall the voters authorize the sum of \$500.00 toward the support of the Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired?
- Article 37. Shall the voters authorize the sum of \$295.00 toward the support of the Vermont Center for Independent Living?
- Article 38. Shall the voters authorize the sum of \$750.00 toward the support of Neighbor to Neighbor, a home based care giving program?
- Article 39. Shall the voters authorize the sum of \$779.00 toward the support of Bennington Area Habitat for Humanity?
- Article 40. Shall the voters authorize the sum of \$2,000.00 towards the support of Greater Northshire Access Television (GNATTV) 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?

Approved by Selectboard. Dated this January 29, 2021

Town Officers - Elected

Term expires in year shown.

Moderator	1 year	3/2021	John L. Whalen II
Town Clerk	3 year	3/2022	Robin S. Wilcox
Town Treasurer	3 year	3/2022	Tiffany Mays
Selectman	2 year	3/2022	Cynthia Browning
	2 year	3/2021	Timothy Williams
	3 year	3/2022	Mathew Bykowski
	3 year	3/2021	Daniel Harvey*
	3 year	3/2023	Todd Wilkins
Listers	3 year	3/2022	Lee Cross
	3 year	3/2021	Joseph Garger
	3 year	3/2023	Earl LaBatt
Delinquent Tax Collector	1 year	3/2021	Linda P. Crosby
Auditors	3 year	3/2021	Bill Budde
	3 year	3/2022	Jenna Peeler
	3 year	3/2023	Patricia Williams
Cemetery Commissioner	3 year	3/2023	William J. Bryan
	3 year	3/2022	Nathalie Caler
	3 year	3/2021	John Wilcox
Town Agent	1 year	3/2021	Vacant
Trustees of Public Funds	3 year	3/2022	Heidi Sherman **
	3 year	3/2023	Paula Shulman **
	3 year	3/2021	Ali Zaiac **
Town Representative	2 year	11/2022	Seth Bongartz
	2 year	11/2022	Kathleen James
Justice of the Peace	2 year	2/2023	Judy Bryan
			MaryAnn Carlson
			Susan Jennings
			Keith Squires
			Gerald Woodard
			Susan Wirkki
			Darlene Young

* Denotes Chairperson

** Appointed until March 2021 election

Town Officers – Appointed

Term expires in year shown.

Health Officer	3 year	4/2021	Dan Harvey
Deputy Health Officer	3 year	4/2021	Nick Zaiac
Tree Warden	2 year	4/2022	Keith Squires
Inspector of Lumber	3 year	4/2023	Matt Bykowski
Fence Viewers	3 year	4/2023	Gerald Woodard
	3 year	4/2023	Timothy Williams
	3 year	4/2023	Dan Harvey
Land Use Administrator	1 year	4/2021	Nick Zaiac (interim)
Fire Chief	1 year	12/2021	Mike King
Asst. Fire Chief	1 year	12/2021	Vince Thompson
Asst. Fire Chief	1 year	12/2021	Jay Coonradt
Fire Warden	5 year	6/2023	Jamie Paustian
Town Planning Commission	3 year	4/2023	John Williams *
	3 year	4/2022	Elliott Nachwalter
	2 year	4/2022	Michael Murno
	3 year	4/2023	Jessica Roberts (Alternate)
	4 year	4/2022	Chris Heins
	2 year	4/2021	Charles Moore
	3 year	5/2021	Garrett Siegel
Zoning Board of Adjustment	2 year	4/2022	Marc Colety
	2 year	4/2021	Ron Weber
	2 year	4/2021	Vacant
	3 year	4/2023	Todd A. Gamble *
	3 year	4/2021	John Mendenhall
	4 year	4/2021	Cynthia Browning
Emergency Mgt. Director	2 year	4/2022	Josh Williams
BCRC Representative	3 year	4/2021	Nick Zaiac
	2 year	4/2022	Cynthia Browning
Town Energy Coordinator	1 year	4/2021	Matt Bykowski
Sign Administrator	3 year	4/2022	Nick Zaiac (interim)
Animal Control Officer	Indefinite		Traci Mulligan

* Denotes Chairperson

Town School District Officers

Term expires in year shown.

Moderator	1 year	3/2021	John L. Whalen II
School District Clerk	3 year	3/2022	Robin S. Wilcox
School District Treasurer	3 year	3/2022	Tiffany Mays
School Directors	2 year	3/2021	Jeff Tilley
	2 year	3/2022	Robert Zink
	3 year	3/2023	Mathew Bykowski
	3 year	3/2022	Nicol Whalen
	3 year	3/2021	Todd Wilkins *

* Denotes Chairperson



North District School ca. 1930. Top row: Mabel Cullinan, teacher, Gilbert Wilcox, Mildred Fields, Charles Wilkinson; front row: Philip Mears, Leonard Wilkinson, Harold Wyman, Roger Mears, Dorothy Ann Wyman, Eleanor Wilkinson.

**Schedule of Salaries, Wages, and Allowable Expenses
2020
Town of Arlington**

CLERK	\$19,100.00	+ FEES PER YEAR
TREASURER	\$15,600.00	PER YEAR
SELECTMEN: CHAIRMAN	\$1,800.00	PER YEAR
SELECTMEN: PER MEMBER	\$1,800.00	PER YEAR
MODERATOR	\$150.00	PER YEAR

BY DISCRETION OF SELECTMEN

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	\$18.04	PER HOUR
CLERK & TREASURER ASSIST.	\$12.02	PER HOUR
AUDITORS	\$13.24	PER HOUR
LAND USE ADMINISTRATOR	\$18.04	PER HOUR
LISTERS	\$14.30	PER HOUR
HEALTH OFFICER	\$300.00	PER YEAR
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	\$6,000.00	PER YEAR
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR	\$2,634.62	BIWEEKLY
HIGHWAY		
ROAD FOREMAN	\$24.00	PER HOUR
FIRST HELPER	\$21.60	PER HOUR
SECOND HELPER	\$19.00	PER HOUR
PARK AND RECREATION		
SUPERVISOR	\$19.79	PER HOUR
FIRST HELPER	\$17.39	PER HOUR
SECOND HELPER	\$14.70	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, 2020

Dear Residents,

With 2020 being such a difficult year I wanted to personally thank all of you for your patience and understanding through it. The changes and the struggles that this pandemic has brought to us were big adjustments and I believe our little town adjusted well.

Overall, it was a productive year in my office. My first year was spent learning how our Town operates and asking lots of questions but this year I started implementing the improvements that have been needed in the financial accounting of our tax dollars. I did a complete overhaul on the way our financials are input into our digital system. I digitized many of our forms and updated the payroll module to better report payroll expenses and withholdings. I also established liability lines so that going forward we have a clearer picture of our income and expenses. Being able to work hand in hand with the Town Auditors, as well as the external Auditors, has made it possible to make the necessary changes in a manner that is completely transparent and follows the guidelines of “Best Financial Practices.” My previous years in the tax and financial industry has given me the ability to not only understand the needs of our town but also fill those needs. None of the work that took place would have been possible without the help, patience and understanding of our irreplaceable Town Clerk, Robin. She is the heart and soul of the Town Hall and I want to thank her for her dedication. I certainly don't want to forget to thank Janet, the Select board administrator who tries awfully hard to keep us all happy.

The introduction of the deposit option directly at the local bank was a big success and I would like to thank the staff of the Arlington Branch of the Bank of Bennington for making this possible. With their continued efforts we will be able to keep this option available all year long. If you would like information on prepaying your taxes, feel free to email me or call my office.

Although the year brought fewer smiling faces into my office, it has still been my pleasure helping our residents. Whether it is help in understanding your Property tax bills and the unique laws that we have here in the great state of Vermont or just needing to be pointed in the right direction, I enjoy the work you have elected me to do. It is my hope to serve the residents of Arlington for as long as you will continue to elect me as your Treasurer.

Thus, I do not endorse Article 7, authorizing the Arlington Select board to appoint a Town Treasurer.

Best wishes for the coming year,

Tiffany Mays
Town of Arlington – Treasurer
tiffany.mays@arlingtonvermont.org
(802) 375-1260

RECEIPTS	
2020 Property Taxes Collected	\$4,913,942.36
2019 Property Tax Adjustment from ASD	81,742.47
Loans from Grader Fund/Fire Truck Fund	225,000.00
General Receipts Fund 11	39,962.28
State of VT/US Treasury – Not Grants	59,104.40
Act 137 COVID-19 Reimbursement	2,766.90
Delinquent Tax Collector:	
Delinquent Taxes	248,548.82
Interest	9,383.55
Penalties	12,615.84
Highway Receipts Fund 12	7,552.82
State of VT Class 2 & 3 Roads	75,991.62
State of VT Highway Supplement	19,705.81
State of VT Grants in Aid	9,187.93
General Fire Department Receipts Fund 13	6,152.00
Service to Sandgate and Sunderland	81,656.00
Donations for the Volunteers	2,150.00
Cemetery Receipts Fund 14	4,485.00
Recreation & Park Receipts Fund 15	37,813.71
TOTAL RECEIPTS	5,837,761.51
DISBURSEMENTS	
Paid 2020 Voted Appropriations to Capital Reserve Funds	178,000.00
Orders #1-27, Operating and Voted Appropriations	793,965.15
Orders #1-52 Payroll	416,242.28
Loan Reimbursement to Grader/Fire Truck Funds	225,461.01
Refund – Tax Over Payments	26,685.29
Taxes Paid to School District	3,915,093.55
Remaining Hwy Budget Transfed to CRF – Spec. Hwy. TDB	0.00
2018-2020 Audit Budget surplus to Audit Fund	32,900.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$5,588,347.28

CASH ACCOUNTS	
Cash on Hand 1/1/2020 TBOB #1065	123,676.03
Cash on Hand 12/31/2020 TBOB #1065	375,001.16
Petty Cash	123.00
Cash on Hand	\$375,124.16
Treasurer's Reconciliation With Delinquent Tax Collector	
Uncollected Taxes 1/1/2020	202,545.40
2020 Taxes to Collector	290,607.28
Total Uncollected	493,152.68
Less 2020 Receipts from Delinquent Tax Collector	-248,548.82
12/31/2020 Un-remitted Taxes	244,603.86
Net Tax Bill Adjustments	715.89
Less received from DTC – Jan 2020	-37,342.71
Adjusted Un-remitted Taxes	\$207,977.04
REAPPRAISAL FUND	
Balance in Checking 1/1/2020	\$66,585.33
CD #0290 Balance 1/1/2020	57,409.25
CD #1402 Balance 1/1/2020	65,126.79
1/1/2020 Account Total	\$189,121.37
Interest received	1,618.08
From State of Vermont	12,070.00
CD #1402 cashed out to RA checking 11/23/2020	65,730.91
Sub-Total	\$268,540.36
Paid Reappraisal Operating Orders	-522.26
Paid Reappraisal Contract to New Eng. Mun. Resource Center	-62,400.00
Paid reappraisal Payroll Orders	-2,421.86
CD #1402 cashed out to RA checking 11/23/2020	-65,730.91
Reappraisal Accounts Balance 12/31/2020	\$137,465.33
Evidenced by Now Account #2988 @ TBOB	79,358.06
CD #0290 @ TBOB	58,107.27
CD #1402 @ TBOB Closed 11/23/2020	0.00

AUDIT FUND		
Balance in Fund 1/1/2020		\$32,216.92
2018 Budget Surplus		2,900.00
2019 Budget Surplus		15,000.00
2020 Budget Surplus		15,000.00
Interest Received		185.13
Balance in Fund 12/31/2020		65,302.05
Evidenced by NOW Account #0546 @ TBOB		65,302.05
DISCRETIONARY FUND		
Balance in Fund 1/1/2020		\$6,142.16
Interest Received		35.30
Balance in Fund 12/31/2020		6,177.46
Evidenced by NOW Account #0554 @ TBOB		\$6,177.46
GRANTS		
General Grants Checking – Non-Interest-Bearing Account		
Balance in Fund 1/1/2020		\$3,161.22
Municipal Roads Grants In Aid		9,187.93
Act 137 COVID Relief Grants	Land Record Digitization	11,798.77
	Exp. Reimbursement	2,486.36
Miscellaneous Grant Income		1,632.74
	Sub-Total	28,267.02
Municipal Roads Grants In Aid Transferred to Hwy Fund		-9,187.93
Act 137 Grants – Reimb. To Town	Land Record Digitization	-2,000.00
	Exp. Reimbursement	-766.90
Operating Orders and Miscellaneous Expenses		-1,660.28
Balance in Fund 12/31/2020		\$14,651.91
Evidenced by Checking Account #3537 @ TBOB		\$14,651.91
BATTENKILL DREDGING FUND		
Balance in Fund 1/1/2020		\$5,589.48
Interest Received		2.84
Balance in Fund 12/31/2020		\$5,592.32
Evidenced by NOW Account #0917 @ Berkshire Bank		\$5,592.32

FEMA – IRENE FUND	
Balance in Fund 1/1/2020	\$32,216.54
Interest Received	185.13
Balance in Fund 12/31/2020	\$32,401.67
Evidenced by NOW Account #1213 @ TBOB	\$32,401.67
COMBINED CAPITAL RESERVE FUND MONIES	
12/31/2020 Fund Balance	\$1,173,811.93
CAPITAL RESERVE CHECKING ACCOUNT	
Balance in Fund 1/1/2020	\$434.70
Interest Received	17.31
Balance in Fund 12/31/2020	\$452.01
Evidenced by NOW #1405 @ TBOB	\$452.01
TOWN BACKHOE AND LOADER FUND	
Balance in Fund 1/1/2020	\$90,153.70
2020 Voted Appropriation	15,000.00
Interest Received	504.46
Balance in Fund 12/31/2020	\$105,658.16
Evidenced by NOW #1464 @ TBOB	\$105,658.16
TOWN BRIDGES FUND	
Balance in Fund 1/1/2020	\$69,120.22
2020 Voted Appropriation	5,000.00
Interest Received	392.66
Balance in Fund 12/31/2020	\$74,512.88
Evidenced by NOW #1502 @ TBOB	\$74,512.88
BUILDINGS MAINTENANCE FUND	
Balance in Fund 1/1/2020	\$33,637.50
2020 Voted Appropriation	3,000.00
Interest Received	190.58
Balance in Fund 12/31/2020	\$36,828.08
Evidenced by NOW #1510 @ TBOB	\$36,828.08

COMPUTER FUND	
Balance in Fund 1/1/2020	\$26,727.07
2020 Voted Appropriation	3,000.00
Interest Received	128.99
Sub-Total	\$29,856.06
Warrants CRF 1-4 & Part of 7	-10,112.90
Balance in Fund 12/31/2020	19,743.16
Evidenced by NOW #1529 @ TBOB	\$19,743.16
FIRE TRUCK FUND	
Balance in Fund 1/1/2020	\$332,373.90
2020 Voted Appropriation	75,000.00
General Fund BM Principal & Interest Repay	125,184.23
Interest Received	1,674.03
Sub-Total	\$534,232.16
Loan to General Fund	-125,000.00
Balance in Fund 12/31/2020	\$409,232.16
Evidenced by NOW # 1448 @ TBOB	\$409,232.16
GENERATOR FUND	
Balance in Fund 1/1/2020	\$5,484.91
Interest Received	31.53
Balance in Fund 12/31/2020	\$5,516.44
Evidenced by NOW #2147 @ TBOB	\$5,516.44
GRADER FUND	
Balance in Fund 1/1/2020	\$169,116.73
2020 Voted Appropriation	6,000.00
General Fund BM Principal & Interest Repay	100,276.78
Interest Received	700.05
Sub-Total	\$276,093.56
Loan to General Fund	-100,000.00
Balance in fund 12/31/2020	\$176,093.56
Evidenced by NOW #1472 @ TBOB	\$176,093.56

HAZARDOUS TREE FUND	
Balance in Fund 1/1/2020	\$5,000.00
2020 Voted Appropriation	5,000.00
Interest Received	21.95
Balance in Fund 12/31/2020	\$10,021.95
Evidenced by NOW #7388 @ TBOB	\$10,021.95
RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION FUND	
Balance in Fund 1/1/2020	\$1,500.00
Interest Received	8.62
Balance in Fund 12/31/2020	\$1,508.62
Evidenced by NOW #7421 @ TBOB	\$1,508.62
SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE/EQUIPMENT FUND	
Balance in Fund 1/1/2020	\$20,120.35
2020 Voted Appropriation	6,000.00
Interest Received	110.18
Balance in Fund 12/31/2020	\$26,230.53
Evidenced by NOW #1499 @ TBOB	\$26,230.53
SPECIAL HIGHWAY	
Balance in Fund 1/1/2020	\$318,401.07
2019 Grant Transfer done in 2020	8,000.00
2020 Voted Appropriation	20,000.00
2020 Highway Budget Surplus – TBD by Vote	0.00
Interest Received	1,705.43
Sub-Total	\$348,106.50
Paid Orders CRF 9-11	-208,500.85
Balance in Fund 12/31/2020	\$139,605.65
Evidenced by NOW #1480 @ TBOB	\$139,605.65

TRUCK FUND	
Balance in Fund 1/1/2020	\$105,083.98
2020 Voted Appropriation	40,000.00
Rebate from Truck Purchase	1,000.00
Interest Received	567.58
Balance in Fund 12/31/2020	\$146,651.56
Evidenced by NOW #1456 @ TBOB	\$146,651.56
YELLOW BARN FUND	
Balance in Fund 1/1/2020	\$22,317.01
Yellow Barn Donation/Fund Raising	1,225.00
Interest Received	126.95
Sub-Total	\$23,668.96
Warrants CRF 5 - 7	-1,911.79
Balance in Fund 12/31/2020	\$21,757.17
Evidenced by NOW #1413 @ TBOB	\$21,757.17



Logging, Arlington, Vermont, ca. 1910

2020 Tax Rate Set – August 24, 2020

Town of Arlington Taxes:

2020 Voted Municipal Budget	\$1,643,490.00
Less 12/31/2019 Cash on Hand	-123,767.00
Less Anticipated Income	<u>-206,000.00</u>
Net Town Taxes to be Raised	\$1,313,723.00
Municipal Grand List	\$314,496,100.00
Municipal Tax Rate of \$00.4200 raises	\$1,320,883.62

Local Agreement Rate:

Locally Voted Exemptions of \$705,400.00 x Non-homestead Rate set by VT Tax Department of \$1.4839, amount to be raised	<u>\$10,468.00</u>
Voted Veterans Exemptions of \$270,000.00 x Homestead Education Rate set by VT Tax Department of \$1.5001 amount to be raised	<u>\$4,050.00</u>
Total to be Raised for Local Agreements	\$14,518.00
Municipal Grand List	\$314,496,100.00
Local Agreement Tax Rate of \$0.0050 raises	\$15,724.00

Total Municipal Tax Rate Set \$00.4250

Arlington Education Tax Rate as set by VT Tax Department:

Homestead Education Tax Rate	\$1.5001
Non-homestead Education Tax Rate	\$1.4839

Tax Rates established and duly approved by the Selectmen per authority voted at 2020 Annual Town Meeting.

Total Homestead Tax Rate	\$1.9251
Total Non-Homestead Rate	\$1.9089

Property Tax Collection – 2020

Current Taxes: By annual Vote – Property tax bills available by September 4th.

Payment due date is November 4th.

Partial payments accepted January 1st to November 4th.

Delinquent Taxes: Delinquency is immediately after November 4th 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 31st of the property tax year; 4% additional penalty is added after December 31st.

Total penalty is not to exceed 8%.

Tax Sale: When necessary.

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December 7, 2020

To: The Town of Arlington Select Board

Re: 2020 Borrowed Money Repayment and Voted CRF transfers

This year we borrowed twice from our Reserve funds. These transactions took place on March 25, 2020 in the amount of \$100,000 and June 30, 2020 in the amount of \$125,000 totaling \$225,000. These amounts are going to be reimbursed with Interest on December 9, 2020 with the following figures.

From the Town of Arlington Operating Account to CRF Grader Account \$100,000 plus accrued interest in the amount of \$276.78 totaling \$100,276.78.

From the Town of Arlington Operating Account to CRF Fire Truck Account \$125,000 plus accrued interest in the amount of \$184.23 totaling \$125,184.23.

Also to take place on December 9, 2020 will be the transfers for Voted Articles 11-20 on the March Town Warrant attached, totaling \$178,000, breakdown as follows.

Fire Truck	\$ 75,000
Highway Trucks	\$ 40,000
Backhoe/Loader	\$ 15,000
Grader	\$ 6,000
Sidewalk Maint. & Equip.	\$ 6,000
Diseased Tree Removal	\$ 5,000
Highway - Road Resurfacing	\$ 20,000
Bridges	\$ 5,000
Town Building Maint.	\$ 3,000
Computers	\$ 3,000
	<u>\$178,000</u>

Town of Arlington Selectboard:

Daniel M. Haway
Judith B. Boney
T. Williams
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Mark P. C.

SELECTBOARD

Summary of 2020 Spending and Proposed 2021 Budget

	2020 Proposed Budget	2020 Actual Expenses	2020 Amount to Be Raised by Taxes	2021 Proposed Budget	2021 Proposed Amount to Be Raised by Taxes
General Fund	612,783.00	536,623.51	470,783.00	616,425.00	524,425.00
Fire Protection	220,693.00	217,484.49	139,037.00	230,214.00	148,558.00
Park	85,479.00	79,846.90	57,879.00	91,122.00	75,522.00
Highway	699,910.00	509,288.63	623,910.00	737,937.00	661,937.00
Cemetery	24,625.00	20,386.63	22,125.00	23,625.00	20,375.00
TOTALS	1,643,490.00	1,363,630.16	1,313,734.00	1,699,323.00	1,430,817.00



Arlington, Vermont, Town Hall, 1976.

Town of Arlington Budget and Proposed Expenditures for 2020 and 2021

Account	Budget FY - 2020	Actual FY - 2020	Budget FY - 2021
ADMINISTRATION			
11-6 PROPERTY TAX REVENUE			
11-6-01 DELINQUENT TAXES & INTEREST			
11-6-01-001.00 Property Taxes	470,783.00	1,118,602.94	524,425.00
11-6-01-001.01 Prior Year State Adjustment	0.00	0.00	0.00
11-6-01-002.00 Taxes, Delinquent	0.00	111,624.28	0.00
11-6-01-003.00 Taxes, Delinquent, interest	10,000.00	5,065.92	8,000.00
11-6-01-004.00 Delinquent Taxes Penalty	10,000.00	8,283.27	8,000.00
11-6-01-005.00 Tax Sale Redemption	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL PROPERTY TAX REVENUES	490,783.00	1,243,576.41	540,425.00
11-6-02-001.00 State of Vermont	30,000.00	3,247.00	30,000.00
11-6-02-001.01 Income from Fines	2,000.00	1,418.38	1,500.00
11-6-02-001.02 State of VT - GT PTA DISB	0.00	12,205.02	0.00
11-6-02-001.03 State of VT - GT LUC DISB	0.00	2,015.00	0.00
11-6-02-001.04 State of VT Hold Harmless	0.00	28,637.00	0.00
11-6-02-002.00 School Tax Prior Year	0.00	81,742.47	0.00
11-6-02-003.00 US Treasury	10,000.00	11,852.00	10,000.00
11-6-02-005.71 AWD Payroll Expense Reimb.	50,000.00	0.00	7,600.00
11-6-03-001.01 Town Clerk/Fees	20,000.00	28,384.50	20,000.00
11-6-03-001.02 Town Clerk/Dog Licenses	2,200.00	2,332.00	2,000.00
11-6-03-001.03 Town Clk Liq/Toba Licenses	800.00	740.00	800.00
11-6-03-002.00 Animal Control	0.00	0.00	0.00
11-6-03-003.00 Rentals	0.00	0.00	0.00
11-6-03-004.00 Zoning Fees	2,000.00	2,444.80	2,100.00
11-6-03-005.00 Zoning Fines	0.00	1,421.17	0.00
11-6-05-001.00 Interest	5,000.00	2,165.56	2,000.00
11-6-06-001.00 Grant Income	0.00	0.00	0.00
11-6-09-099.00 Miscellaneous	0.00	289.02	0.00
11-6-09-099.01 Misc. Property Payment	0.00	2,229.77	0.00
11-6-09-099.02 Misc. Health Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00
11-6-09-099.03 Misc. Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00
11-6-09-099.71 AP Reimbursements from WD	0.00	59.97	0.00
11-6-09-099.99 Refunds/Rebates/Misc.	0.00	19.99	0.00

Account	Budget FY - 2020	Actual FY - 2020	Budget FY - 2021
TOTAL REVENUE	122,000.00	181,203.65	76,000.00
TOTAL GENERAL REVENUE	612,783.00	1,424,780.06	616,425.00
11-7 ADMINISTRATION			
11-7-10 PAYROLL & BENEFITS			
11-7-10-110.01 Salaries/Chair. Select Bd	1,800.00	1,800.00	2,000.00
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	19,100.00	19,100.00	19,100.00
11-7-10-110.04 Salaries/Treasurer	15,600.00	15,600.00	25,000.00
11-7-10-110.05 Clerical	26,300.00	24,445.69	26,300.00
11-7-10-110.06 Listing Labor	28,000.00	13,487.12	25,000.00
11-7-10-110.07 Town Clerk Assistant	2,900.00	2,959.04	3,000.00
11-7-10-110.08 Treasurer Assistant	5,500.00	1,476.10	4,500.00
11-7-10-110.09 Town Elections/Poll Workers	650.00	998.63	650.00
11-7-10-110.10 Auditor Labor	3,500.00	2,801.38	20,000.00
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	7,500.00	7,118.94	7,500.00
11-7-10-110.14 Land Use Permits	1,000.00	795.00	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 Town Administrator	50,000.00	44,471.87	68,500.00
11-7-10-110.18 Tax Collectors Fees/Penalties	10,000.00	12,678.84	10,000.00
11-7-10-110.19 Salary, Moderator	200.00	350.00	200.00
11-7-10-110.20 Town Clerk Fees	20,000.00	28,260.00	22,000.00
11-7-10-110.21 Tn Clerk Dog Licenses	1,000.00	1,296.00	1,000.00
11-7-10-110.22 Tn Clerk Liq. Licenses	80.00	0.00	80.00
11-7-10-210.01 Town Clerk Health Insur	21,604.00	19,680.25	5,000.00
11-7-10-210.02 Treasurer Health Insur	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
11-7-10-210.03 Admin Asst Health Insur	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
11-7-10-220.00 Taxes/F.I.C.A.	14,500.00	15,850.71	14,500.00
11-7-10-230.00 VT Employee Pension	4,000.00	5,830.34	5,500.00
11-7-10-260.00 Workmen's Compensation	1,236.00	1,229.25	1,209.00
11-7-10-290.00 VT Unemployment	1,487.00	1516.25	1,304.00
TOTAL PAYROLL & BENEFITS	251,757.00	237,245.41	279,143.00

Account	Budget FY - 2020	Actual FY - 2020	Budget FY - 2021
11-7-20 OFFICE OPERATIONS			
11-7-20-330.01 Repair, Purchase, Train- Equip	7,500.00	3,897.67	7,000.00
11-7-20-340.00 Town Clerk, Microfilm/Restora	1,500.00	12,952.28	1,500.00
11-7-20-431.00 Xerox/Copier	1,000.00	293.75	800.00
11-7-20-530.00 Telephone	3,500.00	3,810.73	3,500.00
11-7-20-530.01 Comm and Data sharing sftwr	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
11-7-20-531.00 Office Operations, Postage	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
11-7-20-540.01 Planning Comm./Notices	2,000.00	519.88	2,000.00
11-7-20-540.02 ZBA/Legal Notices	1,500.00	977.06	1,500.00
11-7-20-550.01 Auditor/Town Report/Print	1,500.00	1,396.82	1,500.00
11-7-20-550.02 Zoning By Laws	150.00	156.00	150.00
11-7-20-580.01 Meetings and Mileage	700.00	168.90	400.00
11-7-20-610.01 Supplies	6,000.00	3,919.50	4,000.00
11-7-20-610.02 Town Clerk/office expense	2,000.00	3,814.70	3,000.00
11-7-20-610.03 Computer Expense	2,500.00	5,912.49	1,500.00
11-7-20-610.04 Listers/office expenses	2,000.00	2,367.71	2,000.00
11-7-20-610.05 Website	150.00	0.00	150.00
11-7-20-610.13 Office - Software Expense	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
TOTAL OFFICE OPERATION	32,000.00	40,187.49	38,000.00
11-7-30 TOWN HALL			
11-7-30-411.00 Water Service	450.00	448.36	470.00
11-7-30-421.00 Rubbish Removal	700.00	1,115.90	1,200.00
11-7-30-423.01 Janitorial	7,500.00	6,820.00	7,500.00
11-7-30-423.02 Snow Removal	400.00	0.00	0.00
11-7-30-450.00 Repairs and Services	20,000.00	6,806.45	18,000.00
11-7-30-520.00 Insurance	2,972.00	2,955.77	2,908.00
11-7-30-610.00 Equipment and Supplies	600.00	826.23	600.00
11-7-30-622.00 Electricity	4,000.00	3,351.59	4,000.00
11-7-30-624.00 Fuel	5,000.00	4,108.40	5,000.00
TOTAL TOWN HALL	41,622.00	26,432.70	39,678.00
11-7-70 GENERAL EXPENSES			
11-7-70-320.01 Professional Consulting	0.00	2,275.00	2,000.00
11-7-70-330.01 Animal Control	6,000.00	5,468.34	6,000.00
11-7-70-330.02 Arlington Green Up	600.00	355.51	600.00
11-7-70-330.03 Audit by outside firm	15,000.00	0.00	0.00
11-7-70-330.04 Public Safety	44,000.00	37,398.60	29,000.00
11-7-70-330.05 B.C.R.C.	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
11-7-70-330.06 Landfill/Solid Waste/Recy	20,000.00	29,778.52	20,000.00

Account	Budget FY - 2020	Actual FY - 2020	Budget FY - 2021
11-7-70-330.07 Landfill, Regional (ISWAP)	1,000.00	953.33	1,400.00
11-7-70-330.08 Household Haz Waste	0.00	0.00	0.00
11-7-70-330.09 Emerg Care, Animal Control	400.00	40.00	400.00
11-7-70-330.10 BCSWA	11,500.00	0.00	11,500.00
11-7-70-330.11 Town Plan	500.00	1,123.00	1,000.00
11-7-70-331.01 Water Co Appraisal	0.00	0.00	0.00
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	0.00	1,000.00
11-7-70-340.01 NEMRC Services	6,350.00	840.00	7,100.00
11-7-70-411.00 Hydrants	0.00	0.00	0.00
11-7-70-424.00 VT Comm. work service, lawn	0.00	0.00	0.00
11-7-70-490.00 Taxes/County	23,500.00	23,227.73	24,000.00
11-7-70-520.00 Insurance	11,300.00	11,924.03	11,300.00
11-7-70-530.01 General Other Communication	0.00	0.00	0.00
11-7-70-540.00 Legal Notices	1,200.00	2,659.69	1,200.00
11-7-70-550.00 Town Elections/Ballots	5,000.00	3,063.71	2,800.00
11-7-70-560.01 Membshp, Dues, VLCT, Other	4,000.00	4,011.00	4,000.00
11-7-70-560.02 VT Assoc Conserv Districts	100.00	0.00	100.00
11-7-70-610.00 Emergency Management	5,000.00	1,734.83	4,000.00
11-7-70-610.01 General COVID-19 Expenses	0.00	662.73	500.00
11-7-70-622.00 Street Lights	20,000.00	18,703.27	20,000.00
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	0.00	0.00
11-7-70-840.01 Prior Year School Tax	0.00	0.00	0.00
11-7-70-990.00 Miscellaneous	0.00	74.00	0.00
11-7-70-990.01 Town Flags	500.00	329.09	500.00
TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES	190,450.00	156,622.38	161,900.00
11-7-80 DEBT SERVICE			
11-7-80-830.00 Borrowed money	800.00	461.01	800.00
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	800.00	461.01	800.00
11-7-90 RESERVE FUNDING			
11-7-90-810.03 Sink Fund Maint Tn Own Bld	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
11-7-90-810.04 Sinking Fund/Computer	3,000.00	3,000.00	5,000.00
11-7-90-810.06 Sink Fund, Audit Outside Firm	0.00	3,000.00	0.00
11-7-90-810.35 Sinking Fund Rest./Pres.	0.00	3,000.00	0.00
TOTAL RESERVE FUNDING	6,000.00	12,000.00	8,000.00
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	522,629.00	448,669.51	527,521.00

Account	Budget FY - 2020	Actual FY - 2020	Budget FY - 2021
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 Community Nursing	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
11-8-95-950.04 Benn Coalition For Homeless	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	0.00
11-8-95-950.07 Sunrise Fam. Resource Ctr	500.00	500.00	500.00
11-8-95-950.08 BROCC	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	21,500.00	19,300.00	21,500.00
11-8-95-950.11 Neighbor to Neighbor	750.00	750.00	750.00
11-8-95-950.12 Project Against Violent Encount.	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	45,000.00	45,000.00	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	90,154.00	87,954.00	88,904.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	612,783.00	536,623.51	616,425.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	0.00	76,159.49	0.00

12-6 HIGHWAY

12-6 HIGHWAY REVENUE			
12-6-01-001.00 Property Taxes	623,910.00	623,910.00	661,937.00
12-6-02-001.00 Irene-FEMA	0.00	0.00	0.00
12-6-02-001.01 Irene-State	0.00	0.00	0.00
12-6-02-001.02 State of Vermont	30,000.00	33,665.22	30,000.00
12-6-02-001.03 State of Vermont	40,000.00	42,326.40	40,000.00
12-6-02-001.04 State of VT HWY Supplement	0.00	19,705.81	0.00
12-6-04-001.00 ASD Fuel Reimbursement	0.00	0.00	0.00
12-6-06-001.00 Water Department	6,000.00	6,440.80	6,000.00

Account	Budget FY - 2020	Actual FY - 2020	Budget FY - 2021
12-6-09-099.00 Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00
12-6-09-099.99 Refunds/Rebates/Misc.	0.00	1,112.02	0.00
12-6-09-442.01 Hwy Equip. Hours Reimb	0.00	0.00	0.00
12-6-09-650.00 Hwy Materials Reimb	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL HIGHWAY REVENUE	699,910.00	727,160.25	737,937.00
12-7 HIGHWAY SUMMARY			
12-7-10 PAYROLL & BENEFITS			
12-7-10-110.00 Labor	151,000.00	133,983.27	151,000.00
12-7-10-130.00 Overtime	30,000.00	18,269.99	28,000.00
12-7-10-210.00 Health Insurance	43,207.00	36,436.25	43,207.00
12-7-10-210.01 DOT Physicals	600.00	0.00	600.00
12-7-10-220.00 Social Security	13,100.00	10,903.07	13,100.00
12-7-10-230.00 VT Municipal Pension	10,000.00	7,781.16	10,000.00
12-7-10-260.00 Workmen's Compensation	13,095.00	13,023.50	12,809.00
12-7-10-290.01 VT Unemployment	3,318.00	3,691.25	4,811.00
12-7-10-290.03 Uniforms/T Shirts	3,000.00	3,004.31	3,000.00
12-7-10-530.00 Pager service	0.00	0.00	0.00
12-7-10-580.00 Training/Workshops	500.00	385.00	500.00
TOTAL PAYROLL AND BENEFITS	267,820.00	227,477.80	267,027.00
12-7-30 TOWN GARAGE			
12-7-30-411.00 Water Service	450.00	448.36	470.00
12-7-30-421.01 Rubbish	700.00	1,115.87	1,200.00
12-7-30-421.02 Oil Removal	500.00	0.00	500.00
12-7-30-430.00 Maintenance	4,000.00	1,315.25	4,000.00
12-7-30-490.00 Petroleum Tank Assessment	50.00	50.00	50.00
12-7-30-520.00 Insurance	3,501.00	3,481.88	3,425.00
12-7-30-610.01 Supplies	2,000.00	1,660.28	2,000.00
12-7-30-610.02 Equipment	1,000.00	12.99	1,000.00
12-7-30-622.00 Electricity	1,500.00	1,121.95	1,500.00
12-7-30-623.00 Oxygen & Propane	300.00	1,175.90	700.00
12-7-30-624.00 Fuel Oil	3,000.00	4,596.51	3,000.00
12-7-30-990.00 Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL TOWN GARAGE	17,001.00	14,978.99	17,845.00

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12-7-42 CLASS 2 ROADS			
12-7-42-330.00 Striping/sealing	12,000.00	5,439.00	12,000.00
12-7-42-450.01 Blacktopping	2,000.00	85.80	2,500.00
12-7-42-450.02 Guard rails	500.00	0.00	500.00
12-7-42-450.03 Tree and Brush	5,000.00	2,300.00	7,000.00
12-7-42-450.04 E. Arlington wall	200.00	0.00	200.00
12-7-42-460.00 Culverts and bridges	3,000.00	2,345.00	3,000.00
12-7-42-460.01 Permits and Fees	2,000.00	1,350.00	2,000.00
12-7-42-610.01 Signs	600.00	193.75	700.00
12-7-42-610.02 Grass seed, etc.	400.00	92.47	400.00
12-7-42-650.01 Gravel/stone	10,000.00	4,629.69	12,000.00
12-7-42-650.02 Salt	30,000.00	11,141.55	30,000.00
12-7-42-650.03 Sand	12,000.00	13,951.04	12,000.00
12-7-42-650.04 Chloride	3,000.00	0.00	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	386.12	500.00
12-7-42-650.07 Sidewalk maintenance	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
TOTAL CLASS 2 ROADS	86,700.00	41,914.42	91,300.00
12-7-43 CLASS 3 ROADS			
12-7-43-330.01 Sidewalks	100.00	0.00	100.00
12-7-43-330.02 Planning	0.00	0.00	0.00
12-7-43-422.00 S. Arlington Plowing	15,000.00	8,505.00	15,000.00
12-7-43-450.01 Tree Removal	5,000.00	1,260.00	7,000.00
12-7-43-450.02 Guard rails	500.00	0.00	500.00
12-7-43-460.01 Bridges and Culverts	4,000.00	3,082.02	4,000.00
12-7-43-460.02 Rebuilding	35,000.00	408.19	35,000.00
12-7-43-490.00 Permits and Fees	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
12-7-43-520.00 Bridges/Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00
12-7-43-610.01 Signs	600.00	1,907.98	600.00
12-7-43-610.02 Grass seed, etc.	1,000.00	437.46	1,000.00
12-7-43-650.01 Gravel/stone	30,000.00	21,181.51	30,000.00
12-7-43-650.02 Salt	12,000.00	9,772.85	12,000.00
12-7-43-650.03 Sand	35,000.00	27,942.09	35,000.00
12-7-43-650.04 Chloride	4,000.00	4,003.78	4,000.00
12-7-43-650.05 Hot/cold mix	500.00	0.00	500.00
TOTAL CLASS 3 ROADS	144,200.00	78,500.88	146,200.00
12-7-60 TRUCKS & EQUIPMENT			
12-7-60-432.01 Maintenance	18,000.00	11,671.21	18,000.00

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12-7-60-432.02 Inspections	400.00	200.00	400.00
12-7-60-442.00 Rental equipment	3,500.00	3,853.75	3,500.00
12-7-60-520.00 Insurance	5,690.00	5,657.94	5,565.00
12-7-60-610.00 Supplies	25,000.00	13,859.53	25,000.00
12-7-60-610.01 Safety Equipment	600.00	59.12	600.00
12-7-60-627.00 Oil/Gas/Lubricants	4,500.00	548.03	4,000.00
12-7-60-627.01 Diesel	28,000.00	15,874.00	28,000.00
12-7-60-740.00 Equipment purchase/lease	1,500.00	660.76	7,000.00
12-7-70-442.01 WD Equip. Hours Reimburse	0.00	0.00	300.00
12-7-70-530.01 General Other Communication	0.00	32.20	1,200.00
TOTAL TRUCKS & EQUIPMENT	87,190.00	52,416.54	93,565.00
12-7-90 RESERVE FUNDING			
12-7-90-810.01 Resurfacing	20,000.00	17,000.00	20,000.00
12-7-90-810.02 Backhoe and Loader	15,000.00	15,000.00	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
12-7-90-810.06 Old Mill Road Wall	0.00	0.00	0.00
12-7-90-810.07 Bridges and Culverts	5,000.00	5,000.00	30,000.00
12-7-90-810.08 Hazardous Tree Fund	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
TOTAL HIGHWAY RESERVE FUNDING	97,000.00	94,000.00	122,000.00
TOTAL HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES	699,910.00	509,288.63	737,937.00
TOTAL HIGHWAY FUND		190,622.37	0.00
13-6 FIRE DEPARTMENT			
13-6 FIRE DEPT REVENUE			
13-6-01-001.00 Property Taxes	139,037.00	139,037.00	148,558.00
13-6-04-001.00 Service to Sandgate	24,276.00	24,276.00	24,276.00
13-6-04-002.00 Town of Sunderland	57,380.00	57,380.00	57,380.00
13-6-06-001.00 Grant Income	0.00	0.00	0.00
13-6-09-099.00 Miscellaneous	0.00	357.00	0.00
13-6-09-099.01 Misc. Don. for Volunteers	0.00	2,150.00	0.00
13-6-09-099.99 Refunds/Rebates/Misc.	0.00	5,795.00	0.00
TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT REVENUE	220,693.00	228,995.00	230,214.00

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13-7 FIRE DEPARTMENT			
13-7-10-110.00 Salaries	13,050.00	12,745.00	13,050.00
13-7-10-220.00 F.I.C.A.	800.00	641.33	800.00
13-7-10-260.00 Workmen's Compensation	3,313.00	3,294.91	3,241.00
13-7-10-290.01 Medical	5,000.00	5,700.00	5,500.00
13-7-10-290.02 Insurance	12,630.00	7,735.76	12,630.00
13-7-20-530.00 Telephone	5,000.00	4,711.63	5,000.00
13-7-20-580.00 Training School	5,000.00	595.00	5,000.00
13-7-20-610.00 Off Supply/Comp Reporting	2,500.00	97.00	2,500.00
13-7-30-624.00 Fuel for Fire Houses	6,000.00	10,732.42	7,000.00
13-7-60-432.00 Maintenance	40,000.00	52,025.97	45,000.00
13-7-60-627.00 Oil/Gas/Lubricants	750.00	371.00	750.00
13-7-60-627.01 Diesel	2,500.00	1,023.87	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
13-7-70-610.00 Medical equip/supplies	10,000.00	1,164.70	10,000.00
13-7-70-740.00 New Equipment	35,000.00	38,752.90	38,000.00
13-7-70-990.00 Emergency Contingency	800.00	893.00	893.00
13-7-90 RESERVE FUNDING			
13-7-90-810.00 Sinking Fund/New Fire Truck	75,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00
TOTAL FIRE DEPT RESERVE FUNDING	75,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00
TOTAL FIRE DEPT EXPENDITURES	220,693.00	217,484.49	230,214.00
TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT	0.00	11,510.51	0.00
14-6 CEMETERY			
14-6 CEMETERY REVENUE			
14-6-01-001.00 Perpetual Care	1,000.00	1,710.00	1,500.00
14-6-01-001.01 Property Taxes	22,125.00	22,125.00	20,375.00
14-6-03-001.00 Sale of Lots	1,000.00	1,500.00	1,000.00
14-6-04-001.00 Burial Fee/Recording/Cornerst	500.00	1,275.00	750.00
14-6-04-002.00 Cremation Fee	0.00	0.00	0.00
14-6-05-001.00 Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00
14-6-09-099.00 Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00
14-6-09-099.99 Refunds/Rebates/Misc.	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL CEMETERY REVENUE	24,625.00	26,610.00	23,625.00

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14-7 CEMETERY EXPENDITURES			
14-7-10-110.00 Cemetery Salaries	1,000.00	850.00	1,000.00
14-7-10-220.00 FICA	75.00	65.03	75.00
14-7-20-990.00 Office Miscellaneous	50.00	0.00	50.00
14-7-30-300.00 Operating Contract	15,000.00	14,967.60	15,000.00
14-7-30-300.01 Operating Maintenance	5,000.00	1,029.00	6,000.00
14-7-70-990.00 Perpetual Care	1,000.00	975.00	1,500.00
14-7-70-990.01 Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00
14-7-70-990.02 Veterans Memorial Flags	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
TOTAL CEMETERY EXPENDITURES	24,625.00	20,386.63	23,625.00
TOTAL CEMETERY	0.00	6,223.37	0.00
15-6 PARK			
15-6 PARK REVENUE			
15-6-01-001.00 Property Taxes	57,879.00	57,879.00	75,522.00
15-6-02-001.00 Irene-FEMA	0.00	0.00	0.00
15-6-02-002.00 Irene-State	0.00	0.00	0.00
15-6-04-001.00 Reimbursed Income	5,000.00	100.00	0.00
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
15-6-04-005.00 Arlington Lions Club	0.00	0.00	0.00
15-6-04-006.00 Golf Association/Membership	0.00	0.00	0.00
15-6-06-001.00 Grants	0.00	0.00	0.00
15-6-09-001.00 Golf Donations	3,000.00	5,219.00	3,000.00
15-6-09-002.00 Park Donations	7,000.00	8,020.00	100.00
15-6-09-003.00 Concession	100.00	0.00	0.00
15-6-09-099.00 Miscellaneous Income	0.00	0.00	0.00
15-6-09-099.99 Refunds/Rebates/Misc.	0.00	11,974.71	0.00
TOTAL PARK REVENUE	85,479.00	95,692.71	91,122.00
15-7 PARK & RECREATION			
15-7-10 PAYROLL & BENEFITS			
15-7-10-110.00 Labor	38,000.00	25,324.71	38,000.00
15-7-10-130.00 Overtime	0.00	0.00	0.00
15-7-10-220.00 Taxes/F.I.C.A.	2,800.00	1,937.37	2,800.00
15-7-10-260.00 Workmen's Compensation	2,027.00	2,015.93	1,983.00
15-7-10-290.00 VT Unemployment	2,220.00	2,490.25	3,302.00

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TOTAL PAYROLL & BENEFITS	45,047.00	31,768.26	46,085.00
15-7-20 ADMINISTRATION			
15-7-20-520.00 Insurance	303.00	301.35	297.00
15-7-20-530.00 Telephone	0.00	0.00	0.00
15-7-20-610.01 Office Supplies	200.00	0.00	200.00
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	503.00	301.35	497.00
15-7-30 PARK BUILDINGS			
15-7-30-411.00 Water	800.00	572.00	820.00
15-7-30-421.00 Rubbish	700.00	973.20	1,100.00
15-7-30-450.00 Maintenance	4,000.00	4,362.26	4,000.00
15-7-30-520.00 Insurance	429.00	426.66	420.00
15-7-30-610.00 Supplies	2,000.00	1,049.94	2,000.00
15-7-30-622.00 Electricity	2,000.00	2,011.49	2,000.00
TOTAL PARK BUILDINGS	9,929.00	9,395.55	10,340.00
15-7-41 GOLF COURSE			
15-7-41-411.00 Water	500.00	467.64	500.00
15-7-41-610.00 Grass Seed/Fertilizer	1,200.00	200.00	500.00
15-7-41-610.01 Course Supplies	2,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
TOTAL GOLF COURSE	3,700.00	667.64	2,000.00
15-7-42 FIELDS & GROUNDS			
15-7-42-460.03 Ice Rink	0.00	0.00	0.00
15-7-42-622.00 Electric Soccer	0.00	0.00	0.00
15-7-42-622.01 Electric Softball	0.00	0.00	0.00
15-7-42-622.02 Electric Tennis	0.00	0.00	0.00
15-7-42-650.00 Grass Seed/Fertilizer	1,500.00	2,020.00	2,000.00
15-7-42-650.01 Maintenance	12,000.00	17,063.78	12,000.00
TOTAL FIELDS AND GROUNDS	13,500.00	19,083.78	14,000.00
15-7-60 EQUIPMENT			
15-7-60-432.01 Maintenance	6,000.00	3,087.02	6,000.00
15-7-60-627.00 Gas/Oil/Lubricants	1,500.00	232.70	1,200.00
15-7-60-627.01 Diesel	200.00	629.78	500.00
15-7-60-740.00 Equipment Purchase	5,000.00	14,228.32	10,000.00
15-7-60-740.01 Equipment Lease	100.00	452.50	500.00

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TOTAL EQUIPMENT	12,800.00	18,630.32	18,200.00
TOTAL PARK & REC EXPENDITURES	85,479.00	79,846.90	91,122.00

21-6 REAPPRAISAL

21-6 REAPPRAISAL REVENUE

21-6-02-001.00 State of Vermont	0.00	12,070.00	0.00
21-6-02-002.00 State VT Training	0.00	0.00	0.00
21-6-05-001.00 Interest Income	0.00	1,618.08	0.00
21-6-08-001.00 Transfers In	0.00	0.00	0.00
21-6-09-099.99 Refunds/Rebates/Misc.	0.00	0.00	0.00
21-6-09-990.00 Misc.	0.00	0.00	0.00

TOTAL REAPPRAISAL REVENUE	0.00	13,688.08	0.00
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21-7-10-110.06 Lister Wages	0.00	2,249.78	0.00
21-7-10-220.00 Taxes/F.I.C.A.	0.00	172.08	0.00
21-7-20-531.00 Postage	0.00	102.00	0.00
21-7-20-550.00 Printing	0.00	0.00	0.00
21-7-20-580.00 Training/Travel	0.00	0.00	0.00
21-7-20-610.00 Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00
21-7-70-330.00 Reappraisal Contract	0.00	62,820.26	0.00
21-7-90-990.00 Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00

TOTAL REAPPRAISAL EXPENDITURES	0.00	65,344.12	0.00
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TOTAL REAPPRAISAL	0.00	-51,656.04	0.00
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22-6 DISCRETIONARY

22-6 DISCRETIONARY REVENUE

22-6-05-001.00 Interest Income	0.00	35.30	0.00
22-6-09-099.00 Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00
22-6-09-099.99 Refunds/Rebates/Misc.	0.00	0.00	0.00

TOTAL DISCRETIONARY REVENUES	0.00	35.30	0.00
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23-6 GRANTS			
23-6 GRANTS REVENUE			
23-6-02-001.01 Wastewater	0.00	0.00	0.00
23-6-02-001.02 Ancient Roads	0.00	0.00	0.00
23-6-02-001.03 Enhancement/Church St	0.00	0.00	0.00
23-6-02-001.05 AQ09-50 ROCKSNOT	0.00	0.00	0.00
23-6-02-001.06 HSU Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00
23-6-02-001.07 PL Grant Water Co Study	0.00	0.00	0.00
23-6-02-001.08 PublicSafetyEMPG09	0.00	0.00	0.00
23-6-02-001.09 PubSafetyEMPG10	0.00	0.00	0.00
23-6-02-001.10 FEMA	0.00	0.00	0.00
23-6-02-001.11 HUD/EDI 11-7 YB	0.00	0.00	0.00
23-6-02-001.12 Yellow Barn grant	0.00	0.00	0.00
23-6-02-001.15 VT Structures BC1496	0.00	0.00	0.00
23-6-02-001.16 MPG-Town Plan	0.00	0.00	0.00
23-6-02-001.17 VT Structures BC1414	0.00	0.00	0.00
23-6-02-001.18 EOC Improvement Project	0.00	0.00	0.00
23-6-02-001.22 Clas2Gt PO155305	0.00	0.00	0.00
23-6-02-001.24 Clas2Gt PO1736	0.00	0.00	0.00
23-6-02-001.26 Mun Rds Grts-in-Aid	0.00	9,187.93	0.00
23-6-05-001.04 Battenkill Dredging	0.00	1.41	0.00
23-6-05-001.10 FEMA	0.00	185.13	0.00
23-6-05-001.11 RadiosEMPG'12	0.00	0.00	0.00
23-6-05-001.12 VT Structures BC1216	0.00	0.00	0.00
23-6-05-001.14 VT Structures BC1321	0.00	0.00	0.00
23-6-05-001.20 Fed Highway ER0090	0.00	0.00	0.00
23-6-05-001.21 7A Sidewalk CA0374	0.00	1,632.74	0.00
23-6-06-001.26 Mun Rds Grnts-in-aid	0.00	0.00	0.00
23-6-06-001.27 Act 137 COVID Relief Funds	0.00	11,798.77	0.00
23-6-09-099.10 FEMA Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00
23-6-09-099.99 Refunds/Rebates/Misc.	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL GRANTS REVENUE	0.00	22,805.98	0.00
23-7 GRANTS EXPENDITURES			
23-7-70-990.01 Wastewater	0.00	0.00	0.00
23-7-70-990.02 Ancient Roads	0.00	0.00	0.00
23-7-70-990.03 Enhancement/Church St	0.00	0.00	0.00
23-7-70-990.04 Battenkill Dredging	0.00	0.00	0.00
23-7-70-990.05 AQ09-50 ROCKSNOT	0.00	0.00	0.00
23-7-70-990.06 HSU	0.00	0.00	0.00

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23-7-70-990.07 PL Grant Water Co Study	0.00	0.00	0.00
23-7-70-990.08 PublicSafetyEMPG09	0.00	0.00	0.00
23-7-70-990.09 PubSafetyEMPG10	0.00	0.00	0.00
23-7-70-990.10 FEMA	0.00	0.00	0.00
23-7-70-990.11 RadiosEMPG'12	0.00	0.00	0.00
23-7-70-990.12 VT Structures BC1216	0.00	0.00	0.00
23-7-70-990.13 HUD/EDI 11-7 YB	0.00	0.00	0.00
23-7-70-990.14 VT Structures BC1321	0.00	0.00	0.00
23-7-70-990.15 VT Structures BC1496	0.00	0.00	0.00
23-7-70-990.16 MPG Town Plan	0.00	0.00	0.00
23-7-70-990.17 VT Structures BC1414	0.00	0.00	0.00
23-7-70-990.18 EOC Improvement Project	0.00	0.00	0.00
23-7-70-990.20 Federal Highway ER0090	0.00	0.00	0.00
23-7-70-990.21 7A Sidewalk CA 0374	0.00	1,632.73	0.00
23-7-70-990.22 Class2Gt PO155305	0.00	0.00	0.00
23-7-70-990.23 Yellow Barn	0.00	0.00	0.00
23-7-70-990.24 Clas 2 road grant PO1736	0.00	0.00	0.00
23-7-70-990.26 Mun Rds Grts-in-Aid	0.00	0.00	0.00
23-7-70-990.27 Grants Gen. Misc. Expense	0.00	27.55	0.00
TOTAL GRANTS EXPENDITURES	0.00	1,660.28	0.00
TOTAL GRANTS	0.00	21,145.70	0.00
24-6 AUDIT			
24-6 AUDIT REVENUE			
24-6-01-001.00 appropriation	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
24-6-05-001.00 Interest Income	0.00	185.13	0.00
24-6-08-001.00 Transfer In	0.00	0.00	0.00
24-6-09-099.00 Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00
24-6-09-099.99 Refunds/Rebates/Misc.	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL AUDIT REVENUE	0.00	185.13	5,000.00
24-7 AUDIT EXPENDITURES			
24-7-70-330.00 Contract	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL AUDIT EXPENDITURES	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL AUDIT	0.00	185.13	5,000.00

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31-6 CAPITAL			
31-6 CAPITAL REVENUE			
31-6-04-001.23 Fire Truck Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00
31-6-05-001.10 CRF CKBK	0.00	17.31	0.00
31-6-05-001.21 Yellow Barn	0.00	126.95	0.00
31-6-05-001.22 Copier	0.00	0.00	0.00
31-6-05-001.23 Fire Truck	0.00	1,858.26	0.00
31-6-05-001.24 Town Truck	0.00	567.58	0.00
31-6-05-001.25 Backhoe and Loader	0.00	504.46	0.00
31-6-05-001.26 Grader	0.00	976.83	0.00
31-6-05-001.27 Spec Highway	0.00	1,705.43	0.00
31-6-05-001.28 Sidewalk and Equipment	0.00	110.18	0.00
31-6-05-001.29 Town Bridges	0.00	392.66	0.00
31-6-05-001.30 Hazardous Tree Fund	0.00	21.95	0.00
31-6-05-001.31 Town Buildings	0.00	190.58	0.00
31-6-05-001.32 Computers	0.00	128.99	0.00
31-6-05-001.33 Old Mill Road Wall	0.00	0.00	0.00
31-6-05-001.34 Generator	0.00	31.53	0.00
31-6-05-001.35 Restoration/Preservation	0.00	8.62	0.00
31-6-08-001.10 CRF CKBK	0.00	0.00	0.00
31-6-08-001.21 Yellow Barn	0.00	0.00	0.00
31-6-08-001.22 Copier	0.00	0.00	0.00
31-6-08-001.23 Fire Truck	0.00	0.00	0.00
31-6-08-001.24 Town Truck	0.00	1,000.00	0.00
31-6-08-001.25 Backhoe and Loader	0.00	0.00	0.00
31-6-08-001.26 Grader	0.00	0.00	0.00
31-6-08-001.27 Special Highway	0.00	0.00	0.00
31-6-08-001.28 Sidewalk and Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00
31-6-08-001.29 Town Bridges	0.00	0.00	0.00
31-6-08-001.30 Hazardous Tree Rev	0.00	0.00	0.00
31-6-08-001.31 Town Buildings	0.00	0.00	0.00
31-6-08-001.32 Computers	0.00	0.00	0.00
31-6-08-001.33 Old Mill Road Wall	0.00	0.00	0.00
31-6-08-001.34 Generator	0.00	0.00	0.00
31-6-08-001.35 Restoration/Preservation	0.00	0.00	0.00
31-6-09-001.21 Yellow Barn Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00
31-6-09-001.23 Fire Truck	0.00	0.00	0.00
31-6-09-001.24 Town Truck	0.00	0.00	0.00
31-6-09-001.25 Backhoe and Loader	0.00	0.00	0.00
31-6-09-001.26 Grader	0.00	0.00	0.00
31-6-09-001.27 Special Highway	0.00	0.00	0.00

Account	Budget FY - 2020	Actual FY - 2020	Budget FY - 2021
31-6-09-001.28 Sidewalk and Equip	0.00	0.00	0.00
31-6-09-001.29 Town Bridges	0.00	0.00	0.00
31-6-09-001.30 Hazardous Tree Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
31-6-09-001.31 Town Build. Grant Monies	0.00	0.00	0.00
31-6-09-001.33 Old Mill Road Wall	0.00	0.00	0.00
31-6-09-001.34 Generator	0.00	0.00	0.00
31-6-09-001.35 Restoration/Preservation	0.00	0.00	0.00
31-6-09-002.21 Yellow Barn Dog Park	0.00	0.00	0.00
31-6-09-099.21 Yellow Barn Miscellaneous	0.00	1,225.00	0.00
31-6-09-099.99 Refunds/Rebates/Misc.	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL CAPITAL REVENUE	0.00	8,866.33	0.00
31-7 CAPITAL EXPENDITURES			
31-7-80-700.10 CRF CKBK	0.00	0.00	0.00
31-7-80-700.21 Yellow Barn	0.00	1,911.79	0.00
31-7-80-700.22 Copier	0.00	0.00	0.00
31-7-80-700.23 Fire Truck	0.00	0.00	0.00
31-7-80-700.24 Town Truck	0.00	0.00	0.00
31-7-80-700.25 Backhoe and Loader	0.00	0.00	0.00
31-7-80-700.26 Grader	0.00	0.00	0.00
31-7-80-700.27 Special Highway	0.00	208,500.85	0.00
31-7-80-700.28 Sidewalk and Equip	0.00	0.00	0.00
31-7-80-700.29 Town Bridges	0.00	0.00	0.00
31-7-80-700.30 Hazardous Tree Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
31-7-80-700.31 Town Buildings	0.00	0.00	0.00
31-7-80-700.32 Computers	0.00	10,112.90	0.00
31-7-80-700.33 Old Mill Road Wall	0.00	0.00	0.00
31-7-80-700.34 Generator	0.00	0.00	0.00
31-7-80-700.35 Restoration/Preservation	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	0.00	220,525.54	0.00
TOTAL CAPITAL	0.00	-211,659.21	0.00

Trustees of Public Funds

The Trustees of Public Funds is an elected position within each Town in the State of Vermont and is charged with the proper investment and distribution of Public Trust Funds within each town or municipality. By state statute the Board of Trustees is a totally autonomous body elected by the voters and directly accountable to the voters at each annual Town Meeting.

Currently the Trustees of Public Funds for the Town of Arlington manage the following four Public Trusts.

Edith & Emmett Smith Trust Fund

- Established in 1985, this Trust Fund is used for any worthwhile project relating to the enrichment of Arlington's history, government, community recognition or similar project by any Arlington citizen or community group, with preference given to a youth or youth group. The fund shall maintain a minimum balance of \$2,700 at all times.

Florence Holden & Sunderland-Arlington Tri-Centennial Fund

- Established in 1968, the Florence Holden Trust Fund is to be used for the needs of the poor who have been victimized by fire or accident and may require aid beyond what is provided by law.
- The Tri-Centennial Fund was established shortly after the U.S. Bicentennial with the idea that it would fund the future Tri-Centennial Celebrations.

Perpetual Care Money Market (Checking Account)

- This account is for the dispensing of funds for perpetual care of the Town cemeteries at the request of the Cemetery Commissioners.

Perpetual Care Fund (Investment Account)

- This Account is for the investment and growth of the Perpetual Care Funds for maintenance of cemetery plots and is generated by a portion of the monies raised from the sale of cemetery plots.

In 2020 all three Trustee positions were re-appointed as the roles transitioned and previous Trustees stepped back. Trustee banking and files were digitized to make future transitions easier to navigate and more accessible. We look forward to serving you in the year ahead.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ali Elwell Zaiac
Heidi Sherman
Paula Shulman

Edith & Emmett Smith Fund (Bank of Bennington Acct. # 651100860)

Balance as of 12/31/19	\$4,436.68
Interest earned in 2020	9.66
Withdrawals*	(250.00)
Deposits	650.00
Balance as of 12/31/20	\$4,846.34

* Eagle Scout Project, Mark Corey.

**Florence Holden & Sunderland-Arlington Tri-Centennial Fund
(Bank of Bennington Acct. # 6006053174)**

Balance as of 12/31/19	\$5,267.60
Interest earned in 2020	13.73
Balance as of 12/31/20	\$5,281.33

Perpetual Care Money Market Account (Bank of Bennington Acct. # 6006051400)

Balance as of 12/31/19	\$9,689.90
Interest earned in 2020	26.61
Deposits	650.00
Withdrawals	0.00
Balance as of 12/31/19	\$10,366.51

Perpetual Care Investment Fund (Contract # 318 033 341)

Balance as of 12/31/19	\$114,935.64
Net Change in Value as of 12/31/20	\$-7,391.64
Deposits	\$0.00
Balance as of 12/31/20	\$107,544.00



The old swimming hole, Warm Brook. Mrs. Oakland, 'the boy,' Donnie, Barbara Brophy, June Bentley. Ca. 1947.
Gift of Barbara G. Brophy.

Section Two: Reports of Elected Officials

Arlington Cemetery Commission

The Commissioners are pleased to inform the citizens of Arlington that our proposed budget for 2021 is slightly lower than last year. We hope that when you visit either the Evergreen Cemetery or the West Arlington Cemetery that you will notice the new flag poles. We have not yet installed solar lighting, however we are exploring a variety of lights that will be appropriate for each cemetery. We thank the Bennington Elks for supplying American flags for each location.

We have been very pleased with our grounds keeper, Ransom Goodell, who is under contract until 2022. We encourage all visitors, lot owners, and residents to feel free to make comments and/or suggestions to make our cemeteries better. Each year we are engaged in stone straightening and attempt to make these cemeteries as attractive as possible.

We are thankful for the support of the Select Board, the Town Administrator, the Town Clerk, and the employees of the Town of Arlington.

Nathalie Caler, Bill Bryan, John Wilcox

Arlington Selectboard

In this report the Arlington Select Board will summarize some of the most important developments of the past year and for the future.

New Town Administrator.

This past summer Arlington hired its first full time administrator, Nick Zaiac (pronounced Zi-us). He hit the ground running managing all kinds of ongoing projects and programs, from the highway department to updating various town policies to overseeing grants.

We thank him for his hard work and look forward to a long partnership as together we improve the operation of Town government in service to the community.

Town Hall

The Arlington Town Hall is currently closed to the public, but appointments can be made with town officials, with masking and spatial distancing required of those entering the building.

During this past year the Board undertook the construction of an extended roof over the side entrance to protect people from falling snow. We also renovated the former barber's shop as the new town administrator's office. We upgraded the internet wiring for the building, and we received a grant that added free public WiFi for the parking lot. We implemented a new Drug and Alcohol policy for all town employees. And we engaged an outside auditor to evaluate the Town's accounts.

Highway Safety

After some turnover we were back at full strength in our Highway Department before winter set in. The new hires are Highway chief Todd Siclari and crew member Josh Criss, with crew member Mike Finnegan continuing from before. Thanks to all of them for their hard work.

Please remember not to crowd the plow when the snow flies, and not to deposit snow in the roadways as you clear your own driveway.

Another important reminder is to obey speed limits. This Board hears concerns about speeding on State and Town highways perhaps more than any other problem. Law enforcement patrols have been ongoing, but it is clear that patrols, warnings, and even tickets will never solve this problem. The safety of the travelling public can only be assured if we all obey the rules of the road together. We urge all of you to stick to the speed limit and to avoid distractions. As a community we must make it as unacceptable to go faster than the speed limit as it should be to drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs or while texting.

The Arlington Select Board has transitioned from patrols by the Bennington County Sheriff's Department to patrols by the Vermont State Police.

The Benedict Crossing bridge is now closed due to rotting timbers. The Board continues to explore the best way to repair or replace it, and the best way to finance that project. We have determined that it is essential have this bridge, since it is important for flood resilience to have multiple bridges connecting River Road and Route 313 West. After Tropical Storm Irene, Benedict Crossing was the only usable bridge for a period of time since the Covered Bridge was damaged and the approach roads to the big bridges at either end were washed out. The proposed budget therefore allocates some funds towards this future project.

Another emerging issue is the fact that the invasive Emerald Ash Borer has been found in Arlington. This insect will likely kill many ash trees and we will need to remove those that are dead or dying along the Town highways for safety. We have put aside funds in the proposed budget for this purpose as well.

Property Taxes.

The Arlington municipal budget to be put before the voters represents an attempt to balance the urgent needs to invest in facilities, equipment, and operations for the townspeople and the recognition that it has been a hard year for many. We have chosen to split the cash on hand from last year, saving some for future equipment and projects and using some to keep the municipal property tax lower than it would otherwise be.

If you have been unable to pay your entire property tax bill due in November, it is best to pay as much as you can, and to make additional payments when you can, in order to lessen the interest charges on the overdue balance.

Water Department.

This past year the Arlington Water Department continued to work along on upgrades and repairs to the system. We will continue with upgrades going forward.

If you have an overdue balance on your water bill it is best to pay whatever you can in order to lower accumulating interest charges, just like with property taxes. It is possible to set up a payment plan by contacting the Town Administrator. Large unpaid overdue balances without a payment plan in place can lead to disconnection of service, and ultimately to the imposition of a lien on the property in question. It is important to note that the funding of the Arlington Water Department is completely separate from the property tax dollars that finance Town operations, and is completely financed by water ratepayers. Those who do not pay for their service put a greater burden on the overwhelming majority who do pay their bills.

Town Financial Management Positions.

Our Town Treasurer has always been an elected position. However, Vermont law allows the voters to choose to delegate the responsibility for appointing the Treasurer to the Select Board. Similarly, Town Auditors may be elected, as we have done in the past, or audit work may be hired by the Select Board with voter approval.

As the Board moves forward with improving the administration and professionalism across our Town government, it does seem that the best levels of communication, cooperation, and coordination would result from having the Treasurer and the Auditor positions be directly appointed or hired by the Board on behalf of the community. This would ensure necessary training and credentials, and it would guarantee high levels of service to the public. The proper transparency and accountability in the management of taxpayer dollars is the responsibility of this elected Board and all systems must function to fulfill this mission.

The fact that the Board is considering such a change is no reflection on any current or past Treasurer or Auditors. There will be two articles authorizing the changes to these positions for the voters to consider in March.

Meetings.

The Arlington Select Board continues to meet Monday nights at 7:00 p.m. every two weeks. You may attend in person or over the computer or on the phone. The Select Board office is at 375-6474 and Administrator Zaiac is at 379-9916 (call or text). Go to www.arlingtonvermont.org for more information about all Town departments and activities.

We will not be able to have the usual Town Meeting in March. Instead, the Select Board will present information through a series of panels on the evening of Monday, March 1st. Voting will be at the American Legion at 54 Legion Road – and this will be voting on ALL articles since there can be no floor votes on particular items this time. Voters will be mailed information about how to obtain a copy of the Town report and how to request an absentee ballot.

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 #	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Town Highway Trucks			Projected Life							
2011 Ford 550 Plow/Sander	2021	TH-1	9 Yrs	90,000.00	0.00	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	225,000.00
2019 International Plow/Sander	2031	TH-3	12 Yrs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Replacement Cost				90,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	225,000.00
Payment to CRF (Projected)				40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00
Balance CRF Trucks (as of 12/31)			146,651.56	96,651.56	136,651.56	176,651.56	216,651.56	256,651.56	296,651.56	111,651.56
			Transfer from budget surplus (if approved by voters)							
Capital Asset Description	Replace	Asset #	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Town Highway Equipment										
2001 New Holland Loader	2021	TH-101	18 Yrs	0.00	0.00	175,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1995 Galion Grader	2024	TH-102	26 Yrs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
1985 Ford Backhoe/Loader	2026	TH-103	38 Yrs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	60,000.00	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
Total Replacement Cost				0.00	0.00	175,000.00	0.00	0.00	60,000.00	0.00
Payment to CRF (Projected)				27,000.00	24,000.00	24,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
Balance CRF Equipment (as of 12/31)			281,751.72	333,751.72	357,751.72	206,751.72	231,751.72	256,751.72	221,751.72	246,751.72
			Transfer from budget surplus (if approved by voters)							
			25,000.00							
Capital Asset Description	Replace	Asset #	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
(7 Year rotation)										
Town Fire Trucks										
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	400,000.00	0.00	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
Total Replacement Cost				400,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Payment to CRF (Projected)				75,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00	80,000.00
Balance CRF Firetrucks (as of 12/31)			409,232.16	84,232.16	159,232.16	234,232.16	309,232.16	384,232.16	459,232.16	539,232.16
Capital Asset Description	Replace	Asset #	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Town Bridges & Culverts										
BR # 13, TH #29	2021	BR #13		0.00	22,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
BR # 4, TH # 1	2022	BR #4		0.00	0.00	60,000.00	0.00	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	
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		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Replacement Cost*				0.00	22,000.00	60,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Payment to CRF (Projected)				30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00
Balance CRF Bridges & Culverts (as of 12/31)			74,512.88	154,512.88	162,512.88	132,512.88	162,512.88	192,512.88	222,512.88	252,512.88
			Transfer from budget surplus (if approved by voters)							
			50,000.00							
* Note: Amounts shown on this line represents the Town's 10% share of town highway projects funded with State & Federal monies. Except for BR-17, represented at 10										

2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035
0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	1.00	240,000.00	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	3.00	240,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	50,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00
151,651.56	191,651.56	231,648.56	41,648.56	81,648.56	121,648.56	161,648.56	201,648.56
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	200,000.00	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
65,000.00	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
65,000.00	0.00	200,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
26,000.00	26,000.00	26,000.00	26,000.00	26,000.00	26,000.00	26,000.00	26,000.00
207,751.72	233,751.72	59,751.72	85,751.72	111,751.72	137,751.72	163,751.72	189,751.72
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
500,000.00	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	600,000.00
500,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	600,000.00
80,000.00	80,000.00	80,000.00	80,000.00	80,000.00	85,000.00	85,000.00	85,000.00
119,232.16	199,232.16	279,232.16	359,232.16	439,232.16	524,232.16	609,232.16	94,232.16
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	350,000.00	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	350,000.00	0.00
30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
282,512.88	312,512.88	342,512.88	372,512.88	402,512.88	432,512.88	92,512.88	102,512.88
0% town funding							

Town Auditor's Report

We, the elected auditors, have reviewed and reconciled the monthly cash bank statements for the Town of Arlington for the year ending December 31, 2020 and have verified that all checks have been approved by the Selectboard and are accounted for. We have also reviewed internal controls procedures for all financial activity. As part of the review process, the Selectboard hired a third-party CPA firm to examine the town's finances. The CPA firm anticipates completing its assessment of the 2020 financial statements in early March.

The financial statements are the responsibility of management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on those statements. We are unable to express an opinion on the financial statements until the CPA firm finishes its evaluation. However, upon completing the monthly bank reconciliations and accounting for all checks, it is our opinion that all cash receipts and disbursements are included, in all material respects, for the year ending December 31, 2020.

The Town of Arlington's finances continue to grow more complex, and the task of auditing the town's accounts has become too burdensome for elected townspeople to pursue. Financial Audits require specific professional skills that most townspeople do not have, and elected auditors are not required to have any accounting background or skills. Many towns throughout Vermont have become increasingly aware of this need for professional expertise and have already transitioned or are in the process of transitioning the audit function to contracted audit firms. We highly recommend hiring a licensed public accounting firm with municipal audit experience to audit the Town of Arlington's financials going forward, in accordance with Vermont state law.

Thus we fully endorse Article 6, which allows the voters of the Town of Arlington to vote by ballot to "authorize the elimination of the office of Auditor, with future audits to be provided by a public accountant licensed in this State in accordance with 17 V.S.A. § 2651b(a)" which appears on the 2021 Town Meeting ballot. As taxpayers and townspeople, we can rest assured that professional auditors will be able to better ensure the integrity of the town's financials as we move forward.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Williams
Jenna Peeler
William Budde

Delinquent Tax Collector's 2020 Report

Outstanding Taxes

2013-2015	1 parcel	\$770.05
2016	2 parcels	850.57
2017	11 parcels	8,318.31
2018	17 parcels	24,389.73
2019	31 parcels	43,777.90
2020	72 parcels	129,870.48
	Total	\$207,977.04

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

Linda P. Crosby, Delinquent Tax Collector

Listers Annual Report

PANDEMIC: Worst year ever, the Town Hall offices are locked down, so our working time is limited and communication with each other is almost nil, which is so important. But we are pushing through and keeping things going.

REAPPRAISAL: Progressing as planned, and it will be completed for the 2021 Grand List. You, the property owners and taxpayers, will receive full information sometime probably in June of this year. We thank you for the cooperation given to our reappraisal contractors as they did their jobs.

ANNUAL REMINDER: Each year we remind you to file your HS-122 along with your state tax return. This is mandatory. It will determine your property tax rebate, if you are eligible, the tax that you are subject to.

Stay safe, the end is in sight.

The Arlington Listers

Town Clerk's Report

There were so many changes in 2020 due to the pandemic which forced us all to create new and safe ways to keep the Clerk's office in operation. We learned that most everything can be done by email, phone, and mail. Our new Town Administrator, Nick Zaiac secured funding that allowed us to put 20+ years of Arlington Land Records online. This new feature gives access to deeds and allows most title work to be done remotely. The few things that must be done in person, for example Notary services and Marriage Licenses, are still available by appointment.

Thank you all for your patience and cooperation as we continue into this unpredictable point in time.

Please call 375-2332 for information regarding:

- Dog Licensing (\$11.00 spayed/neutered & \$15.00 non-spayed)
- Absentee Ballots
- Marriage Licenses
- Tax Bill copies
- Questions or Concerns

Robin S. Wilcox, Arlington Town Clerk



East Arlington Road looking east. McLaughlin's machine shop, ca. 1900.



Dr. Russell's Benedict Hollow Camp, West Arlington, Vermont, 1945.



McCaulley Bridge over the Roaring Branch, Rte. 7A, before 1927 flood.

Section Three: Reports of Appointed Officials

Animal Control Officer's Report

2020 was unforgettable and unlike anything we've experienced before, and it impacted most aspects of our lives. The Pandemic seemed also to affect Animal Control work, having both positive and frustrating aspects. I'm happy to say, whether coincidence or not, it has been much quieter in regard to trip calls and impoundments.

I believe a big factor is that so many people who would typically be gone much of the day were now home and able to spend more focused attention on their current dogs while others took the opportunity to add a new family member while they could properly introduce and train it to fit into their homes and lives.

During this time I have found many more owners earnestly looking to learn and implement corrective measures. I experienced a huge increase in opportunities for me to help with guidance and knowledge beyond simply what is covered by the governing laws. Although complaints have been down quite noticeably I have found that when contacting owners of these dogs to discuss the issues there has been a surprising shift in the number who are grateful for the offered help I am able to offer them in addressing the problems. I am heartened to know that the lives of not only the owners and/or neighbors but also the dogs will be greatly improved. If there are any silver linings to be had in these times it may be the education of those owners who only needed guidance and answers to help them along the path as responsible dog owners.

Only three dogs were impounded this year. One senior girl was quickly reunited with her owner after wandering off and having to be rescued from traffic. Another was a neighborhood effort to help a special needs fellow who found a much deserved and doting forever home, and the third was also adopted, being donated to an elderly veteran

who was suffering the recent loss of his beloved dog. I'm pleased to report that I only have happy endings to share this year!

Additionally, there were some necessary in-person visits but much was able to be handled, at least initially, by issued warning letters and phone calls. One of the unique aspects of this work is it is unpredictable. This year, within a short period of time, I had two cases of dog attacks on sheep in the two towns I cover. It is important to remember - dogs are predators. They may be sweet, well trained, great with the kids, etc. but this trait can arise in any dog, big or small. It doesn't make them 'aggressive,' it makes them dogs and it makes owners responsible for controlling their dogs. Period.

There were eight bite cases reported. One was a cat and seven involved dogs. In two situations the bites involved multiple dogs and so all were quarantined when the biting dog could not be determined. One elderly victim underwent the rabies treatment protocol.

I can be reached at my home phone, 375-6121. An answering machine will ensure 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 Volunteer Members of the Fire Department were impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic in several ways last year. Although our call volume was down our member response number was higher, our travel distance was slightly shorter, and response times were slightly quicker.

We were also not allowed to hold trainings for several months and only limited training at this time which has resulted in many less hours.

We have been working with the Arlington Rescue Squad in instituting the First Responder program as well and will continue to assist them. Again, due to the pandemic several members were unable to finish the required testing to be certified. We will be reviewing in January so testing can be completed for these members. Also, in late January we will begin a second EMR class if anyone is interested.

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

The Arlington Volunteer Fire Department responded to 134 calls for assistance in 2020.

Structure fires	7	Chimney fires	3	Car fires	4
Grass and brush fires	10	Water/wilderness rescue	3	Carbon monoxide alarms	6
Power lines	17	Storm damage	2	Car accidents	17

Rescue Squad assist	26	Fire alarms	18	Spill/leaks	2
Good intent	7	Landing zones	1	Mutual aid	10
Furnace malfunction	1				

Response by town:

Arlington	78	Sandgate	12	Sunderland	36
Manchester	3	Dorset	1	Pownal	1
Cambridge, NY	1	Sushan, NY	1	Winhall	1
Shaftsbury FD, traffic	1	Vermont State Police	1		

Respectfully Submitted,
James Paustian, Fire Chief, 2020

Fire Warden's Report

The Arlington Fire Wardens issued 109 permits to kindle an open fire in 2020. We responded to 3 grass/brush fires in Arlington. We also responded to 2 controlled burns that were not permitted. Please be attentive of your surroundings when approaching downed trees as power lines are sometimes involved, which can cause a fire and electrocution.

Please remember it is illegal to burn trash or debris all the time and you must have a permit to burn brush, leaves, and clean wood anytime unless there is 3" of snow cover. Please call for a permit before burning and to see that the State has not issued a "RED FLAG". This means no outside burning is permitted due to weather conditions. This could result in a fine and potentially a bill for the cost to extinguish a fire.

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

In June 1, 2018 I was officially appointed to the position of Town Health Officer for the Town of Arlington. Town Health officers are appointed for a three-year term. 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 make the appointment. In this respect, the position is similar to the Forest Fire Warden in each town in Vermont.

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. To facilitate this work, the town appointed Nick Zaiac as Deputy Town Health Officer in August 2020.

In this capacity, in conjunction with Deputy Zaiac, I investigated 2 complaints about health and safety issues in 2020 and sent notices of violation to both property owners. Each was resolved within the time allotted to clean up the problem.

Please feel free to contact me with any health-related concerns through Deputy Town Health Officer Zaiac at 802-379-9916 or nick.zaiac@arlingtonvermont.org

Daniel M. Harvey
Town Health Officer

Land Use Administrator's Report

Zoning permits and compliance letters issued in 2020 involved the following:

2020 Standard Permits:

Accessory buildings	6
Additions	5
New residences	5
One-lot subdivision	2
Boundary line adjustment	2

2020 Variance Permits:

Accessory buildings	1
Swimming pool	2

2020 Conditional Use Permits:

Accessory buildings	0
Additions	1
Accessory dwelling units	0

2020 Zoning Compliance Letters: 29

Respectfully submitted,
Nick Zaiac, Interim Land Use Administrator

Planning Commission Report

The Arlington Planning Commission meets on the fourth Thursday of each month except for November and December. One meeting is usually held in early December for both November and December. 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.

The Planning Commission is principally responsible for preparing municipal plans, bylaws, and related reports, and for conducting public outreach, including public hearings. The Planning Commission is also responsible for site plan, subdivision, and planned development review.

On December 11, 2019, the Planning Commission submitted an approved Draft Arlington Town Plan to the Select Board which was adopted by the Select Board on June 29, 2020. This new town plan includes a major revision to the energy section that presents strategies to achieve the state's energy goals in Act 174. Other minor changes were included to update plan sections and a new section referring to the town hazard mitigation plan. This plan was completed with the full support of Catherine Bryars of BCRC. The entire town plan may be revised again in 2021 when the statistical data from the 2020 Census is available.

In the past year, several Planning Commission meetings have been cancelled due to COVID-19 considerations and a lack of warned items to be reviewed. In March, we began holding meetings with social distancing and video conferencing due to COVID-19. This year the Planning Commission has reviewed site plan applications for fill and construction in the flood plain and subdivisions.

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, Chairman

Town Administrator's Report

On June 1, 2020 I started as Arlington's first Town Administrator. In the 7 or so months since, I'm happy to report that the Arlington has proven a welcoming place to myself and my family despite the fact that I've not gotten to meet nearly as many of you in-person as we'd both like. It hasn't been without challenges, and the pandemic didn't help, but I'm pleased with how the town and its staff navigated new work rules and other growing pains that come with new leadership.

There is no more evidence of this success than the work we've accomplished in 2020.

The Highway Department welcomed a new Supervisor, Todd Siclari and a new Crewperson, Joshua Criss in the late summer and early fall. Both were new to highway work, and both have since been trained to do everything from plowing snow to filling potholes and improving drainage infrastructure. Earlier in the year we made significant

progress to our mandated goal of having zero road segments that do not meet state highway standards by 2025, including completion of state-funded improvements to drainage infrastructure on Ball Mountain Road and Birch Grove Road. We took delivery of two new pieces of capital equipment for the town tractor, a sidewalk salt spreader and a high-power leaf blower, which will improve the quality of our highway maintenance for years to come.

Users of the Arlington Recreation Park enjoyed improved softball and little league fields. New LED lights have been installed, and the trail project was completed. A new net for the softball field will be hung this winter. Groundskeeping efficiency was improved by purchase of a new lawnmower.

We had a successful year of grant work. The town received more than \$2,500 to offset the cost of COVID-19 supplies. A grant of more than \$11,000 was used to digitize the vast majority of the town's land records, which are available online for the first time. While no paving or bridge grants were awarded this year, we've been approved to participate in the state Grants in Aid program in 2021, which will pay for more than \$14,000 in drainage improvements focused on Crow Hill Road, and applied for Better Roads grants to pay for getting much of the rest of the same road up to code. In reporting, we passed a VTrans review of 7 years of highway grant documents without issue.

In administration, we continued to move files online and implemented a new Drug and Alcohol policy for town staff. We improved timekeeping, employee records, and financial practices. A major cleanup of town financial records was started at the end of 2020 and completed in January 2021. We rolled out a new Selectboard website that will make agendas and documents we discuss easy to access, made easier by the new, state provided public WiFi hotspot that covers parking and sitting areas around Town Hall.

Stay tuned, there's more to come, and call (or text) me any time at 802-379-9916 or email nick.zaiac@arlingtovermont.org.

Nick Zaiac, Town Administrator

Section Four: Arlington Water Department

Selectboard's Water Department Report

Account Description	Budget FY - 2020	Actual FY-2020	Budget FY - 2021
71-6 WATER DEPARTMENT REVENUE			
71-6-04-001.00 Metered Water Receipts	275,000.00	262,873.50	275,000.00
71-6-05-001.00 Interest	3,000.00	4,374.46	3,000.00
71-6-05-001.01 Project Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00
71-6-06-001.00 Grants	0.00	0.00	0.00
71-6-07-001.00 Borrowed Money	0.00	0.00	0.00
71-6-09-099.00 Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00
71-6-09-099.99 Refunds/Rebates/Misc.	0.00	1,605.76	0.00
71-6-09-442.01 WD Equip. Hours Reimb.	0.00	0.00	0.00
71-6-09-990.01 Miscellaneous Revenue	0.00	525.00	0.00
71-6-70-820.01 Bank Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00
71-6-70-860.01 EPA Grant Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL WATER DEPT REVENUE	278,000.00	268,853.72	278,000.00
71-7 WATER DEPARTMENT			
71-7-09-990.01 Miscellaneous Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00
71-7-10 PAYROLL & BENEFITS			
71-7-10-110.00 System Operator Salary	55,794.00	57,060.43	55,794.00
71-7-10-110.01 Operator Assistant	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
71-7-10-110.02 Clerical	7,000.00	4,378.91	7,600.00
71-7-10-210.01 Health Insurance	10,801.56	9,971.27	11,278.92
71-7-10-220.00 Taxes/FICA	4,700.00	4,700.12	4,700.00
71-7-10-230.00 VT Municipal Pension	3,300.00	3,311.23	3,300.00
71-7-10-260.00 Workmen's Compensation	5,020.00	4,992.59	5,020.00
71-7-10-290.00 VT Unemployment	879.00	960.25	879.00
TOTAL PAYROLL AND BENEFITS	88,494.56	85,374.8	89,571.92
71-7-20 ADMINISTRATION			
71-7-20-320.00 Operator Training	150.00	0.00	150.00
71-7-20-330.00 Computer Training/Repair	200.00	116.54	200.00
71-7-20-441.00 RR Lease	92.00	0.00	92.00
71-7-20-490.00 Permits and Fees	3,500.00	3,598.58	3,500.00

Account Description	Budget FY - 2020	Actual FY-2020	Budget FY - 2021
71-7-20-520.00 Insurance	2,028.00	2,016.93	2,028.00
71-7-20-530.00 Telephone	750.00	481.21	750.00
71-7-20-530.01 Pager Service	0.00	0.00	0.00
71-7-20-560.00 Memberships/Subscriptions	300.00	275.00	300.00
71-7-20-610.00 Office Supplies	1,200.00	2,483.16	1,200.00
71-7-20-610.01 Office Equipment	100.00	168.39	100.00
71-7-20-610.02 Water Quality Report	700.00	557.00	700.00
71-7-20-850.00 Purchased Receivables	0.00	0.00	0.00
71-7-20-990.00 Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	9,020.00	9,696.81	9,020.00
 71-7-60 EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE			
71-7-60-432.00 Vehicle Maintenance	500.00	108.00	500.00
71-7-60-620.00 Fuel	1,000.00	876.98	1,000.00
TOTAL EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	1,500.00	984.98	1,500.00
 71-7-70 SYSTEM OPERATION			
71-7-70-330.00 Traffic control	1,000.00	1,478.20	1,500.00
71-7-70-340.00 Sample testing	1,500.00	2,641.75	2,000.00
71-7-70-422.00 Snow plowing	500.00	670.00	0.00
71-7-70-424.00 Grounds care	200.00	600.00	200.00
71-7-70-430.00 Building maintenance	2,000.	0.00	2,000.00
71-7-70-431.00 System equipment, repair	5,000.00	2,252.37	5,000.00
71-7-70-442.00 System equipment, rental	500.00	0.00	500.00
71-7-70-442.01 Equipment hours to Hwy	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
71-7-70-450.00 Town services	6,000.00	6,440.80	5,000.00
71-7-70-460.00 Infrastructure repair/maint.	3,000.00	3,783.99	3,000.00
71-7-70-530.01 General other comm.	0.00	0.00	1,500.00
71-7-70-610.00 Supplies	5,000.00	7,978.33	5,000.00
71-7-70-611.00 Chemical supplies	200.00	686.79	200.00
71-7-70-622.00 Electric	11,000.00	13,611.15	11,000.00
71-7-70-650.00 Materials paid to Hwy	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
71-7-70-741.00 System equipment, new	3,000.00	1,388.85	3,000.00
71-7-70-742.00 Capital Asset Expense	4,152.22	5,571.75	0.00
71-7-70-860.01 EPA Grant Expenditure	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL SYSTEM OPERATION	43,052.22	47,103.98	41,900.00
 71-7-80 OTHER EXPENSES			
71-7-80-820.01 Bank Payment	0.00	121,073.18	0.00
71-7-80-820.02 Repay Loan RF3-333	135,933.22	0.00	135,933.22

Account Description	Budget FY - 2020	Actual FY-2020	Budget FY - 2021
71-7-80-830.00 Principle and Interest Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00
71-7-80-860.00 Grant Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES	135,933.22	121,073.18	135,933.22
TOTAL WATER DEPT EXPENDITURES	278,000.00	264,233.75	277,925.14

Treasurer's Water Department Report

	Reserve Funds	Operating Funds	Account Totals
Cash on Hand 1/1/2020	\$205,000.00	\$29,983.73	\$234,983.73
Metered Water Receipts		262,873.50	
Misc. Refunds and Rebates		1,605.76	
Interest		4,374.46	
Paid Operating Orders 1-25		-74,673.55	
Paid Payroll Orders 1-26		-64,776.14	
Previous Year Payroll Correction		-1,363.32	
Vermont Municipal Bond Bank Payment 6/1/2020*	-121,073.18		
Qtrly Reserve (\$35,000 each in March, June, Sept., Dec.)	141,073.18	-141,073.18	
Balance in Fund 12/31/2020	\$225,000.00	\$16,951.26	\$241,951.26
Evidenced by Acct. 7989 @ TBOB			\$241,951.26
Vermont Municipal Bond Bank – EPA Loan RF3-333			
30 Payments of \$135,933.22 per year. Payments due June 1, 2019 – June 1, 2048			
Final Project Bal. as of 12/31/2018 – Total Loan Due		\$3,835,601.93	
Total Administrative Cost		242,394.67	
30 Year Project Cost		4,077,996.60	
Payments Made to Date	2019	-135,933.22	
	2020	-121,073.18	
Loan Balance Due		\$3,820,990.20	

* In light of COVID-19, the bond Bank waived interest due for 2020.



Arlington Community Public Health Nursing Service, in front of Community House, ca. 1945. Note cement highway.

Section Five: Arlington Community Agency Reports

Arlington Area Childcare, Happy Days Playschool

Arlington Area Childcare has provided quality early childhood education to the town of Arlington for 37 plus years with the focus on families and child centeredness. The 2020 pandemic has been especially difficult on everyone including our families. We have had a dramatic change in our enrollment and had to close our doors in March through June. We then followed the safety precautions and health guidelines to reopen in June. It has been a whirlwind. During these extremely difficult times we are able to provide high quality care for the families we currently have enrolled. We still can provide services to the children of the area, providing vision screenings, partnering with Children's Integrated Services, Vermont Childcare subsidy, and many other support services.

Each year Arlington Area Childcare strives to bring families together and host individual classroom family events, fund raisers, and center-wide gathers. With the pandemic we were not able to gather and make connections like we used to. Making it hard to build that community within our center and with our families. We strive to make new ways to connect with families and still be part of our little community that we love so much. We hope to get back to being able to gather and make those connections and build stronger relationships with families.

One way that Arlington Area Childcare stays connected with families is that each classroom has individualized private groups on Facebook. Where we post pictures and interact with families throughout the day. To stay connected with families and make them feel like they are still part of the classroom. This way families are able to stay connected with the classroom teachers as well. We have been offering video chats with new families to be able to meet teachers and see the center. Although we have had to change the ways

we stay connected during these difficult times families are still able to feel like they are part of the center and classroom.

Along with changing the way we stay connected with families we also changed the way that staff are continuing their education and staying current with child development trainings. Arlington Area Childcare supports staff development by offering online training through Childcare Education Institute (CCEI). We currently have 6 staff members continuing their education in early childhood. One is enrolled in fundamentals and will be finishing within the next few weeks. We have five other staff starting early childhood education class in January at the Community College of Vermont In Bennington.

Thank you to the Arlington Community for continuing to support our programs, goals, and mission.

Arlington Community House

The Arlington Community House is a historic landmark located in the center of downtown Arlington. Dorothy Canfield Fisher donated this historic brick site to the people of Arlington, and surrounding communities, as a place for people to gather and meet. Today the house continues to be a meeting place for many local groups as well as a place to host small venue events such as baby showers and bridal showers. The Arlington Community House is overseen by a Board of Directors.

2020 has brought upon all of us some challenging times. The Arlington Community House has been no exception to the impact felt by this pandemic. Due to the pandemic and statewide mandates 2020 saw a decrease in group usage and at points a temporary closure of the building due to the state mandates around group gatherings.

Fundraising has become a part of ongoing events at the house as well. This year the Board was unable to hold its annual yard sale in June. We did however proceed with our annual Christmas trees and wreaths sale. Events like these continue to help us pay for many repairs, restorations, and upkeep of this house. The Board's hope is that 2021 will see us back to some semblance of normality.

Many projects have taken place over the past few years. These include the replacing of the furnace, exterior brick work renovations on the chimneys and building, and replacement of doors on the annex (Burdett Commons). Work to maintain the house is always ongoing.

Currently, the Board is in the process of replacing all the antiquated windows with energy efficient, historically correct units. We have received many generous donations toward making this project possible. The Board is also looking forward to replacing all the old shutters once the window installations are complete.

The window renovations, along with past renovations, have been financed by gifts and donations from our local community members, and others. Along with donations, the board secures loans to help finance completion of projects.

We urge people to visit our webpage, (www.arlingtoncommunityhouse.com) and our Facebook page, (Arlington Community House) for further information about the history of the Arlington Community House, or if you or your organization are interested in using the Community House as a place to gather.

As a non-profit organization, the Board remains very appreciative of all the donations we have received throughout the years. Without local support these projects would not be possible.

Along with personal donations, the Arlington Community House Board thanks the voters of the town of Arlington for voting each year to appropriate money toward the continued maintenance of this property. Without local support these projects would not be possible. We look forward to continued support as the Board remains committed to the upkeep of this beautiful piece of Arlington's history.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Webster, President, Arlington Community House Board of Directors

Arlington Community Public Health Nursing Service

Wow, what a difficult year it has been! As our communities have faced unprecedented challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Arlington Community Public Health Nursing Service (ACPHNS) continues to be dedicated to supporting communities of Arlington, Sunderland and Sandgate. I could not be more proud to be President of such an incredible group of individuals, who despite constantly changing guidelines increasing needs, have dedicated their time and energy to making sure that every person and family that reached out to us received help. Programs that we have done in the past, such as dental cleanings in schools, were unfortunately not possible because of COVID-19, but we were able to reallocate those funds to other areas where need has been increased. Overall, we were able to distribute over \$15,000 to meet the needs of our communities.

Over the course of the pandemic we have been in close communications with other organizations in the area to ensure that the needs of our communities were being met. Early in the pandemic we joined the Town of Arlington emergency hotline, a valuable resource that our communities have used throughout the year to reach out for help and receive accurate information regarding COVID-19. Our members started a new initiative to assist individuals for whom it was not safe to go out in public to be able to get their essential items, such as medications and groceries. We created a fund specifically earmarked for individuals directly affected by COVID-19 to assist them during the pandemic. Despite the pandemic prohibiting our usual fundraisers, through the generosity and support of our communities we were able to assist those who reached out for help.

As goes without saying, the challenges we have all faced this year were trying. Now, more than ever it is so important to be able to support those in need within our communities. As we continue to meet the new challenges associated with COVID-19 I ask this of my community: If you are in need of help, reach out. If you see someone in your community who is struggling, offer to help. If you are able to help, but are unsure how to do so, reach out to us and we can help connect you to the right people. The way through this is together.

Stay safe,

Donna Gunther, ACPHNS President

Arlington Energy Committee

The Arlington Energy Committee (AEC) was formed in March 2019 in response to the State of Vermont's adoption of Act 174, a landmark initiative that aims to attain 90% renewable energy by 2050. Our mission is to assist Arlington residents, businesses, schools, and town government in reducing energy consumption and costs through conservation, increased energy efficiency, conversion to renewable energy sources, and the promotion of energy education and awareness.

Over the course of the last two years, we have been particularly attentive to how we as a committee can help the town of Arlington perform essential energy upgrades while also serving as a clearing house for Arlington residents and businesses who wish to explore energy efficiency upgrades. It is our belief that, beyond the State's broad goals to counter climate change, both municipal and private energy efficiency upgrades will have a long-term positive effect on property and school taxes as well as each Arlington residents' personal finances.

In 2020, we successfully encouraged the Select Board to perform an energy audit of Town Hall and are happy to report that the town has fully funded new insulation measures in their 2021 budget. Additionally, we have:

- mapped out a plan to convert Town Hall lighting to LED.
- produced and posted several videos on how local residents are upgrading their homes (which can be found on GNAT TV's website as well as YouTube).
- initiated and produced articles for the Bennington Banner's new "You Conduit, Too!" column, which features local residents' accounts of upgrading their homes.
- maintained an energy information booth for interested residents at the Arlington Farmer's Market.
- and continue to look at and enact novel ways for distributing information where it is most needed.

In 2021, we will be joining forces with neighboring energy committees to facilitate Window Dressers workshops which will bring community members together to build insulating window inserts that will be affordable, removable, and reusable. The goal is to warm homes, lower heating costs, help the environment and build community.

Despite the pandemic's limiting in-person meetings, the AEC has met online monthly – sometimes biweekly – over the course of 2020. Our meetings are open to the public, and we encourage interested Arlington residents to participate and to consider joining our committee. Meeting dates, agendas, and all minutes of our meetings can be found on the town website. If you are interested in joining us, please contact us at

arlington.energy.committee@gmail.com or contact our Town Administrator, Nick Zaiac at Nick.Zaiac@arlingtonvermont.org .

Stephanie Moffett-Hynds, Chair

Mary Ann Carlson

Bryan Dalton

Rich Lederer

Mardi Crane-Godreau

Alexandra Ernst

Karen Lee

Ron Weber

Garret Siegel

Arlington Food Shelf, Inc.

Like most organizations in town, COVID-19 turned the Food Shelf up-side down! In early March, utilizing guidelines from the CDC and the Vermont Food Bank, we transitioned from a small grocery store, where clients came inside and selected their own food items to a curbside pick-up where clients were provided with pre-packaged food items. This was contradictory to our philosophy of allowing families to take what they wanted. Clients of the Food Shelf were allowed to remain inside their vehicles, while volunteers brought the pre-packaged boxes to the vehicles. Every family received approximately 100 pounds of food per visit.

This process continued until early September when we once again allowed families and individuals to come inside and select the items they wanted. But this too required some changes as we only allowed one family at a time, provided them with hand sanitizer, required them to wear masks, and requested those waiting to shop to practice safe distancing. Whether curbside or in-house, these changes were labor intensive, but appreciated by customers and volunteers alike.

As businesses and schools grappled with the ever-changing nuances of COVID-19, we had to also suspend our collection of food items for safety reasons. We are pleased to announce that our drop-off locations are back up and running. 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 cannot thank the community enough for the cash contributions we received this past year (especially since COVID-19). Individuals, churches, organizations, Foundations, and businesses have generously donated to the Food Shelf and more than made up the difference when we had to suspend accepting food items.

We 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.

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 want to thank the management and employees of MACK MOLDING who once again made our Thanksgiving Dinner Basket Program possible. This year we

provided 100 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 opened 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 Lions Club

Hope that Prevailed in a Challenging Year

Hope is the message we, the Arlington Lions, hope you received from us this year.

While our core mission remained unchanged during this pandemic year we felt it essential that we do things to bring Hope to our communities of Arlington, Sandgate, and Sunderland.

We started with supporting the town-wide Memorial Day Parade with our float and car entries. We followed this with our Zoo Parade in July, encouraging community members to decorate their vehicles and themselves as Zoo animals and join the Lions in a parade through Sunderland and Arlington. There are very creative people in our community, the entries were astounding!

In October we decorated our pavilion in the Rec Park with five Halloween vignettes encouraging families to abide by social distancing while using the vignettes to entertain their children and as backdrops for family photos.

In November we extended the reach of our Holiday lights by decorating not only the Village Green as we have for years but also the Health Center, the Post Office and Town Hall. We kept the lights on until February continuing our efforts to bring Hope to the Community.

In December we sponsored the Home Holiday Decorating Contest and Map. Over 62 homes were on the map and 41 homes entered the contests. We know at least 200 people followed the map to see these homes.

We did these activities while not losing sight of our primary focus areas:

- **Sight and Hearing:** We screened 200+ children at Fisher Elementary, Sunderland Elementary, and Happy Days. We identified over 20 children whose vision was outside of the recommended range on at least one of 7 conditions for which we screen. These children were referred to an ophthalmologist for further testing. That means 20 of our children now have a better chance of learning as their vision is corrected.

While we generally assist people in need to defray the cost of glasses and hearing aids, applications for assistance dropped off dramatically during this pandemic year.

We have eye glass recycling boxes located at the Post Office, Wayside Store, The Village Peddler, McGaw Graphics, Dailey's/Peckham (Shaftsbury) and The Bennington Rec Center for anyone who wants help us pass along the gift of sight through Doctors without Borders.

- **Diabetes Prevention:** The Arlington Lions Club is promoting and helping to sponsor PREVENT T2, a free Diabetes class designed by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. The Zoom-based class is led by certified diabetes prevention educator and ACE-CERTIFIED Group Fitness Instructor and Health Coach, Andrea Malinowski, in cooperation with the Vermont Blueprint for Health and Southwestern Vermont Medical Center. In addition to promoting the program the Arlington Lions are paying for Dieticians who will teach 6 segments of this year long program.
- **Pediatric Cancer:** We help raise money for pediatric cancer support. Through Vermont Lions Charities, we team up with other Lions Clubs to provide cash stipends to Vermont families with children in cancer treatment programs. These stipends help offset the expenses of taking children for weekly treatment as far away as Boston's Children's Hospital. We also collect pull tabs for recycling, the proceeds of which go for the Shriner's transportation program.
- **The Environment:** We are proud to participate in Green up day every year! We've planted three peach trees by our Pavilion in the Rec Park.
- **Hunger:** We collected nearly 250 pounds of food and \$381 at our Halloween Vignettes for the Food Shelf and we are collecting food for the Vermont Lions' Food from the Heart at Valentine's Day. This collection also goes to our local food shelf.
- **Youth:** We are committed to providing youth and young adults with opportunities to succeed: We provide scholarships towards college. We hold an annual back to school drive and have purchased school supplies, 72 lunch pails, 200 facemasks, and disinfectants for our local schools this pandemic year.
- Thanks to an anonymous member of our community who gave us 16 Christmas stockings, our members were able to fill them with toys and candy for Fisher Elementary to give to children who might not have gotten one at home this year.
- We continue to offer the Lions Pool created in 1960 and located at the Arlington Rec Park for the enjoyment of the entire community.
- We support The Green Mountain Lions Camp (located in Cabot, Vermont) for deaf and hard of hearing children to enjoy the activities of a summer camp. Our club also sponsors girls and boys who attend the Twin State Soccer Cup tournament.

- **For Senior Citizens** we offer delivery of buckets of sand for their icy steps during winter months.

We're just a small club of 15 members, but we're part of an international nonprofit organization - one of very few where 100% of donations that come into the clubs, go back into local communities.

We're so honored to be part of this amazing community and to be able to do our small part to keep it great!

The Arlington Lions Club is dedicated to helping others. If you would like to have fun and take pride in helping the members of your community and the world around you, contact Nick Monte, Membership chair, at 802-375-6184, or any Lions Club Member.

If you would like to know how to participate in any of our services or programs, please do not be shy about reaching out through Facebook or call 802-375-6037.

**Where there's a need, there's a Lion.
Our motto is "We Serve"**

Arlington Rescue Squad

2020 was a challenging year for everyone, the Arlington Rescue Squad included. Thankfully, Arlington has not seen a large number of calls for COVID-19 patients, however, the Squad must take on the added burden of ensuring protection for all our Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT), and citizens. For every call we respond to, we must wear CDC required Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), clean or discard equipment, and sanitize the ambulances thoroughly for our next call. These increased measures have meant increased costs and time to the Rescue Squad for PPE, supplies, and processes. We have been resourceful in finding donated materials, accessing all possible emergency funding, and applying for all available grants.

While we have incurred an increase in costs, the biggest impact of the COVID-19 virus has been a dramatic drop in 911 calls. This has reduced revenue significantly. Being that we staff 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, we needed to reevaluate our budget structure. We can't budget around our 911 calls, but we need to budget for our 911 readiness. Our billing structure will continue to stay the same. We only bill our patient's insurance when we transport that patient to a hospital. We do not bill for lift assists, welfare checks, nor calls that do not require a trip to the emergency department or our patients just do not want to go. Billing and payment in the EMS sector is much different than the business sector. Insurance is paid out at an agreed price and not what the patient is billed. In most cases, Insurance Providers will pay half of the billed amount, and the balance is the responsibility of the patient. The Arlington Rescue Squad remains ready 24/7 and therefore we shoulder the burden of many fixed costs. Your towns appropriation helps us cover our fixed costs and remain ready 24/7 should you need us to respond to an emergency of your own, a loved one, a neighbor, or a friend. Of the 45 calls we have had this year (January 1 to 27, 2021), 21 of those calls did not transport and we provided our services free of charge to the patient.

The Rescue Squad continues to need additional volunteers to join. As recent events have demonstrated, First Responders are the lifeblood of our society and they are appreciated more than ever. The feeling of pride and accomplishment you will gain by providing service to your neighbors is immeasurable. No experience is necessary, except the desire to become a first responder and assist your community, we will provide the training necessary for you to become part of our volunteer team! First Responder training is extremely valuable knowledge, and very rewarding for anyone over the age of 18 that wants to learn life-saving skills and contribute to the health and safety of their community. For the first time ever, Arlington Rescue Squad is able to offer housing for nighttime volunteers. This housing is a way to allow volunteers that live outside of our 5-minute response time, a chance to take an evening shift and provide support to our community.

Arlington Rescue Squad is always ready to help everyone in our community. Thank you for your generous support and donations. Thank you for voting yes for your Town Appropriations for Arlington Rescue Squad. Please visit our website to learn more about how to volunteer and be part of the amazing team of dedicated volunteers. www.arsvt.org

Thank you.

Josh Williams, Executive Director - jwilliams@arsvt.org

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.

Martha Canfield Memorial Free Library

The Martha Canfield Library is here to help you read, learn, and expand your horizons in a variety of ways. Even with a pandemic, we have worked to find ways that you can still access the majority of our services with curbside pickup for books, movies, games and puzzles, interlibrary loan, and printing services. We have 24/7 online access to audio and eBooks, along with other databases for research and classes through the links on our website: marthacanfieldlibrary.org. All you need is your library card barcode. Our library assistant Holly has held virtual story times on Facebook, and we have offered virtual programs for adults as well as children. And, thanks to a grant from the Berkshire Bank, we were able to provide activity kits and free books for over 125 children during our summer reading program, Imagine Your Story.

The Russell Vermontiana Collection had a busy year, darkened by the COVID-19 pandemic and the unrelated death of David L. Thomas, longtime supporter, member of the library Board, local preservationist through the Arlington Townscape Association and local history expert. The collection received important donations of Kenny family memorabilia related to the Green River Inn, Arlington ledgers and photos, Dorothy Canfield Fisher letters and memorabilia, a Norman Rockwell framed print, trophies awarded by the Arlington Fire Department for their auto shows, Hale Company records, a sampler made by an 8-year old Arlington girl in 1826, artifacts from the Remember Baker Mill saved by Tom Weakley, photographs of local events and families, and local

history and genealogy related to the Gowey, Bentley, Barney and Brophy families. Research queries were received from throughout the United States including California, Texas, and the east coast on genealogy, local, state and business history of our service towns of Arlington, Sandgate, Sunderland and Shaftsbury.

We greatly appreciate your support through the years as we strive to provide services essential to a well-informed community. Let us know how we can help: check our webpage, follow us on Facebook, email with requests and questions, call us. Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Skidmore, Director

Sheila Kearns, President of the Board of Trustees



Arlington Rescue Squad Country Show, May 1978, Arlington Memorial High School gym.



Arlington, Vermont, in front of Burdett House (St. James Episcopal Church Rectory), ca. 1907. Photograph by Herbert Wheaton Congdon.

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 35 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. Applicants must have a need for better housing, the ability to pay, and the willingness to partner with BCHfH. Once accepted into the homeownership program, each adult 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 funded. With the exception of some contract services, volunteers build Habitat houses. Businesses, subcontractors, and individuals help build, donate materials, and provide financial support. Town appropriations purchase building supplies and materials for our construction programs.

In Fiscal Year 2020 (July 1, 2019- June 30, 2020), BCHfH was well on its way to completing three houses and 10 home repair projects by June 30, 2020. Then COVID-19 hit, and we were required to suspend operations for 2 ½ months. We got back to building and reopened our ReSale Store the first week of June, although with fewer volunteers due to strict Reopening Protocols. We finished one of our three FY20 houses before June

30th, and the Greene family moved home to the Jennifer Lane neighborhood of Manchester Center in mid-August. By late November, we completed the second of our three FY20 houses, along Corcoran's Way in Bennington; closing is set for December 7th with the Furciniti-Julius family. We currently are working to finish the third house, which is in Manchester Center. Our home repair program remains on hold at this time, but we were grateful to finish nine home repair projects in FY20 with homeowners who needed ramps and simple exterior repairs in order to remain safely in their homes.

Our Resale Store in Manchester sells, at reasonable prices, new and gently used furniture, building supplies, appliances, housewares, tools, and home improvement products that have been donated to us. Not only does the store provide people with quality furnishings they can afford, it also keeps 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. 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 hardworking, lower-income area residents. For more information about our work, please visit our website www.benningtoncountyhabitat.org.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Hoyt, President, Board of Directors

Bennington County Coalition for the Homeless

Bennington County Coalition for the Homeless (BCCH) has continued to serve the needs of those experiencing homelessness in 2020.

BCCH 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 workshops on budgeting, cooking and employability skills as well as individual support in seeking employment, housing, and services to meet their various needs.

BCCH's mission states we are Dedicated to Collaboration, Coordination, and Implementing Services to the Homeless in Bennington County and Promoting Awareness. In fulfilling this mission, we operate two shelters in Bennington serving the entire county - 966 Main Street shelter for adults and Thatcher House, our family shelter; both shelters operate year-round. We are also actively involved in community efforts to serve and support those experiencing homelessness by partaking in numerous

community efforts and by partnering with local agencies in our work such as PAVE, Vermont Department for Children and Families, Sunrise, Greater Bennington Interfaith Council, Shires Housing, Bennington Housing Authority, Bennington Regional Opportunity Council, and Economic Services.

This past year has been unique in both challenges and success. The COVID-19 pandemic involved several months of daily pivoting with our services and our shelters. With a dual goal of keeping those we shelter healthy and continuing to provide services, we worked tirelessly with the State of Vermont's Office of Economic Opportunity and Department of Health to stay current and abide by health protocols as they developed and continually evolved. We also immediately kept our 966 Main shelter open 24/7. Our major successes during this global crisis included intense partnerships with other local entities as well as expanding staffing to include an Outreach Case Manager position to serve those being sheltered in motels by Economic Services. We also had great success in supporting several individuals and families to obtain permanent housing during the pandemic.

While our original plans involving transitioning to the new family shelter, 300 Pleasant Street, were delayed, our primary goal for the upcoming year is a successful move which will provide improved space for our families as well as being more energy and cost efficient. BCCH is also committed to continually strengthening and expanding our work with community partners.

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 we greatly appreciate the support from Arlington.

Sincerely,
Stephannie Peters, 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 2020 included:

- Agriculture technical assistance and outreach was provided to farmers county-wide, to develop nutrient management plans, conduct soil and water samples, and assist with resources and grants. Livestock exclusion fencing was provided for a local dairy farmer to keep cattle out of a small tributary in Manchester, in conjunction with the Poultney-Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. We also participated and provided grant writing for the Northshire Grown: Direct CSA (a project of Merck Forest and Farmland Center), which provides directly marketed produce to customers and assists producers during Covid. This effort also supports Neighbors in Need by providing free food to community members who need it the most.
- Partnering with the Town of Bennington and Shelly Stiles (previous BCCD district manager) to research and apply for the necessary permits to connect Headwaters Park with the old One World Conservation property and Y woods

in Bennington. Permits were obtained for a new floater's trail and additional hiking access down and across Jewitt Brook.

- Participated in the Batten Kill Watershed Comprehensive Invasive Species Management Association including the management of an Eco Americorp Service member and projects like a workshop for Orvis, newspaper articles, and social media outreach.
- A Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation Trees for Streams / Pur Project buffer planting was completed in North Bennington to reduce sediment and nutrient run-off into the Walloomsac River. Planting occurred in partnership with the Poultney-Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District. Over 1,000 trees were planted at this site. Future buffer plantings are scheduled for Spring 2021. Outreach was also provided to landowners throughout the county who would benefit from similar plantings.
- Participated in forest connectivity research and outreach via a High Meadows Grant shared with Merck Forest and Farmland Center. Ecologically significant land that is susceptible to parcelization was identified in the Taconic Forest block (Rupert, Arlington, Sandgate, Manchester, and Dorset). Outreach and site visits began this fall, in conjunction with Vermont FPR County Forester, Cory Creegan.
- Developed three stormwater projects, one of which we will apply for design funding at the next grant opening. Projects were located along River Road in Winhall, Bennington College in Bennington, and on private property in Woodford. Culverts were also assessed in Rupert and Dorset, in conjunction with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Bennington County Regional Commission for aquatic organism passage. We will seek funding in upcoming months for culverts in need of replacement.
- Assisting with the development of the new 5-year Battenkill, Hoosic, and Wallomsac Basin 1 plan.
- Topographic surveys and 50% engineered designs were obtained for stormwater system improvements at the Arlington school and library complex. In the upcoming months these designs will be developed to 100% with the input of the Battenkill Valley Supervisory Union.
- Started a new outreach effort with Trout Unlimited and the Battenkill Watershed Alliance to provide outreach, education, and project development along the Battenkill and its tributaries. This effort has been supported by the U.S. Forest Service and the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department.
- BCCD has also worked to improve its internet presence with a newly developed website and increased Facebook posts, more to come soon.
- Working closely with U.S. Forest Service Green Mountain National Forest, the U.S. Department of Agriculture 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,
Katy Crumley, 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.

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. The BCRC also has provided support for the Putnam Block project in Bennington's downtown and is cooperating with local and state officials on new redevelopment initiatives in downtowns and village centers. Concern over the state's water quality has led the BCRC to identify and implement local projects that not only reduce stormwater runoff, but also protect roads, bridges, culverts, and private property. Other important accomplishments have included: assistance with updates to several municipal comprehensive plans and land use bylaws, development of municipal energy plans and support for local energy committees, village center and neighborhood development area designations and successful grant applications, implementation of the regional solid waste management plan in cooperation with the Bennington County Solid Waste Alliance, and planning for roadway, bicycle and pedestrian, public transportation improvements.

Like everyone, the BCRC has been affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. The office transitioned to remote work and meetings in April and, while staff have recently started spending some time in the office, it generally is easiest to contact us via email (see contacts at www.bcrctvt.org). Fortunately, technology has allowed us to continue work on all of our projects with little interruption in progress. Of course, significant staff resources have been dedicated to providing assistance to businesses and municipalities as they work to navigate the challenges associated with changes to the way operations are conducted, with staffing and revenue disruptions, and to chart a course forward through and beyond the current crisis.

The BCRC is governed by locally appointed commissioners from seventeen area municipalities and commissioners who represent interests ranging from public health to economic development. As of January 2021, our offices will have relocated to 210 South Street in Bennington, and post-pandemic, we expect to have regular office hours at the

Manchester Town Offices as well. Regular meetings are held on the third Thursday of every other month, with frequent special meetings throughout the year (information at www.bcrcvt.org).

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Sullivan, Director

Bennington County Solid Waste Alliance

The Bennington County Solid Waste Alliance works to reduce the amount of waste disposed in landfills by promoting recycling and reuse as well as resource conservation. The Alliance offers education and outreach to businesses, schools, institutions, and event organizers in complying with the Universal Recycling Law and other solid waste management requirements primarily by increasing reuse and recycling. These programs help residents, businesses, schools, and institutions find solutions to recycling, food scrap diversion and the disposal of items such as electronic waste, fluorescent bulbs, paint, and others that are banned from landfills.

The Alliance website at www.bcswavt.org and Facebook page (www.facebook.com/solidwastealliance) provide information on:

- battery recycling through the Call2Recycle program
- disposal of used motor oil at retail establishments and transfer stations that accept motor oil
- recycling of paint through the PaintCare program, including retail stores that accept paint
- prescription drug disposal including drop-off locations
- recycling of textiles by the One World Center, Goodwill, and others
- events for disposing household hazardous waste
- disposing of fluorescent bulbs, compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) and other mercury items at transfer stations, retail establishments and at household hazardous waste collection events
- disposal of E-Waste at area transfer stations, Goodwill, and retail establishments
- diverting food scraps by composting and annual sales of compost bins and kitchen containers

This past year the Alliance assisted 40 businesses as well as several major event organizers primarily via phone, email, and webinars due to COVID-19. Given COVID-19, meals and snacks in most schools are served in classrooms rather than lunchrooms. To help with this, the Alliance received 170 food scrap buckets from the Agency of Natural Resources that we distributed to 17 schools along with instructional signage to allow for food scrap collections within classrooms.

The Alliance held two household hazardous waste events with nearly 500 participating households. We also sold over 180 backyard compost bins and 60 green cones to residents. In 2021, we will hold three household hazardous waste events for

residents and small businesses of all thirteen towns. The spring event will be in Bennington and the fall in Dorset. We will hold a third event for residents and businesses of Searsburg and Stamford given the long driving distance they have to either of our other events. Check the website above for updates and details. The Alliance receives most of its funding from the 13 towns, but this past year received grants from the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources and the Agency of Agriculture and Markets.

Bennington Project Independence

Bennington Project Independence was honored to have the opportunity to celebrate over 42 years of providing exceptional Adult Day Services for older persons, younger adults with disabilities and their families from Arlington.

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 or other emotional issues such as anxiety or depression, 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 benefit from compassionate, specialized assistance. Our Members have the opportunity to receive care and support during the day and then return to the comfort of their own homes or their family's homes in the evening. Currently 3% of our Members live in Arlington. We serve an average of 45 people a day at the Dr. Richard A. Sleeman Center on Harwood Hill.

At our inviting, home-like facility, Bennington Project Independence was 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. We are also a VA Adult Day Health Center dedicated to supporting our veterans and their families. 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.

BPI is committed to providing comprehensive services for our members and their families as well as our greater community. Bennington Project Independence offered free Basic Fall Prevention Tai Chi classes for seniors in the area. With a grant from the National Caregiver Initiative through the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging, BPI was able to expand the Second Wind Dreams Virtual Dementia Tour program for the community. This experiential program is designed to raise sensitivity 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 in Arlington and throughout Bennington County.

With the arrival of the COVID-19 pandemic and concerns for the at-risk individuals who attend day services like BPI, the Governor and the Vermont Department of Health ordered the suspension of in-person services at all of the Adult Day Services in Vermont.

BPI suspended in-person services in mid-March. Realizing that the pandemic may take longer to get under control and seeing the effects of isolation and the loss of our support on individuals and families, BPI developed an Adult Day without Walls model. We began making weekly telephonic check in calls with our members and their families. Our Nurse provided telehealth support as needed. Our Social Worker provided support and assistance for individuals and families and converted our monthly Families Together caregiver support program to a zoom format. Our creative Activity staff embraced both the telephonic personal contact with a wide variety of zoom activities and establish a BPI You Tube channel for on-going exercise and fitness programs. Our vans could be seen delivering personalized activity packets and baked goodies to our Members. All the while, BPI developed comprehensive COVID-19 infection control protocols and procedures. We made changes to the Dr. Richard A. Sleeman Center to meet facility upgrades that will help provide the healthiest and safest environment possible for our members and staff when we are able to resume in-person services. The well-being and safety of our members, their families, and our staff are our primary concerns. As we move forward the addition of telehealth and on-line activities will enhance the range of services that Bennington Project Independence will be able to provide for our members, their families, and our communities.

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 care and range of Adult Day Services for the residents of Arlington well into the future.

BROC Community Action

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 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 assisted **81** residents in the Town of Arlington. Whether they need food at the BROC Community Food Shelf, senior commodities, housing counseling, homelessness assistance, weatherization, heating and utility assistance, forms assistance for benefits such as 3SqVT, budget and credit counseling and resources and referrals; we are here.

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

It is with your town support the Center for Restorative Justice (CRJ) was able to serve over 1,225 individuals this past year. Even in a year with an unprecedented pandemic, CRJ continued to provide county-wide, community justice programs and intervention services. CRJ's programs are based on the principles of restorative justice, a philosophy of justice that focuses on the people and communities harmed by crime; it emphasizes bringing together everyone affected by wrongdoing to address needs and responsibilities.

Some CRJ highlights from this past year include:

- CRJ launched a new program this past year called Threads. Threads is a teen clothing boutique shop that accepts donations of quality, gently used clothing. Any teen can come shop at Threads and all clothing and accessories are free of charge.
- 165 individuals with suspended licenses were assisted to get legally back on the road.
- 238 youth and adults participated in CRJ's Court Diversion Programs; after successful completion, including repairing the harms caused to their victims, the individuals' criminal records were expunged.
- 124 youth cited for underage drinking or possession of marijuana participated in CRJ's screening, education, and treatment program; successful completions resulted in dismissal of civil charges.
- 173 students in Manchester, Arlington, and Bennington were served through eRJ's: school-based Truancy Program and Restorative Alternative Program.
- 138 at-risk teens received services through one of CRJ's many youth intervention programs such as The Lounge (after school program), movie nights, mentoring, and life skill development.
- 47 adults reentering the community from incarceration were supported through a variety of programs to help them positively reintegrate into the community.
- 340 individuals were served through CRJ's many other programs including victim impact classes, risk assessments and screenings, pre-charge programming, and expungement assistance.

CRJ is grateful for your continued support in helping individuals to get their lives on the right track, empowering victims to have a voice in the justice process and helping to restore and strengthen our communities.

Respectfully Submitted,
Leitha Cipriano, Executive Director

Greater Northshire Access Television (GNAT)

Strengthening Communities Through Local Independent Media

Thank you for your past support of GNAT-TV. Your continued support enables us to continue providing transparent access to your government. We feel a tremendous responsibility to each and every citizen that we serve. This has never been more evident than during this past year, as we helped people in our communities navigate life during the pandemic.

We worked with local schools to live stream graduation ceremonies. We provided technical and educational resources, equipment, and training to the faith community to enable them to share their weekly services. We also handled the distribution and archival of those events. We launched a "Kids Create Variety Show" with content submitted by local children.

We produced 272 News Project segments, expanding our local independent news coverage. We engaged community members to produce and share their stories on our open distribution network. We continued to facilitate and distribute coverage of 211 of our local town government meetings across our region. Additionally, we expanded our distribution to digital platforms including Roku, Apple TV and Podcast for those that don't or can't subscribe to cable. We are committed to being an informational resource for everyone.

Our primary revenue source is based on cable subscriptions in the eleven towns we serve. As we navigate the impact of declining subscribers and a changing global media industry, we rely on local donors, underwriters, and towns, now more than ever. Please support our vision for an engaged, informed, and inspired public. A strong local community media organization is vital to our democracy and to our collective futures. We hope you will continue to support government access, education, and an independent platform for local voices. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration and support.

2020 Usage Data

- 725 Local Public Programs Produced
- 211 Government Meetings
- 75 Community Video Announcements
- 273 Community Bulletin Board Announcements
- 339,418 Online Video Views
- 664 Equipment & Facility Reservations
- 317 Training Sessions, 50 People Trained

Green Mountain National Forest

The employees of the Green Mountain National Forest (GMNF) depend heavily on support from many municipalities, volunteers, partners, and contractors. The Forest

would like to take this time to thank you and your community for the support and interest that you have shown in helping with the management of the approximately 400,000-acre GMNF. Receiving several million outdoor recreation enthusiast visits annually, these visitors seek enjoyment in a natural setting while providing critical benefit to the local economies. The GMNF is proud to be a part of Vermont and your town. It is truly one of Vermont's treasures and the largest contiguous public land area in the state. Forest staff work hard to achieve quality public land management under a sustainable multiple-use management concept to meet the diverse needs of the people – people in your town as well as all of the visitors who come to Vermont every year. Following is a brief summary of what happened in your National Forest throughout the past year:

Land Acquisition

There were no additional acres acquired in the year of 2020, however, this program remains active. We are currently working on acquisitions located in the towns of Chittenden, Killington, Mendon, Dorset, Lincoln, Warren, Ripton and Wallingford. We have been supported by each of the town select boards for these parcels. The addition of these public lands would not be possible without the assistance of The Trust for Public Land, The Conservation Fund, and the support of our local communities.

Heritage Program

- Heritage Program staff and retired Forest Archaeologist assisted the Ripton Historical Society in creating an interpretive sign for the Pier's Tavern historic site. The sign will be installed at the culmination of the Frost Wayside Connector Trail.
- Retired Forest Service personnel and volunteers visited a number of cemeteries within the Forest Proclamation Boundary to maintain and preserve them. In addition, volunteers assisted with the identification and testing of cultural resources for upcoming projects.
- An upcoming volunteer opportunity with the Vermont Archaeological Society (VAS) is underway to provide members the chance to monitor and record historic sites on the Forest.
- The Heritage Program seasonal archaeological technicians located four previously unknown historic sites this field season, adding to the ever-expanding inventory of sites on the Forest.

Green Mountain RSVP

Green Mountain RSVP (GMRSVP), an AmeriCorps Seniors program, is for people age 55 and older who want to volunteer in their community. We help local non-profit organizations by recruiting and matching volunteers to meet community needs. Your town's funds help us to continue to support and develop programs for seniors who wish to volunteer. Our staff and administrative costs are covered by federal funds from the AmeriCorps Seniors Program. Our program covers Bennington, Windham, and Windsor

Counties.

There are 11 volunteers living in Arlington and 9 volunteers serving in Arlington. At the Arlington American Legion Post #69, three volunteers lead/co-lead Bone Builders. Residents from Arlington and Sunderland attended this class prior to the pandemic. Leaders are still communicating with participants and plan to resume when it is safe for them to do. At the East Arlington Federated Church one volunteer led Bone Builders. At the Martha Canfield Library 5 volunteers assist at either the front desk or within the Russel Collection. We have also partnered with the Arlington Food Shelf during our Stuff the Bus event in January. The Arlington Food Shelf reported receiving 326 pounds of food from this event. One volunteer from Arlington had been assisting clients of the Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired on an as needed basis prior to COVID-19.

During the current and unprecedented times, GMRSVP has not seen any increases in funding through any of the stimulus packages provided by the federal or state entities. Our program did not meet the criteria or apply for any of the other funding opportunities. Thirty-eight percent of our volunteers continue to serve during COVID-19 and we are pivoting our programming to continue to serve the community, focusing on addressing social isolation, wellness, and food insecurity. We look forward to all our volunteers returning to service once deemed safe to.

Contact Volunteer Coordinator, Lenora Volkmer in our Bennington County office at (802)447-1546 to learn how you can volunteer in Arlington.

Green Up Vermont

Green Up Vermont celebrated its 50th Anniversary of Green Up Day on May 30, 2020. Although 99% of all events were cancelled due to COVID-19, Green Up Day was successfully executed with social distancing by 14,000+ volunteers, cleaning up over 241 tons of litter, and 9,000 tires statewide. It is imperative for all of us to keep building awareness and stewardship for a clean Vermont environment. Green Up Vermont is a private nonprofit organization that relies on your town's support to execute the tradition of cleaning up our roads and waterways, while promoting civic pride and engagement.

Support from municipalities is essential to our program. Funds help pay for administrative and supplies, including 65,000 Green Up trash bags, promotional outreach, and educational resources including activity books, poster and writing contests, and a \$1,000 scholarship.

Early awareness initiatives for Green Up Day tripled the number of submissions to our annual poster art and writing contests and produced 184 applicants for our first scholarship. We were able to offer "Greener" bags made with 70% post-consumer waste; add a Green Scuba team to clean in Lake Champlain; and had over 100 editorial stories in the news as well as a national mention in the *Washington Post*.

Donations can be made to Green Up Vermont on Line 23 of the Vermont State Income Tax Form or anytime online at www.greenupvermont.org.

Visit our website, like us on Facebook (@greenupvermont), and follow us on Instagram (greenupvermont).

Green Up Day, May 1, 2021

Neighbor to Neighbor

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

Since 2004, Neighbor to Neighbor and our group of volunteers has provided vital services to older and disabled residents of the Northshire. In 2020, in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, we were able to assist our care recipients with things like going grocery shopping for them, making friendly phone calls to check in and make sure they were OK and staying safe, and writing personal notes to each care recipient. This year, we also started a new tradition of giving a beautifully decorated home-made birthday cake to each care recipient. In addition, due to a grant earmarked specifically for food distribution during the pandemic, we distributed \$5,000 in Price Chopper gift cards to our care recipients.

Seventeen (17) Arlington residents are either Neighbor to Neighbor volunteers or care recipients. Our volunteers provide all of our services free of charge. We continue to receive requests for our assistance, and once we can safely meet, we will add them to our care recipient base. We speak with care recipients who praise our work and who count on Neighbor to Neighbor – now more than ever – to keep them engaged with the larger Northshire community. We will resume our regular services such as transportation and monthly events when we can do so safely.

We receive funding through local towns as well as through private, corporate, and foundation donations. This year, we wrote several successful grants from The Hoehl Family Foundation, The Windham Foundation, and The Berkshire Bank Foundation.

On behalf of the Steering Committee, our incredible volunteers, and most importantly the care recipients 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 the only domestic and sexual violence advocacy agency in Bennington County. For nearly 40 years PAVE has provided compassionate support, practical services and the pathway to healing and safety for countless victims of domestic and sexual violence, dating violence and stalking throughout Bennington County.

PAVE has grown from a crisis hotline to the multiple and comprehensive support services we now provide. These services include a 24-hour crisis hotline, court and social service advocacy, case management, emergency financial assistance, access to legal services, emergency shelter, supervised visitation services, parenting classes, community awareness, school-based prevention education, and more. We are thrilled to announce the addition of a transitional housing program beginning in 2021.

In the past year, 11 Arlington residents received comprehensive services through PAVE. About ¼ of those residents made initial contact with us through the crisis hotline. In addition to the services listed above, 3 families with 5 children engaged in supervised visitation services through our Family Time Center; this is a critical, often court ordered service that ensures safe and healthy contact for children with a non-custodial parent.

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 65 adults and 39 children from Bennington County with 5,028 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've 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; it allows us to create greater opportunities for the people impacted by domestic and/or sexual violence who need our services each year.

Nadia Lucchin, Executive Director

Southern Vermont Communications District

Southern Vermont Communications Union District (SoVT CUD) was voted into existence in March 2019 by 12 towns in Bennington County. We have since grown to 13 towns: Arlington, Bennington, Dorset, Landgrove, Londonderry, Manchester, Peru, Pownal, Rupert, Sandgate, Shaftsbury, Sunderland, and Woodford.

In less than a year we have:

- Been awarded grants totaling \$190,000, plus \$12,000 awarded to Bennington County Regional Commission (BCRC) to support our efforts,
- Conducted on a utility pole survey to lay the groundwork for fiber optic network construction,
- Entered into a teaming agreement with Tilson, a network technology company, Green Mountain Power (GMP), and others to seek federal grants for rural broadband.

While the bid for federal rural broadband grants was not successful, we did build relationships with Tilson and GMP that continue to enhance and inform our development.

In June 2020 we were awarded a \$60,000 Broadband Innovation Grant (BIG) from the state of Vermont to undertake a feasibility study of building a fiber optic network in Bennington County. Preliminary results from that study suggested we need to grow in size and merge or collaborate with the also newly formed Deerfield Valley CUD in Windham County in order to be financially viable. Such a collaboration has been in the

minds of people in both counties from inception. We are currently redirecting our feasibility study to evaluate a two-county solution for getting broadband to our under-served.

In September we were awarded a \$100,000 COVID-19 relief grant to accelerate our network deployment plans. That was used to conduct a utility pole survey in our most under-served towns: Sandgate, Rupert, Peru, and Dorset. A pole survey is a necessary first step toward network design and construction. Each pole we intend to hang fiber on must be evaluated in several measures, such as:

- Does the pole need replacement or reinforcement?
- Will other telecom lines need to be moved to accommodate ours?
- Is the pole in a favorable position to branch to a residence?

COVID-19 relief money has allowed us to start early the design work for fiber optic network construction.

The Vermont Community Foundation (VCF) donated \$30,000 to SoVT CUD and the other CUDs for operating expenses. This money was sorely needed and greatly appreciated. Previously, SoVT CUD volunteers who had been giving so generously of their time were also giving their money for basic operating expenses like teleconferencing software and filing fees.

In December, the FCC awarded \$16B for rural broadband in its Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF) reverse auction. Consolidated Communications (CCI) and SpaceX received significant awards in our area. This has changed the landscape significantly. Many areas that we had hoped to serve are now obligated to CCI and SpaceX. Our two-county feasibility study is working to create financial models to evaluate this new landscape.

All the representatives, alternates, and officers of SoVT CUD have given mightily to this effort and deserve respect and gratitude. They have made for an impressive first year.

Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging

This report describes the services that the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging (SVCOA) provided to elders in Arlington in 2020.

Nutrition Support

The Council helped provide 2,174 meals that were delivered to the homes of 19 elders in your community. This service is often called "Meals on Wheels." In addition, 68 Arlington elders came together at a luncheon site in your area to enjoy a nutritious meal and the company of others; 713 meals were provided.

Additionally, SVCOA provided 17 hours of one-on-one nutrition support, including nutrition assessments and resource connections and referrals, to 13 residents of Arlington.

Case Management Assistance:

SVCOA case management and outreach staff helped 19 elders in your community for a total of 181 hours. 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.

State Representatives Legislative Update

Reps. Kathleen James and Seth Bongartz for Bennington-4

The 2021 legislative session started on January 6 with the election of Speaker of the House Jill Krowinski, Clerk of the House Betsy Ann Wrask, voting on various resolutions and a swearing-in ceremony.

Rep. Kathleen James was re-appointed to the Education Committee (clerk) and will continue to serve on the Select Committee on the Future of Public Higher Education in Vermont. Rep. Seth Bongartz was appointed to the Natural Resources, Fish and Wildlife Committee and the Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules. Both legislators are

active in several tri-partisan issue-oriented caucuses, including the Rural Economic Development Working Group, the Tourism Caucus, the Climate Solutions Caucus, and the Social Equity Caucus.

The focus of the legislature's work this session is COVID recovery, along with broadband, affordable childcare, housing and other policies that support families, businesses and communities.

To protect the health and safety of statehouse staff, legislators and the public during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the General Assembly is conducting all of its work virtually over Zoom during January and February, with a decision pending on the remainder of the session. Members are working remotely from home and voting using a secure app on mobile phones (plus voice votes for roll calls). All floor debates and committee meetings are live-streamed and available for public viewing on YouTube at legislature.vermont.gov.

James and Bongartz are hosting online constituent coffee hours on the second Saturday of each month. The meetings are held via Zoom for now, and future dates are March 13, April 10, May 8 and June 12 from 9 to 10 a.m. The informal Zoom conversations will offer constituents in the Bennington-4 district — Arlington, Manchester, Sandgate and Sunderland — the opportunity to hear updates from the statehouse and to share ideas, questions, and concerns with Kath and Seth. To join the coffee hour, please email KJames@leg.state.vt.us at least 30 minutes prior to each Saturday's meeting for the Zoom link. She'll also post the information on her legislative Facebook page (@Kathleen James VT State Representative).

The two legislators are working closely together on a wide range of issues, and encourage constituents to reach out and stay in close touch.

Contact:

Rep. Kathleen James (KJames@leg.state.vt.us, cell 802.733.1435). Learn more and sign up for her newsletter at her website: kathjamesforstaterep.com. Follow on Facebook: Kathleen James VT State Representative.

Rep. Seth Bongartz (SBongartz@leg.state.vt.us, cell 802.598.3477). Learn more and sign up for his newsletter at his website: seth4house.com. Follow on Facebook: Seth Bongartz for VT State Representative.

Sunrise Family Resource Center

2020 has been an unprecedented year of upheaval, reorganization, collective creativity, compassion, patience, and empathy. Almost overnight, COVID-19 forced a pivotal shift in how we support families. Home visiting shifted to remote or socially distanced outside face-to-face meetings. The Learning Together Program shifted to remote academic and life skill instruction. Housing assistance, resource and referral support all shifted to a remote platform. Zoom became a daily word. Internally, we were forced to temporarily close our Early Care and Education Program in accordance with Governor Scott's mandates, but find new ways to stay connected to the families. Daily family check ins became routine, home delivery of educational materials, food, diapers,

and more became commonplace. We had to meet our families where they were in the moment.

Sunrise Family Resource Center (SFRC), Bennington County's Parent Child Center met the challenge. We continued supporting the families who needed our services while making plans for a safe return to our campus. We had masks, gallons of hand sanitizer, lots of soap and water. Wash your hands! Stay 6 feet apart! The message was clear, and so was our commitment to our community. We would prevail and will be stronger and better positioned when it ends!

One of our buildings is currently undergoing renovations to provide a full working kitchen for the students in our Learning Together Program. A kitchen that will facilitate safe distancing and allow them to stay in the same building with their classrooms. We have updated our HVAC systems to provide for increased airflow and energy efficiency in our buildings. We renovated space to provide safe areas to meet with families during cold or inclement weather. We designed and implemented outdoor family activities in various towns throughout our County.

These undertakings are providing increased accessibility and real time support to families from throughout Bennington County. We did all of this while maintaining our regular day to day administrative operations with limited on-site hours and full remote access. Our new website provides more resource information and forms for folks to have immediate access to. We are constructing an agency food pantry stocked with necessary supplies for our families to access as needed.

We partnered with the Center for Restorative Justice (CRJ) and United Counseling Services (UCS) to develop a program designed to support Bennington County Youth during this pandemic. The program goal is to help them feel less isolated and to provide them the supports they need to be healthy and engaged.

Despite the ongoing challenges of the pandemic, SFRC continues to rise to the need of our community. Our commitment has not waivered. For over 50 years we have been Strengthening Families and with support from the Communities we serve, will continue to do just that.

With gratitude,
Denise Main, Executive Director

The Tutorial Center

Founded in Bennington in 1971, 2021 marks the Tutorial Center's 50th 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. Education is an ever-evolving art and The Tutorial Center seeks to model our services to respond to contemporary demand. I take pride in our welcoming and flexible approach. And we are proud of our success at expanding remote instruction during this momentous year and look forward to leveraging the new possibilities this presents.

Our educational support services include tutoring for all ages, adult literacy, dropout prevention, English language classes for non-English speakers, the High School Completion program, GED preparation and testing, PROV professional 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.

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 91 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 99 adults were enrolled in our free adult education services, including one Arlington resident. Over 5,900 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 211

Help navigating health and human services for information and resources is only 3 digits away...**211**. Vermont 211 is a statewide Information and Referral program of the United Ways of Vermont. The Vermont 211 system is at the fingertips of every resident and every phone **24/7**. 211 is cost-effective, high-quality, personal, flexible and community based.

Can't find what you need? You can always reach one of our trained Information & Referral Specialists by phone or by text. Vermont 211 is here to offer help and to offer hope.

- One call gives you access to resources across your community. 211 is efficient, fast, and easy to use.
- No more wrong numbers: no more wasted time trying to find the right resource(s).
- 211 is a private and confidential call; most often the name of the caller is not even taken.
- 211 maintains the integrity of the 9-1-1 system, saving that vital community resource for life and death emergencies.
- 24/7 availability every day of the year; 211 is always there for you by phone, at www.vermont211.org, and by texting your zip code to 898211, Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- 211 is an easy way to find or give help in your community.
- Language translation services are also available.

In times of disaster, Vermont 2-1-1 plays a critical role in bringing information to the people most affected by the events and relaying the needs of callers back to the government officials and the first responders.

What are the needs in your community? Vermont 211 collects town, county and statewide data and feeds it back to communities to help make systemic change. Monthly reports showing the needs of your county are available on our website.

In 2020, residents of Bennington County contacted 211 by phone or text 1,677 times. The top services sought were housing/shelter, public assistance, and public safety. There were 499 searches of 211's database conducted by people identifying themselves as Bennington County residents.

Residents of Arlington contacted Vermont 211 **69** times from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020, requesting a range of services that resulted in **63** referrals. (Contacts do not represent unduplicated individuals.) **The top services requested were:** Basic Needs, including housing/shelter and food, public safety, community groups, and governmental offices. **The greatest number of referrals were to:** Vermont Department of Children and Families – Economic Services Division, Vermont Department of Health, BROCC Community Action, Bennington County Coalition for the Homeless, Vermont Foodbank, and Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging. Twenty-eight searches of 211's database were conducted by people identifying themselves as Arlington residents during 2020.

The top agencies/organizations referred to included: Vermont Department of Children and Families – Economic Services Division, Vermont Department of Health, Vermont Foodbank, Arlington Food Shelf, Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging, BROCC Community Action, and Bennington County Coalition for the Homeless. Additional referrals were made to the offices of Congressman Welch and Senator Sanders, the Office of the Vermont Attorney General, and Vermont Department of Labor.

Want to subscribe to our monthly newsletter? Our e-newsletter shares monthly statistics on the needs of Vermonters, highlights resources, and keeps you up-to-date on new initiatives. To see or subscribe to our newsletter, go to:
<http://www.vermont211.org/news/monthly-newsletter>.

Vermont 211 Partners with Help Me Grow Vermont. Help Me Grow Vermont provides a centralized resource center that promotes family well-being by connecting children and their families to community-based services and resources for children birth through age eight. They offer care coordination and help with navigating services to ensure families connect to the resources and services they need. Help Me Grow Child Development Specialists also answer questions about children's behavior and development and offer developmental screenings to help identify children who are at risk for delays, so that services can begin as early as possible. Help Me Grow Child Development Specialists are available from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday – Friday by dialing 211, extension 6. Or text **HMGVT** to **89821** or email: info@helpmegrowvt.org.

To contact 211
Dial 211 or 1-866-652-4636; go to www.vermont211.org or
Text your **zip code** to **898211**

Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired

The Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired's 2020 Fiscal Year was an exciting one. In September, we held a successful fundraising and awareness event, *Dancing With The Stars of Burlington*, and have sustained our outreach efforts throughout the state to ensure that all Vermonters are aware of our services. The number of clients we serve has continued to increase annually. A new referral system was also developed in the fall, which is intended to increase the number of referrals we receive from eye care providers, thus connecting more clients with life-changing vision rehabilitation therapy.

As with many nonprofits, VABVI had to make several adjustments in light of COVID-19. We quickly adjusted from providing services in client homes and schools, to providing remote services via telephone and video conferencing. We are continuing to accept new clients and are currently providing remote services. We will be resuming in-person services as soon as it is safe to do so, and are continuously developing protocols to keep staff and clients safe when we are able to meet face-to-face.

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. In the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have adapted our services and are working nonstop to support anyone living in Vermont who is experiencing vision loss.

SMART Device Training Program (formerly known as the iOS Training Program): The program has served 239 clients across Vermont since it was established in 2018. Now, due to COVID-19, the SMART Device Training Program is more important than ever. Current social distancing protocols have led to our blind and visually impaired clients to become increasingly at risk for feelings of isolation and loneliness. In addition, with many healthcare providers now only seeing patients via "telehealth," it is critical that our clients know how to utilize technology. Our Vision Rehabilitation Therapists (VRTs) are providing remote services to program clients who are in need of assistance. Clients who received technology training prior to COVID-19 have reported that the skills learned in this program have been invaluable throughout the pandemic.

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. Now, due to social distancing requirements, PALS groups are operating remotely via Zoom and telephone.

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. This program is currently being conducted remotely.

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. This year's IRLE Camp, which was going to take place throughout Southern New

England with activities at the Mystic Aquarium and Roger Williams Zoo, has been postponed until 2021.

During Fiscal Year 2020, we served 1,804 clients from all 14 counties in Vermont. This included 2 adults and 2 students in Arlington, and 57 adults and 16 students in Bennington County.

For more information about VABVI's services or to volunteer, please contact Shannon Turgeon at (802) 863-1358 ext. 217, or at sturgeon@vabvi.org. Visit us our website at www.vabvi.org and feel free to "like" us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/vabvi802/>.

The Vermont Center for Independent Living

For the past 41 years, 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.

In Fiscal Year 2020 (10/2019-9/2020) VCIL responded to thousands of 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 **236** individuals to help increase their independent living skills and **5** peers were served by the AgrAbility program. VCIL's Home Access Program (HAP) assisted **124** households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; **89** of these received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided **61** individuals with information on assistive technology; **36** of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. **573** 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 **30** peers with adaptive telecommunications enabling low-income Deaf, Deaf-blind, Hard of Hearing, and individuals with disabilities to communicate by telephone. Due to the pandemic VCIL was able to start a new (temporary) program, Resilience and Independence in a State of Emergency (RISE) which served **12** people in its first few months. The Rise Program can help provide an array of items or services if the needs are directly related to the Covid-19 epidemic.

VCIL's central office is located in downtown Montpelier and we have five branch offices in Bennington, Chittenden, Lamoille, Rutland and Windham Counties. Our PACs and services are available to people with disabilities throughout Vermont. Our Montpelier office also houses the Vermont Interpreter Referral Service (VIRS) 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'20, **5** residents of **Arlington** received services from the following programs:

- Meals on Wheels (MOW), **\$4,342.00** spent on meals for residents
- Information, Referral, and Assistance (IR&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**.

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. More info on your local health office can be found here: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/local>

COVID-19

2020 has been a challenging year for Vermonters. However, the Vermont Department of Health has been recognized as a national leader in managing the virus. This is what the Health Department has done in your community:

- COVID-19 Testing:
 - Since May 2020, the Health Department has provided no-cost Covid-19 testing. Through November 17, 2020, the Vermont Department of Health has held 509 testing clinics, testing 40,796 Vermonters. This important work helps to identify the spread of Covid-19 and is just one of the many ways your Health Department is promoting and protecting the health of Vermonters.
 - Statewide, 224,284 people have been tested as of November 30, 2020
- COVID-19 Cases:
 - As of November 25, 2020, Vermont had the fewest cases of COVID-19 and the lowest rate of cases per 100,000 population of all 50 states.
 - Statewide, as of November 30, 2020, there have been 4,172 cases of COVID-19
- Even more up-to-date information can be found on the Health Department's website: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/currentactivity>

Additional Programs

In addition to the COVID-19 response, the Health Department has programs such as influenza vaccinations and WIC.

- Flu Vaccinations: Protecting people from influenza is particularly important in 2020, as the flu may complicate recovery from COVID-19. (Data is as of November 17, 2020)

- Approximately 213,00* Vermonters have been vaccinated against the flu this season *(Due to technology outages, flu vaccinations given are underreported by approximately 25%-33%.)
- WIC: The Women, Infants, and Children Nutrition Education and Food Supplementation Program remains in full effect, though much of the work that was done in person is now being done remotely through TeleWIC. (Data is as of October 20, 2020)
 - 11,308 infants, children, and pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding people were served by WIC in Vermont, either in traditional format or TeleWIC.

Section Seven: 2020 Statistics

Births 2020

Surname	Name	Parents	
Albert	Mason E.	Nicholas	Taryn
Barnhart	Reilly D.	Richard	Kaylynn
Beauchemin-Allen	Scarlett A.	James	Candice
Bernard	Elliot A. F.	Alan	Megan
Crawford	Adalynn	Michael	Cagney
Crites	Louisa C.	Joshua	Beth Alison
Crites	Josephine K	Joshua	Beth Alison
Croft	Parker J.	Thomas	Kayla
Crofut	Lincoln R.	Kyle	Randi
Daunic	Odyana A.	Rys	Nicole
Ess	Julian C.	Joel	Nancy
Johnson	Skylar R.	Brandon	Carrie
Miller	Caoimhe P.D.	Brent	Heather
Momanu	Adelheid	Andrei	Adelina
Paustian	Harlow J. E.	Alex	Avery
Pike	Gardner	Derick	Casey
Rocher	Oakley T.	Sebastian	Brooke
Sheldon	Addison	Thomas	Marissa
Simon	Henley P.	Jay	Rena
Watson	Orion A.	Londi	Amy
Winskowicz	Wren W.	Christopher	Robyn

Deaths and Burial Permits 2020

Deaths

Achee	Lynn	M.
Bauers	Susan	W.
Bowen	Janis	L.
Budro	Bessie	P.
Clayton	Alford	E. Sr.
Clayton	Janet	
Greenwald	Margaret	L.
Hauser	Patricia	L.
Herbert	Philip	B.
Hess	Alan	W.
Hoover	Tony	W., II
Mento	Ronald	K.
Moffitt	Arthur	H.
Ostrander	Jacqueline	P.
Parker	Toby	L.
Pike	Gladys	M.
Skidmore	Floyd	J., Jr
Steel	Janet	W.
Thomas	David	L.
Tinkham	Veronica	M.
White	Ronald	O.
Woodard	Dolores	M.

Burial Permits

Albert	Annette	M.
Bottum	Ernest	E.
Brown	Frank	O., Jr
Clark	Janet	E.
DeMarsico	Sue	L.
Graves	Carl	
Mayer	April	T.
Mccabe	Elizabeth	S.
Sibley	Scott	M.
Squires	Eunice	A.

Marriage Licenses 2020

Couple		Officiant
Davis, Kati Lyn	Irwin, Benjamin Charles	Amanda Burdick
DeJoseph, Erika Irene	Damberg, Christian Freder	Carmen George
Engelhardt, William J.	Whitmire, Mary Elizabeth	Lawrence Whitmire
Fischer, Anna Margretta Ann	Laser, James Patrick M.	Vicki Emerson
Genzabella, Deborah Lee	Sohm, Robert Louis	MaryAnn Carlson
Haggerty, Sarah Jones	Beebe, David Alan	Roger Jones
Harwood, Michael Lee	Paz, Linda Nicole	Sadie Saucier
Kleinpeter, Paul Kenneth	Hamilton, Jessica Joyous	Mary Ann Carlson
LaBatt, Diahann McDevitt	Lane, Rex Allen	Tammy Hollister
Malek, Stephanie Gail	McCollom, Joshua Edward	Mary Ann Carlson
Manktelow, Megan Emily	Bernard, Alan Francis	Gerald M. Albert
Matteson, Gregory Barton	Secoy, Tina Marie	Deborah Giroux
McCormick, Christina Mar	Hankins, Sean Colin	Robert Wiseman
Mowrey, Nicole Lynn	Morse, Jason Phillip	Crystal Burch
Oates, Jimmy Lee	Nieves, Victoria Lorraine	David B. Shaffe
Smith, Timothy Don	Straton, Elizabeth Fillio	Kenneth Clarke
Snyder, Madison Lane	Huffaker, Mackenzie Laure	Timothy Snyder
Tanenhaus, Michael K.	Sunkin, Janet V.	Mary Ann Carlson
Whitney, Timothy Sawyer	Hazlett, Erynn Marguerite	Frances Bushee

Section Eight: Town Meeting Minutes and Ballot results

Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting March 2, 2020

Those present at head table:

Chairman Keith Squires
Selectman Daniel Harvey
Selectman Cynthia Browning (arrived late)
Selectman Matthew Bykowski
Moderator John L. Whalen II
Town Clerk Robin Wilcox

There were approximately 100 residents present.

Moderator John Whalen called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm

Moderator John Whalen introduced the members of the Selectboard.

Two resolutions were read aloud.

RESOLUTION – 2020 TOWN OF ARLINGTON Memorial Resolution

WHEREAS, Arnold Wilcox, a lifelong resident of Arlington died on January 26, 2019 after serving his community for many years;

WHEREAS, Arnold was also dedicated to many Town and School organizations in Arlington;

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this expression of sympathy be extended to the family of Arnold Wilcox and that this RESOLUTION be made a permanent part of the record of this Meeting on this date of March 2nd, 2020.

Motion to adopt the resolution by: Karen Underhill
Seconded by: Michael Murno
Motion Carried Unanimously

**RESOLUTION – 2020
TOWN OF ARLINGTON**

WHEREAS: Mack Molding Company, owned by Donald S. Kendall and Kenneth W. Macksey, moved their business to Arlington, Vermont in 1939;

WHEREAS: Mack Molding has continuously employed hundreds of residents from Arlington and the surrounding area;

WHEREAS: Mack Molding has always been very generous in assisting many agencies within the Town of Arlington;

WHEREAS: Donald S. Kendall III, “Chip”, the present CEO of Mack Molding is considering retirement;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: The Town of Arlington wishes to ensure that the Kendall family is aware of how much their work and commitment to the Town of Arlington is appreciated;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this RESOLUTION be made a permanent part of the record of this Meeting on this date of March 2nd, 2020.

Motion to adopt the resolution by: Kate Bryan

Seconded by: Bill Bryan

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion to dispense with the reading of the 2020 Warning.

Motion by: Maryann Carlson

Seconded by: Joshua Sherman

Motion Carried

Motion to dispense with the reading of the 2019 Annual Town Meeting Minutes.

Motion by: Garret Siegel

Seconded by: Joshua Sherman

Motion Carried

ARTICLE 1: To hear and act upon the reports of the Town Officers.

Motion to accept reports by: Eleanor Murno

Seconded by: Judy Bryan

Motion Carried

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

Moderator Whalen explained that this year the Clerk’s and Treasurer’s salaries would have an approximate 3.0% increase and the Moderator’s salary will increase \$50. The Interim Administrator will be going from an hourly position (\$16,000), to a salaried

position at \$50,000. All members of the Selectboard would remain the same. The total compensation to be voted on would be \$93,900.

Office	2019	2020
Selectboard Chairman	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
Selectboard Members (4)	7,200.00	7,200.00
Town Clerk	18,500.00	19,100.00
Town Treasurer	15,100.00	15,600.00
Moderator	150.00	200.00
Interim Supervisor	16,000.00	50,000.00
Total		\$93,900.00

Motion to accept by: Brian Allen
Seconded by: Christian King
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, 2020, and payment to be in the hands of the Treasurer, or postmarked on or before November 4, 2020.

Motion to accept by: Michael Murno
Seconded by: Garret Siegel
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: Garret Siegel
Seconded by: Joshua Sherman
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 Selectboard's budget as proposed, by: Donna Squires
Seconded by: Bill Wood

Total budget presented by Selectmen was \$1,643,490.00
Salaries had already been voted in the amount of \$93,900.00
Appropriations to be voted upon the next day total \$268,154.00
Total figure to be voted on at this time is \$1,281,436.00
Discussion: Elizabeth Berger had a question about the amount spent on the Park and Recreation fields and grounds. Mr. Squires explained there was work done on the walking trail and some of the costs had been reimbursed from grants and also from the Recreation Committee. Steven McClafferty wondered if the borrowed money from the Town Bridges Reserve fund had been paid back. Chairman Squires said that all borrowed money gets paid back with interest after property taxes have been collected. Joseph Blum

asked a question about the Delinquent Tax Collector's report and wondered why the final year's total was so much higher than the other years. Mr. Squires explained that Linda Crosby, Delinquent Tax Collector, has done a good job at keeping the delinquencies low by having regular tax sales, and working with the property owners. The 2019 amount is much higher because it has only been a few months since it was due, and this number is quite low considering the amount originally due in November. Chuck Webster wondered why the names of delinquent taxpayers are not published in the report anymore. Keith Squires said that it is a judgment call of the Delinquent Tax Collector, and she does not want to embarrass people in that situation. The State of Vermont has also been discouraging the practice of printing the names. Board member Tim Williams wanted to know what is the general feeling of this practice, as he agrees that the names should be printed in the report. Bill Wood spoke up and feels it is mean-spirited and not necessary. Laurie Glover wondered if the taxes get paid any faster if the names are published, to which Chairman Squires replied, not necessarily. When the assembly was asked for a voice vote, it was overwhelmingly against printing the names of delinquent taxpayers in the report.

Motion to vote a budget to meet the expenses and liabilities of the town 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: Garret Siegel

Seconded: Christian King

Michael Murno asked how the Board comes to the tax rate? Keith Squires answered that the grand list values are used to set the tax rate. It may increase from \$.37 to \$.40 since the budget is up this year from last year.

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: Jeannie McHale

Seconded by: Joshua Sherman

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 3, 2020

Maryann Carlson and Stephanie Moffit-Hynds spoke about the Energy Committee's work and encouraged everyone to get involved. The message they wanted to get out is how to make your home more energy efficient with the help from organizations like Efficiency Vermont. There are many incentives out there and they hope everyone takes advantage to button up our homes and reduce our energy costs. Kate Bryan explained more about the Communications Union District (CUD) that we will be voting on in Article 10. This is a group of area towns that are working toward insuring Internet availability to everyone. By joining the CUD, Arlington will have a seat at the table with

other towns in the discussion of Internet availability while no tax dollars will be used. Kate also asked for support of GNAT by voting “yes” on Article 41. Dave Naaktgeboren had some questions about the Trustee of Public Funds bank accounts and whether or not they are invested. He also wanted to know if the Trustees actively request additional funding for those accounts. Dan Harvey, Trustee of Public Funds, said that some of the accounts were invested, but no requests for additional funds have been made. Jamie Paustian, Arlington Fire Chief, let everyone know about the Fire Department’s collaboration with the Rescue Squad in completing the EMR program. He said 8 of them are in the process of completion. With only 17 members, the Fire Department is severely understaffed and in need of more volunteers. He encouraged anyone who is interested to come and join them, as many positions are available and the community needs your help. Cynthia Browning, Representative, arrived and gave an overview of her future plans in Montpelier. If she is re-elected in November she will run for Speaker of the House. She has left her Town Meeting report on the table for all to take, and would like to hear from everyone. Dan Harvey let the assembly know that after 32 years on the Selectboard, he will not be running when his term is over next March (2021). He encouraged anyone who may be interested in becoming a Selectboard member to attend a few meetings to see how things are done. Joshua Sherman asked about funding of sidewalk repair and road projects. Mr. Squires explained that grants will be used as well as sinking funds for those projects. Nicol Whalen asked Mr. Squires for the list of road repairs that are planned for the near future. He said he has the list, and would be happy to share it with her. Olavi Wirkki asked about the sidewalk project from Town Hall to the Arlington Inn. Chairman Squires said that the sidewalk will be from Town Hall, past the Arlington Inn, to Chem-Clean, and then on to the Recreation Park. The State is heavily involved and they hope to start construction of the sidewalk early next spring (2021). David Van de Water told everyone to check out the exhibit of Arlington Artists which will be set up in the gymnasium tomorrow during voting hours. This is the same exhibit that was displayed at the Vermont History Museum in Montpelier, and thanks to the Martha Canfield Library and Bill Budde for setting it up. Mary Squire asked what the Tree Warden does. Keith Squires says he is the Tree Warden and the position investigates hazardous trees that may be dangerous when in the town rights-of-way. He alerted everyone that it will be a busier position in the next few years due to the Ash Borer disease. Eleanor Murno wanted to know if more funding was put aside for non-paved roads. Mr. Squires said yes, that more funding was added for gravel this year.

Motion to recess until tomorrow morning at 10:00 a.m. by: Maryann Carlson

Seconded by: Susan Wirkki

Motion carried. Meeting recessed at 8:11 p.m.

Attest: Robin Wilcox
Clerk

John L. Whalen II
Moderator

Official Ballot Results
Annual Arlington Town Meeting
Tuesday, March 3, 2020

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	704	PATRICIA WILLIAMS	673
Write-In	4	Write-In	2
For Selectman for 2 Years Vote for not more than ONE		For Auditor for 3 Year Term (2 years remaining) Vote for not more than ONE	
CYNTHIA BROWNING	594	JENNA PEELER	648
Write-In	44	Write-in	2
For Selectman for 3 Years Vote for not more than ONE		For Cemetery Commissioner 3 Years Vote for not more than ONE	
KEITH SQUIRES TODD WILKINS	256 489	WILLIAM BRYAN	694
Write-In	5	Write-In	3
For Lister for 3 Years Vote for not more than ONE		For Town Agent for 1 Year Vote for not more than ONE	
EARL LABATT	664	Write-in	46
Write-In	5		
For Delinquent Tax Collector for 1 Year Vote for not more than ONE		For Trustee of Public Funds for 3 Year Term (2 years remaining) Vote for not more than ONE	
LINDA P. CROSBY	712	BILL WOOD	645
Write-in	5	Write-in	4
For Trustee of Public Funds For 3 year term		For Trustee of Public Funds for 3 Year Term (1 year remaining)	
Write-In	47	Write-In	21

Official Town Meeting Ballot Results Tuesday, March 3, 2020, continued

Article 10.	Shall the Town of Arlington enter into a communications union district (CUD) to be known as the Southern Vermont Communications Union District, under the provisions of 30 V.S.A. chapter 82.	535 YES 166 NO
Article 11.	To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$75,000.00 into the Capital Reserve Fund for the replacement and/or repairs or refurbishing of the Town of Arlington fire trucks.	675 YES 98 NO
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.	671 YES 100 NO
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.	666 YES 106 NO
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.	636 YES 126 NO
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.	617 YES 147 NO
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.	636 YES 116 NO
Article 17.	To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$20,000.00 into the Capital Reserve Fund for the resurfacing of Town roads.	696 YES 73 NO
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.	696 YES 62 NO
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.	628 YES 127 NO

Article 20.	To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$3,000.00 into the Capital Reserve Fund for the purchase and/or repair of computers.	593 YES 162 NO
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.	706 YES 66 NO
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.	594 YES 171 NO
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.	614 YES 147 NO
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.	676 YES 83 NO
Article 25.	Shall the Town of Arlington vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$21,500.00 for the support of the Martha Canfield Library, Inc. to provide services to residents of the Town.	649 YES 114 NO
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.	640 YES 125 NO
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.	583 YES 168 NO
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.	628 YES 135 NO
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').	544 YES 206 NO
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.	543 YES 236 NO

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.	655 YES 130 NO
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.).	660 YES 120 NO
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.	553 YES 215 NO
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.	626 YES 145 NO
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.	605 YES 170 NO
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.	672 YES 110 NO
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.	633 YES 142 NO
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.	634 YES 143 NO
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.	607YES 174 NO
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.	566 YES 193 NO
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.	578 YES 198 NO

Notes

Town of Arlington Directory

EMERGENCY CALLS (AMBULANCE, FIRE & POLICE)

911

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 rd 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
Hours: Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., 7:00-2:00 Sat., 7:30-11:30 CLOSED WED., SUN., & HOLIDAYS. (Buy sticker at site. Free recycling)	
CEMETERY COMMISSIONER – NATHALIE CALER	(802) 375-6135
COMMUNITY HOUSE SCHEDULING – LYNN WILLIAMS	(802) 375-6119
DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR – LINDA CROSBY	(802) 375-1260
EAST ARLINGTON POST OFFICE	(802) 375-6695
FIRE DEPARTMENT (OTHER THAN EMERGENCY)	(802) 375-2323
FIRE BURN PERMIT - JAMIE PAUSTIAN, 375-1072; BRIAN HAWLEY, 375-6926; VINCE THOMPSON, 375-6014	
FISHER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	(802) 375-6409
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	(802) 375-6712
HEALTH OFFICER – DAN HARVEY	(802) 375-6474
LAND USE ADMINISTRATOR	(802) 375-1008
LISTERS OFFICE	(802) 375-9022
MARTHA CANFIELD LIBRARY - PHYLLIS SKIDMORE	(802) 375-6153
Hours: Tues. & Thurs. 9:00-8:00, Wed. 9:00-5:00, Fri. 2:00-6:00, and Sat. 10:00-3:00	
RECREATION & PARK SCHEDULING – GERALD WOODARD	(802) 733-2100
RESCUE SQUAD (OTHER THAN EMERGENCY)	(802) 375-6589
RUSSELL VERMONTIANA COLLECTION	(802) 375-6153
Tuesday only 9:00-5:00, or by appointment with Curator BILL BUDDE	
SELECTMEN’S OFFICE	(802) 375-6474
STATE POLICE (OTHER THAN EMERGENCY)	(802) 442-5421
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS	(802) 375-2368
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR – NICK ZAIAC	(802) 379-9916
TOWN CLERK’S OFFICE – ROBIN WILCOX	(802) 375-2332
TREASURER’S OFFICE – TIFFANY MAYS	(802) 375-1260
WATER DEPARTMENT – BURR SNOW	(802) 375-9531

NEW - Town of Arlington website: arlingtonvermont.org

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