



Flanders Inn, Main Street, Arlington

Annual Report of the
Town Officers of
Arlington, Vermont

For the year ending

December 31, 2017

Chartered 256 years ago

July 28, 1761

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 3rd 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 - AL GODREAU (802) 375-1008
- LAND USE ADMINISTRATOR - AL GODREAU (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 BUDDÉ
- SELECTMEN OFFICE (802) 375-6474
- SIGN ADMINISTRATOR – AL GODREAU (802) 375-1008
- STATE POLICE (OTHER THAN EMERGENCY) (802) 442-5421
- SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS (802) 375-9744
- TOWN CLERK’S OFFICE – ROBIN WILCOX (802) 375-2332
- TREASURER’S OFFICE – LINDA CROSBY (802) 375-1260
- WATER DEPARTMENT – BURR SNOW (802) 375-9531

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Chairman	arlmanage@comcast.net
Town Clerk	arltc@comcast.net
Treasurer	arltreas@comcast.net
Listers	arlisters@comcast.net

ARLINGTON, VERMONT

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

Chartered – July 28, 1761
Area – 26,668 Acres
Population: 2,317

HOURS OF TOWN & SCHOOL MEETING

Monday, March 5, 2018

7:00 p.m.

At

**ARLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL
MACK PERFORMING ARTS CENTER**

Hours of Balloting:

Tuesday, March 6, 2018

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

At

**ARLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL
MACK PERFORMING ARTS CENTER**

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Warning

March 5, 2018

The inhabitants of the Town of Arlington, Vermont qualified to vote in Town Meeting, are hereby warned and notified to meet in the Arlington Memorial High School – Mack Performing Arts Center in said Arlington on Monday evening, March 5, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of acting upon and deciding the following Articles 1 through 8, specified below. After completion of these articles, the meeting will stand recessed until 10:00 a.m. Tuesday March 6, 2018 to act upon Articles 9 through 42. The polls will be open at the Arlington Memorial High School – Mack Performing Arts Center on Tuesday March 6, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.

- Article 1. To hear and act upon the reports of the Town Officers.
- Article 2. To see what compensation will be paid to the several Town Officers.
- Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to have all taxes paid to the Town Treasurer, as provided by law, tax bills to be issued by September 4, 2018, and payment to be in the hands of the Treasurer or postmarked, on or before November 5, 2018.
- Article 4. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to borrow in anticipation of taxes such sum or sums of money as is necessary for properly financing the affairs of the Town until the next annual Town Meeting.
- Article 5. To see if the Town will vote a budget to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town.
- Article 6. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to provide the revenue necessary to fund the approved budget, inclusive of Appropriations to be determined and voted.
- Article 7. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to apply any surplus funds from the current fiscal year to reduce taxes in the next fiscal year.
- Article 8. To transact any further business found necessary and proper when met. After any further business under Article 8, said meeting will recess until Tuesday, March 6, 2018.

- Article 9. To Elect the following Town Officers:
- | | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Moderator | 1 year term |
| Selectman | 2 years term |
| Selectman | 3 years term |
| Lister | 3 years term |
| Delinquent Tax Collector | 1 year term |
| Auditor | 3 years term |
| Cemetery Commissioner | 3 years term |
| Grand Jurors | One, 1 year term |
| Town Agent | 1 year term |
| Trustee of Public Funds | One, 3 year term expires 2018 |
| Trustee of Public Funds | One, 3 year term expires 2019 |
- Article 10. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$50,000.00 into the Capital Reserve Fund for the replacement and/or repairs or refurbishing of the Town of Arlington fire trucks.
- Article 11. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$40,000.00 into the Capital Reserve Fund for the replacement and/or repairs of the Town of Arlington highway trucks.
- Article 12. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$9,000.00 into the Capital Reserve Fund for the replacement and/or repairs of the Town of Arlington's backhoe, excavator, and loader.
- Article 13. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$6,000.00 into the Capital Reserve Fund for the eventual replacement and/or repair of the Town of Arlington grader.
- Article 14. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$6,000.00 into the Capital Reserve Fund for the purchase and/or repair of sidewalk maintenance/equipment.
- Article 15. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$17,000.00 into the Capital Reserve Fund for the resurfacing of Town roads.
- Article 16. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$5,000.00 into the Capital Reserve Fund for Town bridges and culverts.
- Article 17. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$2,500.00 into the Capital Reserve Fund for the maintenance of Town owned buildings.
- Article 18. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$2,500.00 into the Capital Reserve Fund for the purchase and/or repair of computers.

- Article 19. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$32,500.00 toward the support of the Arlington Rescue Squad.
- Article 20. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$2,250.00 to the Arlington Area Childcare, Inc.
- Article 21. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$3,000.00 toward the support of the Arlington Community House.
- Article 22. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$4,000.00 toward the operation of the Arlington Community Health Nursing Service for the year ensuing.
- Article 23. Shall the Town of Arlington vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$19,000.00 for the support of the Martha Canfield Memorial Library, Inc. to provide services to residents of the Town.
- Article 24. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$500.00 toward the support of the Bennington Coalition for the Homeless.
- Article 25. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$360.00 toward the support of the Bennington County Conservation District.
- Article 26. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$1,800.00 toward the support of the Bennington Project Independence Adult Daycare Service.
- Article 27. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$1,200.00 toward the support of the BROCC-Community Action in Southwestern Vermont (formerly 'Bennington-Rutland Opportunity Council').
- Article 28. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$540.00 toward the support of the Center for Restorative Justice.
- Article 29. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$450.00 toward the support of Project Against Violent Encounters, Inc. (PAVE).
- Article 30. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$1,500.00 toward the support of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (R.S.V.P.).
- Article 31. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$500.00 toward the support of the Sunrise Family Resource Center.
- Article 32. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$1,530.00 toward the operation of the Southwestern Vt. Council on Aging.

- Article 33. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$450.00 toward the support of the Tutorial Center.
- Article 34. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$500.00 toward the support of the Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired.
- Article 35. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$295.00 toward the support of the Vermont Center for Independent Living.
- Article 36. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$750.00 toward the support of Neighbor to Neighbor, a home based care giving program.
- Article 37. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$779.00 toward the support of Bennington Area Habitat for Humanity.
- Article 38. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$1,250.00 toward the support of Burdett Commons.
- Article 39. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$2,000.00 towards the support of Greater Northshire Access Television (GNAT-TV) to help support & defray costs related to the videotaping and television broadcast of the Arlington Select Board, Arlington School Board and other public and municipal meetings.
- Article 40. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote to exempt the property of the Arlington Fire Company #1 from property taxes for the next five years.
- Article 41. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote to exempt the property of The Arlington Lions Club, Inc. from property taxes for the next five years.
- Article 42. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote to exempt the property of the Arlington Community House from property taxes for the next five years.

Dated this January 29, 2018

Keith Squires

Reggie Jennings, Jr.

Daniel Harvey

Timothy Williams

Cynthia Browning

Town Officers - Elected

Term expires in year shown.

Moderator	1 year	3/2018	John L. Whalen II
Town Clerk	3 year	3/2019	Robin S. Wilcox
Town Treasurer	3 year	3/2019	Linda P. Crosby
Selectman	3 year	3/2020	Keith Squires *
	2 year	3/2019	Timothy Williams
	2 year	3/2018	Cynthia Browning
	3 year	3/2019	Reginald Jennings
	3 year	3/2018	Daniel Harvey
Listers	3 year	3/2019	Earl LaBatt
	3 year	3/2018	Joseph Garger
	3 year	3/2020	Lee Cross
Delinquent Tax Collector	1 year	3/2018	Linda P. Crosby
Auditors	3 year	3/2018	Bill Budde
	3 year	3/2019	Vacant
	3 year	3/2020	Patricia Williams
Cemetery Commissioner	3 year	3/2018	John Wilcox
	3 year	3/2019	Nathalie Caler
	3 year	3/2020	William J. Bryan
Grand Juror	1 year	3/2018	Darlene Young
Town Agent	1 year	3/2018	Vacant
Trustees of Public Funds	3 year	3/2018	Susan Jennings
	3 year	3/2020	Maureen Harvey
	3 year	3/2019	Vacant
Town Representative	2 year	11/2018	Cynthia Browning
	2 year	11/2018	Brian Keefe
Justice of the Peace	2 year	2/2019	Maryann Carlson
		2/2019	John Wilcox
		2/2019	Susan Wirkki
		2/2019	Gerald Woodard
		2/2019	Darlene Young
		2/2019	Vacant
		2/2019	Vacant

* Denotes Chairperson

Town Officers – Appointed

Term expires in year shown.

Health Officer	3 year	4/2018	Al Godreau
Deputy Health Officer	3 year	2/2018	Keith Squires
Tree Warden	2 year	4/2018	Keith Squires
Inspector of Lumber	3 year	4/2020	Dan Harvey
Fence Viewers	3 year	4/2020	Gerald Woodard
	3 year	4/2020	Alan Hess
	3 year	4/2020	Dan Harvey
Land Use Administrator	3 year	4/2020	Al Godreau
Fire Chief	1 year	12/2018	Jamie Paustian
First Asst. Fire Chief	1 year	12/2018	Brian John Hawley
Second Asst. Fire Chief	1 year	12/2018	Vince Thompson
Fire Warden	5 year	6/2018	Jamie Paustian
Town Planning Commission	3 year	4/2020	John Williams *
	3 year	4/2019	Elliott Nachwalter
	2 year	4/2018	Michael Murno
	3 year	4/2020	Thomas Williams
	4 year	4/2018	Chris Heins
	2 year	4/2019	Charles Moore
	2 year		Vacant
Zoning Board of Adjustment	2 year	4/2018	Marc Colety
	2 year	4/2019	Ron Weber
	2 year	4/2019	Susan Jennings
	3 year	4/2018	Maureen Harvey
	3 year	4/2020	Todd Gamble *
	3 year	4/2018	Vacant
	4 year	4/2021	Vacant
Emergency Mgt. Director	2 year	4/2018	Keith Squires
BCRC Representative	3 year	4/2018	Keith Squires
	2 year	4/2019	Reginald Jennings
Town Energy Coordinator	1 year	4/2018	Reginald Jennings
Sign Administrator	3 year	4/2019	Al Godreau
Animal Control Officer	Indefinite		Traci Mulligan

* Denotes Chairperson

Town School District Officers

Term expires in year shown.

Moderator	1 year	3/2018	John L. Whalen II
School District Clerk	3 year	3/2019	Robin S. Wilcox
School District Treasurer	3 year	3/2019	Linda P. Crosby
School Directors	1 year	3/2018	Kevin Smith
	3 year	3/2020	Mathew Bykowski
	1 year	3/2018	Alexander Todd Gamble
	3 year	3/2019	Nicol Whalen*
	3 year	3/2018	Dawn Hoyt

* Denotes Chairperson



Abel Aylesworth Tavern, later Warner's 5 - 10 and Ice Cream, apartments.

**Schedule of Salaries, Wages, and Allowable Expenses
2017
Town of Arlington**

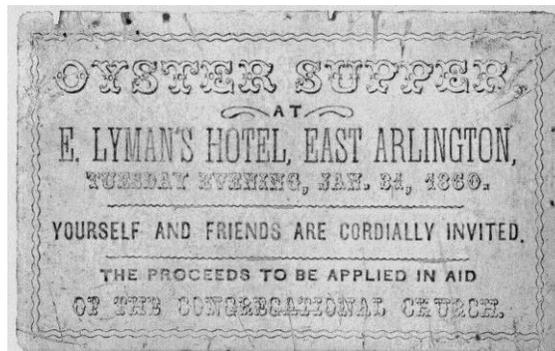
CLERK	\$17,384.00	+ FEES PER YEAR
TREASURER	\$14,185.00	PER YEAR
SELECTMEN: CHAIRMAN	\$1,800.00	PER YEAR
SELECTMEN: PER MEMBER	\$1,800.00	PER YEAR
INTERIM SUPERVISOR	\$24.00	PER HOUR
LISTERS	\$13.09	PER HOUR
MODERATOR	\$150.00	PER YEAR
MILEAGE	\$0.55	PER MILE

BY DISCRETION OF SELECTMEN

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	\$17.02	PER HOUR
AUDITORS	\$12.12	PER HOUR
LAND USE ADMINISTRATOR	\$16.67	PER HOUR
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	\$5,465.00	ANNUALLY
HIGHWAY	As of 1/1/2017	As of 8/28/2017
ROAD FOREMAN	\$23.24	\$24.50
FIRST HELPER	\$19.22	\$23.50
SECOND HELPER	\$17.57	\$23.50

BY DISCRETION OF BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY

BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY MEMBERS	MINIMUM WAGE	PER HOUR
BALLOT CLERKS	MINIMUM WAGE	PER HOUR



Ticket to fund-raising dinner at *Lyman's Hotel*, earlier known as *Aylsworth Tavern*, later as *Green Mountain Hotel*, January 1860.

Section One: Financial Reports of Elected Town Officials

Town Treasurer's Report

General Town Account – Ending December 31, 2017

Cash on Hand 01/01/17	\$ 192,679.92
RECEIPTS	
2017 Property Taxes Collected	4,570,499.89
State of Vermont – Schedule I	131,289.81
Loan from Grader Fund	140,000.00
Fire Protection – Sunderland/Sandgate	58,251.00
Miscellaneous Income	2,582.30
Donations / Flag Project	1,500.00
Tax Sale Redemption Payments	2,015.00
Cemetery Receipts	3,325.00
US Treasury – PILOT	11,116.00
Town Clerk – Fees and Licenses	21,765.00
LUA & ZBA Fees	1,925.00
Insurance Reimbursement / Adj.	9,225.75
ASD-FY16/17 Final VT Education Tax Reconciliation	81,095.25
Arlington Recreation & Park Receipts	16,414.43
Delinquent Tax Collector:	
Delinquent Taxes	180,521.75
Interest	11,143.69
Penalties	11,019.64
	202,685.08
Arlington Water Dept. Reimbursement – PR & ER FTD	71,013.57
Arlington Water Dept. Reimbursement – Projects	13,408.64
Interest	3,012.27
TOTAL RECEIPTS:	5,533,803.91
DISBURSEMENTS:	
Paid 2017 Appropriations – Capital Reserve	133,000.00
Orders #1 through #26 Operating & ER FTD Share	809,754.01
Orders #1 through #52 Payroll	351,189.85
Loan Payment to Grader	140,000.00
Refund - Tax Over Payments	7,426.26
Taxes Paid to School District	3,820,603.87
AWD PR & FTD ER Share	64,624.42
AWD PR/GEN – Reimbursement Overpayment	6,388.08
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:	5,332,986.49
Cash Balance on Hand 12/31/17	200,880.02
Receipts Total:	5,533,866.51

Cash Accounts	
The Bank of Bennington – Operating Now	200,880.02
Petty Cash	123.00
Cash on Hand	201,003.02
SCHEDULE I	
State of Vermont Income	
Aid to Highway	\$68,723.59
Share of Local Fines	2,565.60
Misc.	35.05
R.R. Tax	35.72
Current Use Program	22,742.00
PILOT-FP & FW	1,786.77
PY Refund	9,961.08
CL 2 Road Grant	25,440.00
Total	\$131,289.81
Treasurer's Reconciliation	
With Delinquent Tax Collector	
Uncollected Taxes 1/1/17	\$167,952.58
2017 Taxes to Collector	199,559.90
Total Uncollected	367,512.48
Less 2017 Receipts from Delinquent Tax Collector	-180,521.75
Abated	-971.41
Net Tax Bill Adjustments	+309.56
12/31/17 Un-remitted Taxes	186,328.88
Less received from DTC – JAN 2018 (For payments received 12/28/17-1/23/18)	-34,522.58
Adjusted Un-remitted Taxes	\$151,806.30
REAPPRAISAL FUND	
Balance in Fund 1/01/17	\$182,035.00
Interest Received	1,892.39
From State of Vermont	13,303.19
Balance in Fund 12/31/17	197,230.58
Evidenced by Now #2988 @ Bank of Bennington	20,944.16
# CD #201924 @ Bank of Bennington due 10/1/18	140,857.11
# CD #00290 @ Bank of Bennington due 1/12/18	35,429.31

AUDIT FUND	
Balance in Fund 1/1/17	\$20,544.23
2017 General Budget For Audit Contract	10,600.00
Interest Received	154.66
Balance in Fund 12/31/17	31,298.89
Evidenced by NOW Account #0546 @ Bank of Bennington	31,298.89
DISCRETIONARY FUND	
Balance in Fund 1/1/17	\$5,921.53
Interest Received	44.58
Balance in Fund 12/31/17	5,966.11
Evidenced by NOW Account #0554 @ Bank of Bennington	5,966.11
BATTENKILL DREDGING FUND	
Balance in Fund 1/1/17	\$5,581.08
Interest Received	2.79
Balance in Fund 12/31/17	5,583.87
Evidenced by NOW Account #3900917 @ Berkshire Bank	5,583.87
FEMA – IRENE FUND	
Balance in Fund 1/1/17	\$35,723.17
Interest Received	268.92
Balance in Fund 12/31/17	35,992.09
Evidenced by Now Account #654101213 @ Bank of Bennington	35,992.09
COMBINED CAPITAL RESERVE FUND MONIES	
12/31/17 Fund Balance	\$1,049,060.30
CAPITAL RESERVE CHECKING ACCOUNT	
Balance in Fund 1/1/17	\$316.64
Interest Received	19.52
Balance in Fund 12/31/17	336.16
Evidenced by NOW #1405 @ TBOB	336.16

TOWN BACKHOE AND LOADER FUND	
Balance in Fund 1/1/17	\$104,049.08
2017 Voted Appropriation	9,000.00
Interest Received	789.03
Balance in Fund 12/31/17	113,838.11
Evidenced by NOW #1464 @TBOB	113,838.11
TOWN BRIDGES FUND	
Balance in Fund 1/1/17	\$51,953.75
2017 Voted Appropriation	5,000.00
Interest Received	394.30
Balance in Fund 12/31/17	57,348.05
Evidenced by NOW #1502 @TBOB	57,348.05
BUILDINGS MAINTENANCE FUND	
Balance in Fund 1/1/17	\$24,600.24
2017 Voted Appropriation	2,500.00
Interest Received	186.79
Balance in Fund 12/31/17	27,287.03
Evidenced by NOW #1510 @ TBOB	27,287.03
COMPUTER FUND	
Balance in Fund 1/1/17	\$18,420.10
2017 Voted Appropriation	2,500.00
Interest Received	140.26
Balance in Fund 12/31/17	21,060.36
Evidenced by NOW #1529 @ TBOB	21,060.36
FIRE TRUCK FUND	
Balance in Fund 1/1/17	\$158,833.69
2017 Voted Appropriation	45,000.00
Grant Reimbursement	2,176.72
Interest Received	1,230.30
Balance in Fund 12/31/17	207,240.71
Evidenced by NOW # 1448 @ TBOB	207,240.71

GENERATOR FUND	
Balance in Fund 1/1/17	\$5,287.88
Interest Received	39.81
Balance in Fund 12/31/17	5,327.69
Evidenced by NOW #2147 @ TBOB	5,327.69

GRADER FUND	
Balance in Fund 1/1/17	\$145,511.66
2017 Voted Appropriation	6,000.00
General Fund BM Principal & Interest Repay	140,541.61
Interest Received	550.30
Sub-Total	292,603.57
Loan To General Fund	-140,000.00
Balance in fund 12/31/17	152,603.57
Evidenced by NOW #1472 @ TBOB	152,603.57

SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE/EQUIPMENT FUND	
Balance in Fund 1/1/17	\$49,278.01
2017 Voted Appropriation	6,000.00
Interest Received	38.59
Sub-Total	55,316.60
Equipment Purchase	-47,536.08
Balance in Fund 12/31/17	7,780.52
Evidenced by NOW #1499 @ TBOB	7,780.52

SPECIAL HIGHWAY	
Balance in Fund 1/1/17	\$280,099.12
CL 2 Grant P01736 Reimb.	25,440.00
2017 Voted Appropriation	17,000.00
2017 General Highway Surplus – Rebuilding Line	21,913.14
Interest Received	1,996.55
Sub-Total	346,448.81
Paid Orders CRF	-89,593.32
Balance in Fund 12/31/17	256,855.49
Evidenced by NOW #1480 @ TBOB	256,855.49

TRUCK FUND	
Balance in Fund 1/1/17	\$137,103.18
2017 Voted Appropriation	40,000.00
Interest Received	1,057.62
Balance in Fund 12/31/17	178,160.80
Evidenced by NOW #1456 @ TBOB	178,160.80
YELLOW BARN FUND	
Balance in Fund 1/1/17	\$20,912.70
Interest Received	156.16
Donation/Fund Raising	519.00
Dog Park Donations	125.00
Sub-Total	21,712.86
Paid Orders CRF	-491.05
Balance in Fund 12/31/17	21,196.81
Evidenced by NOW #1413 @ TBOB	21,196.81



The Elnathan Merwin Tavern (1782) was located just north of today's Arlington Inn at the corner of Main Street (Route 7A) and Water Street (Route 313 west).

2017 Tax Rate Set – July 31, 2017

Town of Arlington Taxes:

2017 Voted Municipal Budget	\$1,364,015.00
Plus additional for Voted Article #23-Library	+1,000.00
Less 12/31/2016 Cash on Hand	-192,680.00
Less Anticipated Income	<u>-232,271.00</u>
Net Town Taxes to be Raised	\$940,064.00
Municipal Grand List	\$313,053,000.00
Municipal Tax Rate of \$00.3100 raises	\$970,464.00

Local Agreement Rate:

Locally Voted Exemptions of \$705,400.00 x Non-Residential Rate set by VT Tax Department of \$1.4302, amount to be raised	<u>10,089.00</u>
Voted Veterans Exemptions of \$270,000.00 x Homestead Education Rate set by VT Tax Department of \$1.5242 amount to be raised	<u>4,115.00</u>
Total to be Raised for Local Agreements	\$14,204.00
Municipal Grand List	\$313,053,000.00
Local Agreement Tax Rate of \$0.0050 raises	\$15,652.00

Total Municipal Tax Rate Set \$00.3150

Arlington Education Tax Rate as set by VT Tax Department:

Homestead Education Tax Rate	\$1.5242
Nonresidential Education Tax Rate	\$1.4302

Tax Rates established and duly approved by the Selectmen per authority voted at 2017 Annual Town Meeting.

Total Homestead Tax Rate	\$1.8392
Total Non-Residential Rate	\$1.7452

Property Tax Collection – 2017

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.

SELECTBOARD

Summary of 2017 Spending and Proposed 2018 Budget

	2017 Budget	2017 Actual Expenses	2017 Amount To Be Raised By Taxes	2018 Proposed Budget	2018 Proposed Amount to be Raised by Taxes
General Fund	512,180.00	466,625.28	430,280.00	533,406.00	441,006.00
Fire Protection	157,436.00	157,622.58	99,165.00	166,639.00	105,021.00
Park	68,030.00	61,712.35	49,930.00	66,114.00	48,414.00
Highway	605,854.00	559,390.13	533,359.00	648,552.00	574,552.00
Cemetery	20,515.00	18,148.57	18,515.00	20,965.00	18,815.00
TOTALS	1,364,015.00	1,263,501.91	1,129,733.00	1,435,676.00	1,187,808.00



Deming Inn.

Town of Arlington Budget and Expenditures for 2017 and 2018

Account	Budget FY - 2017	Actual FY - 2017	Budget FY - 2018
11-6 TOTAL REVENUE			
11-6-01 DELINQUENT TAXES & INTEREST			
11-6-01-001.00 Property Taxes	430,280.00	111,302.21	441,006.00
11-6-01-001.01 Prior Year State Adjustment	0.00	81,095.25	0.00
11-6-01-002.00 Taxes, Delinquent	0.00	180,521.75	0.00
11-6-01-003.00 Taxes, Delinquent, interest	10,000.00	11,143.59	10,000.00
11-6-01-004.00 Delinquent Taxes Penalty	10,000.00	11,019.64	10,000.00
11-6-01-005.00 Tax Sale Redemption	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total DELINQUENT TAXES & INTEREST	450,280.00	395,082.44	461,006.00
11-6-02-001.00 State of Vermont	26,000.00	30,033.14	28,000.00
11-6-02-001.01 Income from Fines	4,000.00	2,565.60	4,000.00
11-6-02-002.00 School Tax Prior Year	0.00	0.00	0.00
11-6-02-003.00 US Treasury	10,000.00	11,116.00	10,000.00
11-6-02-005.71 AWD Payroll Exp. Reimb.	0.00	71,013.57	0.00
11-6-03-001.01 Town Clerk/Fees	14,000.00	18,307.00	14,000.00
11-6-03-001.02 Town Clerk/Dog Licenses	2,000.00	2,418.00	2,500.00
11-6-03-001.03 Town Clk Liq/Toba Lics	900.00	1,040.00	900.00
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	1,925.00	2,000.00
11-6-05-001.00 Interest	3,000.00	3,012.27	3,000.00
11-6-06-001.00 Grant Income	0.00	0.00	0.00
11-6-09-099.00 Miscellaneous	0.00	1,854.36	0.00
11-6-09-099.01 Misc. Property Payment	0.00	2,015.00	0.00
11-6-09-099.02 Misc. Health Insurance	0.00	8,897.75	8,000.00
11-6-09-099.03 Misc. Donations	0.00	1,500.00	0.00
TOTAL GENERAL REVENUE	512,180.00	550,780.13	533,406.00

Account	Budget FY - 2017	Actual FY - 2017	Budget FY - 2018
11-7 ADMINISTRATION			
11-7-10 PAYROLL & BENEFITS			
11-7-10-110.01 Salaries/Chair. Select Bd	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
11-7-10-110.02 Salaries/Selectmen (4)	7,200.00	7,200.00	7,200.00
11-7-10-110.03 Salaries/Town Clerk	17,384.00	17,384.00	17,922.00
11-7-10-110.04 Salaries/Treasurer	14,185.00	14,185.00	14,627.00
11-7-10-110.05 Clerical	19,490.00	20,364.30	21,000.00
11-7-10-110.06 Listing/Labor	26,350.00	25,284.58	27,164.00
11-7-10-110.07 Town Clerk Assistant	2,650.00	3,924.31	7,200.00
11-7-10-110.08 Treasurer/Assistant	4,000.00	8,859.75	4,500.00
11-7-10-110.09 Town Elections/Poll Workers	300.00	155.00	650.00
11-7-10-110.10 Auditor/Labor	1,820.00	892.14	2,000.00
11-7-10-110.11 Board of Civil Authority	100.00	0.00	100.00
11-7-10-110.12 Health Officer	300.00	300.00	300.00
11-7-10-110.13 Land Use Labor	6,000.00	5,435.06	7,000.00
11-7-10-110.14 Land Use Permits	500.00	862.50	500.00
11-7-10-110.15 ZBA/Clerical	100.00	0.00	100.00
11-7-10-110.16 Planning Clerical	150.00	0.00	100.00
11-7-10-110.17 Interim Administrator	16,000.00	10,830.00	16,000.00
11-7-10-110.18 Tax Collectors Fees/Penat	10,000.00	11,019.93	10,000.00
11-7-10-110.19 Salary, Moderator	150.00	150.00	150.00
11-7-10-110.20 Town Clerk Fees	14,000.00	18,300.00	14,000.00
11-7-10-110.21 Tn Clk Dog Licenses	900.00	1,060.77	900.00
11-7-10-110.22 Tn Clk Liq. Licenses	80.00	50.00	80.00
11-7-10-210.01 Town Clerk Health Insur	16,483.00	16,612.56	18,100.00
11-7-10-210.02 Treasurer Health Insur	16,483.00	17,277.43	18,100.00
11-7-10-210.03 Admin Asst Health Insur	4,000.00	4,000.00	18,100.00
11-7-10-220.00 Taxes/F.I.C.A.	12,500.00	11,885.86	12,500.00
11-7-10-230.00 Vt. Employee Pension	1,850.00	2,389.22	1,850.00
11-7-10-260.00 Workmen's Compensation	912.00	1,911.00	1,012.00
11-7-10-290.00 Vt. Unemployment	1,350.00	2,300.28	958.00
Total PAYROLL & BENEFITS	197,037.00	204,433.69	223,913.00
11-7-20 OFFICE OPERATIONS			
11-7-20-330.01 Repair, Pur, Train- Equip	3,000.00	2,048.92	7,500.00
11-7-20-340.00 Tn Clerk, Microfilm/Restora	1,500.00	0.00	500.00
11-7-20-431.00 Xerox/Copier	1,000.00	744.95	1,000.00
11-7-20-530.00 Telephone	1,800.00	3,125.66	2,700.00
11-7-20-540.01 Planning Comm./Notices	300.00	82.35	300.00
11-7-20-540.02 ZBA/Legal Notices	300.00	280.01	300.00

Account	Budget FY - 2017	Actual FY - 2017	Budget FY - 2018
11-7-20-550.01 Auditor/Town Report/Print	1,300.00	1,147.64	1,500.00
11-7-20-550.02 Zoning By Laws	50.00	246.00	100.00
11-7-20-580.01 Meetings & Mileage	800.00	225.96	700.00
11-7-20-610.01 Supplies	5,500.00	5,829.52	5,500.00
11-7-20-610.02 Town Clerk/office expense	2,000.00	117.50	1,900.00
11-7-20-610.03 Computer expense	2,000.00	496.29	1,500.00
11-7-20-610.04 Listers/office expenses	1,200.00	717.36	1,200.00
11-7-20-610.05 Website	200.00	0.00	200.00
Total OFFICE OPERATION	20,950.00	15,062.16	24,900.00
11-7-30 TOWN HALL			
11-7-30-411.00 Water Service	450.00	448.36	450.00
11-7-30-421.00 Rubbish Removal	700.00	692.13	700.00
11-7-30-423.01 Janitorial	7,600.00	6,963.00	7,000.00
11-7-30-423.02 Snow Removal	400.00	0.00	400.00
11-7-30-450.00 Repairs & Services	10,000.00	5,191.09	16,000.00
11-7-30-520.00 Insurance	3,592.00	3,592.00	3,010.00
11-7-30-610.00 Equipment & Supplies	600.00	474.34	600.00
11-7-30-622.00 Electricity	3,300.00	3,377.28	3,300.00
11-7-30-624.00 Fuel	3,800.00	2,544.22	3,500.00
Total TOWN HALL	30,442.00	23,282.42	34,960.00
11-7-70 GENERAL EXPENSES			
11-7-70-330.01 Animal Control	5,465.00	5,534.86	5,634.00
11-7-70-330.02 Arlington Green Up	650.00	402.95	600.00
11-7-70-330.03 Audit by outside firm	10,600.00	10,600.00	13,500.00
11-7-70-330.04 Benn County Sheriff	44,000.00	34,734.90	44,000.00
11-7-70-330.05 B.C.R.C.	3,908.00	3,908.00	3,966.00
11-7-70-330.06 Landfill/Solid Waste/Recy	20,000.00	9,057.04	15,000.00
11-7-70-330.07 Land fill, (ISWAP)	1,500.00	536.25	1,000.00
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	0.00	400.00
11-7-70-330.10 BCSWA	12,000.00	5,932.82	9,000.00
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
11-7-70-411.00 Hydrants	0.00	0.00	0.00
11-7-70-424.00 Vt. Comm. Work Service	1,000.00	0.00	0.00
11-7-70-490.00 Taxes/County	23,500.00	22,130.01	23,500.00

Account	Budget FY - 2017	Actual FY - 2017	Budget FY - 2018
11-7-70-520.00 Insurance	13,528.00	13,528.00	6,780.00
11-7-70-540.00 Legal Notices	800.00	882.80	1,000.00
11-7-70-550.00 Town Elections/Ballots	2,800.00	2,285.58	5,000.00
11-7-70-560.01 Dues, VLCT, Other	3,621.00	3,621.00	3,699.00
11-7-70-560.02 VT Assoc Conser. Districts	0.00	0.00	100.00
11-7-70-610.00 Emergency Management	4,000.00	2,466.49	3,000.00
11-7-70-622.00 Street Lights	28,000.00	20,961.98	24,000.00
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	59.79	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	1,525.54	0.00
TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES	184,272.00	144,168.01	168,679.00
11-7-80 DEBT SERVICE			
11-7-80-830.00 Borrowed money	800.00	0.00	800.00
Total DEBT SERVICE	800.00	0.00	800.00
11-7-90 RESERVE FUNDING			
11-7-90-810.03 Sink Fund Maint Tn Blds	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
11-7-90-810.04 Sinking Fund/Computer	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
11-7-90-810.06 Sink Fund, Outside Audit	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total RESERVE FUNDING	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Total ADMINISTRATION	438,501.00	391,946.28	458,252.00
11-8-95 APPROPRIATIONS			
11-8-95-950.01 Arlington Area Childcare	2,250.00	2,250.00	2,250.00
11-8-95-950.02 Arl Community Club, Inc.	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
11-8-95-950.03 Arlington Comm Nursing	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
11-8-95-950.04 Benn Coalition For 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	1,250.00
11-8-95-950.07 Sunrise Fam Resource Ctr	500.00	500.00	500.00
11-8-95-950.08 BROC	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
11-8-95-950.09 Assoc. for the Blind	500.00	500.00	500.00
11-8-95-950.10 Martha Canfield Library	17,000.00	18,000.00	19,000.00
11-8-95-950.11 Neighbor to Neighbor	750.00	750.00	750.00
11-8-95-950.12 Project Against Violence	450.00	450.00	450.00

Account	Budget FY - 2017	Actual FY - 2017	Budget FY - 2018
11-8-95-950.13 Center Restorative Justice	540.00	540.00	540.00
11-8-95-950.14 Benn Project Independence	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
11-8-95-950.15 SWVT Council on Aging	1,530.00	1,530.00	1,530.00
11-8-95-950.16 The Tutorial Center	450.00	450.00	450.00
11-8-95-950.17 Rescue Squad	32,500.00	32,500.00	32,500.00
11-8-95-950.18 R.S.V.P.	2,025.00	2,025.00	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	73,679.00	74,679.00	75,154.00
Total Expenditures	512,180.00	466,625.28	533,406.00
Total GENERAL FUND	0.00	84,154.85	0.00



Deming Inn when it was known as the Bronson Inn. Note the extended front and side porch.

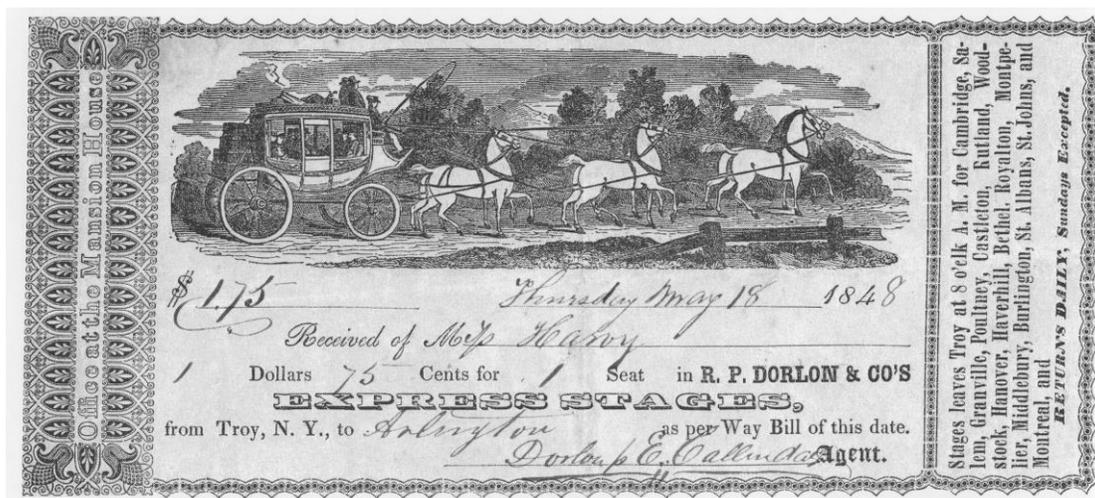
Account	Budget FY - 2017	Actual FY - 2017	Budget FY - 2018
12-6 HIGHWAY REVENUE			
12-6-01-001.00 Property Taxes	533,854.00	471,724.48	574,552.00
12-6-02-001.00 Irene-FEMA	0.00	0.00	0.00
12-6-02-001.01 Irene-State	0.00	0.00	0.00
12-6-02-001.02 State of Vermont	28,000.00	32,441.06	28,000.00
12-6-02-001.03 State of Vermont	40,000.00	40,759.54	40,000.00
12-6-04-001.00 ASD Fuel Reimbursement	0.00	1,041.66	0.00
12-6-06-001.00 Water Department	4,000.00	13,408.64	6,000.00
12-6-09-099.00 Miscellaneous	0.00	14.75	0.00
TOTAL HIGHWAY REVENUE	605,854.00	559,390.13	648,552.00
12-7 HIGHWAY SUMMARY			
12-7-10 PAYROLL & BENEFITS			
12-7-10-110.00 Labor	125,000.00	128,034.24	148,720.00
12-7-10-130.00 Overtime	20,000.00	21,413.97	20,000.00
12-7-10-210.00 Health Insurance	37,000.00	40,641.28	44,000.00
12-7-10-210.01 DOT Physicals	500.00	642.50	600.00
12-7-10-220.00 Social Security	12,000.00	11,620.89	12,900.00
12-7-10-230.00 Vt. Municipal Pension	8,000.00	8,354.75	9,500.00
12-7-10-260.00 Workmen's Compensation	15,444.00	15,444.00	15,088.00
12-7-10-290.01 Vt. Unemployment	2,474.00	2,474.00	2,875.00
12-7-10-290.03 Uniforms/T Shirts	2,800.00	2,420.40	2,800.00
12-7-10-530.00 Pager Service	400.00	474.60	300.00
12-7-10-580.00 Training/Workshops	300.00	225.00	300.00
Total PAYROLL & BENEFITS	223,918.00	231,745.63	257,083.00

Account	Budget FY - 2017	Actual FY - 2017	Budget FY - 2018
12-7-30 TOWN GARAGE			
12-7-30-411.00 Water Service	450.00	448.36	450.00
12-7-30-421.01 Rubbish	700.00	692.03	700.00
12-7-30-430.00 Maintenance	2,500.00	447.24	2,500.00
12-7-30-490.00 Petroleum Tank Asses	50.00	50.00	50.00
12-7-30-520.00 Insurance	4,188.00	4,188.00	3,509.00
12-7-30-610.01 Supplies	1,500.00	1,358.98	1,500.00
12-7-30-610.02 Equipment	650.00	0.00	650.00
12-7-30-622.00 Electricity	1,300.00	1,194.54	1,500.00
12-7-30-623.00 Oxygen & Propane	300.00	150.00	300.00
12-7-30-624.00 Fuel Oil	2,500.00	1,869.60	2,500.00
12-7-30-990.00 Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total TOWN GARAGE	14,138.00	10,398.75	13,659.00
12-7-42 CLASS 2 ROADS			
12-7-42-330.00 Striping/sealing	10,000.00	9,793.60	12,000.00
12-7-42-450.01 Blacktopping	0.00	0.00	0.00
12-7-42-450.02 Guard rails	500.00	0.00	500.00
12-7-42-450.03 Tree & Brush	2,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
12-7-42-450.04 E. Arlington wall	200.00	0.00	200.00
12-7-42-460.00 Culverts & bridges	3,000.00	777.00	3,000.00
12-7-42-460.01 Permits and Fees	1,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
12-7-42-610.01 Signs	600.00	0.00	600.00
12-7-42-610.02 Grass seed, etc.	400.00	0.00	400.00
12-7-42-650.01 Gravel/stone	10,000.00	10,374.96	10,000.00
12-7-42-650.02 Salt	26,000.00	16,627.49	26,000.00
12-7-42-650.03 Sand	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
12-7-42-650.04 Chloride	4,000.00	2,152.76	3,000.00
12-7-42-650.05 Hot mix	500.00	81.12	500.00
12-7-42-650.06 Cold patch	450.00	97.00	500.00
12-7-42-650.07 Sidewalk maintenance	500.00	0.00	5,000.00
Total CLASS 2 ROADS	69,150.00	49,903.93	76,700.00
12-7-43 CLASS 3 ROADS			
12-7-43-330.01 Sidewalks	5,000.00	492.75	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	10,185.00	15,000.00
12-7-43-450.01 Tree Removal	2,000.00	2,150.00	3,000.00

Account	Budget FY - 2017	Actual FY - 2017	Budget FY - 2018
12-7-43-450.02 Guard rails	600.00	0.00	500.00
12-7-43-460.01 Bridges & Culverts	4,000.00	1,126.60	4,000.00
12-7-43-460.02 Rebuilding	35,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00
12-7-43-520.00 Bridges/Insurance	752.00	752.00	0.00
12-7-43-610.01 Signs	600.00	587.61	600.00
12-7-43-610.02 Grass seed, etc.	600.00	71.18	500.00
12-7-43-650.01 Gravel/stone	21,000.00	21,575.45	25,000.00
12-7-43-650.02 Salt	12,000.00	7,237.75	12,000.00
12-7-43-650.03 Sand	29,000.00	31,388.88	34,000.00
12-7-43-650.04 Chloride	5,000.00	4,305.54	5,000.00
12-7-43-650.05 Hot/cold mix	500.00	96.45	500.00
Total CLASS 3 ROADS	131,052.00	114,969.21	135,200.00
12-7-60 TRUCKS & EQUIPMENT			
12-7-60-432.01 Maintenance	17,000.00	6,557.58	17,000.00
12-7-60-432.02 Inspections	500.00	288.00	500.00
12-7-60-442.00 Rental Equipment	3,200.00	2,950.00	3,500.00
12-7-60-520.00 Insurance	6,796.00	6,796.00	6,010.00
12-7-60-610.00 Supplies	24,000.00	24,480.53	25,000.00
12-7-60-610.01 Safety Equipment	1,000.00	126.54	800.00
12-7-60-627.00 Oil/gas/Lubricants	4,500.00	3,049.45	4,500.00
12-7-60-627.01 Diesel	25,000.00	22,796.66	23,000.00
12-7-60-740.00 Equip purchase/lease	2,600.00	2,327.85	2,600.00
Total TRUCKS & EQUIPMENT	84,596.00	69,372.61	82,910.00
12-7-90 RESERVE FUNDING			
12-7-90-810.01 Resurfacing	17,000.00	17,000.00	17,000.00
12-7-90-810.02 Backhoe and Loader	9,000.00	9,000.00	9,000.00
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
12-7-810.07 Bridges and Culverts	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
TOTAL RESERVE FUNDING	83,000.00	83,000.00	83,000.00
TOTAL HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES	605,854.00	559,390.13	648,552.00
Total HIGHWAY FUND	0.00	0.00	0.00

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13-6 FIRE DEPT REVENUE			
13-6-01-001.00 Property Taxes	99,165.00	99,321.58	105,021.00
13-6-04-001.00 Service to Sandgate	17,324.00	17,318.00	18,319.00
13-6-04-002.00 Town of Sunderland	40,947.00	40,933.00	43,299.00
13-6-06-001.00 Grant Income	0.00	0.00	0.00
13-6-09-099.00 Miscellaneous	0.00	50.00	0.00
TOTAL FIRE DEPT. REVENUE	157,436.00	157,622.58	166,639.00
13-7 FIRE DEPARTMENT			
13-7-10-110.00 Salaries	12,300.00	11,650.00	12,670.00
13-7-10-220.00 F.I.C.A.	865.00	696.36	970.00
13-7-10-260.00 Workmen's Compensation	4,736.00	4,905.00	4,199.00
13-7-10-290.01 Medical	4,500.00	208.00	4,500.00
13-7-10-290.02 Insurance	13,385.00	14,081.00	12,650.00
13-7-20-530.00 Telephone	5,000.00	2,044.97	5,000.00
13-7-20-580.00 Training School	2,500.00	3,289.00	5,000.00
13-7-20-610.00 Off Supply/Comp Reporting	3,000.00	2,988.48	2,500.00
13-7-30-624.00 Fuel for Fire Houses	4,000.00	5,002.83	4,000.00
13-7-60-432.00 Maintenance	20,000.00	30,685.26	23,500.00
13-7-60-627.00 Oil/gas/lubricants	600.00	432.08	500.00
13-7-60-627.01 Diesel	2,500.00	1,498.24	2,000.00
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	1,250.00	2,600.00	1,350.00
13-7-70-740.00 New Equipment	35,000.00	30,541.36	35,000.00
13-7-70-990.00 Emergency Contingency	800.00	0.00	800.00
13-7-90 RESERVE FUNDING			
13-7-90-810.00 Sinking Fund/New Fire Truk	45,000.00	45,000.00	50,000.00
TOTAL FIRE DEPT RESERVE FUNDING	45,000.00	45,000.00	50,000.00
TOTAL FIRE DEPT EXPENDITURES	157,436.00	157,622.58	166,639.00
TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT	0.00	0.00	0.00

Account	Budget FY - 2017	Actual FY - 2017	Budget FY - 2018
14-6 CEMETERY REVENUE			
14-6-01-001.00 Perpetual Care	500.00	650.00	650.00
14-6-01-001.01 Property Taxes	18,515.00	14,823.57	18,815.00
14-6-03-001.00 Sale of Lots	1,000.00	1,200.00	1,000.00
14-6-04-001.00 Burial Fee	500.00	1,425.00	500.00
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	50.00	0.00
TOTAL CEMETERY REVENUE	20,515.00	18,148.57	20,965.00
14-7 CEMETERY EXPENDITURES			
14-7-10-110.00 Cemetery Salaries	850.00	850.00	850.00
14-7-10-220.00 FICA	65.00	65.03	65.00
14-7-20-990.00 Office Misc.	50.00	19.60	50.00
14-7-30-300.00 Operating Contract	14,150.00	14,856.92	14,600.00
14-7-30-300.01 Operating Maintenance	5,000.00	1,257.02	5,000.00
14-7-70-990.00 Perpetual Care	0.00	650.00	0.00
14-7-70-990.01 Misc.	0.00	50.00	0.00
14-7-70-990.02 Veterans Memorial Flags	400.00	400.00	400.00
TOTAL CEMETERY EXPENDITURES	20,515.00	18,148.57	20,965.00
TOTAL CEMETERY	0.00	0.00	0.00



Stage coach ticket, Troy, New York to Arlington, \$1.75, May 1848.

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15-6 PARK REVENUE			
15-6-01-001.00 Property Taxes	49,930.00	45,297.92	48,414.00
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	0.00	0.00	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 Assoc. 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	5,000.00	3,426.00	5,000.00
15-6-09-002.00 Park Donations	500.00	0.00	100.00
15-6-09-003.00 Concession	100.00	0.00	100.00
15-6-09-099.00 Miscellaneous Income	0.00	488.43	0.00
Total PARK REVENUE	68,030.00	61,712.35	66,114.00
15-7 PARK & RECREATION			
15-7-10 PAYROLL & BENEFITS			
15-7-10-110.00 Labor	32,700.00	33,969.21	33,000.00
15-7-10-130.00 Overtime	0.00	0.00	0.00
15-7-10-220.00 Taxes/F.I.C.A.	2,500.00	2,598.76	2,525.00
15-7-10-260.00 Workmen's Compensation	2,596.00	2,596.00	2,170.00
15-7-10-290.00 Vt. Unemployment	2,266.00	2,266.00	2,074.00
TOTAL PAYROLL & BENEFITS	40,062.00	41,429.97	39,769.00
15-7-20 ADMINISTRATION			
15-7-20-520.00 Insurance	516.00	516.00	330.00
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	716.00	516.00	530.00
15-7-30 PARK BUILDINGS			
15-7-30-411.00 Water	450.00	653.51	500.00
15-7-30-421.00 Rubbish	750.00	680.00	700.00
15-7-30-450.00 Maintenance	3,500.00	1,681.41	4,000.00
15-7-30-520.00 Insurance	552.00	552.00	415.00

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15-7-30-610.00 Supplies	1,000.00	905.35	1,000.00
15-7-30-622.00 Electricity	1,000.00	1,235.18	1,000.00
TOTAL PARK BUILDINGS	7,252.00	5,707.45	7,615.00
15-7-41 GOLF COURSE			
15-7-41-411.00 Water	500.00	415.77	500.00
15-7-41-610.00 Grass Seed/Fertilizer	1,200.00	1,800.00	1,200.00
15-7-41-610.01 Course Supplies	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
TOTAL GOLF COURSE	3,700.00	2,215.77	3,700.00
15-7-42 FIELDS & GROUNDS			
15-7-42-622.00 Electric Soccer	700.00	377.89	500.00
15-7-42-622.01 Electric Softball	300.00	149.52	200.00
15-7-42-622.02 Electric Tennis	200.00	154.46	200.00
15-7-42-650.00 Grass Seed/Fertilizer	2,000.00	225.00	1,500.00
15-7-42-650.01 Maintenance	4,000.00	3,906.77	3,000.00
TOTAL FIELDS & GROUNDS	7,200.00	4,813.64	5,400.00
15-7-60 EQUIPMENT			
15-7-60-432.01 Maintenance	4,000.00	5,767.73	4,000.00
15-7-60-627.00 Gas/Oil/Lubricants	1,800.00	1,261.79	1,800.00
15-7-60-627.01 Diesel	200.00	0.00	200.00
15-7-60-740.00 Equip Purchase	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
15-7-60-740.01 Equipment Lease	100.00	0.00	100.00
TOTAL EQUIPMENT	9,100.00	7,029.52	9,100.00
TOTAL PARK & REC EXPENDITURES	68,030.00	61,712.35	66,114.00
TOTAL RECREATION	0.00	0.00	0.00

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21-6 REAPPRAISAL REVENUE			
21-6-02-001.00 State of Vermont	0.00	12,130.00	0.00
21-6-02-002.00 State Vt. Training	0.00	1,173.19	0.00
21-6-05-001.00 Interest Income	0.00	1,892.39	0.00
21-6-08-001.00 Transfers In	0.00	0.00	0.00
21-6-09-990.00 Misc.	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL REAPPRAISAL REVENUE	0.00	15,195.58	0.00
21-7-10-110.06 Lister Wages	0.00	0.00	0.00
21-7-10-220.00 Taxes/F.I.C.A.	0.00	0.00	0.00
21-7-20-531.00 Postage	0.00	0.00	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	0.00	0.00
TOTAL REAPPRAISAL EXPENDITURES	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL REAPPRAISAL	0.00	15,195.58	0.00
22-6 DISCRETIONARY REVENUE			
22-6-05-001.00 Interest Income	0.00	44.58	0.00
22-6-09-099.00 Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL DISCRETIONARY REVENUES	0.00	44.58	0.00
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

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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 Cls2Gt PO155305	0.00	0.00	0.00
23-6-02-001.24 Cls2Gt PO1736	0.00	25,440.00	0.00
23-6-05-001.04 Battenkill Dredging	0.00	2.79	0.00
23-6-05-001.10 FEMA	0.00	268.92	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	0.00	0.00
23-6-09-099.10 FEMA miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL GRANTS REVENUE	0.00	25,711.71	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
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 BC 1321	0.00	0.00	0.00
23-7-70-990.15VT 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	4,434.73	0.00
23-7-70-990.22 Clas2Gt 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 Cls2 Road Grant PO1736	0.00	25,440.00	0.00
TOTAL GRANTS EXPENDITURES	0.00	29,874.73	0.00
TOTAL GRANTS	0.00	-4,163.02	0.00

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24-6 AUDIT REVENUE			
24-6-01-001.00 Appropriation	0.00	0.00	0.00
24-6-05-001.00 Interest Income	0.00	154.66	0.00
24-6-08-001.00 Transfer In	0.00	10,600.00	0.00
24-6-09-099.00 Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00
 TOTAL AUDIT REVENUES	 0.00	 10,754.66	 0.00
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	 10,754.66	 0.00
31-6 CAPITAL REVENUE			
31-6-04-001.23 Fire Truck Insurance	0.00	2,176.72	0.00
31-6-05-001.10 CRF CKBK	0.00	19.52	0.00
31-6-05-001.21 Yellow Barn	0.00	156.16	0.00
31-6-05-001.22 Copier	0.00	0.00	0.00
31-6-05-001.23 Fire Truck	0.00	1,230.30	0.00
31-6-05-001.24 Town Truck	0.00	1,057.62	0.00
31-6-05-001.25 Backhoe & Loader	0.00	789.03	0.00
31-6-05-001.26 Grader	0.00	1,091.91	0.00
31-6-05-001.27 Spec Highway	0.00	1,996.55	0.00
31-6-05-001.28 Sidewalk & Equip	0.00	38.59	0.00
31-6-05-001.29 Town Bridges	0.00	394.30	0.00
31-6-05-001.31 Town Buildings	0.00	186.79	0.00
31-6-05-001.32 Computers	0.00	140.26	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	39.81	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	45,000.00	0.00
31-6-08-001.24 Town Truck	0.00	40,000.00	0.00
31-6-08-001.25 Backhoe & Loader	0.00	9,000.00	0.00
31-6-08-001.26 Grader	0.00	6,000.00	0.00
31-6-08-001.27 Spec. Highway	0.00	17,000.00	0.00
31-6-08-001.28 Sidewalk & Equip	0.00	6,000.00	0.00

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31-6-08-001.29 Town Bridges	0.00	5,000.00	0.00
31-6-08-001.31 Town Buildings	0.00	2,500.00	0.00
31-6-08-001.32 Computers	0.00	2,500.00	0.00
31-6-08-001.33 Old Mill Road Wall	0.00	0.00	0.00
31-6-08-001.34 Generator	0.00	0.00	0.00
31-6-09-001.21 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 & 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	47,353.14	0.00
31-6-09-001.28 Sidewalk & Equip	0.00	0.00	0.00
31-6-09-001.29 Town Bridges	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
31-6-090002.21 Yellow Barn Dog Park	0.00	125.00	0.00
31-6-09-099.21 Yellow Barn Miscellaneous	0.00	519.00	0.00
TOTAL CAPITAL REVENUES	0.00	190,314.70	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	491.05	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 & Loader	0.00	0.00	0.00
31-7-80-700.26 Grader	0.00	0.00	0.00
31-7-80-700.27 Spec. Highway	0.00	89,593.32	0.00
31-7-80-700.28 Sidewalk & Equip	0.00	47,536.08	0.00
31-7-80-700.29 Town Bridges	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	0.00	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
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	0.00	137,620.45	0.00
TOTAL CAPITAL	0.00	52,694.25	0.00

Trustees of Public Funds

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

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

- The first and largest is the Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund. This fund was established to ensure that the Arlington Cemeteries are maintained. When you buy a burial plot a portion of the fee goes to the purchase of the plot itself and a portion goes to the trust fund for perpetual care.
- The second fund is the Emmett and Edith Smith Fund. This fund was established by the Smith family. In the past, it has been used to help students with the cost of their class trips to Montpelier to learn more about Vermont's government.
- The third is the Florence Holden Fund. This fund was established to give financial support to a family in need as the result of a fire.
- Lastly, is the Tri-Centennial Fund, which is to be used to help with the cost of Arlington's Tri-Centennial Celebration.

If you have any questions about these funds or their use please feel free to contact us.

Funds Balance for year ending December 31, 2017:

Edith and Emmett Smith Trust Fund	4,613.88
Florence Holden Trust Fund	3,789.53
Tri-Centennial Fund	1,129.63
Perpetual Care	109,247.55

Respectfully Submitted, Trustees of Public Funds,
Maureen Harvey
Susan Jennings

Advertisement for Arlington
 tavern, saw mill, and farm sale,
 February 25, 1815.

in our next.

FOR SALE,

A VALUABLE FARM in the town of
 Arlington, containing 130 acres of ex-
 cellent land, on which is one of the best tavern
 stands situate on the stage road from Benning-
 ton to Manchester, and one other good dwell-
 ing house.

ALSO—FOR SALE

One fourth part of a SAW-MILL, in good
 repair, two ten acre Pine Pitches, and some oth-
 er Pine and a large quantity of good White and
 Black Oak building timber.

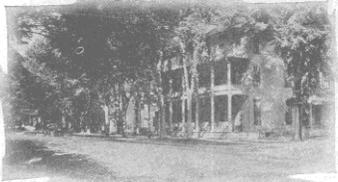
The tavern stand, from being situate near the
 centre of Bennington county, is calculated to
 ensure a large share of custom; and the Farm,
 in point of fertility, is exceeded by none in the
 county. The above property will be sold to-
 gether or separately as shall best suit the pur-
 chaser, and an indisputable title given.

Enquire of the subscriber living on the
 premises.

WILLIAM BARBER.
 Arlington, Feb. 22, 1815.

A generous reward of One Cent.

RAN away from the subscriber on the 6th
 day of February inst. an indentured ap-
 prentice boy about twenty years of age, named
 ROSWELL BORN.



ARCO INN

ARLINGTON, VERMONT

A place where the tourist
 will find comfort in at-
 tractive surroundings . .

J. A. KEENE,
 Hotel Manager

OWNED AND OPERATED BY
 ARLINGTON REFRIGERATOR CO., INC.

Cover of *Arco Inn* brochure.



Deming Tavern / Bartlett House ca 1910.

Section Two: Reports of Elected Officials

Arlington Selectboard

During 2017 the Selectboard continued to make investments in the Town road system through paving and drainage projects. New culverts to improve drainage were installed under Berwal Road and River Road. All of the Town roads affected by the Arlington Water Department projects over the past few years were paved, and sections of Maple Hill Road were paved.

The Board would like to thank all the community members who have participated in the ongoing Arlington Renewal discussions and projects.

Your Arlington Selectboard
Keith Squires, Daniel Harvey, Cynthia Browning, Reggie Jennings Jr., Timothy Williams

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 #	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
			Projected							
Town Highway Trucks			Life							
2011 Ford 550 Plow/Sander	2020	TH-1	9 Yrs	0.00	0.00	90,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2015 International Plow/Sander	2027	TH-2	12 Yrs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2006 International Plow/Sander	2018	TH-3	12 Yrs	200,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Replacement Cost				200,000.00	0.00	90,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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)			178,160.80	18,160.80	58,160.80	8,160.80	48,160.80	88,160.80	128,160.80	168,160.80
Capital Asset Description	Replace	Asset #	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Town Highway Equipment										
2001 New Holland Loader	2019	TH-101	18 Yrs	0.00	165,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1995 Galion Grader	2021	TH-102	26 Yrs	0.00	0.00	0.00	200,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1985 Ford Backhoe/Loader	2023	TH-103	38 Yrs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50,000.00	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	165,000.00	0.00	200,000.00	0.00	50,000.00	0.00
Payment to CRF (Projected)				23,000.00	23,000.00	24,000.00	24,000.00	24,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
Balance CRF Equipment (as of 12/31)			274,222.20	297,222.20	155,222.20	179,222.20	3,222.20	27,222.20	2,222.20	27,222.20
Capital Asset Description	Replace	Asset #	2016	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
<i>(7 Year rotation)</i>										
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	0.00	0.00	400,000.00	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				0.00	0.00	400,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Payment to CRF (Projected)				50,000.00	55,000.00	55,000.00	55,000.00	55,000.00	55,000.00	60,000.00
Balance CRF Firetrucks (as of 12/31)			207,240.71	257,240.71	312,240.71	(32,759.29)	22,240.71	77,240.71	132,240.71	192,240.71
Capital Asset Description	Replace	Asset #	2016	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Town Bridges & Culverts										
BR # 13, TH #29	2018	BR #13		22,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
BR # 4, TH # 1	2022	BR #4		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	60,000.00	0.00	0.00
BR # 17, TH #22	2030	BR #17		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
BR # 24, TH #23	2050	BR #24		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CULVERT #1202, TH #12	2020	CL #1202		0.00	0.00	20,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Replacement Cost*				22,000.00	0.00	20,000.00	0.00	60,000.00	0.00	0.00
Payment to CRF (Projected)				7,500.00	8,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Balance CRF Bridges & Culverts (as of 12/31)			57,348.05	42,848.05	50,848.05	40,848.05	50,848.05	848.05	5,848.05	10,848.05
* Note: Amounts shown on this line represents the Town's 10% share of town highway projects funded with State & Federal monies.										

2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	225,000.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	225,000.00	0.00	3.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	40,001.00	40,002.00	40,003.00	40,004.00
208,160.80	248,160.80	63,160.80	103,160.80	143,157.80	183,157.80	223,158.80	#####	#####	#####
2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	65,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	65,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
25,000.00	25,000.00	26,000.00	26,000.00	26,000.00	26,000.00	26,000.00	26,001.00	26,002.00	26,003.00
52,222.20	77,222.20	103,222.20	64,222.20	90,222.20	116,222.20	142,222.20	#####	#####	#####
2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	425,000.00	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	450,000.00
0.00	0.00	425,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	450,000.00
60,000.00	60,000.00	60,000.00	60,000.00	65,000.00	65,000.00	65,000.00	65,000.00	65,000.00	70,000.00
252,240.71	312,240.71	(52,759.29)	7,240.71	72,240.71	137,240.71	202,240.71	#####	#####	(47,759.29)
2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	18,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	18,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
15,848.05	20,848.05	25,848.05	30,848.05	35,848.05	22,848.05	27,848.05	32,848.05	37,848.05	42,848.05

Town Auditor's Report

We have audited the financial statements of the Town of Arlington as of and for the year ended December 31, 2017 as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

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

Our objectives were to 1) validate the correctness of the town accounts, 2) detect fraud or errors in these accounts, and 3) verify the financial condition and results of operations of the town as of and for the year ended December 31, 2017.

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

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Arlington as of December 31, 2017 and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

Respectfully submitted
William Budde
Patricia Williams

Delinquent Tax Collector's 2017 Report

Outstanding Taxes:

2013	1 parcel	\$ 225.00
2014	2 parcels	\$ 623.45
2015	8 parcels	\$ 13,223.36
2016	21 parcels	\$ 36,222.09
2017	55 parcels	\$ 101,512.40
Total		\$ 151,806.30

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

Listers Annual Report

In the past year, our Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) has gone from 107.33 up to 109.44, and our Coefficient of Dispersion (COD) went from 15.44 to 15.84, a strong indication that it is time for a general reappraisal of all properties. The CLA and COD are complicated statistical systems that the state uses to govern the accuracy of each town's Grand List, and are very important factors in setting the State Education tax rate. The Common Level of Appraisal is the relation of property appraisals and the actual price of valid sales. The Coefficient of Dispersion is an indicator of how fairly the taxes are distributed within the town.

Therefore, we have contracted for a town-wide reappraisal to begin in 2019, and be completed for the 2021 Grand List. This is a huge task for the listers, and we will be asking for your cooperation. You will be getting more details from us as we get into the project. Town reappraisals are paid for by funds received from the state annually, so there will be no additional tax burden on you.

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

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

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

Arlington Listers,
Joseph Garger; Earl LaBatt; Lee Cross

Arlington Recreation Park

The Arlington Recreation Park was busy in 2017. The ball fields, tennis courts, and basketball court were well used all summer. The walking trail that circles the park seems to have increased use each year.

A new addition to the park this year is the Dog Park area. The Town had many requests for an area where dog owners could let their animals run and not be in conflict with the ball fields. A temporary area was built by volunteers and was successful. The material to install a permanent fence has been purchased and will be put up in the spring of 2018.

The Park Committee members are planning a project to do maintenance work on the walking trail, and to install more benches around the park. Anyone interested in helping with that project should contact Dave Naaktgeboren, the Treasurer of the Committee.

Thank you to all of the groups that are always enjoying the park and working to maintain the areas.

Town Clerk's Report

It is a busy time of year at the town hall as we wrap up 2017 and begin a new year. Dog Licenses for 2018 are now available and are due by April 1st. As always, we can renew by mail or in person at the Clerk's Office.

There will be three elections this year as our State candidates will run in the August Primary, then at the General Election in November.

There will be a slight change in the polling location for Town Meeting as well as the August Primary due to the closure of the AMHS gymnasium. We will be voting in the Mack Performing Arts Center for both of these elections.

This November we will be voting for our local Justices of the Peace. These are important to our Town as they are members of the Board of Civil Authority (BCA) who help out at elections as well as participate in the tax appeal process and abatements. We are in need of additional Justices of the Peace with two empty seats at the present time. If you are interested in becoming a Justice of the Peace, please contact the Town Clerk's Office and we will help you get your name on the ballot in November!

Please feel free to call with any questions at 375-2332, Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Wilcox, Town Clerk



The First Arlington Hotel on Main Street, ca. 1880.



Former Aylesworth's Tavern, East Arlington, opened ca 1797.

Section Three: Reports of Appointed Officials

Animal Control Officer's Report

I always find each year's review interesting and 2017 was no exception. Animal bite cases turned out to be active and varied this year; varied because of the species involved and noteworthy due to the variety of circumstances. The two cat bites included both an owned and a stray cat, a reminder to NOT attempt to handle unknown stray/feral cats! This stray's victim underwent rabies treatment. Treatment was also required for two other bite cases, one a confirmed rabid gray fox in the East Arlington area. There was another possible exposure when a bat was found in the room of a sleeping child. The rabies virus is still active in Vermont and it is critical to maintain vaccination protection of your pets and livestock. Rabies Kills. One of the four reported dog bites resulted when a Good Samaritan successfully rounded up a pack of Chihuahuas that were dumped on a back road. Another bite was a serious attack on an animal care professional, and the two other dog bites were within the dog's own family.

Often my responses to complaints begin with a phone call or sending a warning letter, keeping a record of both in case needed in the future. I have always viewed this job as an opportunity to first educate and offer assistance. Ideally, this results in satisfied owners and their neighbors and the dog receiving the care and training it requires and deserves. When the situation continues with no improvement further enforcement becomes necessary. It is always gratifying when I am able to work with owners to resolve issues in the hope that they will contact me for help in the future.

I would like to again request your help to extend my reach within Arlington and nearby communities by "liking and sharing" [Animal Control-VT & Luckydog Adoptions](#). I maintain this FB page with listings of lost and found pets in addition to notices, educational articles and fun info. I am happy to post lost and found pictures sent to me. Please also keep in mind that local dogs in need of homes are also posted here.

My contract with the town is primarily to enforce the Town Dog Ordinance, maintain a holding facility for impounded dogs and to assume responsibility for the assessment and placement of unclaimed dogs. I have always referred citizens to a network of agencies/individuals, and I continue to share these resources when applicable. I am still working to enact a doghouse donation program, "Gimme Shelter." Any materials, funds, construction or house transport that you can assist with are most welcome!! The severe cold this past winter resulted in many calls about dogs living outdoors without adequate housing and no mechanism in place to provide for these dogs.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Traci Mulligan, Animal Control Officer

Arlington Fire Department Annual Report

The Arlington Volunteer Fire Department responded to 142 calls for assistance in 2017. The calls by town were:

Location	Number	Location	Number
Arlington	75	Shaftsbury	6
Sunderland	29	Shushan, NY	6
Sandgate	18	Manchester FD	6
Bennington Rural	1		

The breakdown of calls by type of incident was:

Category	Type of Incident	Number
Fires	Structure/chimney	8
	Grass/brush	11
	Car	2
Rescues	Rescue Squad assist	17
	Motor vehicle accidents	16
	Wilderness/water/cave rescue	4
Service calls	Storm damage – power lines down	13
	Alarm activation – no emergency	32
Hazardous condition	Carbon monoxide alarm	10
	Furnace malfunction	3
Good intent	Unfounded or cancelled in route	3

The Volunteer Members of the Fire Department performed in excess of 880 hours of training last year. Initially we have three members enrolled in the State Firefighter 1 program in Manchester that is approximately 190 hours of basic skills training.

We have recently begun the task of spec'ing out a replacement truck for our oldest truck, a 1990 custom pumper. This process averages 2 years of time including meetings with manufacturers, trips to inspect other trucks nearby, putting out proposals for bids, and build time for the winning manufacturer. We hope to place an order by the end of the year with a delivery in early 2020.

The Members have also been involved in the search for a location to build a new Emergency Services Station. As times change so do our needs and the requirements for our building. Our current firehouse in East Arlington has become a challenge in terms of safety, location (flood zone), and space. Moving ahead we are in need of more training space, office space, an exercise area, equipment storage, and larger truck bays with an exhaust system, updated computer/internet access, and community space for local functions. We have inquired about several properties and will be meeting to discuss possibilities in the coming months. We are interested in any input the community has for a new location.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
James Paustian, Fire Chief, 2017

Fire Warden's Report

The Arlington Fire Wardens issued 88 permits to kindle an open fire in 2017. We also responded to four grass/brush fires in Arlington and four reports of illegal burning. 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 inches of snow cover.

Although there were only four small fires in Arlington, we responded to several fires in Sandgate, Sunderland, and Shaftsbury. Most of these were in the spring and one included several buildings. The spring is a very trying time, as the weather gets nicer the urge to burn increases and so does the threat of a fire getting "out of control." Please call for a permit before burning and to see that the State has not issued a "RED FLAG." This means no outside burning is aloud due to weather conditions. This could result in a fine and potentially a bill for the cost to extinguish the fire.

If you have any questions about fire permits please contact one of our three Fire Wardens: James Paustian at 802-733-1961, Brian Hawley at 802-558-2230, or Vince Thompson at 802-681-5812.

Respectfully Submitted,
James Paustian, Fire Warden 2013 – 2018

Health Administrator's Report

On July 1, 2007, the Arlington Health Ordinance was superseded by the State's new septic regulations. Arlington does not have the authority to issue permits for systems after that date.

State permits are required for new septic systems and repairs to old ones. For more information, please call the State permit specialist at 802-786-5907 in Rutland or a licensed site technician or engineer.

Please call 802-375-1008 to report a violation of the Vermont Rental Housing Health Code and any public health hazard such as a failed septic system.

Land Use Administrator's Report

Permits issued in 2017 involved the following:

2017 Permits Issued		2017 Conditional Uses	
Accessory buildings	20	Conditional use	1
Additions	18	Variances for shed	1
New Residences	3	Variances for mobile home	1
Ponds	1		

(Figures are based on Land Use Administrator Al Godreau's records.)

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Browning, Assistant Land Use Administrator

Planning Commission Report

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

In the past year, the Planning Commission has reviewed site plan applications including: replacement of a damaged house, trailer location in flood plain and a revised site plan for the Second Chance Animal Center.

We also have begun the process to combine the separate 1999 Subdivision Regulations with the 2013 Arlington Town Bylaws.

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



Abel Aylsworth Tavern / Green Mountain Hotel, 1930s.



Abel Aylsworth Tavern / Green Mountain Hotel, , now apartments, about 2014.

Section Four: Arlington Water Department

Account Description	2017
71-6 WATER DEPARTMENT REVENUE	
71-6-04-001.00 Metered Water Receipts	269,960.69
71-6-05-001.00 Interest	612.92
71-6-07-001.00 Borrowed Money	0.00
71-6-09-099.00 Miscellaneous	11,956.59
TOTAL WATER DEPT REVENUE	282,530.20
71-7-10 Payroll and Benefits	
71-7-10-110.00 System Operator Salary	51,019.97
71-7-10-110.01 Operator Assistant	0.00
71-7-10-110.02 Clerical	9,012.00
71-7-10-210.01 Health Insurance	7,619.52
71-7-10-220.00 Taxes/FICA	4,592.45
71-7-10-230.00 VT Municipal Pension	2,938.10
71-7-10-260.00 Worker's Compensation	2,997.00
71-7-10-290.00 VT Unemployment	824.00
TOTAL PAYROLL AND BENEFITS	79,003.04
71-7-20 Administration	
71-7-20-320.00 Operator Training	180.00
71-7-20-330.00 Computer Training/Repair	0.00
71-7-20-441.00 RR Lease	0.00
71-7-20-490.00 Permits and Fees	4,401.59
71-7-20-520.00 Insurance	3,046.76
71-7-20-530.00 Telephone	922.19
71-7-20-530.01 Pager Service	0.00
71-7-20-560.00 Memberships/Subscriptions	0.00
71-7-20-610.00 Office Supplies	1,491.28
71-7-20-610.01 Office Equipment	0.00
71-7-20-610.02 Water Quality Report	0.00
71-7-20-850.00 Purchased Receivables	0.00
71-7-20-990.00 Miscellaneous	205.58
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	10,247.40

71-7-60 Equipment Maintenance	
71-7-60-432.00 Vehicle Maintenance	798.15
71-7-60-620.00 Fuel	1,082.24
TOTAL Equipment Maintenance	1,880.39
71-7-70 System Operation	
71-7-70-330.00 Traffic Control	454.00
71-7-70-340.00 Sample Testing	1,537.50
71-7-70-422.00 Snow Plowing	625.00
71-7-70-424.00 Grounds Care	1,421.00
71-7-70-430.00 Building Maintenance	1,996.67
71-7-70-431.00 System Equipment, Repair	8,540.39
71-7-70-442.00 System Equipment, Rental	260.00
71-7-70-450.00 Town Services	13,408.64
71-7-70-460.00 Infrastructure Repair/Maintenance	3,388.72
71-7-70-610.00 Supplies	13,757.27
71-7-70-611.00 Chemical Supplies	131.61
71-7-70-622.00 Electric	10,159.02
71-7-70-741.00 System Equipment, New	16,196.55
Total System Operation	71,876.37
71-7-70-830.00 Interest Expense	19,011.35
TOTAL WATER DEPT EXPENDITURES	182,018.55

Treasurer's Water Department Report

Operating Account	
Cash on Hand 1/1/17	23,135.37
Metered Water Receipts	269,960.69
Bond Acct. Loan Repayment	500.00
Miscellaneous	11,956.59
Interest	612.93
Sub-Total	306,165.58
Paid Operating Orders	-117,392.13
Paid Payroll Orders + ER FTD	-64,624.42
Loan To Bond Acct.	-500.00
Balance in Fund 12/31/17	123,649.03*
Evidenced by Acct. 7989 @ TBOB	123,649.03
*Operating Account Monies	23,649.03
*Reserved Monies	100,000.00
Bond Account	
Cash on Hand 1/1/17	1,055.10
Bank Loan @ TBOB	47,777.56
EPA Loan Distribution	390,764.37
AWD Operating Acct.	18,532.50
Loan from Operating Acct.	500.00
Interest	71.20
Sub-Total	458,700.73
Paid Orders #14 - 27	-448,572.74
Balance in Fund 12/31/17	10,127.99
Evidenced by Acct. #7971 @ TBOB	10,127.99
EPA Loan RF3-333 \$4,000,000.00	
Balance Outstanding 1/1/17	3,337,737.81
EPA Distributions 1/1 – 12/31/17	390,764.37
Balance Outstanding 12/31/17	3,728,502.18
Available for Distribution from EPA Loan	271,497.82



Hawley / Crofut House, Abel Hawley Tavern, established 1773.

Section Five: Arlington Community Agency Reports

Arlington Area Childcare, Happy Days Playschool

In our 34th year of providing quality early care and education, Arlington Area Childcare continues to focus on the family centered approach to providing an early care and education program for the community. A Strengthening Families grant continues to support us in developing relationships with families through information, education, and support. Through this funding our administrative staff can help families with car seat safety training, transportation, applying for subsidy, and many other support services. Happy Days provided services to 121 children, from 89 families this year; 75 Arlington, 12 Sunderland, 4 Sandgate, and 30 from other towns.

Each year Happy Days strives to bring families together by hosting individual classroom family events, fundraisers, and center-wide gatherings. Events are planned throughout the year to help strengthen families and build a community amongst children, staff, and guardians. Each family event is geared towards encouraging family bonding between our children and the ones who care for them. Spending quality time as a family promotes better communication, improves relationships between caregivers and children while also providing a designated time for families to concentrate on each other with limited distractions.

During the early spring of 2017, Happy Days hired Kayla Croft as the Events Coordinator to plan family events. Kayla Croft, who is a long time member of the Happy Days staff and an Arlington resident, was chosen to design, organize, and host family events to help bring our community together with the help of the Director, Administrative Assistant, and staff. Kayla and staff planned nine events during the spring and summer of 2017, some for individual classrooms and some for center wide families. Over 50% of our families attended some or all of these events. This allowed us to coordinate planning of many of the activities crucial to our mission.

With the new state early education regulations coming in to affect September 1, 2017, Happy Days decided to kick start the process of having all staff meet new qualifications by September 2018. A Fundamentals course is required to be considered an assistant teacher. This course provides a foundation of the early education field while introducing various topics to help early educators provide a safe, healthy and age appropriate atmosphere for children. Students of the fundamentals course dove into child development, ways to support physical growth, how to teach social and behavior skills, and were introduced to the "art" of observation and recording behavior. During this 45-hour course, participants learned the value in building relationships with families and the impact family involvement has on a child's development. This course is a wonderful jumpstart to the world of early education and prepares assistants for their current work, as well as preparing them to become a head teacher in the future. In 2016-2017 Happy Days financially supported six staff members to take part in the Fundamentals course offered in Bennington County.

The Board of Arlington Area Childcare has been challenged this year to find interested and involved community members to be on our board. As we embark on our search for new leadership in the next year or two, the decisions to be made will impact how Happy Days moves forward in the future. New board members bring new and exciting ideas and strategies for change and can have a huge impact on our mission and purpose. Any interested community members are welcome to attend a Board meeting or ask questions by contacting Ellen Fisher, Board President, by email at ellenfisher01@comcast.net

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

Arlington Community House

Built in 1829, the Arlington Community House at 3854 Main Street was constructed in the Federal Style of the Dutch tradition. The house is managed by a volunteer Board of Trustees and is a 501 (c)(3) non -profit. Author Dorothy Canfield Fisher deeded the house to the Board in 1947 for the purpose of charging them with its care. As a condition of the gift a portion of the house must be used as a meeting place for citizens of Arlington, Sunderland, and Sandgate, as well as space for the Martha Canfield Library. Since construction of the new library the former library is now occupied as a used book store for the benefit of the library. Use of the house by various groups in the communities is free of charge; therefore donations only are accepted. The house has two rental units on the second and third floors which help defray the costs of fuel and maintenance.

As with any old house, renovations and necessary repairs remain an important focus of the Board. Fundraising events such as Norman's Attic and Christmas tree and wreath sales help to provide funds for maintenance and repair. The board continues to pay down the loan for the new heating system and thanks the generous donations from the towns, private individuals, and organizations such as Stewarts Shops. This year saw some needed maintenance on the slate roof and chimney done as well as replacement of the library ceiling, but other needs have arisen. Many of the bricks need pointing and replacing. The board also hopes to replace windows with more energy efficient ones. Shutters also need to be replaced. We continue to raise funds for these projects.

The Board wishes to again thank the students at Arlington Memorial High School for their help with spring and fall clean up. The Garden Club of Arlington has developed and maintains a lovely garden, bench, and memorial tree on the north side of the house.

This past year saw many groups and individuals make use of the house and outdoor areas: the Library Book Sale, Burdett Commons, The Garden Club, Battenkill Runners, AA, Arlington Nursing Service, and Overeaters Anonymous. A total of 25 users averaged 22 per month for a total of 261 uses. The building is available for use free of charge. We only ask for a donation to help defray our utility costs. Meeting time may be reserved by calling Lynn Williams at 375-6119.

The Arlington Community House greatly appreciates the support of the community and its citizens as our mission continues to protect, manage, and maintain this fine old building so it may continue to serve our towns. I also want to thank the board members for their continued service and dedication.

Finally, the board wishes to acknowledge the passing of Mary Ann Schaefer this past year. She served as our Vice-President and was an active and valued member of the board for many years.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles Webster, President of the Board of Trustees

Arlington Community Public Health Nursing Service

“To promote and improve the health of individuals and families in the
Arlington, Sandgate, and Sunderland areas.”

Arlington Community Public Health Nursing Service (ACPHNS) is managed by a Board of volunteer members from our community and are elected to serve for three-year terms. Some of these volunteers have had nursing careers, while others are concerned residents willing to serve our communities. The Board meets as a whole four times a year; while various committees meet as often as needed.

All of the Board Members do committee work on a least one of the six committees. The main responsibility of the Board is to manage and use the funds provided by the three towns and an endowment of many years to provide health care to those in need of care that is not otherwise financed.

Our largest financial commitment continues to be to provide the financing of home health care for those in need without insurance and unable to pay. ACPHNS paid Manchester Health Care which is now part of the VNA & Hospice of the Southwest

Region, Inc. to provide physician ordered home care for those residents from Arlington, Sandgate and Sunderland who are in need.

The Medical Assistance Committee accepts applications from those who need financial assistance with special needs such as dental care, vision, and hearing deficits. The committee takes measures to insure personal privacy of these individuals.

The Dental Committee continued to monitor the funding and provision for the School Dental Program provided by Dental Hygienists who give education on Dental Health, Teeth screening; and also dental cleaning with parental permission. This care was provided in 2017 for the Primary and Middle schools and in 2018 will include the Arlington School District.

ACPHNS continued to have four \$1000.00 college scholarships given to residents of the three towns. These scholarships are awarded to those pursuing a health related college major. The recipients may renew their scholarship each year that the student progresses toward graduation.

We continue to support Battenkill Valley Health Center and their goals. We continue with donations to the Red Stocking Project, Summer Lunch Program, and Summer Camperships for children in our community and made a donation to the Food Shelf

The Board of ACPHNS wishes to thank the Town of Arlington residents and Select Board for their many years of financial assistance and their trust in our providing the care we have to offer. We look forward to continuing this alliance in offering what we can toward good health for our citizens.

Respectfully submitted,
Marguerite Jill Roosma, President

Arlington Food Shelf, Inc.

For the first time in several years of our history of service to our neighbors in need, the Food Shelf saw a slight drop in the number of families we served. Despite the fact that we had several new families sign up for our services, we actually served four fewer families this past year. Hopefully, this is the sign of economic recovery we have all been hoping for.

We would like to thank our many volunteers, who helped us stock our shelves and distribute 24,610 pounds of nutritious food to residents of Arlington, Sunderland, and Sandgate. This would not have been possible without the generous donation of food at the various locations set up around town (4,869 pounds) and the financial support of many individuals and businesses. Our mission would be impossible without such generosity. While we are unable to name them all in this report, I would like to recognize the two largest food donors: The Federated Church of East Arlington was the largest single donor, providing 1,341 pounds of food and the next was the Arlington Memorial High School with 716 pounds.

Once again, the employees and management of MACK Molding came through for our annual Thanksgiving dinner. This allowed us to provide a record setting 96 complete turkey dinners to families throughout the service area. This annual tradition continues to be the highlight of our year.

We had a few ups and downs this year as we experienced a power outage for our walk-in freezer, which could have been devastating had it not been discovered in time and all frozen foods were saved. Then during the long-term cold-spell in early 2018, the furnace went out. Although the inside temperature quickly dropped to 20 degrees, we were up and running within 9 hours and everything was saved. Talk about one extreme to the other!

We are proud to be the parent organization for both the Helping Hand Clothing Store and the Red Stocking Christmas Program and continue to support the Summer Lunch Program. These three programs are all successful in filling the gaps that individuals and families sometimes find themselves.

We are located in the old library building in East Arlington, across from the Fire House, and we encourage all residents to drop by for a visit. We are open the first Tuesday of every month from 1:30 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. and the third Tuesday of every month from 3:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. We are also available on an emergency basis. We are a 501(c)(3) organization and with no paid staff we can assure donors that 100% of their contributions will go directly to the citizens we serve.

Lastly, we wish to thank all those who generously donated to make this community a better place in which to live. Our motto is our mantra: "Neighbors Helping Neighbors."

Respectfully Submitted,
Jack Gunther, President

Arlington Rescue Squad

The Arlington Rescue Squad would like to once again thank the residents of Arlington for their continued financial support through the generous Town appropriations. Town appropriations help the rescue squad remain financially solvent and provide us the means to respond to emergencies calls 24 hours a day with a team of highly dedicated and trained emergency medical professionals. We are asking for a slight increase in town funding to help offset the ever-increasing costs of running our organization. We have not had an increase in town appropriations in many years. We are asking for \$34,775.00, up from \$32,500.00.

Arlington Rescue responded to a total of 471 calls in our 2016-17 fiscal year, 241 of those responding to a variety of medical emergencies in the Arlington area. Not only does Arlington Rescue respond to medical emergencies and auto accidents in the Arlington area, but we are there to assist the Arlington Fire Department with stand-by assistance for structure and/or brush fires.

With the generous support of our local communities, we have been able to do some long overdue building repairs and paving of our parking lot. We also needed to replace an aging ambulance that has been 3 years overdue to be replaced at a cost of over \$190,000 that will now need to be paid off over the next several years. The cost of new required EMS equipment and supplies keeps increasing and there is no way would be able to continue providing our services without community financial support.

Moving toward the future, the Arlington Rescue Squad is not only looking to provide emergency medical services to the communities that we serve, but also are looking to becoming more pro-active in our community with some new and exciting

programs including a new Explorers Post program which will be the first EMS Explorers post in the state. Designed to teach important life and career skills to young people from all backgrounds through immersive career experiences and mentorship provided by ARSI, community, and business leaders. This program will help equip young people with character, leadership, and life skills that can be used both today and in their future careers. This program is a co-ed program open to all area youth ages 14-20. We are also looking at providing more training opportunities for the general public including CPR/AED and Basic First Aid.

Arlington Rescue has a dedicated mix of paid and volunteer staff that provide emergency medical coverage 24 hour per day, 7 days a week. We have a staff of three full time employees working Monday thru Friday from 6 a.m. – 6 p.m., and our volunteers provide coverage overnights and on weekends. All staff continually train and update their skills to provide the highest quality care available and they are dedicated to maintaining a high level of proficiency in the field of emergency medicine. Unfortunately, it is getting harder and harder to build and even maintain our volunteer ranks. The decline in volunteers is tied to changing work patterns, and perhaps a lower level of civic engagement - but it's also a reflection of the fact that EMS training is a lot more difficult now than it was years ago. We encourage anyone interested in volunteering in any capacity to contact us. There is nothing more rewarding then helping your neighbor in a time of need.

Finally, 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.

The Arlington Rescue Squad non-emergency telephone number is 802-375-6589 between the hours of 6 a.m. – 6 p.m., Monday thru Friday. In the event of an emergency, dial 911.

Respectfully submitted
Marty Irion, Executive Director

Burdett Commons, Inc.

Burdett Commons of Arlington has been in operation since 1999 servicing the towns of Arlington, Sunderland, and Sandgate. Although we have changed throughout the years we are committed to providing the communities we serve with opportunities.

We offer several programs for the youth. Currently we run school vacation camps when school is not in session such as holidays and week-long breaks. In 2018, we will be offering a program on Wednesdays so the children that do not participate in JISP have an alternative option. A new program we offered in December that was well received was a parent shopping day where the kids made holiday gifts, watched a movie, and enjoyed playing together. We are working on providing more programs for the older kids of our community.

Burdett has continued to provide the local artisans and vendors of our communities several options. We continue to hold a summer market on the first and third Saturday June-September in front of the Arlington Community House. We also hold an annual

Holiday Food and Craft Fair at Fisher Elementary School. We also offer a monthly adult craft where we have a different instructor each month teach a group of adults a craft or skill.

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

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

Thank you for the continued support of our organization.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Caples, Director

Martha Canfield Memorial Free Library

It has been an exciting year the Martha Canfield Library. We added additional insulation to the building, upgraded to heat pumps for the Russell Collection for heat and air conditioning, and finished up our Efficiency Vermont Deep Energy Retrofit project by switching all our light bulbs to LED. And with the demise of our furnace, we upgraded to a high efficiency model.

With the assistance of our many lovely volunteers, we started a series of children's programs for kids on Wednesday afternoons for those kids who do not go to JISP. Children had an opportunity to observe animals in winter, watch a movie, make a book, create a painting, and learn basic photography techniques. And in collaboration with the Arlington Rec Park, families built fairy houses along the walking path, and we put up a storywalk, where families could walk along and stop periodically to read a page from a picture book. In the fall we started a Dorothy Canfield Fisher Award Book Club.

The Canfield Gallery had a face-lift, by adding a new hanging system for art works and a fresh coat of paint, thanks to volunteers. The Gallery then held a series of Art Talks by local artists in conjunction with the exhibits. And don't forget to watch for some special, exciting exhibits, coming in 2018.

Significant and interesting donations received by the Russell Vermontiana Collection in 2017 included memorabilia of the Yankee Doodlers, Drum, Bugle, and Baton Corp; a photograph and advertisement for the Kelley Stand Band; Tom Weakley's research and final article on the St. Albans Raid; 34 Sunderland town reports for the period 1914-1952; and memorabilia from Vermont writer Zephine Humphrey and her husband, artist Wallace Fahnestock. Additional material was donated and added to existing family collections, including the Cullinan family of Arlington and the Lawrence family of Sunderland. Research requests presented to the Russell Collection included local genealogy questions, house research from Black Hole Hollow to East Arlington, and several queries on local artists and writers, including Norman Rockwell and Dorothy Canfield Fisher. There was particular interest regarding Fisher and her role in the

Vermont eugenics movement. The Russell Collection compiled a resource notebook for local residents who wanted more information. The only major exhibit was the annual display on the USS Bennington air craft carrier for Bennington Battle Day week.

Along with state parks passes, we added passes to several local museums. So, with all the programs for all ages, the quilt group, story-times for pre-schoolers, free computer use, help finding information, books, movies, games and puzzles to borrow for long winter nights (and hot summer days), or researching your family history, there's always something to do at the library. Or, with your free library card from home, you can go on our website and look up magazine and local newspaper articles, learn a new language, take an online course, check our catalog to see if we have the latest bestseller, and download an e-book or audiobook. We're always happy to answer your questions.

Respectfully submitted,
Alyson Grzyb, Acting President, Board of Trustees
Phyllis Skidmore, Library Director



Arlington Hotel, earlier known as Lathrop's, ca. 1880.



Colonial Inn, now the Arlington Inn, ca 1930s.

Section Six: Reports of County, Regional and State Agencies

Bennington Area Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity International, an organization aimed at eliminating sub-standard housing worldwide, works in nearly 1,400 communities across the U.S. and in approximately 70 countries, and has helped 9.8 million people achieve strength, stability, and independence through safe, decent, and affordable shelter. Bennington County Habitat for Humanity (BCHfH), an affiliate of Habitat International, works in partnership with Bennington County residents who otherwise would not be able to become homeowners or afford needed home repairs. An applicant's need for better housing, income, and willingness to partner with BCHfH are considered when choosing our homebuyer partners. Each adult partner family member must complete 200 hours of sweat equity. Homebuyers pay an interest free mortgage by monthly payments that include escrow for property taxes, insurance, and Homeowner Association fees, where applicable. Homebuyers' monthly payments never exceed more than 30% of their income. The monthly mortgage payments help build more homes.

BCHfH is locally run and locally funded. With the exception of some contract services, Habitat homes are built by local volunteers (all are welcome - no experience necessary). Area businesses, service providers, and individuals help build, donate materials, and provide financial support. Town appropriations purchase building supplies and materials for our local projects.

Fiscal year 2017 (July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017) was a very productive year for BCHfH. In April 2017, we completed our 22nd and 23rd homes, one in Manchester and one in Bennington. A total of 204 volunteers worked 5,165 hours on these homes. We began a partnership with the Building and Trades Division of the Southwest Vermont Career Development Center. Students in this program are building a house in our North

Branch Street neighborhood in Bennington, which will be purchased by a Habitat homebuyer. In June we started the infrastructure work for our North Branch Street neighborhood. A dedicated crew of Habitat volunteers removed graffiti from the outside walls and worked on the parking lot of the Greater Bennington Interfaith Council Services' new building on Depot Street in Bennington. We chose our next Habitat homebuyer family, whose home was started in August 2017. We made plans to build a home in Manchester in 2018 and to revive our Home Repair Program, thereby serving more families.

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. The proceeds from the store provide meaningful support for our building program.

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 helped build these and other local Habitat building projects. Two of our Board members are from Arlington. We encourage residents of Arlington to apply for homes and home repair projects. We are grateful for the Town of Arlington's continued support and hope we can count on your assistance in the future. None of our projects would be possible without the support we receive from area towns, businesses, houses of worship, and individuals. Together, we do make a difference in the lives of hard-working, lower-income area residents. For more information about our work, please visit our website www.benningtoncountyhabitat.org.

Respectfully submitted
Monica Knorr, President, Board of Directors

Bennington County Coalition for the Homeless

Bennington County Coalition for the Homeless (BCCH) is dedicated to collaborating, coordinating and implementing services to homeless families and individuals throughout Bennington County and promoting community awareness. In addition to providing emergency housing, BCCH strives to attain sustainable solutions by empowering participants with the tools necessary to increase self-sufficiency and secure permanent housing. Program participants gain access to case management and programs such as financial literacy, employment readiness, peer-to-peer counselling, and nutrition. BCCH was established in 2000 as a 501 (C)(3) nonprofit organization. It is governed by a Board of Directors and employs ten people ranging from shelter support providers to an executive director. BCCH depends on funding from foundation and corporate grants, municipal contributions, fundraising events, and donations. Less than half of the operational budget is supported by the state and federal government.

BCCH is the only organization of its kind in Bennington County. Each year BCCH helps hundreds of homeless households break the cycle of homelessness. Unfortunately, the need in our community outpaces the resources available. Thatcher House located at 212 Pleasant Street in Bennington is an emergency family shelter that houses up to nine homeless families at one time. Currently, there are seventeen homeless families on the Thatcher house waiting list. While families wait to enter the Thatcher House program,

they are staying in motels, camps, "couch surfing" with family or friends, or even in their cars in some cases.

BCCH also operates a drop-in warming shelter at 966 Main Street in Bennington where homeless individuals can gain access to clean clothing, bedding, personal care products, and food and bathroom facilities. They are also able to meet with case managers who offer assistance by connecting them with various community resources such as healthcare, food stamps, counseling, etc. At night, the drop-in center becomes an emergency overnight shelter. The current shelter is able to house up to sixteen homeless individuals each night.

Lastly, a program that began on October 1, 2016 at our McCall Street facility is known as the "Unlocking Recovery Project." The four-unit apartment building is a long-term transitional housing program that offers safe and stable housing for homeless families. This recovery program allows families to stay together while at least one member receives the support they need to focus on their sobriety before attempting to maintain permanent housing. The Coalition partners with the Turning Point Club of Bennington and the Hawthorn Center to ensure that the families residing at the McCall Street facility have access to a variety of supportive services.

We appreciate the continued support from all municipalities including Arlington.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Christopher Oldham, Executive Director

Bennington County Conservation District

The mission of the BCCD is to promote rural livelihoods and protect natural resources in southwestern Vermont. Our work in fiscal year 2017 included:

- Helping loggers comply with the state's Accepted Management Practices by renting skidder bridges to them at a low monthly cost.
- Planning for and holding three workshops for forest landowners sponsored by the Bennington County Sustainable Forest Consortium.
- Implementing a project to restore a gully discharging to Mill Brook in Rupert, with help from the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps.
- With help from the Bennington and North Bennington public works and roads crews, constructing a boardwalk for floater access in the Greenberg Headwaters Park in Bennington.
- Securing funding to assess forest roads in the Mettowee watershed in Rupert and Dorset as to threats they might pose to water quality.
- Securing funding to purchase a bedding chopper for the Bennington road crew.
- With the help of a grant-funded coordinator, implementing the work plan for the Batten Kill Watershed Comprehensive Invasive Species Management Association (CISMA), which included treating almost 30 acres of barberry and more than 4 acres of Japanese knotweed on sites in the Batten Kill watershed.

- Assisting the CISMA steering committee secure an EcoAmericorps intern for September 2017-August 2018.
- Working closely with USFS Green Mountain National Forest, the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, our regional planning commission, many municipalities, and several local and regional non-profit organizations to further our congruent missions.

Respectfully submitted,
Shelly Stiles, District Manager

Bennington County Regional Commission

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

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

During the past year, the BCRC has worked to implement its comprehensive plan and has supplemented that document with a new regional energy plan which supports efforts to conserve energy and plan for renewable energy development. Economic development planning in the region is now being coordinated through a collaboration between the BCRC and the Bennington County Industrial Corporation (BCIC). The BCRC is providing staff support to help BCIC conduct economic development planning and to support business retention, growth, and recruitment. An outgrowth of this economic development work involves cooperation within the region and with Windham County to advance the goals of the Southern Vermont Economic Development Zone. The BCRC also is providing staff support for a major downtown redevelopment project in Bennington that grew from brownfields and community development work overseen by the Commission. Other important accomplishments have included: assistance with updates to several municipal comprehensive plans and bylaws, new village center designations, implementation of the regional solid waste management plan in cooperation with the Bennington County Solid Waste Alliance, management of several bicycle and pedestrian projects, and planning and project management to assist municipalities with water quality improvement projects.

Special initiatives to be undertaken in the coming year include: work on a Southern Vermont Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, development of a regional cultural resources plan, assistance with enhanced municipal energy plans,

workforce and business development initiatives, support for local water quality management plans and improvement projects, further expansion of bike-ped facilities, and assessment and support for redevelopment of brownfield sites throughout the region.

The BCRC is governed by locally appointed commissioners from seventeen area municipalities and several elected commissioners who represent interests ranging from public health to economic development. Our office, located at 111 South Street in Bennington, is open Monday through Friday. Regular meetings are held on the third Thursday of every other month, with frequent special meetings throughout the year (information at: www.bcrcvt.org).

Respectfully submitted,
 Jim Sullivan, Director

Bennington County Sheriff’s Department

Listed below is a report outlining our enforcement efforts from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

In addition our office continues to accept unused and expired medications for destruction. We offer fingerprinting services for State background checks, Hazmat, TSA precheck, and other services. This year was the 9th annual New Year’s Eve Safe ride program where members of the department will give folks a safe and sober ride home.

New this year was our Christmas event where the Deputies donated their money along with businesses that sponsored this event. We were able to adopt families throughout the county and deliver Christmas gifts to children in need.

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

Sincerely,
 Chad D. Schmidt, Sheriff

Vermont Civil Violation Complaints		Incidents/Arrests	
Possession of marijuana	2	911 Hang-up call	1
1-10 mph over speed limit	30	Traffic Accident w/ Damage	1
11-20 mph over speed limit	44	Alarm	3
21-30 mph over speed limit	3	Animal problem	1
Using portable electronic device	5	Agency assist	13
Condition of vehicle	31	Assist public	2
Driving on roadways laned for traffic	1	Assist motorist	1
Failure to display front license plate	7	Directed patrol	3
Failure to display front & rear license plate	1	Disturbance	1
Stop sign violation	5	Juvenile problem	3
Failure to carry proof of insurance	1	Missing person	2
Operating without insurance	3	Motor vehicle complaint	2
Illumination required	1	Parking complaint	1
Operating without a license	2	Suspicious person/circumstance	8

No passing zones	1	Traffic stops	245
No registration	3	VIN number inspection	6
Operating after suspension	2	Welfare check	4
Obstructing windshield	1		
Vehicle not inspected	5	Total incidents / arrests	298
Total tickets			148

Bennington County Solid Waste Alliance

Solid Waste Implementation Plan and the Universal Recycling Law: In December of 2015, the Bennington County Solid Waste Alliance adopted a solid waste implementation plan or “SWIP” to comply with both the Universal Recycling Law (Act 148) and the materials management plan developed by the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources. The SWIP describes how the member towns will increase recycling, reduce the amount of materials sent to landfills, and provide outreach program for residents, schools, businesses, and institutions to assist them in recycling. The Alliance provides information on their website (www.bcswavt.org) and Facebook page as well as in local newspapers.

School and Business Outreach: This past year, the Alliance provided outreach to Burr and Burton, Pownal Elementary and Stamford Elementary schools including assisting Pownal Elementary with on-site composting. The Alliance provided outreach to over 40 businesses on ways to increase recycling, manage food scraps, and properly dispose of hazardous materials.

Funding and Grants: The member towns provide most of the funding for programs. From July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 the Alliance received over \$25,000 in grants from the Agency of Natural Resources and from the Agency for Agriculture and Markets for sales of compost bins and for household hazardous waste events. The Alliance also received \$4,000 from the High Meadows Fund to assist the towns of Pownal, Searsburg, Shaftsbury, and Stamford in starting food scrap collection at their transfer stations.

Programs and Events: The Alliance sponsors and supports many programs to assist residents, businesses, schools, and institutions to properly dispose of materials. The following are some of our major programs.

- Household Hazardous Waste Events: The Alliance held two household hazardous waste (HHW) events in the spring and fall of 2017. The spring event was sponsored by the Town of Bennington and held at the Bennington Transfer Station. The fall event was managed by the Bennington County Regional Commission and held at the Dorset School. Over 400 households participated in the two events. In 2018, the Alliance will again hold two events for the 13 Alliance towns. One will be held in Bennington on May 12, 2018 and the second at the Dorset School on September 15, 2018.
- Electronics Collections: The Vermont E-Cycles program provides for free disposal of electronic devices including computers, monitors, printers, computer peripherals, and televisions, regardless of brand, age, or condition, for consumers, charities, school districts, and small businesses. Free collection locations in Bennington County include the Bennington, Northshire (Dorset), Pownal,

- Searsburg, and Sunderland Transfer Stations and other sites listed at <http://dec.vermont.gov/waste-management/solid/product-stewardship/electronics>. The Dorset School also holds annual E-Waste Collection events.
- **Fluorescent Bulbs**: Vermont has also implemented a plan to accept used fluorescent bulbs and compact fluorescent bulbs (CFL's) at various retail locations. These bulbs contain mercury, which is a hazardous substance. Residents can dispose of bulbs at several hardware stores and other retail establishments and at several of the transfer stations. More information is available at <http://www.bcswavt.org/programs-and-projects/fluorescent-bulbs/>.
 - **Paint Collections**: PaintCare Inc. is a non-profit organization established to assist paint manufacturers to plan and operate paint stewardship programs in the United States, including Vermont. Both latex and oil-based paint have been collected at HHW events and at special PaintCare events, and several local hardware stores accept paint. To find a location, residents may visit <http://www.paintcare.org/drop-off-locations/>.
 - **Battery Recycling**: Primary (alkaline) batteries and rechargeable batteries are now accepted at many retailers and at the Bennington, Northshire, Sunderland and Pownal Transfer Stations. You can find locations at: <http://www.bcswavt.org/programs-and-projects/battery-recycling/>. For more information, visit Call2Recycle at <http://www.call2recycle.org/what-can-i-recycle/>.
 - **Textiles**: The Bennington, Northshire, Sunderland, Shaftsbury and Pownal transfer stations have textile boxes where residents can donate clothing and shoes. Boxes are also located throughout the Alliance area. Visit www.bcswavt.org for locations. Goodwill in Bennington also accepts clothing donations as well as other household items, books, and used electronic devices. Visit them at <http://www.goodwill-berkshires.com/>.
 - **Leaf and Yard Waste, Food Scraps and Other Organics**: All transfer stations accept leaf and yard waste, clean wood and food scraps. Visit <http://www.bcswavt.org/programs-and-projects/transfer-stations/> for information on your transfer station.
 - **Construction and Demolition Debris**: All transfer stations accept construction and demolition debris from builders and do-it-yourself homeowners. The TAM Pownal facility also accepts construction and demolition debris from residents and businesses.
 - **Prescription Drugs**: Prescription drugs should be properly disposed when they are no longer needed as they can make their way into water sources and can pose a hazard in the home. The Bennington Police Department, the Manchester Police Department, the Bennington County Sheriff, and Southwestern Vermont Medical Center accept prescription drugs. Go to <http://www.bcswavt.org/programs-and-projects/disposing-of-prescription-drug/> for more information.

Bennington Project Independence

Bennington Project Independence (BPI) is honored to provide comprehensive, person-centered and cost-effective Adult Day Services for seniors, younger adults with disabilities, and their family caregivers from Arlington.

"Some days BPI is lifesaving. I don't know if I would be able to continue being a caregiver 100% of the time without the break (him attending BPI). BPI is the one saving grace, so I can get other things done. The socialization is good for him. If I am not around he is a lot more outgoing, otherwise I am doing it all for him and myself. I can't stress enough how loving and caring your staff are, they are beyond description."

Each day, we are honored to have the opportunity to help families from Arlington provide the best possible care for their loved ones. From the working spouse who needs to know that their loved one is safe and enjoying the opportunity to be active and engaged during the day to the adult child who wants to help their aging parent get the most out of their lives, Bennington Project Independence has helped families throughout Arlington to "share the care."

As an innovative alternative to traditional long-term care, Bennington Project Independence provides a safe, sensitive, and supportive day program for adults age 18 and older. Individuals join us during the day and return to their families and the comfort of their homes each evening.

Individuals facing delicate or chronic medical conditions who would benefit from health monitoring or personal care, persons dealing with loneliness, depression or anxiety, younger persons with acquired brain injury, persons facing end of life challenges well as persons with all stages of Alzheimer's Disease or other cognitive impairment who benefit from compassionate, specialized assistance are all welcome at BPI.

Our Nursing and personal care staff, Social Worker, Art and Music Therapists work closely with our Participants, Families and their Physicians to enhance our Participants overall health and sense of wellbeing. Our dedicated Activity Professionals offer over 20 activities a day for people to choose from including educational presentations, mentally stimulating activities, opportunities for socialization, intergenerational experiences, pet visits, fitness groups, our nustep personal fitness training program, delicious and healthy meals, as well as community trips and tours.

In 2017, with our generous allocation from the voters of Arlington we were able to provide many local families with support and comprehensive Adult Day Services that has been integral to helping their loved one remain in the community.

Bennington Project Independence is both honored to provide these exceptional Adult Day Services for the residents of Arlington and extremely grateful for the generous and continued support from the voters of Arlington.

Respectfully,
Linda Wichlac, Executive Director

Bennington Rutland Opportunities Council (BROC)

To the Citizens of the Town of Arlington,

On behalf of BROC Community Action and the thousands of people with low income or living in poverty that we serve in Rutland and Bennington counties, I want to personally thank you for supporting us through the balloting process over the years. BROC Community Action continues to experience many people seeking our programs and services each day.

Over the past year, BROC Community Action has demonstrated strong community impact in the Town of Arlington.

- 83 individuals were assisted and had their needs met including food at our Community Food Shelf, senior USDA Commodities, housing counseling, heating and utility assistance, forms assistance for benefits such as 3SqVT, budget counseling, case management, resource and referral, and income tax preparation through our Community Services department,
- Four homes/units were weatherized or had energy efficiency measures performed reducing energy costs through our Weatherization assistance program, and
- One individual worked on starting a small business with our business counselor through our Micro Business Development Program

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

We value our partnership with Arlington to assist those most in need.

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

Center for Restorative Justice

This past year, the Center for Restorative Justice (CRJ) experienced a year of growth and success. A total of 1,162 individuals served through CRJ programs made positive impacts on their lives, the lives of others, and their community. Over \$6,500 was donated back to community organizations and charities and over \$9,000 in restitution was collected and given back to victims of crime.

CRJ programs are integral in helping to strengthen communities, reducing the burden on a strapped court system, providing victims a voice in the process, and providing individuals with resources and skills to help from reoffending.

CRJ programs are guided by the principles of restorative justice, which holds offenders accountable and places emphasis on repairing the harm done to the victim and

community. Our range of programs begins in the schools working with students to address attendance and behavioral issues. From our work in schools, we then focus our programming on youth and adults who may have found themselves involved in the court system for the first time. Involvement could include civil violations, first time charges in Criminal Court or juveniles adjudicated in Family Court. Our program continuum then focuses on helping youth and adults who have more significant involvement with the criminal justice system including working with people on probation as well as with those reentering the community from incarceration. We invite and encourage people to visit our web site at www.bcrj.org to learn more about our many programs and services.

CRJ is proud to have 46 community volunteers serving on one of 8 monthly restorative justice panels. Community volunteers represent the heart of the restorative process. CRJ attempts to have volunteers representing all parts of Bennington County on our restorative panels. We are always welcoming new volunteers and encourage anyone interested in getting involved to visit our web site for more information.

CRJ would like to take this opportunity to thank the citizens of Arlington for your partnership in providing a wide variety of alternative justice programming to residents throughout Bennington County. Your support has helped individuals to get their lives on the right track, helped empower victims to get their needs met and be a voice in the justice process, and helped restore and strengthen communities.

Respectfully Submitted,
Leitha Cipriano, CRJ Executive Director

Greater Northshire Access Television (GNAT)

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

In addition to our meeting coverage, GNAT offers free and low cost media services and provides a platform for local voices to be heard. Residents, government entities, community organizations, and schools within our eleven-town service territory may produce and broadcast non-commercial television programs. GNAT maintains community television studio facilities, lends high quality video equipment, and provides technical training. GNAT maintains a vibrant youth program including internships, media production camps, and in-classroom training. In 2016 GNAT launched The News Project to provide local news and information for our communities (in 2017 GNAT Produced 204 local News Project programs).

2017 Usage Data

678 Equipment & Facility Reservations
136 Training Sessions
480 People Trained

56 Community Video Announcements
491 Community Bulletin Board Announcements
606 Local Public Programs Produced (Non Government)
233 Government Meetings

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

Sincerely,
Tammie M. Reilly, Executive Director

Green Mountain RSVP

Green Mountain RSVP connects volunteers age 55 and older to volunteer opportunities at nonprofit organizations with a positive impact to the towns within Bennington, Windsor, and Windham Counties. We are sponsored by the Southwestern VT Council on Aging (SVCOA).

As part of our Healthy Living focus, we partner with some of the following volunteer stations: Meals on Wheels providers, transportation programs, Food Pantries, The American Red Cross, AARP/VITA Tax Programs, Bone Builder Exercise classes, and mentor programs in local schools. We also partner with many other nonprofits, like senior meal sites, hospitals, museums, libraries, and knitting projects. We shared donations from our "Stuff the Bus" food drive in January with the food shelf. We also have two active Bone Builder classes in Arlington.

We provide annual recognition and social events for volunteers. We issue a bi-monthly newsletter in each county. We help support nonprofits with background checks and liability insurance for RSVP volunteers

The total number of people served last year in the towns we cover was 2,754. Broken down by our impact jobs it is: Food Delivery- 125, Bone Builders- 646, Transportation- 529, Mentoring - 26, AARP TaxAide- 895, and Food Pantry Support - 533. We also support additional nonprofit organizations, but do not collect data on those people served. Going forward we will focus on the same impact jobs, with a focus on seniors and letting them age in place. We utilize an independent living survey to collect data for performance measures that we report annually to Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS).

Your Town's funds are essential for 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 Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) - Senior Corps. Your partnership within the Arlington community can truly make a difference for Bennington County with local volunteers helping their neighbors.

Respectfully,
Cathy Aliberti, Green Mountain RSVP Director

Green Up Vermont

Vermont was the first state to designate a day to clean up the entire state. Started in 1970 by Gov. Deane C. Davis. Green Up Day 1971 was also officially recorded in the Congressional Record, thanks to US Senator George Aiken.

That first year, the results were far beyond expectations. Four thousand truckloads were reported hauled by the Highway Department comprising over 20,000 cubic yards of trash removed from the Interstate and other state roads, and another 20,000 cubic yards, or more, were removed from town roads. Ninety-five percent (95%) of the 2,400 miles comprising the Interstate and other state roads were cleared and an estimated 75% of the 8,300 miles of town roads.

46 years later, Green Up Day continues to thrive! In 1979 the Green Up endeavor became a private undertaking through the establishment of a private, non-profit corporation called Vermont Green Up, Inc. In 1997, it began “doing business as” Green Up Vermont. Its efforts now reach out to promote the Green Up ethic and spirit year round through its slogan, “Live the Green Up Way Every Day!”

Funding for Green Up comes primarily from private businesses and individuals through charitable contributions, including giving on the Vermont State Income Tax Return. As well, Vermont’s towns and the State provide a portion of funding support. Each year the Legislature appropriates a small grant through the Agency of Natural Resources, and each year Green Up Vermont requests a contribution from every town, based on the town’s population, with the amount ranging from \$50 to \$300.

Neighbor to Neighbor

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

Since 2004, Neighbor to Neighbor and our group of volunteers have provided vital services to older and disabled residents in the Northshire. In 2017, 84 Care Recipients received friendly visits, transportation to appointments, and chores around the house and yard. In addition, we hold a monthly social event that allows Care Recipients to enjoy a delicious lunch and some form of entertainment. Twenty Arlington residents are either volunteers or Neighbor to Neighbor Care Recipients. At our monthly event next week, we will once again enjoy lunch and the Arlington Middle and High School Choral perform holiday music. We are grateful to Patti Cody, Choral Director, for her commitment to her students and to Neighbor to Neighbor.

Our volunteers provide all of our services free of charge. We receive funding through local towns as well as through private, corporate, and foundation donations. We continue to receive requests for our help and add new Care Recipients each month. We often speak with Care Recipients who praise our work and who count on us to help them remain engaged in the larger Northshire community.

On behalf of the Steering Committee, our dedicated volunteers, and, most importantly, those we serve, Neighbor to Neighbor is most thankful for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Galguera, Program Director

Project Against Violent Encounters (PAVE)

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

The hotline is still where it often begins and our volunteers remain the backbone of the support we offer. In the past year, we provided 33 Arlington residents with comprehensive services, 9 initially contacting us through the emergency hotline. These residents received advocacy services including emotional support, safety planning, housing services, civil and legal advocacy, emergency financial support, and transportation services. In addition, five adults and five children received supervised visitation services through our Family Time Center.

Domestic violence is the third leading cause of homelessness among families. Our emergency shelter program provides families with short-term housing and case management services with the goal of obtaining safe, permanent housing. In the past year, with your help, we opened a second emergency shelter, the Mary Kirkpatrick Center, to meet the need in our community for families fleeing domestic violence. We provided 57 adults and 41 children with 3,135 nights of shelter services.

To stop the generational cycle of abuse, we must start early and invest in prevention strategies that provide healthy parent-child relationships, friendships, and dating relationships. Through our education and empowerment programs -pre-kindergarten to college; Nurturing Parenting classes; Women's Support Groups; Healthy Mind, Body and Family workshops and Financial Literacy Program, we helped over 4,500 children, teachers and other adults learn new skills and techniques.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Campbell, Executive Director

Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging

This report describes the services that the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging (SVCOA) provided to older adults who reside in Arlington. The service period reported is from October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017:

Senior Meals

SVCOA provided 2,061 home delivered meals in your community, through the Meals on Wheels program. In addition, 67 Arlington older adults came together at a luncheon site located in your area to enjoy a nutritious meal and the company of others. Through this site, 2,061 meals were served to older adults in your community.

Case Management Assistance

SVCOA case management staff helped 36 older adults in your community. A case manager works with an older adult, privately in the individual's home or at another agreed upon location. The case managers assess each person's specific situation in order to tailor a plan unique to that individual. Case managers will work with the older adult to identify their needs and discuss possible services available to address these areas. If the individual 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 older adults connect with in-home assistance programs, including a program called Choices for Care. This program is especially helpful to frail older adults facing the possibility of long-term care placement who still wish to remain at home.

Other Services and Support

SVCOA also provided a host of other services to support older adults in your community. These services included:

- 1) "Senior HelpLine" assistance at 1-800-642-5119. Our Senior HelpLine staff provide telephone support to older adults and others, who need information about available programs and community resources;
- 2) Medicare and health benefit counseling information and assistance through our State Health Insurance Program (SHIP);
- 3) Legal service assistance through the Vermont Senior Citizens Law Project;
- 4) Information about elder issues via the "60Plus" column appearing in the Rutland Herald;
- 5) Nutrition education and counseling services provided by SVCOA's Registered Dietician;
- 6) Senior Companion support for frail, homebound older adults;
- 7) Outreach services to older adults dealing with mental health issues through our Elder Care Clinician. SVCOA cooperates with Rutland County Mental Health to provide this service;

- 8) Transportation assistance; and,
- 9) Caregiver support, information and respite to family members and others who are providing much needed help to older adults in need of assistance.

Sunrise Family Resource Center

In recent years our services to Arlington have focused on supporting providers of quality child care. The three regulated early childhood programs located in Arlington had the opportunity to receive technical assistance and workforce development from Sunrise staff including enrichment courses, access to the annual Bennington County Child Care Association (BCCCA) conference, on-site support and consultation, and our quarterly newsletter for Bennington County early childhood programs.

Throughout the course of the year Arlington childcare professionals participated in over 30 training opportunities offered through Sunrise Community-based Childcare Support Services. In addition, Sunrise staff were available to provide parents with childcare referral assistance, offering not only information about individual providers, but also guidance on how to select a childcare setting which is a good match to a child's and family's needs. Sunrise administers the State of Vermont's Childcare Financial Assistance Program which in 2017 assisted over 495 families (and 628 children) throughout Bennington County, of which 41 families involving 47 children were from Arlington. Childcare assistance helps families afford the necessary, but higher cost of quality childcare providing parents with peace of mind while they're working, pursuing education or training, or caring for a child with special needs.

One of Sunrise's areas of expertise is working with young parents and pregnant teens. We offer an alternative high school setting, workplace mentoring and outreach services to this population with the goal of enhancing their ability to provide for their families and give back to the community - both as nurturing parents and as productive employees. In 2017, 2 Arlington families were enrolled in this comprehensive service. Sunrise also provides intensive family-based services, through our Family Advocacy Program, to families identified by the Department for Children and Families as at risk of having children placed out of the home. In 2017 Sunrise Family Advocates provided many hours of home visits and intensive support services to Arlington families.

Every year Sunrise offers additional resources to families, children, and child care providers in Arlington, through our Strengthening Families Grant, including a free diaper bank, Green Mountain bus passes, State Park passes, summer camp subsidies, adoption of families during holidays, assistance with car repairs, rent, washers and dryers, laundry support, gift cards for gas, Hannaford, Aldi's and Walmart, to name a few.

Additional services available to area residents include onsite childcare, parenting classes, and outreach services to support families with young children. When money is tight, it is important to remember that every dollar invested in prevention saves \$8 in the future.

Thank you to the residents of Arlington for helping make this work possible through your financial support in 2017.

Continuing support from the Town of Arlington is much needed, and profoundly appreciated by Sunrise. Our efforts are enhanced by town support, and we hope you will continue to value the work we do in your community.

Respectfully submitted,
Lindsay Errichetto, Executive Director

The Tutorial Center

2018 will mark The Tutorial Center's 47th year of helping the region's children and adults achieve educational, career, and life success! Please accept our thank you for your 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 Bennington and Manchester, enabling residents up and down Bennington County to have easy access to our assistance.

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

The Tutorial Center's work is recognized both nationally and internationally. Our Executive Director has recently been a U.S. Delegate to the 2016 Social Enterprise World Forum in Hong Kong, where he shared The Tutorial Center's history and role in the community as a model for communities around the globe.

This past year, we provided tutoring for 191 school-age students, in subjects ranging from beginning reading to algebra, calculus, and foreign languages. Another 147 adults were enrolled in our free adult education services. Two Arlington adults successfully earned their high school diploma!

We continued in 2017 to operate at no charge to the community the YAP Food Network, our area food hub that links local farmers and food producers to local customers. The YAP Food Network provides special work experiences for young adults and is one way The Tutorial Center "gives back" to our region: to date, local farmers have sold over \$100,000 of their food products through the Network.

For more information on the YAP project and all of The Tutorial Center's educational services, you can visit www.tutoringvermont.org.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Jack Glade, Executive Director

Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired

The Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired's 2017 Fiscal Year was an exciting one. We served more clients than ever before. We jump started our online communications activity and we have made some advances in our efforts to fund our mission and work.

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

PALS (Peer Assisted Learning and Support) Groups

PALS Groups are held in 14 counties throughout the state, where members meet each month to discuss the practical, social, and emotional challenges of vision loss. They also share coping strategies with each other on how to maintain their independence! This past year, PALS Groups held events such as Dining in the Dark and Bowling in the Dark where they raised over \$1,000 and awareness for VABVI's services. We owe a huge thank you to PALS for all their time, effort, and thoughtfulness!

HAPI (Helping Adolescents Prepare for Independence)

The HAPI program enables Teachers of the Visually Impaired (TVIs) and Certified Vision Rehabilitation Therapists (CVRTs) to work one-on-one with students to practice daily living skills. The transition aged student will be able to improve their abilities to complete many day to day activities such as, preparing and cooking meals, shopping independently at the grocery store, organizing, matching, and washing clothes, cleaning in the home, managing finances, exploring careers, and so much more. Grants for this program are matched by The Gibney Family Foundation to help our HAPI students gain their independence. Thank you Gibney Family Foundation!

IRLE Summer Camp (Intensive Residential Life Experience)

This summer, VABVI brought the students sailing on Lake Champlain and they learned how to steer a sailboat for the first time. Students also went bowling, and for many it was their very first experience! While staying at University of Vermont, students explored career options by interviewing various UVM staff and inquiring about their roles. IRLE participants also had the opportunity to practice their independent living skills away from home, and establish new friendships with others through group challenges and activities.

During Fiscal Year 2017, VABVI served 1,731 clients from all 14 counties in Vermont, including 2 adults and 2 students in Arlington and 44 adults and 13 students in Bennington County.

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

The Vermont Center for Independent Living

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

Preliminary numbers for our In Fiscal Year 2017 (10/2016-9/2017) VCIL responded to over 3,041 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 347 individuals to help increase their independent living skills, and 10 peers were served by the AgrAbility program. VCIL's Home Access Program (HAP) assisted 160 households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; 84 of these received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided 94 individuals with information on assistive technology; 45 of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. 530 individuals had meals delivered through our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60. We are also now home to the Vermont Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (VTEDP), which served 49 people and provided 22 peers with adaptive telecommunications enabling low income Deaf, Deaf-blind, Hard of Hearing, and individuals with disabilities to communicate by telephone.

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

During FY 2017, 10 residents of Arlington received services from the following programs:

- Peer Advocacy Counseling Program (PAC)
- Information Referral and Assistance (I; R & A)

To learn more about VCIL, please call VCIL's toll-free I-Line at 1-800-639-1522, or visit our web site at www.vcil.org.

Vermont League of Cities and Towns

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

VLCT's mission is to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. All 246 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, along with 138 other municipal entities, including villages, solid waste districts, regional planning commissions, and fire districts.

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

VLCT is the only statewide organization devoted solely to delivering a wide range of services to local officials who serve municipalities of varying populations and geographic regions but face similar requirements with disparate resources. The organization provides legal, consulting, and education services to its members, offering important advice and responses to direct inquiries, as well as training programs on specific topics of concern to officials as they carry out the duties required by statute or directed by town meeting voters. VLCT represents cities and towns before the state legislature and state agencies, ensuring that municipal voices are heard collectively and loudly, and also advocates at the federal level, primarily through its partner, the National League of Cities.

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

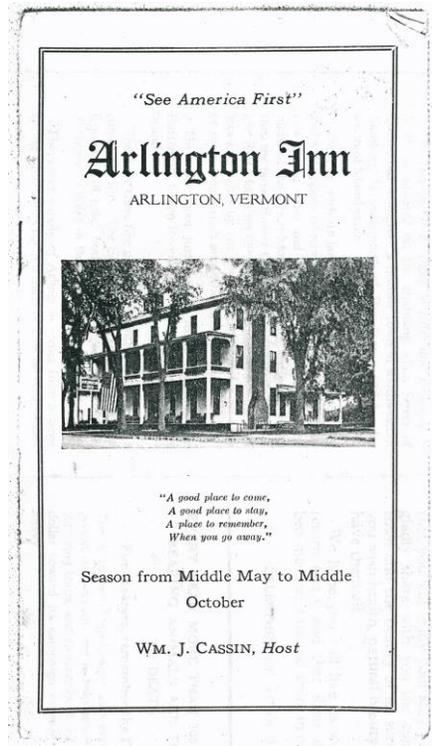
During the 2017 calendar year, in addition to providing responses to more than 3,700 telephone inquiries, holding 16 training sessions, and following approximately 300 separate pieces of legislation, 13 summer study committees, and developing VLCT's legislative platform with five municipal policy committees, VLCT celebrated its 50th anniversary. Throughout the year, VLCT recognized local officials and employees who have served a number of communities for 50 years, and highlighted some of the many successes of the organization and local government during the last 50 years. It was also an important year to look ahead, to consider new ideas, and to think about new programs and ways of delivering services to members that will address their changing needs in the coming years. VLCT launched a new website in June 2017 that, despite a few initial glitches, has functioned well and serves as a better connection point for members, thanks to consistent updates, new information, and easier navigation tools. VLCT has also moved the majority of its mission-critical IT systems to the "cloud" in an effort to provide more security for member information, greater protection against hacking attempts, and greater redundancy of access that will help the organization remain operational following a disaster scenario. The move to the cloud also reduces the need to acquire, maintain, and replace costly capital equipment.

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

To learn more about the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, including its audited financial statements, visit the VLCT website at www.vlct.org.



1900 advertising brochure for *The Arlington*.



Section Seven: Statistics

Births 2017

Surname	Name	Parents		
Croft	Nathan S.	Thomas J.	&	Kayla R.
Davis	Cooper J.	Cody J.	&	Stacey L. A.
Dresser	Lilyana S.	Desiree G.		
Giglio	Serenity R.	Zeke J.	&	Michelle L.
Guetti	Robert J.	David M.	&	Sarah P.
Hoyt	Ellaria T.	Jonathan	&	Kristina L.
McPhail	Bentley A.	Katelynn A.		
Morse	Clara R.	Jason P. Sr.	&	Nicole L.
Mutyala	Desmond G.	Neilesh	&	Cailin E.
Paarlberg-Kvam	Juniper B.	David A.	&	Katherine S.
Phillips	Karter D.	Valerie M.		
Robinson	Teonna M.	Deonna M.		
Saltmarsh	Brantley L.	Matthew R.	&	Kaleigh D.
Sandquist	Waylon O.	Eric D.	&	Olivia N.
Travers	Colin H.	Michael J.	&	Kimberly F.
Willette	Lincoln S.	Tyler J.	&	Hannah M.
Young	Kenzie L.	Michael H.	&	Jessica E.
Zink	Della C.	Robert C.	&	Dara D.

Deaths and Burial Permits 2017

Death Certificates

Butler,	Channey	G. Jr.
Butler,	Frances	K.
Cefalo,	Richard	
Danforth,	Gladys	M.
Hanson,	Roger	N.
Harrington,	Robert	W.
Hodge,	Walter	H.
Jennings,	Diane	L.
Jones,	Helen	K.
King,	Beverly	L.
Matthews,	Edward	T.
Mone,	June	C.
Rochelle,	Gordon	D.
Schaefer,	Mary Ann	L.
Swift,	Marjorie	Sl.
Tyrrell,	Barbara	R.
Webster,	Roger	F.
Wilcox,	Harley	O.
Wilcox,	Lila	M.
Wright,	Doris	C.

Burial Permits Issued

Bailey,	Raymond	B.
Charbonneau,	Anna	M.
Coussement,	Barbara	A.
Cushing,	Marie	E.
Evans,	Aula	
Evans,	John	H.
Harrington,	Patricia	E.
Hemenway,	Norma	R.
Krautkremer,	Sarah-Jane	L.
Leake,	Margaret	H.
Merwin,	Helen	E.
Rochelle,	Shirley	M.
Walsh,	William	M.

Marriage Licenses 2017

COUPLE			OFFICIANT
Tracy L. Aldrich	&	Craig A. Gabert	Nancy J. Tschorn
Katherine E. Bryan	&	Eric J. Zalewski	William J. Bryan
Natasha L. Burgess	&	Richmond D. Galusha	Jay Maclean
Cory J. Depasquale	&	Samantha J. E. Chipman	Michael Depasquale
Merli V. Guerra	&	Sean P. Connolly	Wayne E. Bell
Philip B. Hebert	&	Robert E. Fogelgren	Anita Sheldon
Emma M. Lewis	&	John L. Yemma	Marc Deslauries
Patricia J. Liu	&	David S. Wagner	Andrew Hedin
Kayla-Alyne G. Molina	&	David G. Putnam	David Hallet
Ashley E. Rahill	&	Ronald Salvatore	William R. Noonan
Marjorie E. Rapp	&	Francine P. Comstock	Darlene M. Young
Mary M. Ryan	&	Jason T. Hult	Patrick McGettigan
Christina L. Squires	&	Daniel P. Lorette	Jessie Cerretani
Courtney D. ST. John	&	Daniel P. McKeon	Elexandrea Scheels
Casey M. Sullivan	&	John H. Dupré	David Tanklefsky
Shaina M. Tofias	&	Matthew C. McMahan	Zeke Phillips
Lauren S. Weeks	&	Jonathan A. Ocana	Bradford Clark

Section Eight: Town Meeting Minutes and Ballot results

Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting March 6, 2017

**MINUTES of the ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 6, 2017**

Those present at head table:

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

There were approximately 100 residents present.

Moderator John Whalen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Errors and Omissions were addressed.

Resolution was read aloud;

**RESOLUTION – 2017
TOWN OF ARLINGTON
Memorial Resolution**

WHEREAS, Norman A. Mattison, Sr., a resident of Arlington died on October 26, 2016 after serving his community on the Arlington Selectboard.

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this expression of sympathy be extended to the family of Norman A. Mattison, Sr. and that this

RESOLUTION be made a permanent part of the record of this Meeting on this date of March 6, 2017.

Adopt resolution: motion by Jean McHale
Seconded by Mary Ann Carlson
Unanimously carried

Motion to dispense with the reading of the 2017 Warning:
Motion by: Tony Onaroto
Seconded by: Mary Ann Carlson
Motion Carried

Motion to dispense with the reading of the 2016 Annual Town Meeting Minutes:
Motion by: Mark Colety
Seconded by: Mary Ann Carlson
Motion Carried

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

Motion to accept reports by: Bill Bryan
Seconded by: Gerald Woodard
Motion Carried

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

Moderator Whalen explained this year the Clerk and Treasurer's salaries would have a 2.0% increase, as well as a \$50 increase for the Moderator. All remaining salaries of Interim Supervisor and members of the Selectboard would remain the same.

Office	2016	2017
Selectboard Chairman	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
Selectboard Members (4)	7,200.00	7,200.00
Town Clerk	17,036.00	17,384.00
Town Treasurer	13,900.00	14,185.00
Moderator	100.00	150.00
Interim Supervisor	15,000.00	16,000.00
Total		\$56,719.00

Motion to accept by: Diane Jennings
Seconded by: Sally McManus
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, 2017, and payment to be in the hands of the Treasurer, or postmarked on or before November 4, 2017.

Motion to accept by: Susan Jennings
Seconded by: Maureen Harvey
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: Bill Budde
Seconded by: Maureen Harvey
Discussion: 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: Maureen Harvey
Seconded by: Dana Cole
Discussion: Total budget presented by Selectmen was \$1,364,015.00
Salaries had already been voted in the amount of \$56,719.00
Appropriations to be voted upon the next day total \$206,679.00
Total figure to be voted on at this time is \$1,100,617.00
Discussion; Keith Squires explains the impact of the budget on taxes. It will be .013 cents, which will only amount to about a \$26.00 increase on a \$200,000 property.

Motion Carries

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: Mark Colety
Seconded: Maureen Harvey
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: Joe Gervais
Seconded: Gerald Woodard
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 1, 2016.

Susan Jennings tells us about the dog park and the progress they have made so far. Donations are about \$1200 and the new area of the park will be used for the dog park. Mr. Woodard, park supervisor, tells about the signs designating areas and reminds people of the places where they can bring their dogs and follow the signs. Mr. Chet Kosinski argues that the park should be locked and the problems would not be there. Mr. Squires tells us that the water project is just about done, with a little bit of clean up to be finished in the spring. Paving this summer will be a few small areas around town this summer. A construction grant for implementing a sidewalk from the center of town to the park will be worked on this year. The actual construction of the sidewalk won't happen for at least another year. He explained how the water department was purchased in February and a lot of upgrades were made to the water lines, with new hydrants, and better flow. Overdue accounts were purchased with the water company, and the town is working hard to get those collected and up to date. Mr. Squires touches on the Buck Hill situation, telling the crowd that law enforcement is actively investigating and we don't know any more than the average person. We must all trust the law enforcement and let them perform their duties. Water commissioner meetings will be held once a month separate and apart from Selectboard meetings. Lynn Williams wanted to know about the sidewalk project and when it will happen. He explained it will be next year. She says the area in front of the town hall is in terrible shape and she really thinks it should be fixed sooner than next year, even if the town uses their own funds instead of waiting for a grant. Mr. Keelan wondered if the 37% increase in the sheriff line item in the budget was because of the Buck Hill situation. Mr. Squires states that no, it was because of the increased cost of the patrols at the sheriffs department John Hausgrud wanted to know if there is something else that the town could do to help with security to keep the residents safe. Susan Jennings remembers when she was a little kid, everyone watched out for everyone, and she wishes it could be like that again. She hopes that neighbors could watch out for each other, and let someone know if something looks suspicious or out of place. Maureen Harvey agreed that if we could watch out for our neighbors, it could make a difference. Mr. Tim Williams asks how many people are willing to spend the extra funds it would take to increase patrols, and there was a large showing of hands. Nicol Whalen wondered about having a neighborhood watch group organized. Florence Belnap wanted to know if more could be done on certain areas that have more crime than other areas. If there is a break in that people could notify all residents in that area about it. Mr. Squires said that he can talk to the troopers about getting something like that going. Jean McHale wishes the hours of sheriff patrols were not cut, just because the price went up. Mr. Squires tells her that they cut from 25 hours per week to 20 hours. Mr. Harvey explained how the board came to that decision, and the fact that many state troopers live in Arlington was part of it, knowing they are driving around town on their way to and from the Shaftsbury barracks. Olavi Wirkki wondered if they patrol at random times or does the town set the schedule and Mr. Squires said, its up to them as to where and what their schedule is. Darrin Jennings wondered if the town gets part of the fines that are given out while the patrols are in town. Yes said Keith Squires and it amounts to about \$6,000. Michel Murno thinks that neighborhood watch is a much more effective idea than added patrols. John Haugsrud thinks that neighborhood watch would work and he would like to see a town official be involved with it as well as residents. He would like to offer to host it, if anyone is interested. Marty Irion, executive director of the Rescue Squad stood up to ask

for volunteers. Dave Vanderwater emphasized the need for additional volunteers, he tells that since we only have full time people during the daytime hours, 6 a.m.-6 p.m., but volunteers are on call on nights and weekends. Matt Granger added that the training and skills you could learn from being on the rescue squad are very beneficial and could assist with the neighborhood watch idea for people. Cynthia Browning tells us about the legislative reports that are available at the side table for residents. She is assigned to the ways and means committee that controls the taxes and budget system. She is excited to be on this committee and wants to see reform. Act 46 is at the forefront in Montpelier, and she continues to disagree with it, hoping that small towns like Arlington can continue to run their own school system. Economic Development needs to be improved by doing the basics like roads, water, sewer, telecommunications, and lower tax rates. If the State could work on the basics before helping special interest groups things would be a lot better. Jamie Paustian stated that the Arlington Fire Company is also looking for new members to join them.

Motion to recess: Maureen Harvey
Seconded: Sue Jennings

Meeting recessed until tomorrow morning at 10:00 a.m. carries. Meeting is recessed at 8:30 p.m.

Attest: _____
Town Clerk

Attest: _____
Moderator

**Official Ballot Results
Annual Arlington Town Meeting
Tuesday, March 7, 2017**

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	642	MARY ANN SCHAEFER	604
Write-In	1	Write-In	1
For Selectman for 2 Years Vote for not more than ONE		For Cemetery Commissioner 3 Years Vote for not more than ONE	
CYNTHIA BROWNING	588	NATHALIE CALER	630
Write-In	15	Write-in	3
For Selectman for 3 Years Vote for not more than ONE		For Grand Juror for 1 Year Vote for not more than ONE	
REGINALD JENNINGS RONALD KING	330 288	DARLENE M. YOUNG	616
Write-In	0	Write-In	1
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	601		
Write-In	5	Write-in	63
For Delinquent Tax Collector for 1 Year Vote for not more than ONE		For Trustee of Public Funds for 3 Years Vote for not more than ONE	
LINDA P. CROSBY	654		
Write-in	4	Write-in	45
For Treasurer for 3 years Vote for not more than ONE		For Trustee of Public Funds for 3 Years(term expires 3/2018) Vote for not more than ONE	
LINDA P. CROSBY	659		
Write-In	2	Write-in	31
For Town Clerk for 3 years Vote for not more than ONE		For Trustee of Public Funds for 3 yrs. (term expires 3/2017)	
ROBIN S. WILCOX	666	Vote for not more than ONE	
Write-in	2	Write-in	23

Official Town Meeting Ballot Results Tuesday, March 7, 2017, continued

Article 10.	To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$45,000.00 into the Capital Reserve Fund for the replacement and/or repairs or refurbishing of the Town of Arlington fire trucks.	YES 354 NO 46
Article 11.	To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$40,000.00 into the Capital Reserve Fund for the replacement and/or repairs of the Town of Arlington highway trucks.	YES 336 NO 65
Article 12.	To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$9,000.00 into the Capital Reserve Fund for the replacement and/or repairs of the Town of Arlington's backhoe, excavator, and loader.	YES 334 NO 64
Article 13.	To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$6,000.00 into the Capital Reserve Fund for the eventual replacement and/or repair of the Town grader.	YES 331 NO 67
Article 14.	To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$6,000.00 into the Capital Reserve Fund for the purchase and/or repair of sidewalk maintenance/equipment.	YES 314 NO 84
Article 15.	To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$17,000.00 into the Capital Reserve Fund for the resurfacing of Town roads.	YES 341 NO 54
Article 16.	To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$5,000.00 into the Capital Reserve Fund for Town bridges & culverts.	YES 355 NO 40
Article 17.	To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$2,500.00 into the Capital Reserve Fund for the maintenance of Town owned buildings.	YES 342 NO 53
Article 18.	To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$2,500.00 into the Capital Reserve Fund for the purchase and/or repair of computers.	YES 320 NO 72
Article 19.	To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$32,500.00 toward the support of the Arlington Rescue Squad.	YES 363 NO 34
Article 20.	To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$2,250.00 to the Arlington Area Childcare, Inc.	YES 284 NO 108

Article 21.	To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$3,000.00 toward the support of the Arlington Community House.	YES 315 NO 77
Article 22.	To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$4,000.00 toward the operation of the Arlington Community Health Nursing Service for the year ensuing.	YES 340 NO 56
Article 23.	Shall the Town of Arlington vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$18,000.00 for the support of the Martha Canfield Memorial Library, Inc. to provide services to residents of the Town.	YES 338 NO 59
Article 24.	To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$500.00 toward the support of the Bennington Coalition for the Homeless.	YES 304 NO 92
Article 25.	To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$360.00 toward the support of the Bennington County Conservation District.	YES 288 NO 108
Article 26.	To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$1,800.00 toward the support of the Bennington Project Independence Adult Daycare Service.	YES 311 NO 84
Article 27.	To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$1,200.00 toward the support of the BROCC-Community Action in Southwestern Vermont (formerly ‘Bennington-Rutland Opportunity Council’).	YES 267 NO 126
Article 28.	To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$540.00 toward the support of the Center for Restorative Justice.	YES 270 NO 122
Article 29.	To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$450.00 toward the support of Project Against Violent Encounters, Inc. (PAVE).	YES 309 NO 87
Article 30.	To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$2,025.00 toward the support of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (R.S.V.P.).	YES 316 NO 80
Article 31.	To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$500.00 toward the support of the Sunrise Family Resource Center.	YES 254 NO 140

Article 32.	To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$1,530.00 toward the operation of the Southwestern Vt. Council on Aging.	YES 310 NO 87
Article 33.	To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$450.00 toward the support of the Tutorial Center.	YES 291 NO 105
Article 34.	To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$500.00 toward the support of the Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired.	YES 327 NO 72
Article 35.	To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$295.00 toward the support of the Vermont Center for Independent Living.	YES 306 NO 92
Article 36.	To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$750.00 toward the support of Neighbor to Neighbor, a home based care giving program.	YES 312 NO 86
Article 37.	To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$779.00 toward the support of Bennington Area Habitat for Humanity.	YES 280 NO 115
Article 38.	To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$1,250.00 toward the support of Burdett Commons.	YES 292 NO 104
Article 39.	To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$2,000.00 towards the support of Greater Northshire Access Television (GNAT-TV) to help support & defray costs related to the videotaping and television broadcast of the Arlington Select Board, Arlington School Board and other public and municipal meetings.	YES 290 NO 106
Article 40.	To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote to exempt the property of the Battenkill Grange 487 from property taxes for the next five years.	YES 323 NO 73
Article 41.	To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote to exempt the property of The Red Mountain Lodge 63 from property taxes for the next five years.	YES 281 NO 115

Arlington Inns and Taverns

Throughout history inns and taverns, the forerunners of today's hotels and motels, have been at the center of local life. Known for food, drink, and sometimes lodging, inns have a reputation in early American and Vermont history as community centers and transportation hubs. Often located along major roads they have also become historic markers in our changing attitudes toward travel. The photographs in the 2017 Town Report focus on our earliest inns and taverns.

The Bennington County Clerk's Office has a list of "those licensed to keep houses of public entertainment" in Arlington for the years 1782 to 1786. There were five in 1782: Elijah Galusha, Elnathan Merwin, Nathan Canfield, Jonathan Fassett, and Lemuel Buck. Gamaliel Deming is licensed in 1783, the names change slightly for the next three years. In total, there were five licensed in 1782, four in 1783, three in 1784 and 1785, and five in 1786.

Cover: *Flanders Inn*, Main Street (VT Rt. 7A)

Page 19: Site of the Elnathan *Merwin Tavern*, ca. 1782. Located just north of today's *Arlington Inn* at the corner of Main Street (Route 7A) and Water Street (Route 313 west). This early inn was hosting local guests and travelers by 1782. The first meeting of the founders of the town of Fairfax, Vermont met here on August 1786, and a 1791 travel journal described it as "a good public house." The location was the intersection of two busy roads. The main north/south route on the western side of the Green Mountains ran in front of the tavern and was heavily used during the Revolutionary War. One of the main roads between Troy and Saratoga, New York, also began in front of the tavern. In 1784, the Vermont Assembly required all towns to have a location for their stocks and a place to post public notices at the intersection of major highways. The southwest corner across from the *Merwin Tavern* was selected in Arlington.

Page 21: *Deming Inn*.

Page 26: *Deming Inn* when it was known as the *Bronson Inn*. Note the wrap around porch on the east and south side.

Page 40: Another view of the *Deming Inn / Bartlett House* about 1910.

The *Deming Tavern* was built about 1780 for Gamaliel Deming. Like *Merwin's Tavern* across the road, it was located on the main north/south highway and the Troy and Saratoga road to the west. This old tavern has been known by many names, including the *Bronson House*, the *Bartlett House Hotel*, and the *Deming House Bed and Breakfast*.

In the 1880s Austin Bartlett added a veranda and a large wing on the north side. The house has been photographed with a veranda on the east and south side, just on the east side, and without a porch.

Page 46: The first *Arlington Hotel* on Main Street next to the town hall on the left. See also page 62 and the cover.

There were a series of hotels on this site beginning with *Lathrop's Inn* in 1829. A new hotel was built on the same site, identified on older maps as the *H. Gray and J.B. Lathrop Hotel* or the *Union Hotel*. The first three-story *Arlington*

Hotel was built in the early 1850s when the railroad arrived in town. This hotel served travelers until February 5, 1883 when it burned and was quickly replaced by the “*New Arlington Hotel*” on the same site. It was completed by December 24, 1885 when the “first Ball at the New Hotel” was celebrated. In 1860 it is called the *Arlington House*, and J.G. Woodworth is the proprietor. By 1869 it is called the *Bartlett Hotel*. In 1900 it is simply referred to as *The Arlington*.

When the Arlington Refrigerator Company came to Arlington the company purchased the hotel and renamed it the *Arco Inn* (page 39). Several changes were made to the design of the building in the 1920s. When the refrigerator company, which manufactured iceboxes, succumbed to competition from electric refrigerators and the depression, the name was again changed to the *Arlington Inn* before becoming *Flanders Inn*. This was the last name change. The hotel was razed in 1960 following a fire.

Pages 12, 47, 51: The former *Aylsworth Tavern* on Main Street (now Old Mill Road) in East Arlington. Built about 1778 on the west end of the stage road from Stratton, the building served as a tavern or hotel from the 1780s through the 1890s. In 1860 a fund raising event for the East Arlington Congregational Church was held on January 31, 1860 when it was known as *Lyman’s Hotel* (page 13). Norman Hard operated it from 1869 until it closed in the late 1890s as the *Green Mountain Hotel*. The second floor ballroom was well known in the area until it was divided into rooms when the building was renovated for apartment use in 1946. The eastern third of the building was added about 1900 as a store and was known Warner and Dustin’s or just Warner’s.

Page 55: Abel Hawley Tavern, now known as the Hawley / Crofut House on VT Rt. 313 west. This early tavern was serving travelers and local residents as early as 1773. The Green Mountain Boys were known to meet here, and in 1773 Jacob Marsh was tried for purchasing land in support of the New York’s claims on the New Hampshire Grants. During the early days of the Revolutionary War both Tories and Patriots were known to meet here. Dr. Russell’s research identified this as the oldest building in Arlington.

Page 62: *Arlington Hotel*, earlier known as *Lathrop’s Hotel*, about 1880.

Page 63: The *Colonial Inn*, now the *Arlington Inn*, as it appeared in the 1930s.

Page 82: Advertising flyers for various incarnations of the *Arlington Hotel*.

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