

ARLINGTON VERMONT

ANNUAL REPORT
of the Town Officers
Year Ending December 31, 2003

TOWN OF ARLINGTON DIRECTORY

EMERGENCY CALLS, AMBULANCE, FIRE & POLICE	911
Animal Control Officer	375-6121
Arlington Food Shelf (<i>Tish Williams</i>).	375-9565
Hours: 1:30 - 4:00: 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month	
Arlington Memorial High School	375-2589
Arlington Post Office	375-6904
Arlington Water Co., Peter Putis	375-9531
Bennington County Regional Planning Com	375-2576
Casella Landfill - Hours: Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. - 7:00 - 2:00.	362-4082
Sat. 7:30 - 11:30 CLOSED WED., SUN. & HOLIDAYS	
(Buy sticker at site-Free recycling)	
Cemetery Commissioner	375-6135
Community House (scheduling).	375-2796
East Arlington Post Office	375-6695
Fire Department (other than emergency)	375-2323
Fire Warden (burning permits) - Ron Cole	375-1148
Fisher Elementary School	375-6409
Highway Department.	375-6712
Land Use Administrator Office	375-1008
Health Officer Office.	375-1008
Listers Office.	375-9022
Martha Canfield Library	375-6153
Hours: Tues. 9:00-5:00 & 6:30-8:00, Wed. 9:00-5:00,	
Thurs. 9:00-5:00 & 6:30-8:00, Fri. 2:00-5:00, Sat. 10:00-3:00	
Recreation & Park (scheduling).	375-9564
Rescue Squad (other than emergency)	375-6589
Russell Vermontiana Collection	375-6153
Tuesday only, 9:00-5:00, or by appointment with Curator John Kennedy.	
Selectmen Office and Fax	375-6474
Sign Administrator Office	375-1008
State Police (other than emergency).	442-5421
Superintendent of Schools.	375-9744
Town Clerk Home	375-6018
Town Clerk Office and Fax	375-2332
Town Service Agent	375-6135
Treasurer's Office	375-1260

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TOWN OFFICERS FOR 2004 - ELECTED
(TERM EXPIRES IN YEAR SHOWN)

Moderator	1 Yr.	3/04	John L. Whalen II
Town Clerk	3 Yr.	3/04	Joyce A. Wyman
Town Treasurer	3 Yr.	3/04	Linda P. Crosby
Selectmen	3 Yr.	3/05	Keith Squires*
	2 Yr.	3/05	Larry Molloy
	2 Yr.	3/04	Gerald Woodard
	3 Yr.	3/04	Alan Hess
	3 Yr.	3/06	Daniel Harvey
Listers	3 Yr.	3/06	Joseph Garger
	3 Yr.	3/05	Vacant
	3 Yr.	3/04	Earl C. LaBatt
First Constable	1 Yr.	3/04	Vacant
Delinquent Tax Collector .	1 Yr.	3/04	Richard Keough
Auditors	3 Yr.	3/04	Vacant
	3 Yr.	3/06	Gerard McManus
	3 Yr.	3/05	Susan Wirkki
Cemetery Commissioners .	3 Yr.	3/06	Leroy Hush
	3 Yr.	3/04	Nathalie Caler
	3 Yr.	3/05	Roger Hanson
Grand Jurors	1 Yr.	3/04	John Haugsrud
	1 Yr.	3/04	Al McAllister
	1 Yr.	3/04	Darlene M. Young
Town Agent	1 Yr.	3/04	Kevin P. Dailey
Trustees of Public Funds .	3 Yr.	3/06	Vacant
	3 Yr.	3/04	R. Drew Hill
	3 Yr.	3/05	Anthony R. Mento
Town Representative	2 Yr.	11/04	Larry Molloy
Justices of the Peace . . .	2 Yr.	11/04	Donald Brown - Rep.
			..... Roy Crofut - Rep.
			..... John L. Whalen II - Dem.
			..... Kevin P. Dailey - Rep.
			..... Larry Molloy - Dem.
			..... Richard Keough - Dem.
			..... Gerald Woodard - Rep.

* Denotes Chairperson

**TOWN OFFICERS FOR 2004 - APPOINTED
(TERM EXPIRES IN YEAR SHOWN)**

Health Officer	3 Yr.	4/05	Al Godreau
Deputy Health Officer	3 Yr.	2/06	Traci Mulligan
Tree Warden	2 Yr.	4/04	Keith Squires
Inspector of Lumber	3 Yr.	4/04	Gerald Woodard
Fence Viewers	3 Yr.	4/05	Gerald Woodard
	3 Yr.	4/05	Alan Hess
	3 Yr.	4/05	Raymond Smith
Land Use Administrator	3 Yr.	4/05	Al Godreau
Fire Chief	1 Yr.	12/04	Jamie Paustian
First Asst. Fire Chief	1 Yr.	12/04	Scott Lang
Second Asst. Fire Chief	1 Yr.	12/04	Mike King
Town Plan. Commission	3 Yr.	4/04	Ben Brumaghim
	2 Yr.	4/05	Cynthia Browning
	1 Yr.	4/04	Douglas Crosier
	3 Yr.	4/05	Thomas Williams
	4 Yr.	4/06	Chris Heins
	3 Yr.	4/06	Raymond Smith
	3 Yr.	4/05	Dan Barber [#]
Zoning Bd. of Adjustment.	2 Yr.	4/05	Arnold Wilcox
	3 Yr.	4/06	Edward Pike
	3 Yr.	4/04	Maynard Grout
	2 Yr.	4/04	George Dath, Jr.
	2 Yr.	4/03	Ron Weber
	3 Yr.	4/04	Mary Sallisky [#]
	1 Yr.	4/04	Vacant
Emergency Mgt. Director	2 Yr.	4/04	Keith Squires
BCRC Representatives	3 Yr.	4/06	Nate Williams
Town Energy Coordinator	1 Yr.	4/04	Alan Hess
Town Service Manager	1 Yr.	4/04	Nathalie Caler
Sign Administrator	3 Yr.	4/04	Al Godreau
Fire Warden	5 Yr.	6/08	Ron Cole
Septic/Sewer Admin.	3 Yr.	4/04	Al Godreau
Animal Control Officer		Indefinite	Traci Mulligan

[#]Denotes Chairperson

TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

Moderator	1 Yr.	3/04	John L. Whalen II
School District Clerk	3 Yr.	3/04	Joyce A. Wyman
School District Treasurer	3 Yr.	3/04	Linda P. Crosby
School Directors	2 Yr.	3/05	Ken (K. John) Smith
	3 Yr.	3/05	John S. Rogers
	2 Yr.	3/04	Laurie Sherman
	3 Yr.	3/04	Gary Fischer
	3 Yr.	3/06	Donald Wilson*

*Denotes Chairman

STATEMENT OF TAX ASSESSMENT

Tax Rate - 2003

Municipal:

To be raised by taxes	\$	627,277.38
Less 2003 VT CU Hold Harmless	-	15,918.00
NET Town Taxes to be Raised	\$	611,359.38
Municipal Grand List	\$	181,360,306.00
Municipal Tax Rate of \$00.34 raises	\$	616,625.04
Municipal Overrun		5,265.66

School:

State Education Rate to be raised by taxes:	\$	2,039,334.00
Education Grand List	\$	181,749,264.00
State Education Tax Rate of \$1.12 raises	\$	2,035,591.76
State Education Shortfall		3,742.24

Local Education Share:

Local Education Rate to be raised by taxes	\$	1,444,746.00
Education Grand List	\$	181,749,264.00
Local Education Tax Rate of \$00.79 raises	\$	1,435,819.19
Local Education Shortfall		8,926.81

Local Agreement:

Local Agreement Tax Rate of \$00.01 raises	\$	18,136.03
Plus Municipal Overrun	+	5,265.66
Minus State Education Shortfall	-	3,742.24
Minus Local Education Shortfall	-	8,926.81

Overall Cushion for subsequent errors/omissions \$ 10,732.64

Rates:	Municipal	\$	.34	
	State Education		1.12	
	Local Education		.79	
	Local Agreement		<u>.01</u>	
		\$	2.26	Total Tax Rate

To raise Town Hall Renovation Funds of \$18,136.03 add \$0.01 to the Municipal Tax Rate thus raising total Tax Rate to \$2.27.

Tax Rate established and duly approved by the Selectmen per authority voted at 2003 Annual Town Meeting.

**SCHEDULE OF SALARIES, WAGES AND
ALLOWABLE EXPENSES**

Clerk	\$12,411 + Fees (annually)
Treasurer	\$9,726 (annually)
Selectmen, Chairman	\$3,000 (annually)
Selectmen, Member	\$1,500 (annually)
Listers	\$9.27 per hour
Moderator	\$60.00 (annually)
Mileage	\$.32 per mile

BY DISCRETION OF SELECTMEN:

Auditors	\$8.50 per hour
Road Foreman	\$16.47 per hour
First Helper	\$13.42 per hour
Second Helper	\$12.17 per hour
Land Use Administrator	\$11.81 per hour + Fees
Animal Control Officer	\$8.65 per hour

BY DISCRETION OF BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY:

Board of Civil Authority Members	\$6.25 per hour
Ballot Clerks	\$6.25 per hour

SCHOOL

School Board Chairman	\$2,000 (annually)
School Board Member	\$1,000 (annually)
Clerk	\$ 500 (annually)
Treasurer	\$10,407 (annually)
Moderator	\$ 50.00 (annually)

ARLINGTON, VERMONT

Chartered - July 28, 1761

Area - 26,668 acres

Population: 2397 Census - 2000

HOURS OF TOWN MEETING

Monday, March 1, 2004

7:00 p.m.

at

Arlington High School Gym

Tuesday, March 2, 2004

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

at

Arlington High School Gym

WARNING
March 1, 2004

The inhabitants of the Town of Arlington, Vermont qualified to vote in Town Meeting, are hereby warned and notified to meet in the Arlington High School Gymnasium in said Arlington on Monday evening, March 1, 2004 at 7:00 P.M. for the purpose of acting upon and deciding the following Articles 1 through 6, specified below. After completion of these articles, the meeting will stand recessed until 10:00 A.M., Tuesday March 2, 2004 to act upon Articles 7 through 35. The polls will be open at the Arlington High School Gymnasium- on March 2, 2004 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 posted by September 4, 2004, and payment to be in the hands of the Treasurer on or before November 4, 2004.

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.

Article 5. To see if the town will vote a budget to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town and to authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to provide the same, inclusive of Appropriations, to be determined and voted.

Article 6. To transact any further business found necessary and proper when met. After any further business under Article 6, said meeting will recess until Tuesday, March 2, 2004.

Article 7. To Elect the following Town Officers:

- Moderator 1 year term
- Town Clerk 3 year term
- Town Treasurer 3 year term
- Selectman..... 3 year term
- Selectman..... 2 year term
- Lister 3 year term
- 3 year term (Expires 3/05)

Delinquent Tax Collector	.....1 year term
Auditor	.....3 year term
Cemetery Commissioner	.....3 year term
Grand Jurors	.....Three 1 year terms
Town Agent	.....1 year term
Trustee of Public Funds	.....3 year term
	3 year term (Expires 3/06)

- Article 8. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$30,000.00 into the sinking fund for the replacement and/or repairs or refurbishing of the Town of Arlington fire trucks.
- Article 9. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$22,000.00 into the sinking fund for the replacement and/or repairs of the Town of Arlington highway trucks.
- Article 10. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$10,000.00 into the sinking fund for the replacement and/or repairs of the Town of Arlington's backhoe, excavator, and loader.
- Article 11. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$2,000.00 into the sinking fund for the eventual repair and/or replacement of the Town computers and their hardware and software.
- Article 12. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$5,000.00 into the sinking fund for the eventual replacement and/or repair of the Town grader.
- Article 13. To vote by ballot to see if the town will vote the sum of \$11,130.00 to help support the 2004 operation of the Arlington Recreation Park.
- Article 14. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$10,000.00 for the resurfacing of Town roads.
- Article 15. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$35,000.00 toward the support of the Arlington Rescue Squad.
- Article 16. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$7,000.00 toward the maintenance of the Town owned cemeteries.

- Article 17. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$4,000.00 into a sinking fund for the eventual audit of Town accounts by an outside firm.
- Article 18. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote to exempt the property of the Arlington Rescue Squad located at 66 Chittenden Drive, from property tax for the next five years.
- Article 19. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$2,500.00 to the Arlington Area Childcare, Inc.
- Article 20. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$1,500.00 toward the support of the Arlington Community Club.
- Article 21. 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 22. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$1,000.00 toward the support of the Burdett Commons, Inc.
- Article 23. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$6,000.00 toward the support of the Martha Canfield Library.
- 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 \$400.00 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 \$2,000.00 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 Bennington-Rutland Opportunity Council (BROC).
- Article 28. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$600.00 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 \$500.00 toward the support of the Project Against Violent Encounters, Inc. (PAVE).
- Article 30. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$2,250.00 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 \$1,700.00 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 \$500.00 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.

Dated this January 26, 2004
Arlington Selectboard
Keith Squires, Chairman
Lawrence Molloy, Daniel Harvey, Alan Hess, Gerald Woodard

Annual Report

Section One: Reports of Town Elected Officials

TOWN AUDITORS REPORT

We, the Auditors of the Town of Arlington, in accordance with Section 1681 of Title VSA, have examined the orders of the several Officers of the Town. All town accounts audited are included in this report.

We have found said orders and accounts to be correctly stated and to the best of our knowledge, find no errors in the financial statements of the Town of Arlington as of December 31, 2003.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to Mrs. Linda Crosby, Town Treasurer, for her cooperation during the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Wirkki
Gerard McManus

BOARD OF LISTERS

This past year has been busy for the listers, because we are preparing to do a town wide general reappraisal of all properties, in addition to our regular activities.

The town has signed a contract with Cole, Layer, Trumball, a professional reappraisal company, who did Arlington's last reappraisal in 1990. They will collect the required data, which means a visit to your property and an interior and exterior inspection of your house.

The listers will process the data into the computer, which will be programmed to provide the current fair market value of each property.

As mentioned, Arlington has not been reappraised since 1990, and the assessment of the property has fallen under the fair market (or present selling value) for various reasons. We are very close to being required by the state to reappraise, which happens when average sales are more than 20% over the assessed value. This is the reason we are reappraising at this time.

The good news is that the state has provided money each year to help defray the cost of a reappraisal. We feel, with our participation, that no additional funds will be required from the taxpayers of Arlington to accomplish this task, but it is important that each property owner cooperates when the data collectors come to inspect. You will be kept informed by mail or published notices when your area is to be inspected.

In addition, we will continue our normal activity of creating the Grand List as of April 1, 2004, and then conducting the reappraisal for completion as of the April 1, 2005 Grand List.

Again, we ask your continued cooperation during this major project, as you have always cooperated in the past. We thank you for that.

The listers' usual office hours are 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Our phone number is 375-9022.

Respectfully
Joseph Garger, Lister
Earl C. LaBatt, Lister

UNPAID DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAX

2001

Dietrich, Stacy	\$	<u>854.56</u>
TOTAL	\$	854.56

2002

Dietrich, Stacy L.	\$	858.48
Freeholders Sanctuary		76.65
McEckron, Dolores		808.11
Price, Theresa		43.80
Ward, Paul		1,281.15
Zekowich, Carolyn		<u>81.03</u>
TOTAL	\$	3,149.22

2003

Albert, Robert	\$	2,113.37
Alexis Corporation		4,256.25
Baccki, John		2,138.34
Bailey, Richard		5,788.50
Belanger, Paul		127.12
Blanken, Donald		5,418.49
Blay, Susan		1,675.26
Bolster, Ernest		317.80
Carabello, Joseph		4,554.71
Davis, John	balance	313.61
Dietrich, Kelly		2,197.36
Dietrich, Stacy		889.84
Dillard, Tammy	balance	707.64
Freeholders Sanctuary		79.45
Harrington, Christopher		1,554.95
Harrington, Diane		2,058.89
Harrington, John F.		2,013.49
Helser, Lois Ann		394.98
Hinrichsen, Joyce		2,515.16
Hoyt, Wayne		2,882.90
Johnson, Christopher	balance	1,411.34
Johnson, Joclyn		3,815.87
Kagey, Guy		3,636.54
Kerner, Frederick		1,327.95
Kloeblen, William		4,017.90
Kloos, Stuart		3,114.44
Knapp, Herbert		56.75
Knapp, Jr., John		1,221.26

2003 Continued

Knapp, Jr., John & Mary		2,733.08
Knight, Rickey		1,389.24
McCauley, Douglas		3,895.32
McEckron, Dolores		837.63
McKee, Darin		2,383.50
McKee-Gratton Corp.		1,990.79
Moran, Susan	balance	1,086.37
Mullaney, Kevin		2,435.71
Noe, Lisa		719.59
Noe, Lisa		238.35
Ploof, Julie	balance	476.31
Price, Theresa		109.64
Putnam, Harold		215.65
RC Martin Enterprises	balance	1,135.34
Riesel, Daniel		8,501.15
Sahr, Elizabeth		578.85
Secoy, Derik & Taryn		2,224.60
Shaughnessy, Edward		3,797.71
Skidmore, Jennifer		2,628.66
Sniffen, Ernest		127.12
Solkoske, David		810.39
Stockwell, Dolloretta		158.90
Taylor, Charles		2,535.59
Thompson, J/Lee		1,243.96
Thompson, Robert P.	balance	226.07
Walker, James		3,695.56
Ward, Paul		1,327.95
Weissberg, Andrew		249.70
Whitman, Robert	balance	700.00
Wilkins, Bonnie & Kenneth	balance	1,656.56
Wilkinson, Vernon		197.49
Zekowich, Carolyn		83.99
Zinn, Ruth		<u>1,974.90</u>
TOTAL		\$ 114,065.83

Reconciliation of Tax Collector's Accounts of Uncollected Taxes

YEAR	AMOUNT
2001	\$ 854.56
2002	3,149.22
2003	<u>114,065.83</u>
TOTAL	\$118,069.61

TOWN CLERK - 2004

Again last year was a busy one with recordings of mortgages and property transfers. We had about the same number of property transfers (141). The low interest rates kept the mortgages coming into this office at a very steady rate. At the time of this writing (December), the recordings have lessened, but the office is still busy gearing up for the numerous elections slated for 2004.

Our first election will be our Annual Town Meeting (March 2, 2004). This year, we will also have our Annual School Election the same day. Both floor meetings and votes will be held at the High School Gym. Also, on that day we will be holding the **PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY**. To vote in the Presidential Primary, you will have to ask for either the Democratic or Republican ballot. This is the only time you have to state the party for which you wish to vote. This does **NOT** mean you will be registering in either party, it only means that on this one day you can only choose a Republican or Democratic Ballot.

The **PRIMARY ELECTION** will be held on the second Tuesday in September (September 14, 2004). This election is for the nomination of candidates of major political parties for all offices to be voted for the succeeding General Election, except candidates for president and vice-president of the United States, their electors and justices of the peace.

The **GENERAL ELECTION** will be held on November 2, 2004. Of course, this year, we will be voting for various state offices, as well as, for our president and vice-president of the United States.

Hope this is not too confusing. If you have questions, please give me a call. I think it will become quite clear as we take each election "one step at a time".

Thanks for a great year and hopefully another great one ahead of us!

Respectfully,

Joyce "Birdie" Wyman, Town Clerk

TOWN REPRESENTATIVE

The legislative session of the Vermont State Legislature convened on January 6, 2004. I will be serving on the Institutions Committee. Their job is to put together the capital budget for the year, appropriating and allocating funds for various purposes in capital construction.

This year the whole legislature will be addressing once again the financing of education, reducing the cost of health care and trying to simplify the permit system.

On the local level I am working with the Transportation Dept. to help make the junction of Warm Brook Rd. and 313 East a safer place for all.

I will continue to fight for issues and concerns affecting my district and can be reached in Montpelier at: 1-800-322-5615 or at my home at 375-2300.

I welcome hearing from my constituents in Arlington, Sunderland, Sandgate and West Rupert at any time.

Respectfully submitted,
Rep. Lawrence E. Molloy

TOWN TREASURER

General Town Account - Year Ending December 31, 2003

Cash on Hand 1/1/03 \$ 69,023.51

RECEIPTS:

2003 Property Taxes Collected		3,915,141.00
State of Vermont - Schedule I		141,072.85
Fire Protection - Sandgate Bal 2002/03`	11,444.90	
Sunderland 2002/03	<u>53,114.16</u>	64,559.06
Miscellaneous Income - Schedule II		24,119.25
Town Clerk - Fees & Licenses		32,104.00
LUA & ZBA Fees		7,355.00
Payroll & Expense Reimbursement:		
Cemetery	807.38	
Lions Pool	2,583.38	
Recreation & Park	<u>29,034.49</u>	32,425.25
Delinquent Tax Collector:		
Delinquent Taxes	213,200.96	
Interest	8,568.60	
Penalties	<u>16,775.33</u>	238,544.89
Interest Received:		2,062.39
Borrowed Money		<u>250,000.00</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS:		<u>\$ 4,776,407.20</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:

Orders #1 through #28 Operating	\$ 683,904.06	
Orders #1 through #52 Payroll	<u>278,127.59</u>	962,031.65
Town Hall Renovation Fund		18,136.03
Borrowed Money		250,000.00
Tax Balance to School District FY 02-03		87,000.00
Taxes Paid to School District		<u>3,484,080.00</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:		<u>4,801,247.68</u>
Cash Balance on Hand 12/31/03		<u>4,538.61</u>
RECEIPTS TOTAL:		<u>\$ 4,805,786.29</u>

12/31/03 - 2003 Voted Appropriation to Fire Truck Fund \$30,000.00

CASH ACCOUNTS

Chittenden Bank -- General Checking	\$ 2,451.32
Chittenden Bank -- Payroll Checking	0.00
Chittenden Bank -- Payroll Withholding Savings	531.74
Chittenden Bank -- General Operating Money Market	<u>1,432.55</u>
Cash on Hand	<u>123.00</u>
	<u>\$4,538.61</u>

BORROWED MONEY

Chittenden Bank Tax Anticipation Note #010-215-055-4 #04-2	
4/10/03 - \$100,000.00 principal borrowed	
5/6/03 - \$ 50,000.00 principal borrowed	
6/3/03 - \$ 50,000.00 principal borrowed	
8/12/03 - \$ 50,000.00 principal borrowed	
11/12/03 - \$250,000.00 principal paid plus \$2,326.45 interest	
12/31/03 - \$ 0.00 Outstanding Balance.	

SCHEDULE I

State of Vermont Income

Aid to Highway	\$ 68,246.06
Share of Local Fines	20,479.22
R.R. Tax	107.29
Current Use Program	15,497.00
PILOT - FP&FW	743.28
Bridges and Culverts	<u>36,000.00</u>
	<u>\$ 141,072.85</u>

SCHEDULE II

Miscellaneous Income

Animal Control Office	\$ 93.00
Arlington School District Fuel Reimbursement	8,151.50
Vendors Permits	28.00
Xerox	210.80
Rents	540.00
Miscellaneous Sales, Reimbursements, Refunds	1,567.72
US Treasury - PILOT	4,534.00
2002 Jeffords Fire Safety Equip. Grant	2,066.00
Tax Sale Redemption	2,411.88
Insurance Claims	1,720.00
Child Care Grant-Audit Reimb.	1,100.00
RAHC Grant - Audit Reimb.	800.00
Reappraisal Fund Reimb.	624.85
FY 2001 Voided Checks	<u>271.50</u>
	<u>\$ 24,119.25</u>

**ARLINGTON TREASURER'S ACCOUNT
WITH DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR**

Uncollected Taxes 1/1/03	\$ 177,944.98
2002 Taxes to Collector	<u>198,739.32</u>
Total Uncollected	376,684.30
Less Amount Received from Delinquent Tax Collector	-213,200.96
Total Unremitted Taxes 12/31/03	<u>163,483.34</u>
Less Received from Delinquent Tax Collector 1/9/04 (For Payments 12/6/03 - 1/9/04)	- 46,527.75
Adjusted Unremitted Taxes	<u>\$ 116,955.59</u>

\$1,114.02 difference between Treasurer and Delinquent Tax Collector accounts still to be reconciled.

FIRE TRUCK FUND

Balance in Fund 1/1/03	\$99,839.00
Interest Received	1,253.18
2003 Voted Appropriation	<u>30,000.00</u>
Sub-total	\$131,092.27
2002 Interest Adjustment	<u>- 523.66</u>
Balance in Fund 12/31/03	\$130,568.61

Evidenced by Money Market Account #3400867 @ FPNB	\$ 1,497.37
CD#4013011964 due 5/03/04@ Charter One Bank	\$ 99,071.24
Appropriation check	\$ 30,000.00

TOWN TRUCK FUND

Balance in Fund 1/1/03	\$ 64,961.82
Interest Received	321.11
2003 Voted Appropriation	<u>22,000.00</u>
Sub-total	87,282.93
Paid Order #9 & #10	<u>- 42,272.00</u>
Balance in Fund 12/31/03	\$ 45,010.93

Evidenced by Money Market Account #134515465 @ CB	\$ 45,010.93
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TOWN BACKHOE & LOADER FUND

Balance in Fund 1/1/03	\$ 29,507.75
Interest Received	217.25
2003 Voted Appropriation	<u>10,000.00</u>
Balance in Fund 12/31/03	\$ 39,725.00

Evidenced by Money Market Account #134505214 @ CB	\$ 39,725.00
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TOWN GRADER FUND

Balance in Fund 1/1/03	\$ 60,686.61
Interest Received	<u>1,016.54</u>
Balance in Fund 12/31/03	\$ 61,703.15

Evidenced by CD#0211002570 due 10/14/04 @ Bank of Bennington	\$ 61,703.15
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SPECIAL HIGHWAY FUND

Balance in Fund 1/1/03	\$ 19,792.35
Interest Received	148.22
2003 Voted Appropriation	\$ <u>10,000.00</u>
Balance in Fund 12/31/03	\$ 29,940.57
Evidenced by Money Market Account #134500867 @ CB	\$ 29,940.57

BATTENKILL DREDGING FUND

Balance in Fund 1/1/03	\$ 12,008.38
Interest Received	<u>180.34</u>
Balance in Fund 12/31/03	\$ 12,188.72
Evidenced by CD#380200904 due 1/16/04 @ FPNB	\$ 12,188.72

TOWN BRIDGES FUND

Balance in Fund 1/1/03	\$ 16,648.20
Interest Received	<u>118.32</u>
Balance in Fund 12/31/03	\$ 16,766.52
Evidenced by Money Market Account #134901160 @ CB	\$ 16,766.52

TAX SALE ESCROW ACCOUNT

Balance in Fund 1/1/03	\$ 759.28
Interest Received	<u>2.81</u>
Balance in Fund 12/31/03	\$ 762.09
Evidenced by Savings Account #0131101531 @ CB	\$ 762.09

TOWN COPIER REPLACEMENT FUND

Balance in Fund 1/1/03	\$ 5,436.43
Interest Received	<u>82.58</u>
Balance in Fund 12/31/03	\$ 5,519.01
Evidenced by CD #380316703 due 3/11/04 @ FPNB	\$ 5,519.01

ACT 200 PLANNING FUND

Balance in Fund 1/1/03	\$ 1,259.23
Interest Received	<u>2.20</u>
Balance in Fund 12/31/03	\$ 1,261.43
Evidenced by Checking Account #3308782 @ FPNB	\$ 1,261.43

TOWN REAPPRAISAL FUND

Balance in Fund 1/1/03	\$ 70,851.31
Interest Received	1,221.53
From State of Vermont	<u>9,723.00</u>
Sub-total	81,795.84
Paid Order #2003-1	- <u>624.85</u>
Balance in Fund 12/31/03	\$ 81,170.99
Evidenced by CD#380376501 due 8/03/04 @ FPNB	\$ 72,019.96
Money Market Account #134511397 @ CB	\$ 9,151.03

EVERGREEN CEMETERY ACCOUNT

Balance in Fund 1/1/03	\$ 480.53
Interest Received	8.01
Perpetual Care	1,200.00
Sale of Lots	1,700.00
Trustee of Public Funds	10,390.00
2003 Voted Appropriation	7,000.00
Miscellaneous	<u>2,550.00</u>
Sub-total	23,328.54
Bank Charge	- 4.00
Paid Orders #03-1 through #03-15	- <u>22,099.78</u>
Balance in Fund 12/31/03	\$ 1,224.76
Evidenced by Savings Acct. #0131100088 @ CB	\$ 1,219.76
Checking Acct. #134500549 @ CB	\$ 5.00

DISCRETIONARY FUND

Balance in Fund 1/1/03	\$	5,123.79
Interest Received		<u>36.42</u>
Balance in Fund 12/31/03	\$	5,160.21

Evidenced by Money Market Account #134511311 @ CB \$ 5,160.21

COMPUTER FUND

Balance in Fund 1/1/03	\$	12,057.02
Interest Received		<u>85.30</u>
Sub-total		12,142.32
Paid Order 2003-1/2003-2	-	<u>3,084.47</u>
Balance in Fund 12/31/03	\$	9,057.85

Evidenced by Money Market Account #134513632 @ CB \$ 9,057.85

SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE/EQUIPMENT FUND

Balance in Fund 1/1/03	\$	12,745.61
Interest Received		<u>101.28</u>
Balance in Fund 12/31/03	\$	12,846.89

Evidenced by Money Market Account #3401111 @ FPNB \$ 12,846.89

FIRE DEPARTMENT BRUSH TRUCK FUND

Balance in Fund 1/1/03	\$	-0-
Donations		<u>2,400.00</u>
Balance in Fund 12/31/03	\$	2,400.00

Evidenced by Checking Account # 134523662 @ CB \$ 2,400.00

TOWN HALL RENOVATION FUND

Balance in Fund 1/1/03	\$	4,022.48
Interest Received		22.67
Received from 2003 taxes		<u>18,136.03</u>
Subtotal		22,181.18
Paid Orders #1 - #9	-	<u>3,560.13</u>
Balance in Fund 12/31/03		18,621.05
Evidenced by Money Market Account #134520647 @ CB	\$	18,621.05

ARLINGTON AREA CHILD CARE GRANT

Balance in Fund 1/1/03	\$	2,423.20
From State of Vermont		<u>19,817.00</u>
Sub-total		22,240.20
Paid Order #2003-1	-	<u>22,240.20</u>
Balance in Fund 12/31/03		-0-

**TOWN OF ARLINGTON
TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS
1/1/03 - 12/31/03**

ASSETS

BANK ACCOUNTS

FACTORY POINT NATIONAL BANK

Checking Acct. 1900102 - (Cemetery Acct)	\$ 1,628.72
Sav. Acct. 3023686 - (Smith Account)	957.57
CD 380625801 - (Smith Account)	3,946.64
CD 189055701 - (Holden Account)	2,160.08
CD 380485601 - (Tricentennial)	<u>371.13</u>
	9,064.14

CHITTENDEN TRUST COMPANY

CD 0351447 - (Cemetery Account)	<u>12,542.60</u>
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TOTAL BANK ACCOUNTS	21,606.74
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INVESTMENTS (Cemetery Account)

MFS Trust Class A	\$ 42,334.14
Eaton Vance Balanced Class A	16,714.96
Fidelity Magellan	<u>29,777.27</u>

TOTAL INVESTMENTS	<u>88,826.37</u>
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TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$110,433.11</u>
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TOTAL EQUITY	<u>\$110,433.11</u>
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Trustees
Drew Hill
Anthony R. Mento

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Section Two: Reports of Town Appointed Officials

ARLINGTON ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER -2003

The year 2003 was a milestone in my service to the town marking my 20th year in capacity of animal control officer! Such a dramatic change from the first 10 years where daily patrolling was a necessity and the numbers of dogs impounded for violations of our dog ordinance were more than triple what they have been in recent years. The number of various other complaints such as barking problems unfortunately seem to remain the more troublesome and frequent complaints filed with every spring bringing a fresh onslaught of calls as windows finally open again.

This year there were 15 dogs impounded with only 6 of those being reclaimed by their owners and of those only 4 were Arlington resident owners. One of these 4 was actually responsible for 2 reports and was also the only unlicensed dog impounded. This 2 time offender was responsible for fines of \$45 and licensing fees of \$13 being collected for the town.

4 of the unclaimed dogs were adopted into wonderful homes mostly because of my Luckydog Adoption Program listing on the Internet although one of these dogs was taken into Hospice care by her finder when no owner came looking for this ancient and incredibly matted old girl; what a Luckydog! Thanks to Bonnie Capron for her donated grooming and to Dr. Glanzberg for his donated veterinary services in a group effort to get this girl into adoptable condition. Another dog was returned to her original surrender spot at SCAC where I exchanged her for a stray from another town when room was tight in my kennel and she quickly found a home through them.

Sadly the remaining 4 dogs were euthanized. 3 of these dogs were quite old and 2 of them were also injured. The 4th dog was a large breed dog with an unstable temperament and a classic fearbiter.

Bite cases were down a bit this year with 3 dog and 1 cat bite cases.

As always, I can be reached at my home phone 375-6121. A machine is always left on to assure that you are able to reach me as quickly as possible so please leave a message rather than waiting to try catching me in person. I am in and out a lot and it helps me to be able to return calls when I have the time rather than getting them when I am already on my way out the door. I am more than happy to not only take your lost and found pet reports and respond to complaints but will also do the best I can to advise you on any problems you may be having in training or controlling your pet. An ounce of prevention...

Respectfully submitted, Traci Mulligan, A.C.O.

ARLINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT 2003

The Arlington Volunteer Fire Department responded to 109 calls for assistance in the year 2003. A breakdown of the calls is as follows: Arlington 64, Sunderland 29, Sandgate 5; and mutual aid to neighboring towns: Shaftsbury 7, Manchester 1, Shushan, NY 2, and Cambridge, NY 1. These calls consisted of 42 motor vehicle accidents, 17 alarm activations, 7 grass/brush fires, 4 car fires, 10 structure/chimney fires, 3 stand-bys, 4 squad assist, 4 powerlines, 15 good intent calls, 1 swamp rescue, 1 water rescue, and 1 snowmobile rescue. The members have spent 1736 hours responding to these calls and another 750 hours in training.

The Arlington Fire Dept. was the recipient of a Federal Grant in the amount of up to \$63,000.00, thanks to the hard work of now 1st Assistant Chief Scott Lang. This money will be used to purchase a new brush truck which will cost approximately \$70,000.00. The Town of Arlington and the Fire Dept. are obligated to provide 10% of the purchase price of which we have received several donations from local citizens and businesses. This new truck will replace a 1951 Dodge pickup which we currently operate. It will allow us a much quicker response to wildland situations.

Thanks to your generosity in approving funding, we have been able to speed up the process of replacing our aging Rescue Truck. With an increasing number of automobile accidents and rescues, our current truck, a 1971 Ford, is much too small to accommodate all our equipment and too slow to respond in a timely manner. At this time an order has been placed for the new Rescue Truck and the Brush Truck will soon follow.

In closing, we would like to remind everyone to Replace your Smoke Detector Batteries twice a year and practice Fire Prevention. Also PLEASE POST YOUR 911 NUMBERS clearly on your home or at the end of your driveway if you cannot see your home from the road. If we cannot find your 911 number, we cannot find you! Please DIAL 911 for emergencies or 375-2323 for non-emergencies.

Respectfully submitted, Fire Chief James Paustain

FIRE WARDEN REPORT - 2003

The Forest Fire Wardens had 1 grass and brush fire this past year with a total of 1/4 acre burned due to the cooperation of the people when looking for fire permits. We also had a control burn of 25 acres.

18 firemen attended a seminar on Wild Land Fires.

We spent \$1500 on equipment for the 1951 Dodge 4x4 army vehicle. We will be looking to purchase a newer vehicle in the spring of 2004. We also spent \$375 on mobile radio unit.

In 2003 we received a federal grant for \$70,000 toward the purchase of a new brush truck and equipment with 10% of the total purchase price to be raised by the firemen. To date we raised \$1,500 from private donations towards the \$7,000 we need to raise to meet our 10% requirement.

FIRE WARNING REMINDER

A permit is required from the Fire Warden for the burning of any grass or brush except when there is snow on the ground, but we would appreciate notice that you are burning.

You are only allowed to burn natural wood with or without a permit in an incinerator, barrel or open area approved by the Fire Warden. Approval will be given for a steel drum burning barrel with 1/4 or 1/2 wire mesh cover, placed in the center of a cleared space at least 12 feet in diameter. Do not use your incinerator when the Governor forbids outdoor fires.

For Fire Warden Call

Ron Cole, Fire Warden - Arlington, VT at 375-1148

Jamie Paustian, Chief - Arlington, VT at 375-1072

Ron King, Deputy Warden at 375-2786

Thank you for your continued support.

Ron Cole, Fire Warden

HEALTH ORDINANCE ADMINISTRATOR

In 2003 there were 19 applications for sewage disposal systems and 12 completions reported.

On November 17, 1999 the Board of Selectmen approved a \$20 fee for a waste water disposal permit.

If you have any questions regarding a new system or repairing an existing one please call me at 375-1008.

Respectfully Submitted
Albert P. Godreau

LAND USE ADMINISTRATOR

A total of 61 building permits were issued in 2003 compared to 57 in 2002 and 61 in 2001. A number of permits include multiple projects. Permits issued in 2003 involved the following:

New Residences	15	Multi-Family Res.	1
Camps	2	Pools	4
Decks	10	Additions	22
Accessory Blds.	24	Cust. Home Occupation	1
Subdivisions	3	Change of Use	1
Commercial	3		

The Zoning Board of Adjustment approved the following in connection with some of the above permits:

Variances	5
Conditional Uses	3
Expansion of Non-conforming Use	2

My office hours at Town Hall are from 10 AM to Noon on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. If these times are not convenient, please call me at 375-1008 and leave a message. I will respond promptly.

Respectfully Submitted
Albert P. Godreau

PLANNING COMMISSION - 2003

The Arlington Planning Commission meets on the fourth Thursday of each month. All meetings are open to the public. Attendance and participation are welcome.

New by-laws were written and approved to encourage the installation of Wireless Communication Facilities and regulate the placement, design and impact on the community. Flood Hazard Regulations to comply with the Federal requirements were also written and approved.

A number of subdivisions were approved which will facilitate new development and growth of the town.

I would like to thank my fellow commission members, the Land Use Administrator, and the Commission Secretary for their time, concern and input throughout the year. The Planning Commission also thanks the Selectmen for their support.

Respectfully Submitted, Dan Barber, Chairman

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Section Three: Arlington Community Agencies

ARLINGTON AREA CHILDCARE'S TOWN REPORT

2002-2003 was the first year we spent at our beautiful new center on East Arlington Road. We moved in on November 4, 2002. A couple of weeks later we served Thanksgiving dinner to over 100 children, teachers, parents and friends in our central big room and five classrooms. Our cook, Roberta Stannard, had just started working but went over and above to make our special dinner memorable.

Our new space allowed us to increase infant, toddler and twos slots from 8 to 23! We now had 4 preschool classes, instead of three. By August we had served over 128 children, including those at our summer Camp Adventure. 86 of the children were from Arlington, 3 from Sandgate, 19 from Sunderland and 20 from other towns.

Classrooms in the new building have their own bathrooms, counter and cabinets, large closet and door to the playground. Our three playgrounds have been designed for under threes, preschoolers and schoolagers. Our kitchen and cook serve nutritious breakfasts, lunches and snacks each day to 50-75 children and teachers.

With our move, a formal collaboration with Battenkill Valley Supervisory Union, Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union and Head Start commenced. Now we have an Early Interventionist, a Family Service Worker doing nutrition activities, two Occupational therapists once/week and a Speech and Language therapist at our site. This allows children and families to receive many services at one site.

Our Board and staff look forward to a new year and new challenges. Our goals for year 2003-2004 include: paving the driveway and sidewalk, planting screening trees, expanding our collaboration, having a Math Outreach program by the local kindergarten teachers and achieving NAEYC national accreditation.

ARLINGTON COMMUNITY CLUB, INC.

The Arlington Community Club, Inc. currently offers rooms for use to private individuals and non-profit organizations. In addition to housing the Martha Canfield Library Book Sale; these rooms are used by such groups as the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, Alcoholics Anonymous, the Arlington Garden Club, the Shriners, and the Arlington Area Nursing Association. While use fees are not charged, donations are encouraged.

We are currently exploring other possible uses for our historic building; one possibility would be to house an Arlington Historical Society. We welcome suggestions from the community. To offer your suggestions, or to learn more about the Arlington Community Club, Inc., please contact President Ron King at 375-2786. We are always looking for new members.

The officers and members of the Arlington Community Club, Inc. wish to thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely
Marilyn King

ARLINGTON COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICE, INC.

The Arlington Nursing Service has been conducting Public Health Nursing Services in Arlington, Sandgate and Sunderland for 57 years. Our purpose is to promote programs to improve the health of individuals, of families and of our schools. We make these services available to all age groups in all economic and social circumstances – to those who can afford to pay full or partial fees, as well as those who cannot.

We offer financial support toward the schools' health education programs and specific equipment. We employ a Dental Hygienist to provide screenings on all elementary aged children in the Arlington and Sunderland schools.

Our biggest financial commitment to our three-town community is our contract with the Manchester Health Service to provide visiting home nursing care. In full or in part it is the Arlington Nursing Service that contributes to the availability of home health care in Arlington, Sandgate and Sunderland. All this is done in the strictest confidence.

We offer scholarships to those individuals pursuing degrees in health related fields. For high school seniors and adults, applications can be obtained through the AMHS Guidance office.

The Nursing Association meets eight times a year and the date of the meeting is published in the Bennington Banner. The meetings are open to the public.

We appreciate the support of the Arlington community and hope you will continue your support in the future.

Sincerely, Sheila W. Hoyt,
President - Arlington Community Public Health

ARLINGTON RECREATIONAL & PARK COMMITTEE, INC.

2003 was another successful year at the Arlington Park. Utilization of the park facilities has grown in recent years and 2003 was no exception. In addition to hosting several events for families and companies, the park also was the site of several recreational programs and activities for area residents. We had a successful softball league, numerous golf tournaments, a children's camp, as well as a successful golf clinic. And of course, we once again were home to our successful youth and school athletic programs throughout the year.

Improvements to the grounds and facilities were numerous. The renovation of Green #8 on the golf course, as well as the reconstruction of the baseball dugout are just a couple examples of the many projects completed during the year. As we have added facilities over the year, we have been fortunate to have a strong staff, which has not only maintained, but also enhanced the quality of our assets. As we move into 2004 we are looking to further enhance recreational activities for all in our community. We have plans to renovate our skating rink, and have already received some generous gifts in support of that endeavor.

The park operates on an annual budget of approximately \$60,000. These funds are raised equally from three major sources: annual appropriations from the towns of Arlington, Sandgate and Sunderland; park use fees, including individual contributions and donations from group functions; and interest from an endowment account. The financial support from the area towns and the endowment account allow the Park Committee to continue to offer a fantastic facility to individuals and groups with only a request of modest fees or donations. Your continued support of the Park facility is appreciated.

In addition we would not be able to operate without the many volunteers who generously contribute their time and talent. Without the generous support of individuals, groups within our community, and the towns of Arlington, Sunderland, and Sandgate the park would simply not be possible. Thanks to all who have supported this wonderful asset, it is truly a community treasure.

Respectfully Submitted,
Arlington Recreational and Park Committee, Inc.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Summary of 2003 Spending and 2004 Budget

	2003		2003		2004	
	BUDGET	ACTUAL EXPENSES	INCOME	ACTUAL COST	BUDGET	BUDGET (%±)
Administration	271,529.00	565,567.18	1,009,328.64	-443,761.46	277,571.00	+2%
Appropriations	134,025.00	134,025.00	0.00	134,025.00	162,075.00	+17%
Fire Protection	79,943.00	81,666.80	68,895.06	12,771.74	79,820.00	-0.002%
Park & Lions	0.00	31,617.87	31,617.87	0.00	0.00	-
Highway	369,654.00	388,381.09	112,650.62	275,730.47	381,352.00	+3%
Town Hall	14,697.00	10,732.94	540.00	10,192.94	14,363.00	-2%
Town Patrol	350.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	350.00	-0-
School Dist.	0.00	3,484,080.00	3,484,080.00	0.00	0.00	-
TOTALS	870,198.00	4,696,070.88	4,707,112.19	-11,041.31	915,531.00	4.95%

ADMINISTRATION

	2003 BUDGET	2003 EXPENSES	2003 INCOME	2003 ACTUAL	2004 BUDGET
Animal Control	4,000.00	3,858.98	93.00	3,765.98	4,000.00
Arlington Green Up	200.00	248.53	48.53	200.00	200.00
Auditor/Labor	600.00	263.50	0.00	263.50	600.00
Postage/Sup./Mileage	450.00	215.61	0.00	215.61	400.00
Town Report/Print	4,500.00	4,503.00	0.00	4,503.00	4,900.00
Board of Civil Authority	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
Audit by Outside Firm	11,500.00	14,000.00	1,900.00	12,100.00	0.00
Benn. County Sheriff	30,000.00	29,721.18	20,479.22	9,241.95	30,000.00
Borrowed Money	4,000.00	252,326.45	250,000.00	2,326.45	4,000.00
B.C.R.C.	2,021.00	2,021.00	0.00	2,021.00	2,061.00
Cemetery Committee	0.00	750.00	750.00	0.00	0.00
Clerical	15,141.00	15,036.99	0.00	15,036.99	15,488.00
Computer Expense	1,500.00	960.00	0.00	960.00	1,500.00
Emergency Management	2,000.00	1,745.58	0.00	1,745.58	2,000.00
Geo. D. Aiken Resource Ct.	50.00	50.00	0.00	50.00	50.00
Health Officer	258.00	258.00	0.00	258.00	266.00
Interest	0.00	0.00	2,062.39	-2,062.39	0.00
Insurance	14,798.00	14,869.08	0.00	14,869.08	15,416.00

	2003 BUDGET	2003 EXPENSES	2003 INCOME	2003 ACTUAL	2004 BUDGET
Landfill/Solid Waste/					
Recycling	15,000.00	10,900.61	0.00	10,900.61	14,645.00
Landfill/Regional (ISWAP)	1,800.00	1,448.86	0.00	1,448.86	1,522.00
Household Haz. Waste	2,500.00	1,966.95	0.00	1,966.95	2,066.00
Land Use					
Office Expenses	500.00	171.64	0.00	171.64	600.00
Labor	6,200.00	5,566.94	0.00	5,566.94	5,734.00
Permits	0.00	2,010.00	7,355.00	-5,345.00	0.00
Legal Fees	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
Legal Notices	700.00	306.70	0.00	306.70	700.00
Listers					
Labor	18,000.00	16,580.84	0.00	16,580.84	18,000.00
Office Expenses	1,200.00	1,736.80	646.85	1,089.95	1,200.00
Meetings & Mileage	1,000.00	651.80	0.00	651.80	1,000.00
Membership, VLCT	1,856.00	1,856.00	0.00	1,856.00	2,007.00
Miscellaneous	500.00	2,787.69	98.00	2,689.69	500.00
Office Supplies & Postage	1,600.00	672.56	0.00	672.56	1,000.00
Planning Commission					
Clerical	1,100.00	379.00	0.00	379.00	1,000.00
Notices	650.00	556.92	0.00	556.92	650.00
Spec. Study	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
Supplies	350.00	237.21	0.00	237.21	350.00
Repairs & Purchase					
Tran - Equip	1,000.00	881.00	0.00	881.00	1,000.00
Salaries					
Moderator	60.00	60.00	0.00	60.00	60.00

	2003	2003	2003	2003	2004
	BUDGET	EXPENSES	INCOME	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Selectmen (4)	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
Chair. Select Bd	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Town Clerk	12,411.00	12,411.00	0.00	12,411.00	12,784.00
Treasurer	9,726.00	9,726.00	0.00	9,726.00	10,018.00
Street Lights	24,000.00	24,027.68	548.43	23,479.25	24,000.00
Tax-Sales/Land Use Misc.	0.00	246.46	2,411.88	-2,165.42	0.00
County	16,047.00	17,782.54	0.00	17,782.54	19,100.00
F.I.C.A.	8,700.00	10,304.91	57.38	10,247.53	10,500.00
Tax Bills & Cards	450.00	450.00	0.00	450.00	450.00
Taxes, Property	0.00	3,484,080.00	3,915,141.00	-431,061.00	0.00
Taxes, Delinquent	0.00	0.00	213,200.96	-213,200.96	0.00
Tax Collectors Fee/penalt.	0.00	16,775.33	16,775.33	0.00	0.00
Taxes, Delin., Interest	0.00	0.00	8,568.60	-8,568.60	0.00
Tax Mapping	1,000.00	750.00	0.00	750.00	3,500.00
Telephone	4,000.00	3,838.87	0.00	3,838.87	4,000.00
Town Elections					
Ballots	2,000.00	1,984.71	0.00	1,984.71	3,200.00
Poll Workers	200.00	385.01	0.00	385.01	800.00
Town Clerk					
Dog Licenses	0.00	974.00	2,164.00	-1,190.00	0.00
Fees	0.00	28,810.00	28,810.00	0.00	0.00
Liq. & Toba. Licen.	0.00	85.00	1,110.00	-1,025.00	0.00
Office Expenses	2,400.00	2,408.38	25.70	2,382.68	2,400.00
Computer Update	1,000.00	603.43	70.00	533.43	1,000.00

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	2003 BUDGET	2003 EXPENSES	2003 INCOME	2003 ACTUAL	2004 BUDGET
Land Records	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Microfilming/Restore	2,800.00	2,780.22	0.00	2,780.22	2,800.00
Substitute	1,000.00	1,335.09	0.00	1,335.09	1,500.00
Town Clerk/Treasurer					
Adm. Health Ins.	13,791.00	12,654.72	0.00	12,654.72	15,167.00
Treasurer					
Office Expenses	1,500.00	1,720.41	0.00	1,720.41	1,800.00
Assistant	700.00	2,357.48	0.00	2,357.48	2,000.00
Vt. Comm. work serv/lawn	600.00	487.50	0.00	487.50	600.00
Vt. Employee Pension	1,800.00	2,114.00	0.00	2,114.00	2,200.00
Vt. Unemployment	368.00	368.00	0.00	368.00	383.00
Workmen's Compensation	2,402.00	2,760.84	0.00	2,760.84	2,514.00
Xerox	1,000.00	447.46	210.80	236.66	1,000.00
ZBA					
Clerical	500.00	90.00	0.00	90.00	500.00
Legal Notices	600.00	498.22	0.00	498.22	600.00
Zoning Bylaws	300.00	292.50	0.00	292.50	600.00
State of Vermont	0.00	0.00	16,347.57	-16,347.57	0.00
U.S. Treasury	0.00	0.00	4,534.00	-4,534.00	0.00
TOTALS	271,529.00	4,049,647.18	4,493,408.64	-443,761.46	277,571.00

APPROPRIATIONS

	2003 BUDGET	2003 EXPENSES	2003 INCOME	2003 ACTUAL	2004 BUDGET
SWVT Council on Aging	1,700.00	1,700.00	0.00	1,700.00	1,700.00
Arl. Area Childcare	1,800.00	1,800.00	0.00	1,800.00	2,500.00
Arl. Comm. Club, Inc.	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,500.00
Arl. Comm. Nursing	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Benn. Coal. for Homeless	500.00	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
Benn. Cty Conservation Dist.	400.00	400.00	0.00	400.00	400.00
Burdett Commons	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Sunrise Fam. Resource Ctr.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
BROC	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,200.00
Assoc. for the blind	500.00	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
Martha Canfield Library	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
Cemetery/Supp/Operat. Park	7,000.00	7,000.00	0.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
Support of Operation	11,130.00	11,130.00	0.00	11,130.00	11,130.00
Project Against Violence	500.00	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
Ctr. Restorative Justice	600.00	600.00	0.00	600.00	600.00
Benn. Project Indep.	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Tutorial Center	350.00	350.00	0.00	350.00	500.00
Rescue Squad	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00	20,000.00	35,000.00
Resurfacing	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00

	2003 BUDGET	2003 EXPENSES	2003 INCOME	2003 ACTUAL	2004 BUDGET
R.S.V.P.	2,250.00	2,250.00	0.00	2,250.00	2,250.00
Backhoe & Loader	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Vt. Center Indep. Living Sinking Fund	295.00	295.00	0.00	295.00	295.00
Computer	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
New Fire Truck	30,000.00	30,000.00	0.00	30,000.00	30,000.00
Grader	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
Town Trucks	22,000.00	22,000.00	0.00	22,000.00	22,000.00
Sidewalk/Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Audit Outside Firm	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,000.00
TOTALS	134,025.00	134,025.00	0.00	134,025.00	162,075.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT

	2003 BUDGET	2003 EXPENSES	2003 INCOME	2003 ACTUAL	2004 BUDGET
Fuel for Fire Houses	3,500.00	3,337.31	0.00	3,337.31	3,500.00
Gas and Oil	2,500.00	2,137.29	0.00	2,137.29	2,500.00
Hydrants	16,393.00	16,719.75	0.00	16,719.75	16,720.00
Maintenance	13,000.00	15,791.57	2,270.00	13,521.57	12,000.00
Medical	2,000.00	1,629.45	0.00	1,629.45	2,000.00
Emer. Contingency	1,000.00	420.00	0.00	420.00	1,000.00
Mutual Aid Insurance	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00

	2003 BUDGET	2003 EXPENSES	2003 INCOME	2003 ACTUAL	2004 BUDGET
New Equipment	24,000.00	26,920.45	2,066.00	24,854.45	24,000.00
Office Supplies	800.00	56.75	0.00	56.75	350.00
Rental on Houses	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Salaries	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00	6,500.00
Telephone	4,000.00	3,359.00	0.00	3,359.00	4,000.00
S. Ari/Cambridge Agree	750.00	750.00	0.00	750.00	750.00
Training School	3,000.00	2,545.23	0.00	2,545.23	3,500.00
Service to Sandgate	0.00	0.00	11,444.90	-11,444.90	0.00
Town of Sunderland	0.00	0.00	53,114.16	-53,114.16	0.00
TOTALS	79,943.00	81,666.80	68,895.06	12,771.74	79,820.00

PARK & RECREATION

	2003 BUDGET	2003 EXPENSES	2003 INCOME	2003 ACTUAL	2004 BUDGET
Labor	0.00	24,778.68	0.00	24,778.68	0.00
Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Taxes/FICA	0.00	1,895.59	0.00	1,895.59	0.00
VT Unemployment	0.00	482.86	0.00	482.86	0.00
Workmen's Comp	0.00	1,877.36	0.00	1,877.86	0.00
Miscellaneous Income	0.00	0.00	22,692.93	-22,692.93	0.00

	2003	2003	2003	2003	2004
	BUDGET	EXPENSES	INCOME	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Miscellaneous Expense	0.00	0.00	6,341.56	-6,341.56	0.00
TOTALS	0.00	29,034.49	29,034.49	0.00	0.00

LIONS CLUB

	2003	2003	2003	2003	2004
	BUDGET	EXPENSES	INCOME	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Labor	0.00	1,874.25	0.00	1,874.25	0.00
Taxes/FICA	0.00	143.38	0.00	143.38	0.00
VT Unemployment	0.00	344.90	0.00	344.90	0.00
Workmen's Comp	0.00	220.85	0.00	220.85	0.00
Miscellaneous Income	0.00	0.00	2,583.38	-2,583.38	0.00
Misc. Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTALS	0.00	2,583.38	2,583.38	0.00	0.00

TOWN GARAGE

	2003	2003	2003	2003	2004
	BUDGET	EXPENSES	INCOME	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Electricity	1,600.00	1,625.85	0.00	1,625.85	1,800.00
Equipment	1,000.00	433.93	0.00	433.93	1,000.00
Fuel Oil	1,500.00	1,359.67	0.00	1,359.67	1,500.00
Insurance	329.00	329.00	0.00	329.00	346.00
Maintenance	1,000.00	1,402.38	0.00	1,402.38	1,000.00
Oxygen & Propane	400.00	505.16	0.00	505.16	600.00
Oil Removal	100.00	436.00	0.00	436.00	500.00
Petroleum Tank Assessment	100.00	225.00	0.00	225.00	225.00
Rubbish	500.00	390.00	0.00	390.00	500.00

	2003 BUDGET	2003 EXPENSES	2003 INCOME	2003 ACTUAL	2004 BUDGET
Supplies	1,200.00	2,009.24	0.00	2,009.24	1,200.00
Water Service	350.00	327.76	0.00	327.76	350.00
TOTALS	8,079.00	9,043.99	0.00	9,043.99	9,021.00

GENERAL HIGHWAY

	2003 BUDGET	2003 EXPENSES	2003 INCOME	2003 ACTUAL	2004 BUDGET
Health Insurance	37,744.00	38,832.30	0.00	38,832.30	45,293.00
Vt. Unemployment	1,104.00	1,104.00	0.00	1,104.00	1,147.00
Vt. Municipal Pension	5,700.00	5,817.22	0.00	5,817.22	6,100.00
Workmen's Comp.	5,380.00	6,184.35	0.00	6,184.35	5,606.00
Miscellaneous	200.00	25.85	0.00	25.85	200.00
Training/Workshops	500.00	73.60	0.00	73.60	500.00
Social Security	8,750.00	8,912.67	0.00	8,912.67	9,300.00
Uniforms/T-Shirts	1,560.00	1,578.16	0.00	1,578.16	1,700.00
Pager Service	270.00	343.15	0.00	343.15	320.00
TOTALS	61,208.00	62,871.30	0.00	62,871.30	70,166.00

**HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE
CLASS 2 ROADS**

	2003 BUDGET	2003 EXPENSES	2003 INCOME	2003 ACTUAL	2004 BUDGET
Labor	22,103.00	25,545.55	0.00	25,545.55	26,312.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

	2003 BUDGET	2003 EXPENSES	2003 INCOME	2003 ACTUAL	2004 BUDGET
Striping/sealing	6,100.00	5,972.45	0.00	5,972.45	6,400.00
Culverts & Bridges	1,500.00	1,306.54	0.00	1,306.54	1,500.00
Gravel/Stone	3,500.00	3,483.47	0.00	3,483.47	4,000.00
Guard Rails	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
Salt	14,500.00	13,017.06	0.00	13,017.06	15,000.00
Blacktopping	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grass seed, etc.	300.00	33.75	0.00	33.75	300.00
Cold/hot Patch	500.00	321.50	0.00	321.50	500.00
Hot Mix	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
Chloride	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Sand	7,000.00	6,381.36	0.00	6,381.36	7,500.00
Sidewalk maintenance	500.00	36.00	0.00	36.00	500.00
Tree & Brush	1,000.00	1,060.00	0.00	1,060.00	1,000.00
Signs	500.00	60.50	0.00	60.50	500.00
Overtime	7,650.00	7,140.46	0.00	7,140.46	7,880.00
State of Vermont	0.00	0.00	30,630.98	-30,630.98	0.00
TOTALS	67,353.00	65,858.64	30,630.98	35,227.66	73,592.00

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CLASS 3 ROADS

	2003 BUDGET	2003 EXPENSES	2003 INCOME	2003 ACTUAL	2004 BUDGET
Labor	65,622.00	61,523.78	0.00	61,523.78	63,370.00
Bridges & Culverts	7,000.00	43,128.83	36,000.00	7,128.83	8,000.00
Misc.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gravel/Stone	11,000.00	11,088.07	60.00	11,028.07	12,000.00
Salt	7,500.00	2,832.35	0.00	2,832.35	7,000.00

	2003 BUDGET	2003 EXPENSES	2003 INCOME	2003 ACTUAL	2004 BUDGET
Chloride	3,000.00	2,052.00	0.00	2,052.00	3,000.00
Sand	22,000.00	19,144.09	0.00	19,144.09	22,500.00
Hot/Cold Mix	400.00	126.50	0.00	126.50	400.00
Grass Seed, etc.	300.00	125.25	0.00	125.25	200.00
Guard Rails	5,200.00	4,864.00	10.00	4,854.00	3,600.00
Planning	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rebuilding	29,640.00	29,486.54	0.00	29,486.54	29,640.00
Signs	500.00	91.50	0.00	91.50	500.00
Tree Removal	2,000.00	1,870.00	0.00	1,870.00	2,000.00
S. Arlington Plowing	6,000.00	4,920.00	0.00	4,920.00	6,000.00
Overtime	23,640.00	22,226.47	0.00	22,226.47	22,893.00
State of Vermont	0.00	0.00	37,615.08	-37,615.08	0.00
TOTALS	184,302.00	203,479.33	73,685.08	129,794.25	181,103.00

TOTAL HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

251,655.00 269,337.97 104,316.06 165,021.91 254,695.00

TRUCKS & EQUIPMENT

	2003 BUDGET	2003 EXPENSES	2003 INCOME	2003 ACTUAL	2004 BUDGET
Equipment purchase/lease	2,000.00	960.00	0.00	960.00	3,500.00
Fuel, Gas, Lubricants	16,000.00	23,817.94	8,151.50	15,666.44	16,500.00
Inspections	60.00	20.00	0.00	20.00	60.00
Insurance	6,152.00	6,152.00	0.00	6,152.00	6,410.00
Maintenance	15,000.00	5,647.55	102.86	5,544.69	10,000.00
Supplies	7,500.00	8,130.34	80.20	8,050.14	8,500.00
Rental Equipment	2,000.00	2,400.00	0.00	2,400.00	2,500.00
TOTALS	48,712.00	47,127.83	8,334.56	38,793.27	47,470.00

TOTAL HIGHWAY SUMMARY

369,654.00

388,381.09

112,650.62

275,730.47

381,352.00

TOWN HALL

	2003	2003	2003	2004
	BUDGET	EXPENSES	INCOME	BUDGET
Electricity	3,500.00	2,510.07	0.00	2,510.07
Equipment & Supplies	500.00	204.51	0.00	204.51
Fuel	3,000.00	2,315.11	0.00	2,315.11
Insurance	1,117.00	1,117.00	0.00	1,117.00
Janitorial	3,000.00	2,600.00	0.00	2,600.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	93.90	0.00	93.90
Repairs & Services	2,500.00	822.09	0.00	822.09
Rubbish Removal	450.00	390.00	0.00	390.00
Snow Removal	300.00	352.50	0.00	352.50
Water Service	330.00	327.76	0.00	327.76
Rentals	0.00	0.00	540.00	-540.00
TOTALS	14,697.00	10,732.94	540.00	10,192.94

TOWN PATROL

	2003	2003	2003	2004
	BUDGET	EXPENSES	INCOME	BUDGET
Labor	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
Mileage	50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
Supplies	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
TOTALS	350.00	0.00	0.00	350.00
Total Expenditures	870,198.00	4,696,070.88	4,707,112.19	-11,041.31
Total Board of Selectmen	870,198.00	4,696,070.88	4,707,112.19	-11,041.31
Total All Funds	870,198.00	4,696,070.88	4,707,112.19	-11,041.31

INCOME

ANTICIPATED INCOME:

Fire Department Services to Sandgate & Sunderland	\$ 37,338.00
Delinquent taxes	70,000.00
Highway State Aid	68,000.00
Administration	31,540.00
Sheriffs	\$18,000.00
Interest, Delinquent Taxes	6,000.00
Interest Savings	2,000.00
Permits	3,000.00
Licenses	2,000.00
Rentals	<u>540.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 206,878.00</u>

SUMMARY

Proposed 2004 budget	\$ 915,531.00
Anticipated income	206,878.00
Cash on hand 01/01/04	<u>-0-</u>
Amount to be raised by taxes	<u>\$ 708,653.00</u>

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ARLINGTON RESCUE SQUAD

Arlington Rescue Squad would like to thank all the residents of Arlington, Sandgate, North Shaftsbury and Sunderland for their continued financial support through appropriations, private donations and personal bequeaths.

In 2003, Arlington Rescue responded to 395 emergencies. Arlington accounted for 269, Sunderland, 42, North Shaftsbury, 21, and Sandgate, 17. The remainder of the calls were mutual aid to surrounding towns.

The vast majority of people on the Arlington Rescue Squad volunteer their time to train and respond to calls. Beyond the 60 hours it takes to become a first responder, the 120 hours to be an EMT-Basic and the additional, advanced training to become an EMT-Intermediate, we constantly train and learn new techniques. Last year, this training earned us second place recognition, in the State, for rapid response time. Our average response time, to an emergency, is nine minutes. The squad that came in first, was only one tenth of a second faster. We are very proud of this distinction, and we intend to take top honors in 2004.

As March Town Meetings and voting approaches, we are asking for your continued generous support. The cost of equipment, insurance, and supplies, like everything else, continues to increase. Supporting the proposed appropriations for Arlington Rescue, will give us the opportunity to continue no less than the same quality of care.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kim Harvey, President: Arlington Rescue Squad Inc.

BURDETT COMMONS, INC.

2003 has seen real growth in Burdett Commons as a community center. Though it is not yet the center that has been envisioned, it is moving closer to that vision. The Burdett Board had a focus on youth for 2003. It is important that the children of our communities have options for healthy activities and personal growth. We are involving youth directly in the community center through a youth advisory board and have made progress with the hiring of Tessa (Hess) MacDonald, in August, as a part time director. Tessa and the youth board have organized, planned, and carried out several activities for the youth of Arlington, Sunderland, and Sandgate. The greatest interest in the advisory board has been with youth ages 11-13 years old. Our goal is that this group will grow with and have continued interest in community through activity at Burdett Commons and pass that interest to other youth.

Having a director has made it possible to have more contact with area schools, the Martha Canfield Library, other organizations, and community members to assess the needs of our communities. The Burdett Board is interested in forming partnerships that will benefit community and welcomes suggestions at any time. Please call us at 375-6515 or drop by to see what's going on.

Burdett has been the meeting place of the following local groups during 2003: S.A.S.S.I.E.S. (Senior group meets for refreshments, conversation, activities, & a monthly movie viewing). Battenkill Runner's Club, A.A. Twelve Steps, ALANON, Cub & Tiger Scouts, MOM to MOM Mother's Network (open houses, monthly mentor meetings & Empowering Your Adolescent), Happy Days' Parenting Classes, Green Mountain Fold Origami group, Garden Club work meetings, study groups, AMHS reunion planning meetings, Burdett Board & committee meetings (including youth advisory) and an Ecumenical Youth group. The facilities are also available for private gatherings for a small donation or volunteering at the center.

Burdett Commons, Inc. depends upon volunteerism, town allocations, its annual fund drive, and actively participates in grant writing to continue and improve its programming. Grants & designated funds received in 2003 include the following: Lucy S. Nisbet Charitable Fund (youth program), Stewart's Holiday Match (youth program), Federated Church Men's Fellowship (director), Vermont Women's Foundation, Zion Episcopal Church, St. James Episcopal Church Outreach, Powerful Women of Arlington (MOM to MOM: A Mother's Network area programs), and United Way (director youth program).

In the future, we are hoping to offer more youth opportunities during vacations and summer months. We also hope that our facilities may be open more of the time as a gathering place for all ages.

The Board wishes to thank all who have supported our programs, who have volunteered, and who share the vision of a community center.

Our board members for 2003-2004 are: Rev. David Bort, Lynn Bruhn, Ben Brumaghim, Anna Chapman, Sheila Hoyt, Rose Keough, Marilyn King, Ron Ray, Margie Record and Jim Sullivan.

Respectfully Submitted, Margie Record, Burdett Board President

MARTHA CANFIELD MEMORIAL FREE LIBRARY REPORT

Our facility continues to impress visitors with its homelike, warm and welcoming atmosphere. A busy place, our membership increases each year, as do the services we offer. Thanks to our many volunteers and local supporters we look forward to doing more for our patrons.

The Freeman Foundation incentive grant, awarded to the Library for year 2 of a 2 year grant, has been adding new materials and services for the community. We have been increasing the book, book-on-tape, video and music collections for both adults and children, and we have started to purchase books-on-CD.

The Freeman Grant also funded adding records for the books in the Russell Vermontiana Collection to our computer catalog. The Collection also includes a fascinating look at our local history through photos, letters, documents, clippings, diaries, account books, and other materials.

Through a state cooperative, we now subscribe to the Vermont Online Library, a database of periodicals (many with full text) and other reference sources, including a business database and health information. The VOL can be accessed from home at infotrac.galegroup.com/itweb/vol_a5 and you will need to enter your library card barcode number as the password. Or you can come to the library, where we will be happy to assist you in navigating the database.

The library has been able to offer the public a wide variety of free programs this year, including talks, slide presentations, gallery shows, and workshops, as well as summer children's activities and a weekly storyhour. We also held our fourth annual Literacy Fair in June, with activities, programs, information and free books.

The library would like to thank the town of Arlington for its financial support in 2003. This money is used for regular operating expenses, such as book purchases, maintenance, supplies, and insurance. The Library also receives funds from donations, interest on our endowment, book sales, and a bridge tournament. We would like to thank those who helped extend our book budget this year by purchasing a book from our Holiday Wish Tree.

The Board looks forward to continuing support of the town of Arlington.

Respectfully submitted, Frederick Baum, President
and Phyllis Skidmore, Librarian

Annual Report

Section Four: County, Regional, and State Agencies

BENNINGTON COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS

The Bennington Coalition for the Homeless gratefully acknowledges the town's appropriation in support of the 6 Bank Street Shelter for Families in Transition.

The 6 Bank Street Shelter is the only shelter in Bennington County and provides transitional shelter for families that are homeless. A family's average stay is 3 months and during that time they participate in programs designed to move them toward self-sufficiency. Last year we served 17 families consisting of 61 individuals. Families participated in parent education groups, smoking cessation classes, budget counseling, work search and/or education programs, domestic violence support groups and cooking and nutrition education classes. The children also participated in a program introducing them to arts and entertainment, building self esteem, skill building and establishing healthy relationships. We experienced a 70% success rate for placing families in permanent housing and continue to visit them through an aftercare program to help them maintain their housing.

The Bennington Coalition for the Homeless is embarking on a new project, a 4 unit apartment building that will be used for long-term transitional housing for families completing the program at 6 Bank Street who cannot find affordable housing and still need continued supports. In addition, we continue to research possibilities for sheltering homeless individuals.

Respectfully submitted, Kendy Skidmore Executive Director

BENNINGTON COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Following is our summary of activities supported by citizens of your towns in the last fiscal year. We thank you for your ongoing support.

Bennington County Conservation District - BCCD is a public non-profit organization which works with private landowners, other conservation organizations, local governments, and state and federal agencies to promote rural livelihoods and protect natural resources in the county. Major activities in fiscal year 2003 included: *Yarns from Farms and Forests*, 3 evenings of storytelling by area farmers and foresters. Six story tellers participated. A total of approximately 150 people attended the evenings and heard of what it was like to make a living on the land in earlier years. *Walloomsac River clean-up/trash to treasures art event*. 50 volunteers participated in the clean-up, filling five dump trucks with trash. Bennington County 4-Wheeler Club members transported the trash from the river to the stockpiling area. Photographs taken by volunteers and trash art created by volunteers were displayed by Vermont Arts Exchange at its Stark Hose Gallery in Bennington in October and November. *Working for Wildlife day*. Seventeen volunteers participated in this planting project on more than one mile of streambank on the Batten Kill. *Walloomsac watershed assessment*. This survey concluded a study of Roaring Branch, South Stream, and the Walloomsac begun in 2001. Thirty-four volunteers participated in the project over the years. *Serving as fiscal agent and advisor to new bi-state Batten Kill Watershed Alliance*. *Mettawee Community School water quality monitoring project*. This project provided supplies for a monitoring program and some instruction for teachers. It also built a deck and created interpretive signs at the monitoring site. About twenty students and two teachers participated.

Submitted by Shelly Stiles, District Manager

BENNINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL COMMISSION

The following is a summary of services and projects during the past year. Check our website: www.rpc.bennington.vt.us.

Municipal Assistance: **Arlington** - Arlington/East Arlington sidewalk, Arlington Area Childcare Inc. grant, Town Plan stats, Route 7A/313 intersection, cell phone coverage/study grant, solid waste plan, bridge & culvert inventory, zoning telecom maps, 911, ArcExplorer & GPS training, plan approval; **Bennington** - Roaring Branch issues, Ross Pavilion grant, Hampton Inn data, Bypass info to legislators, Bald Mt. trail/bypass crossing, pathway projects, Route 67A access management pilot grant, road network study, airport, enhancement grant, consultant support for park and recreation plan, tree inventory map WHIPS map, input to state study of bypass needs, zoning maps, Middle School trail map and sidewalk study, ArcView training; **Dorset** - ridgeline zoning, plan approval, plan stats/update, housing study/maps, East Dorset transportation improvements, Dorset horse show/Act 250, home occupations, highway structures, zoning & conservation maps, solid waste plan, ArcView training; **Glastenbury** - Plan update, zoning administration, land swap/wilderness/wind turbines, parcel maps; **Landgrove** - plan approval, solid waste info, So. VT trail, data, info; **Manchester** - consultant support for underground utility study, cell phone coverage study, Malfunction Junction project management, Manchester TPI & Economic Committee, solid waste plan, hazardous waste collection, Equinox wind turbines, multi-use paths, aquifer map; **Manchester Village** - Equinox wind turbines, solid waste plan, zoning map, telecom/cell coverage study, bridge/culvert study, GPS training; **North Bennington Village** - designation, bridge culvert inventory, pathway project, Park McCullough Enhancements, school district map, Route 67A retaining wall, intersection design study, Village plan & trail maps; **Old Bennington Village** - Plan update, traffic calming study & maps, Corkscrew pathway study; **Peru** - path/traffic calming study, zoning info; **Pownal** - Oak Hill Childcare grant, Green Mt. Track map, Pownal sewer project, plan & zoning maps, Tannery lands project/mapping, sewer map, 911 map, resource inventory/trails maps, solid waste plan; **Rupert** - Town Plan info & approval, solid waste & Hazardous waste collection, defibulator grant, Route 153 flood damage grant, bridge #6 report/grant, planning grant; **Sandgate** - Town plan & maps, solid waste plan, bridge & culvert inventory, parcel map update, hazardous waste collection; **Shaftsbury** - Plan update & maps, adoption procedures, zoning maps, mixed use zoning, floodplain issue, rail crossing safety, solid waste plan and amendments, multi-use paths/sidewalks, compost bin sales, economic study grant(s) bridge/culvert inventory; **Stamford** - ArcExplorer training, solid waste plan, Rapid Response Plan, road name maps; **Sunderland** - draft subdivision regulations, Town office site map, plan update and map, solid waste plan, Route 7A traffic access study, bridge & culvert inventory, GPS training, hazardous waste collection; **Woodford** - zoning recreation overlay revision & map, town plan approval, cell antenna zoning permit,

Route 9 corridor study.

Regional Projects/Services: Molly Stark Route 9 Scenic Byway study/designation, regional solid waste plan, all-hazards emergency operations, and pre-disaster plans, VIT planning/zoning training, Regional Transportation Plan, 9-Town Solid Waste Plan, Strategic Economic Plan, grant management and assistance, brownfields grant proposal, recreation use & issues survey, public transportation assistance, village center designations, access management inventories/town plans, road capacity/intersection studies, Batten Kill geomorphic/land cover study, workshops/training for local officials and distribution of educational materials.

Current Regional Issues: Other regional issues: Green Mt. National Forest Plan update, wilderness, Glastenbury land swap/Searsburg wind farm proposal, Equinox wind turbine project, Route 9 scenic byway, emergency management/planning support, permit reform, solid waste, access management and village improvements, Bennington bypass issues, Arlington area cell phone coverage, rail/airport services, strategic economic plan, affordable housing.

Robert M. Hartwell, Chairman and Rex Burke, Executive Director

BENNINGTON COUNTY - RSVP

The goal of the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) remains one of *"reinvesting the talents and skills of a lifetime"* in our communities. RSVP initiates and develops programs for seniors who wish to volunteer and provides support to volunteers in the form of excess liability insurance, training, transportation, and recognition.

There are currently 75 Arlington area residents actively serving as RSVP volunteers in nonprofit agencies and public institutions throughout Bennington County. During this past fiscal year, the town of Arlington received a total of **7,280 hours** of service from RSVP volunteers. Using a modest figure of **\$10.00** per hour, this service represents a total value of **\$72,800** returned to the Arlington community. This year, through a small grant from a local company, we were able to begin "The Bonebuilders" Exercise Program, designed to prevent or delay the effects of Osteoporosis. This program takes place twice a week at Baily Hall.

These RSVP volunteers also serve in a variety of other ways that benefit citizens in communities throughout the county. Examples, which represent the remaining hours, include: "friendly visiting" with residents in nursing homes; serving as hospital "Gray Ladies;" staffing blood mobiles; coordinating volunteer recognition events, serving in an advisory capacity to the RSVP director and directors of other non-profit organizations, participating in

fund raising events; and delivering meals on wheels, knitting or crocheting lap robes for nursing home residents or hats and mittens for children in area day-care centers, and assembling mailings for agencies with a critical need to get their service message out to the community.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia M. Palencsar, Director

BENNINGTON PROJECT INDEPENDENCE

Bennington Project Independence provides Adult Day Care and Day Health Rehabilitation services for frail older persons and younger disabled adults and their families from Arlington and the surrounding communities throughout Bennington County.

In 2003, with support from Arlington residents, Bennington Project Independence was able to provide a safe, sensitive and supportive day center program for adults who either prefer not or should not be alone for extended periods during the day. BPI serves people who feel isolated without the support of family and friends, persons with delicate or chronic medical conditions that benefit from care or monitoring as well as serving persons with Alzheimer's Disease and other cognitive impairments who need specialized assistance. Our Participants come from a wide range of ages, interests and life experiences that enrich the program for everyone. At BPI, people can be safe, active and cared for during the day and return to the comfort of their homes and families in the evening.

With the increasing number of older persons, Adult Day Care is predicted to replace Child Daycare as the number one dependent care issue facing our society. Our goal at Bennington Project Independence is to help people get the most out of their lives and prevent premature institutional placement of persons potentially at risk. BPI is here to help Family Caregivers provide the best possible care for their loved ones. Knowing that their family member has an interesting and caring day center to attend, allows the Caregiver to continue to work, take care of their own children or take care of the other important aspects of life. Caregiving without support or relief can have a profoundly stressful effect on all of the family and their community.

With continued level funding support from communities like Arlington, BPI was able to strengthen the family support component of our program with our innovative "Families Together" and "Caring Friends" Programs and expand the range of supportive and meaningful

activities we provide for our Participants.

BPI's activities are opportunities. Our dedicated, professional staff offer a wide range of individually-tailored social and recreational activities, fitness and wellness groups, community trips and intergenerational events. Our handicapped accessible vans help us provide community access and specialized assistance.

We, at Bennington Project Independence are extremely grateful for the continued support from the residents of Arlington and look forward to continuing to provide the highest quality Adult Day Care and Day Health Rehabilitation Services for Arlington families in need.

Respectfully, Linda Wichlac, Executive Director

B.R.O.C.

First, BROC would like to take this opportunity to thank the citizens of Arlington who have supported the agency through the balloting process over the years, acknowledging the important work we do. This past year BROC continued to experience a large increase in limited income families who needed help just meeting their *basic* needs – enough food on the table; heat for warmth through the winter; and a roof over their heads.

BROC helped meet the basic needs of 136 people in the Town of Arlington between 10/1/02 and 9/30/03. This number included **5 homeless families** that needed transitional or permanent housing assistance. In addition, BROC weatherized 25 homes, comprised of 66 individuals through our Weatherization & Energy Conservation program. BROC also created several new partnerships and collaborations throughout the year with local organizations and businesses to help raise food for our emergency food shelf; as well as to help raise much needed funds through events and fund raising so that the needs of our neighbors continue to be met.

BROC staff work hard each and every day to not only address immediate crisis, but to work on developing prevention plans with each person who needs our help. We are very proud of moving an individual or family up from the effects of poverty in their lives. In doing so, we advance our mission of "Helping people. Changing Lives." and we thank you, the Arlington community, for helping make this possible.

Our appropriation request for the upcoming year is \$1,200.

Linda J Rooker, Executive Director

THE CENTER FOR RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

In 1979 Court Diversion began as a program that offered a community's response to juvenile offenses as an alternative to the formal court procedure. The Diversion Review Board, a volunteer board of community citizens, strives to respond to the needs of the victim by mandating apologies and restitution, to the community by requiring public service and donations, and to the offender by demanding participation in programs that may change behavior such as job training, parenting skills, GED tutoring, alcohol & other drug screening, therapy, etc.

Over the years this opportunity has been expanded to include adults; other programs have been added as well. Today Court Diversion is an agency sponsoring several grant-funded programs like Juvenile Restorative Probation Program, and Community Support and Supervision Program (Street Checkers) which provide support and supervision to at-risk adolescents, as well as traditional Diversion. Additionally, in July 2000 the Teen Alcohol Safety Program (TASP) was established in response to a change in legislation that decriminalizes first-offense Possession of Malt Beverage charges. The Court Diversion Program was designated as administrator of this program by the State. Now a civil ticket, the legislature mandated that every young person be assessed and treated, if necessary, for their alcohol use. We believe prevention, education, and treatment, as well as enforcement, will help to stem the tide of underage alcohol consumption.

3% of Court Diversion referrals and 3% of TASP referrals are Arlington residents. 91% of all referrals are under the age of 21. 87% of Diversion participants successfully completed the requirements of their Diversion contract. 91% of those who completed their requirements do not commit further criminal acts. In addition, Court Diversion participants have returned over \$58,000 in restitution and donations to their communities and performed over 31,000 hours of public service work. The Senior Meals Program, American Red Cross, Bennington Project Independence, Happy Days Childcare, Second Chance Animal Shelter and the Martha Canfield Library are some of the organizations or projects that have benefited from Diversion clients' community service work or charitable donations.

Although the Juvenile Restorative Probation Program and the Community Support and Supervision Program (Street Checkers) are self-sustaining through grants from the Agency of Human Services, the Court Diversion Program and Teen Alcohol Safety Program must rely on local fundraising to supplement the appropriation from the legislature and client fees.

We thank the voters of Arlington for their support and look forward to continuing our commitment to provide programs that respond to the needs of the victim, the community and the offender.

Respectfully submitted,
Marianne Kennedy, Esq., Executive Director

GEORGE D. AIKEN RESOURCE C & D COUNCIL REPORT

The George D. Aiken Resource Conservation and Development Council (RC&D) has been making things happen for towns with natural resource conservation and rural development projects over the past year. We are here to serve your community. We coordinate and facilitate assistance to town governments, school districts, fire departments watershed groups organizations and nonprofit in the six southern Vermont counties. By bringing together help from our extensive network of resources, we can focus technical and financial resources on your specific needs. We get technical assistance and staff help through the U.S. Department of Agriculture but private sources make up most of our budget. The Council is a self-supporting 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization. Highlights of our work in the six counties in 2003 include:

14 towns received funding to improve water quality and upgrade backroads through our better backroads grant.

Two towns received complete water supply plans identifying all potential useable water sources for fire fighting in the town.

16 towns received funding and engineering assistance to design and install dry hydrants as a source of water to fight fires.

6 towns received Jeffords fire safety grants to purchase personal protective gear for firefighters.

Numerous farmers received technical and marketing assistance with agritourism ventures.

5 farmers received grants to support agritourism on their farms. 10 towns received assistance from a consultant to help them prepare for an ISO (Insurance Service Office) evaluation. Towns are given a rating from 1 to 10 by the ISO and many insurance companies use that rating to set their rates. If a town can lower their ISO rating, it may lead to lower insurance costs for businesses and residents in that town.

We continue to serve as the fiscal agent for the White River Partnership and Connecticut River Birding Trails.

Teams of high school students from throughout the area participated in the Vermont Envirothon.

Other current projects include helping a town with flooding problems, erosion control and streambank stabilization in several locations, helping to develop community centers and recreation fields. We currently have funding available for low interest loans (3.0 – 5.0%) to develop agritourism ventures on farms. In Arlington, we provided a \$3,000 better backroads grant to the Batten Kill Watershed Alliance. Do you have a project or program that could use some assistance to “make it happen”? Over the years, the George D. Aiken RC&D Council has helped many communities and organizations on a variety of projects. We work on a request basis, so the first step is up to you, stet us a call. For information and free consultation call Kenneth Hafner our RC&D Coordinator at (802) 728-9526 or email: kenneth.hafner@vt.usda.gov.

I.S.W.A.P. INTEGRATED SOLID WASTE APPLICATIONS PROGRAM

The household hazardous waste (HHW) collection program continues to be a priority. HHW collection protects the environment, as hazardous waste is collected and disposed of properly and safely. This year, two HHW collections were held at the Manchester Elementary School, with the help of Long Trail School students.

A Memorandum of Understanding to add Rupert to the ISWAP was signed by the ISWAP towns and Rupert, and was then forwarded to the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) on January 31. Since Rupert formally joined the ISWAP in January, the town has participated in the two Household Hazardous Waste collection events held annually by the ISWAP towns. An amendment to the "Solid Waste Management Implementation Plan for Bennington County" (SWIP) was approved by the ANR on June 19. This amendment included the Town of Pownal Wastewater Treatment and Biosolids Composting Facility in the SWIP.

The Bennington County Regional Commission once again sponsored a non-profit compost bin sale, with support from various towns in the region. 72 compost bins and 78 compost turners were sold in 2003.

PROJECT AGAINST VIOLENT ENCOUNTERS

In 2003 PAVE continued to offer comprehensive services to victims of domestic and sexual violence. Those services include: 24-hour emergency hotline, court and social service advocacy, support groups, transitional housing, emergency financial assistance, information and referrals, community education, healthy relationship curriculum for schools and access to several different types of emergency, safe housing. Services are free and confidential.

All volunteer advocates are trained and supervised by staff. These dedicated citizens helped us provide safety, support and options to more than 1,000 individuals in the past year. The volunteer coordinator continues a vigorous recruitment process and tailors the training schedule to the needs of potential volunteers.

Our supervised visitation program, Family Time, provides children with safe access to their non-custodial parent. The size of this program has doubled in the past year. The nine trained monitors supervise visits for families with issues related to violence, separation or divorce. Visits take place in neutral locations throughout the community.

We continue to offer violence prevention programming to young people throughout Bennington County. Our focus this year is on: healthy relationships—high school, community service—middle school, and management of anger—“Hands are not for hitting”—elementary grades. In addition in collaboration with CAT-TV we are developing a teen video project that will enable high school students to raise and address issues of importance to local teenagers.

On behalf of our Board of Directors and staff I thank you for your ongoing commitment to PAVE. Our staff and volunteers promise to continue to offer quality services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault and respond to each town's desire for healthy and violence free communities.

Sincerely, Joan M. Sakalas, Executive Director

SOUTHWESTERN VERMONT COUNCIL ON AGING

This report provides information about the many ways the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging helped elders in Arlington during the past year. These included:

Senior Meals: The council provided funding for meals served to elder residents of Arlington. This funding helped supply 2,391 meals that were prepared and delivered to the homes of 21 older persons in your community who were in need of this special meal support. This service, provided through contract, is often called "Meals on Wheels". We also provided "Blizzard Bags" to Meals on Wheels participants and other isolated elders, containing "shelf-stable" meals for use in a weather related or other emergency situation. In addition, 68 Arlington elders participated at one or more of the luncheon sites available in our region, enjoying 1,505 meals.

Case Management Assistance: 33 elder residents of your community were served by SVCOA Case Management staff who provided help with applications, and problem solving around programs such as Fuel Assistance, SSI, Medicaid, Food Stamps, etc. Case Managers also assisted frail elders with long term care placement, assisting those who wanted to and were able to remain independent connect with available supports including Medicaid Waiver assistance.

Other Services: The Council also provided the following services to help support older persons in your community: 1) Telephone support through our "Senior HelpLine" (786-5991 or 1-800-642-5119). This service provided easy phone access to elders and others in need of information about available programs and supports for older persons; 2) Health benefit counseling information and form filing assistance through our SHIP Program; 3) Legal service support through a contract with the Vermont Senior Citizens Law Project; 4) Provision of information related to elder issues through the "Elder Connection" column written by Barbara Hanson appearing weekly in the Bennington Banner; 5) Nutrition education and counseling provided by a Registered Dietician to elders who needed to improve their dietary intake; 6) Senior Companion support on a one on one basis for frail, homebound elders; 7) Elder Care Clinician outreach services to elders struggling with mental health issues provided through a contract with United Counseling Services 8) Community Development assistance and 9) Caregiver information and support for family members and others who are providing help to elders in need of care.

SUNRISE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

Sunrise Family Resource Center gratefully thanks residents of the town of Arlington for the support you have shown us over time. Your past financial support has helped provide community-based prevention services designed to strengthen families, build stronger communities and reduce the need for more expensive remedial services in the future.

In March 2004 Sunrise celebrates its 35th anniversary. We continue to offer a broad range of education and support services to children and families in Arlington and throughout Bennington County both at our 238-244 Union Street location in Bennington and out in area communities. Last year Sunrise served over 600 families and individuals. Twenty-four Arlington families received substantial on-going service plus others benefited through our resource and referral efforts.

Two area playgroups as well as parenting classes and support groups are available to all parents wishing to strengthen relationships with their children while providing them with a better start. Town funding specifically helps to keep costs for these groups affordable for all.

Nationally accredited childcare focusing on the youngest children in our community (6 weeks through age 3) continues to be a valuable Sunrise core service.

Home visits providing parenting support and information on community resources were available to a variety of families – those with newborns and young children, with children in high risk or stressful circumstances, or those moving towards economic self-sufficiency.

Comprehensive services for pregnant and parenting teens continued thanks in part to grants from the Children's Trust Fund, the March of Dimes and SVHC. We strive to reach young couples early in their pregnancies providing support to engage in early pre-natal care and graduate from high school. Pregnant and parenting teens from all area schools are eligible to participate.

Through our partnership with the Bennington County Childcare Association we provide resource development and referral information to childcare providers and families seeking childcare.

Strong, healthy families benefit all our communities. Sunrise looks forward to continuing its role in helping strengthen the families and community of Arlington..

THE TUTORIAL CENTER

This past year at The Tutorial Center – our 33rd year – has again been one of exciting growth. Due to the support from towns such as Arlington, we were able to provide a growing range of unique and vital services to more and more people.

Once again, The Tutorial Center has been recognized by the Vermont Department of Education as the most cost-effective adult basic education provider in the state. We pride ourselves on stretching every dollar to its limit.

A special highlight of this past year was the opening of a Community Computer Lab in our Manchester branch, *which was made possible entirely through donations*. In recognition of The Tutorial Center's role as a community education provider, IBM donated over \$31,000 in computer equipment, Microsoft donated \$33,000 in software, Adelpia provided high-speed internet access, and Southern Vermont College provided free technical support to establish the Lab. This Lab now complements the existing Lab in our Bennington branch and enables us to offer accessible computer literacy and computer-based instruction conveniently to all residents of Bennington County. In fact, Arlington residents have already attended our new computer classes in Manchester.

This year, 39 Arlington residents benefited from one or more of the range of free or subsidized education services we offer.

Other highlights of our past year at The Tutorial Center include:

For adult learners-338 students enrolled in basic education classes (a 10% increase over the previous year) and received approximately 9,500 hours of FREE instruction; 73 adults passed the GED exam or received their high school diploma; 25 adults received English as a Second Language instruction; 27 adults were enrolled in our award-winning Bridge-to-College program; and 52 adults participated in basic computer skills classes.

For children - 173 students received individual tutorial instruction, with a total of 3,656 hours of instruction provided – virtually all subject areas were taught including all levels of math, reading, writing, and foreign languages; more than 15 students enrolled in an alternative education program offered at The Tutorial Center; and 38 students participated in our summer enrichment program.

For families - 7 family literacy workshops called *Building Links* were offered.

The Town of Arlington has generously supported the work of The Tutorial Center for many years. We are very grateful to the town for supporting our literacy efforts in the past and we look forward to your continued support.

Respectfully submitted by,
Jack Glade, Executive Director

VERMONT ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED

The Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (VABVI) greatly appreciates the Town of Arlington for including a contribution to VABVI in their 2003 budget.

Our mission is to enable Vermonters with vision problems, whether blindness or impairment, to achieve and maintain independence. We were established with assistance from Helen Keller and the American Foundation for the Blind in 1926. Since then, our agency has provided services to any visually impaired Vermonter who needs them, at no cost to the client, due to the financial support we receive from individuals, businesses, civic organizations, municipalities, state and federal grants. Last year we served 1,413 people statewide – 1,128 adults and 285 children.

Our services for children include teaching and support at home and in the classroom. Our Teachers of the Visually Impaired (TVI) instruct in Braille, and acquire materials such as textbooks in alternative formats appropriate for each child's visual impairment, whether it's Braille, large print or on audiotape. They also assist classroom teachers in instructing with less emphasis on visual learning, such as writing on the blackboard. We also plan educational overnight camps each year, so the students can exercise their independent and daily living skills in a supportive environment. In addition, we provide transitional services for teens looking beyond high school to higher learning or independent living. We served two Arlington children last year.

For adults, we make visits to homes to help adapt the home for safety and ease of mobility. We mark stoves, microwaves, thermostats and other appliances for ease of use and help organize pantries and closets to make cooking and other daily living tasks manageable and reasonably efficient. We provide orientation and mobility lessons, including white cane instruction, so that people can get around on their own. We sponsor Peer Assisted Learning and Support (PALS) groups, bi-monthly meetings for peer education and group support, which meet in 11 locations around the state, including Bennington. We served five adults in Arlington last year.

Volunteers are an important part of our organization. Last year 204 VABVI volunteers drove 181,206 miles and donated 14,631 hours of service – the equivalent of seven and a half full time employees – either by driving, reading, shopping, brailleing, working in our offices or other capacities. It is in large part because of these volunteers that we spent 87 cents out of every dollar on direct services in your community last year. To become a volunteer or to learn more about our services, contact us at 1-877-350-8839 or general@vabvi.org or visit our website at www.vabvi.org.

VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING

The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) teaches people with significant disabilities how to gain more control over their lives and how to access tools and services to live more independently. We also conduct public education and systems change activities that promote the full inclusion of disabled people into community life.

An estimated one in five Vermonters has a disability. VCIL, a private not-for-profit corporation, is Vermont's first and only cross-disability center for independent living and the first organization in the state to be directed and staffed by a majority of people with diverse disabilities.

Statewide, from October 1, 2002 through September 11, 2003, VCIL responded to 1,974 requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information and referrals on a broad range of subjects related to living with a disability. We provided one-on-one peer counseling to 342 individuals to help increase their independent living skills and life opportunities; provided 405 households with financial and technical assistance for making their bathrooms and entrances accessible to a disabled family member; provided over 340 individuals with personal assistance and/or assistive technology; provided communications equipment to 67 deaf, hard-of-hearing or speech-impaired individuals through our Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program, and served home-delivered meals to almost 533 Vermonters through VCIL's Meals On Wheels program for Individuals Under 60 with Disabilities.

VCIL's central office is in downtown Montpelier with three smaller regional offices in Bennington, Brattleboro and Burlington. The Montpelier office houses our resource library and our toll-free information line, which provides answers to disability related questions from every Vermont community. Our locally based Peer Advocacy Counselors are available to people with disabilities in every municipality in Vermont.

During FY 2003, VCIL provided direct services to Vermonters throughout the state, utilizing the following services/programs: 1) Information & Referral; 2) Home and Community Access Program; 3) Meals on Wheels (people with disabilities under the age of 60); 4) Peer Advocacy counseling; 5) Vermont Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program; and 6) Sue Williams Freedom Fund.

To learn more about VCIL, call us toll-free at 1-800-639-1522.

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BIRTHS FOR 2003

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Mother's Maiden Name</u>
Monahan, Niall P.	1/10/03	Philip	Penkethman, Mary
Bushee, Kaylee S.	1/18/03	Joshua	Niles, Theresa
Hosley, Evan B.	2/14/03	Michael	Talbert, Misty S.
Crosier, Lauren E.	2/17/03	Douglas	Traen, Julia
Hazelton, Samuel L.	3/7/03	Stocks, Alvin	Hazelton, Christa
Stratton, Caitlyn E.	3/10/03	Gregory	Harris, Sarah J.
Diedrich, Noah, J.	4/2/03	Scott	Marion, Lisa A.
Whalen, John L. III	4/4/03	John, II	Saliba, Nicol S.
Whalen, Thomas D. II	4/4/03	John, II	Saliba, Nicol S.
Cassan, Luke, H.	5/14/03	Darthaniel	Garrison, Laura L.
Bice, Devin K.	5/17/03	Michael	Rock, Carol L.
Griffis, William E.	6/27/03	Roy	Ward, Lisa
Samuelson, Hannah B.	7/19/03	Matthew	Deck, Jennifer
Burnham, Molly S.	8/5/03	Phillip	Mabile, Marianne
Hosley, Mackenzie H.	8/18/03	Terry J., II	Delong, Susan J.
Caggiano, Jason A.	9/6/03	Kevin	Espina, Rose B.
Hoyt, Alorah J.	11/23/03	Jonathan	Monroe, Kristina
Seeley, Tyler S.	12/12/03	Nicholas	Coolbeth, Leslie L.
Coulter, Sydney M.	12/15/03	Scott	Barton, Shirley H.
Fischer, Charlotte T.	12/19/03	Gary	Wreaks, Margretta

DEATHS 2003

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Wilkins, Virginia N.	1/4/03
Vaughn, Anna M.	1/13/03
Planstrom, Sirca M.	1/15/03
Lewis, Carol A.	1/20/03
Holton, Marion A.	2/19/03
Pickering, Harry J., Sr.	2/24/03
Park, Blanche S.	3/18/03
Manning, Robert J.	4/8/03
Carbonti, Hazel A.	5/19/03
Kendall, Jeannette S.	8/16/03
Stoddard, Linda A.	11/2/03
Woodard, Eugenia M.	12/15/03
Young, Dorothy F.	12/22/03
Walsh, Robert J.	12/30/03

MARRIAGES FOR 2003

GROOM	BRIDE, MAIDEN NAME	DATE	RESIDENCE
Fendler, Gary E.	Restrom, Nichele C.	1/1	Wethersfield, CT
Blowen, Dylan C.	Landers, Rachel E.	1/27	Houston, TX & Australia
Spiro, Nicholas K.	Swenson, Patricia L.	3/15	Arlington, VT
Israel, Arnold J.	Heller, Lenore I.	4/14	Stamford, CT
Lauzon, Raymond J.	Baker, Beverly A.	4/19	Cherry Pt., NC & Arlington
Knapp, Leland J.	Ryadnova, Nataliya	4/26	Arlington & Ukraine
Dailey, Kevin P.	Massucco, Mary E.	4/26	Arlington & Manchester
Syriac, Gerald N.	Deloge, Lori	5/5	Pomfret Ctr., CT
Jimerson, Bruce D.	Lindholm, Astrid G.	5/8	San Marcos, CA
Gardon, Thomas S.	Holtzman, Karen	5/10	Somerville, MA
O'Brien, Michael J.	Dilallo, Susan Breneman	5/10	Schenectady, NY
Ellison, Kenneth J.	Hardison, Angela M.	5/17	Arlington, VT
Blockburger, David, Sr.	Morrissey, Laura	5/17	Arlington, VT
Evenson, Thomas J.	Williams, Bonnie L.	5/24	Arlington, VT
Eldenn, Daniel C.	Smith, Melodye Y.	5/31	West Charlton, NY
Hosley, Terry J., II	Delong, Susan J.	5/24	Arlington, VT
Tschorn, Adam R.	Moore, Susan B.	6/7	Los Angeles, CA
Markey, Anthony D.	Coggeshall, Elaine L.	6/21	Lee, NH
Bardin, Jeffery J.	Gilligan, Linda T.	6/29	Salem, NY
Willmore, Steven P.	Kahl, Leah A.	7/12	Ashburn, VA
Teason, Brian B.	Dailey, Susan B.	7/12	Manchester & Arlington
Gabert, Kenneth R.	Moran, Raymond K.	7/18	Arlington, VT
Crosier, Douglas D.	Traen, Julia A.	7/26	Arlington, VT
Kemp, Gerald W.	Sechler, Tamara L.	7/26	Arlington, VT
Raziano, Robert M., Jr.	Danforth, Patricia J.	8/2	Arlington, VT
Lowes, Bryan D.	Gallagher, Heather	8/9	Philadelphia, PA
Berthiaume, David R.	Woelfersheim, Christa A.	8/16	Cumberland, RI
Gjokaj, Selim	Carroll, Nicole	8/17	Beacon, NY
Nilsen, Gregory A., Sr.	Waters, Elizabeth C.	8/23	Greentown, PA
Thomas, Timothy R.	Bernard, Jennifer A.	9/6	Bordentown, NJ
Davin, Patrick J.	Grotefeld, Anne I.	9/6	New York, NY
Brunina, Nicolas A.	Satterthwaite, Rachael E.	9/27	Bennington, VT
Vazquez-Caballero, Ju.	Morris, Tara M.	10/4	Middletown, CT
Fey, Charles H., Jr.	Bryant, Bonnie L.	10/8	Franklinville, NJ
Henderson, John T., Jr.	Phillips, Nicole J.	10/12	Westfield, MA
Pierce, Perry L.	King, Bendy R.	10/13	Nashua, NH
McCray, George	Bessette, Kathy A.	10/18	White Creek, NY
Schiller, Matthew M.	White, Beth A.	10/25	Lancaster, MA
Cole, Alexandre S.	Hall, Allison R.	10/25	Watertown, MA
Ropes, David T.	Desreuisseau, April M.	11/8	Hudson, MA
Olam, Christopher R.	Hawkins, Michele M.	11/8	Danbury, CT
Dietrich, Page Tu	Garrow, Julie L.	11/15	Arlington, VT
Harvey, Daniel M.	Licata, Maureen A.	11/22	Arlington, VT & Saratoga, NY
Cox, Brian E., Jr.	Furman, Deborah L.	11/12	Sparta, NJ
Mulligan, Brad A.	Nageny, Natalie A.	12/31	Saratoga Springs, NY

CIVIL UNIONS 2003

SEX	PARTY A	PARTY B	DATE	RESIDENCE
M	Cramer, Kevin R.	Castleman, Ezra E.	2/17	Stafford & Quantico, VA
F	Hayden, Alys M.	Chapman, Tammy S.	3/27	Anniston, AL
F	Demera, Mari T.	Franson, Marietta C.	4/2	Clovis, CA
F	McGean, Marie A.	McMahon, Donna M.	4/15	Ithaca, NY
F	Bell, Gail V.	Murray, Donnalee	4/15	Syracuse, NY
F	McWilliams, Elizabeth	Carrison, Robin K.	4/25	Winston-Salem, NC
F	Patrick, Bonnie M.	Gridley, Sharon C.	5/23	Wynnewood, PA
M	Quintero, Victor J., Jr.	Hahn, Matthew A.	7/9	Tampa, FL
F	De Jesus, Niurka B.	Gibbs, Rhea T.	7/10	New York, NY
F	Taylor, Heidi A.	Latimer, Sharon M.	8/8	Redsville, WV
F	Lefley, Carla A.	Frederick, Wendy L.	8/12	Miami, FL
F	Pagliari, Teresa L.	Stevens, Shawna L.	8/18	Herndon, VA
F	Spears, Kristin L.	Fotos, April	8/29	Kenova, WV
F	Kinder, Rebecca N.	Riddervold, Gayle C.	9/9	Dover, PA
M	Esposito, Steven C.	Kelley, David A.	9/13	New Haven, CT
F	Ross, Tiffany L.	Gordon, Stacey S.	9/19	Virginia Beach, VA
F	Jones, Jennifer C.	Wallace, Cynthia T.	9/21	Clearwater, FL
F	Crotsley, Shannon M.	Zimmerman, Amy M.	10/2	Mountville, PA
M	Dimezza, Vincent C., Jr.	Lang, Bryan K.	10/06	Sacandaga Park, NY
F	Powers, Heather E.	Merryman, Kelly A.	10/11	Toldeo, OH
F	Adams, Anita M.	Duncan, Cassandra M.	10/18	Windsor, CT
F	Hudson, Dianna J.	Sawyers, Annette A.	11/1	Columbus, IN
M	Dane, Keith J.	Ripley, Randy A.	11/6	West Friendship, MD
M	Johnson, Robert D.	Giampaoli, Brian G.	11/7	Poughkeepsie, NY
M	Lawson, Jasper J., Jr.	Landers, John J., Jr.	11/8	Somerville, MA
F	Vancil, Victoria E.	Young, Melynn A.	9/29	Scottsdale, AZ
F	Zdonowski, Kathleen	Golab, Marlene	9/29	Easton, PA

**MINUTES
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 3, 2003**

Moderator John L. Whalen, II called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Those present at the head table:

Selectman Chairman - Keith Squires
Selectman - Alan Hess
Selectman - Daniel Harvey
Selectman - Lawrence Molloy
Selectman - Gerald Woodard
Selectmen's Secretary - Mary Henning
Town Clerk - Joyce A. Wyman

There were approximately 165 residents present.

Moderator Whalen called the meeting to order and asked all to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Whalen then introduced Larry Molloy, Town Representative who addressed the meeting. Mr. Molloy said he was on the Military and Housing Committee. He said the legislature is very busy trying to deal with budget constraints, health care issues and a sluggish economy.

He said there were changes to Act 60 that are being considered by the legislature. One, from the Governor is to decrease the state wide tax rate from \$1.10 to \$1.07; one being worked on in the Senate which would raise the state wide tax rate to \$1.38 and also raise the tuition from \$5,600 per student to \$7,500 per student and a third from the House of Representatives would totally replace the way we fund education. The House plan would include replacing the statewide property tax on most residential property with a new combination of income and consumption taxes. Both of these changes would help Arlington. There were no questions for Mr. Molloy.

At this time, Moderator Whalen read the following resolution.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the residents of the Town of Arlington were saddened by the passing of HARRY PICKERING, a long time resident of the Town of Arlington; and

WHEREAS, HARRY PICKERING, served the Town of Arlington as a Selectman, Fire Chief, Justice of the Peace and member of the Board of Civil Authority; and

WHERE, HARRY PICKERING, volunteered his time to help many organizations throughout the Town of Arlington, and

WHEREAS, HARRY PICKERING, served in the House of

Representatives for the Towns of Arlington, Sunderland and Sandgate;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that we express our sincere sympathy to his family in their loss; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk be directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to his family and that a copy of this Resolution be made a permanent record of this meeting and of the town to which he was so devoted.

K. John Smith made the motion to accept the Resolution as read. Seconded by Donna Squires. Voted unanimously.

Marge Record made the motion to dispense with the reading of the 2002 Annual Town Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Laraine Smith. Motion Carried.

Vivian Lacy made the motion to dispense with the reading of the 2003 Annual Town Meeting Warning. Seconded by Russell Record. Motion Carried.

**ARTICLE 1:
TO HEAR AND ACT UPON
THE REPORTS OF THE TOWN OFFICERS.**

Mr. Whalen read the Planning Commission Report as follows:

The Arlington Planning Commission meets on the fourth Thursday of each month. All meetings are open to the public. Attendance and participation are welcome.

The required sidewalk along Route 7A to the Post Office is complete.

The development of the properties located at the southeast corner of the intersection of 7A and East Arlington Road is under construction and by this summer will result in 29 new and renovated affordable rent units.

A new addition to Mack Molding was approved and approval for a small building on the lot south of the Post Office was given.

New by-laws are being written for installation of future Wireless Communication Facilities. The purpose of these by-laws is to regulate the placement, design and impact on the community as well as encouraging the installation of these facilities.

I would like to thank my fellow commission members, the Land Use Administrator, and the commission Secretary for their time, concern and input throughout the year. The Planning Commission also thanks the Selectmen for their support.

Respectfully submitted, Dan Barber, Planning Comm. Chairman

Bonnie Alexander made the motion to accept the reports of the officers. Seconded by Laraine Smith

Marilyn Bruhn asked if the sidewalk to the Post Office was going to be replaced. Mr. Squires explained that the sidewalk was not acceptable to the Selectmen and that the contractor was going to redo the sidewalk as well as the curb. He said the contractor was paying for this. He added this sidewalk has not cost the town any money, only the maintenance provided this past winter.

Moderator called the question. Motion Carried.

**ARTICLE 2:
TO SEE WHAT COMPENSATION WILL BE PAID
TO SEVERAL TOWN OFFICERS.**

Moderator Whalen stated the salaries presented by the selectmen shown below reflected a 3% increase to the Treasurer and Town Clerk, while all other remain the same. He added the total cost for the salaries would be \$31,197:

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
Moderator	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00
Town Clerk	12,049.00	12,411.00
Town Treasurer	9,442.00	9,726.00
Selectman, Chairman	3,000.00	3,000.00
Selectman Members (4)	6,000.00	6,000.00

Harriet Welther made the motion to accept the salaries as presented. Seconded by Jean Miller. Motion Carried.

Moderator Whalen then stated the mileage rate was set by the selectmen to remain at \$.32 per mile. Vivian Lacy made the motion to accept the mileage cost. Seconded by Laraine Smith. 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 POSTED BY SEPTEMBER 4, 2003 AND
PAYMENT TO BE IN THE HANDS OF THE TREASURER
BY NOVEMBER 4, 2003.**

Donna Squires made the motion to accept Article 3 as written. Seconded by Irene Novotny. Motion carried.

ARTICLE 4:

TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO AUTHORIZE ITS SELECTMEN TO BORROW IN ANTICIPATION OF TAXES SUCH SUM OR SUMS OF MONEY AS IS NECESSARY FOR PROPERLY FINANCING THE AFFAIRS OF THE TOWN.

Maynard Grout made the motion to accept Article 4. Seconded by Marge Record. Motion Carried.

ARTICLE 5:

TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE A BUDGET TO MEET THE EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN AND TO AUTHORIZE THE SELECTMEN TO SET A TAX RATE SUFFICIENT TO PROVIDE THE SAME, INCLUSIVE OF ANY APPROPRIATIONS TO BE DETERMINED AND VOTED.

Mr. Whalen explained the total budget presented by the Selectmen was \$870,698.00. The salaries had already been voted in the amount of \$31,197.00, and the appropriations to be voted upon the next day totaled \$134,525.00 making the figure to be voted on at this time to be \$704,976.00.

Russell Record made the motion to accept the budget as presented. Seconded by Bonnie Barnes. Motion carried.

Jean Miller made the motion to authorize the Selectmen to set the tax rate sufficient to provide the same, inclusive of any appropriations to be determined and voted. Seconded by Marge Record. Motion Carried.

ARTICLE 6:

TO TRANSACT ANY FURTHER BUSINESS FOUND NECESSARY AND PROPER WHEN MET.

Mr. Whalen introduced Mary Henning from the Townscape Committee. Ms. Henning stated that Townscape supported the proposed renovation of the Town Hall. She stated the building was an Historic building that was built for a Town Hall in 1859.

Dan Harvey, Selectman, made a presentation of the plans for the proposed renovations. He stated that the Treasurer, Land Use Administrator and Listers would be moved to the downstairs and occupy the area where the old Post Office once occupied. He added the plans were not extravagant.

He said the cost for this project would be \$100,000 and the estimated rate for borrowing from the Vermont Municipal Bond Bank is

2.808%. He projected the Town Tax Rate (including the \$100,000 Bond) using the 2002 Grand List would be \$.355. He stated the 2002 Tax Rate is \$.36. Mr. Whalen stated the polls would be open from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM and voting would take place at the Town Hall where the old Post Office was once located.

Michael Barrett was concerned with cost of the renovation and stated the open space should be used for rental income.

Discussion followed about the pride attached to the Town Hall and how it used to be a gathering place for residents when it was the Post Office.

Mr. Harvey stated the existing furnace was in good shape and would not have to be replaced.

Laraine Smith, representing the Southwest Vermont Health System announced there will be meetings held on March 20, 2003 at 7:00 PM at the Bennington Firehouse and on April 22, 2003, 7:00 PM at the Manchester Middle School. The purpose of the meetings is to get public input. She urged all to attend.

Mr. Whalen then read the following petitioned resolution that was signed by the correct number of signatures:

Shall the residents of Arlington/Sandgate/Sunderland support the following resolution at Town Meeting (2003) to protect our farms, food and environment.

Whereas genetically engineered (GE) foods and crops are likely to cause long-term damage to the environment, threaten the integrity of rural, family farm economies, and can have serious impacts on the human health, whereas GE crops have been found to contaminate other crops through cross-pollination, and are stringently regulated in more than 30 countries; and whereas citizens throughout the United States are taking steps to address concerns about GE foods at the state and local levels; and whereas Congress and federal agencies have failed to adequately address this issue, therefore shall the residents of Arlington/Sandgate/Sunderland resolve to:

1. Call upon our elected officials, including Vermont legislators, Congressional representative and US Senators to support the mandatory labeling by manufacturers and processors of all genetically engineered food and seeds, as well as a moratorium on the further growing of GE crops until there is credible and independent scientific evidence that these products are not harmful to our health, the environment and the survival of family farms, and

2. Declare our support for legislation at the state and federal levels that will shift all liability from farmers to the commercial developers of GE technology for any damage resulting from the growing of GE crops, and

3. Declare a moratorium on the planting of genetically engi-

neered seeds in the Town, as a step toward making Vermont a GE-free planting zone by the 2004 growing season.

Bonnie Alexander made the motion to accept the petitioned resolution. Seconded by Vivian Lacy.

Judy Ketels stated the petition should read just Arlington.

Leslie Nase state that the resolution was an advisory asking for legislators to pass a law to regulate the use of genetically engineered foods and conirik labeling. She said they are asking for a moratorium on using GE foods.

Residents said that they did not fully understand the resolution. Discussion followed.

Joseph O'Dea stated he did not like being lobbied and thought that both sides should be heard and until he heard the other side, he could not support this resolution.

Joseph O'Dea made the motion to table the resolution. Seconded by Donna Squires. After discussion, there was a hand vote. Yes - 68; No - 34. Motion to table the resolution carried.

Marge Record made the motion to bring up this Genetically Engineered food article next year. Seconded by Harriet Welther. Motion carried.

It was suggested by Patricia Rutins that the article be worded more clearly next year.

John Haugrud asked the Selectmen if they had an emergency plan for any disaster that might occur in town.

Keith Squires stated he was the Emergency Management Coordinator for the town of Arlington and that he has been meeting at least twice a week to work on a plan with the state and county. He added the town plan would be coming together soon. He stated that there is a generator at the High School, Fire Department and Rescue Squad building. He added that Bennington County was rated #3 in the state for having a disaster plan.

After a lengthy discussion, John Haugrud made the motion that a citizen's committee be formed to address emergency management and the implementation of a plan under the supervision of the Selectmen. Diane Jennings seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Vivian Lacy then asked that the residents vote in favor of Article 37. She added this Article asks our legislatures to promote energy efficiency in Vermont

Ken Smith made the motion to recess the meeting until Tuesday at 10:00 AM for voting at the polls. Seconded by Joseph O'Dea. Motion carried and the Town Meeting recessed at 8:45 PM.

ATTEST: Joyce A. Wyman, Town Clerk
John L. Whalen, II, Moderator

RESULTS OF BALLOTING

March 4, 2003

TOTAL VOTERS ON CHECKLIST - 1677

ABSENTEE VOTERS - 31

TOTAL VOTERS (INCLUDING ABSENTEE) - 551

VOTER PERCENTAGE - 33%

MODERATOR - 1 YEAR

John L. Whalen, II 485 - Elected

SELECTMAN (3 YRS)

Daniel Harvey 422 - Elected

SELECTMAN (2 YRS)

Lawrence Molloy 420 - Elected

LISTER (3YRS)

Joseph Garger 424 - Elected

LISTER (3 YRS)

No candidate received required votes to be elected.

FIRST CONSTABLE (1 YEAR)

Jamie Paustian 509 - Elected

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR (1 YEAR)

Richard " Dick" Keough 458 - Elected

AUDITOR (3 YRS)

Gerard McManus 450 - Elected

AUDITOR (3 YRS)

Susan Wirkki 434 - Elected

AUDITOR (3 YRS)

No candidate received required votes to be elected.

CEMETERY COMMISSIONER (3 YRS)

Leroy Hush 452 - Elected

GRAND JURORS (3 1 YR terms)

John N. Haugsrud 433 - Elected

Al McAllister 407 - Elected

Darlene M. Young 430 - Elected

TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS (3 YRS)

No candidate received required votes to be elected.

TOWN AGENT (1 YR)

Kevin P. Dailey 468 - Elected

OFFICIAL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING BALLOT
MARCH 4, 2003

- Article 8: To vote by ballot to see if the town will vote the sum of \$30,000 into the sinking fund for the replacement and or repairs or refurbishing of the Town of Arlington fire trucks.
YES -404 NO - 91
- Article 9: To vote by ballot to see if the town will vote the sum of \$22,000.00 into the sinking fund for the replacement and or repairs of the Town of Arlington highway trucks.
YES -397 NO - 103
- Article 10: To vote by ballot to see if the town will vote the sum of \$10,000.00 into the sinking fund for the replacement and or repairs of the Town of Arlington's backhoe, excavator and loader.
YES - 374 NO - 128
- Article 11: Shall bonds of the Town of Arlington in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 be used for the purpose of renovating the 1st floor and updating equipment for the Arlington Town Hall. Renovations will create offices to allow municipal services to relocate from the 2nd to the 1st floor which will improve access.
YES - 312 NO - 194
- Article 12: Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to appoint constables instead of electing constables 24 VSA 2651a.
YES - 269 NO - 222
- Article 13: To vote by ballot to see if the town will vote the sum of \$11,130.00 to help support the 2003 operation of the Arlington Recreation Park.
YES - 393 NO - 112
- Article 14: To vote by ballot to see if the town will vote the sum of \$10,000.00 for the resurfacing of town roads.
YES -440 NO - 64

- Article 15: To vote by ballot to see if the town will vote the sum of \$20,000.00 toward the support of the Arlington Rescue Squad, Inc.
YES - 451 NO - 58
- Article 16: To vote by ballot to see if the town will vote the sum of \$7,000.00 toward the maintenance of the town owned cemeteries.
YES - 427 NO - 79
- Article 17: To vote by ballot to see if the town will vote to exempt from the property tax the Arlington Fire Company property for the next five years.
YES - 434 NO - 63
- Article 18: To vote by ballot to see if the town will vote to exempt from property tax the Arlington Lions Club, Inc. property for the next five years.
YES - 333 NO - 162
- Article 19: To vote by ballot to see if the town will vote to exempt from property tax the Arlington Community house property for the next five years.
YES - 382 NO - 114
- Article 20: To vote by ballot to see if the town will vote the sum of \$1,800.00 toward the Arlington Area Childcare, Inc..
YES - 352 NO - 147
- Article 21: To vote by ballot to see if the town will vote the sum of \$1,000.00 toward the support of the Arlington Community Club, Inc..
YES - 341 NO - 150
- 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 - 440 NO - 61
- Article 23: To vote by ballot to see if the town will vote the sum of \$1,000.00 toward the support of the Burdett Commons, Inc.
YES - 338 NO - 157

- Article 24: To vote by ballot to see if the town will vote the sum of \$6,000.00 toward the support of the Martha Canfield Library.
YES - 404 NO - 95
- Article 25: To vote by ballot to see if the town will vote the sum of \$500.00 toward the support of the Bennington County Coalition for the Homeless.
YES - 334 NO - 162
- Article 26: To vote by ballot to see if the town will vote the sum of \$400.00 toward the support of the Bennington County Conservation District.
YES - 287 NO - 207
- Article 27: To vote by ballot to see if the town will vote the sum of \$2,000.00 toward the support of the Bennington Project Independence, Adult Daycare Service.
YES - 337 NO - 158
- Article 28: To vote by ballot to see if the town will vote the sum of \$1,000.00 toward the support of the Bennington-Rutland Opportunity Council (BROC).
YES - 293 NO - 200
- Article 29: To vote by ballot to see if the town will vote the sum of \$600.00 toward the support of the Center for Restorative Justice (formerly Bennington County Court Diversion Program).
YES - 280 NO - 208
- Article 30: To vote by ballot to see if the town will vote the sum of \$500.00 toward the support of the Project Against Violent Encounters, Inc. (PAVE).
YES - 356 NO - 135
- Article 31: To vote by ballot to see if the town will vote the sum of \$2,250.00 toward the support of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (R.S.V.P.).
YES - 367 NO - 129
- Article 32: 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 - 230 NO - 257

Article 33: To vote by ballot to see if the town will vote the sum of \$1,700.00 toward the operation of the Southwestern Vt. Council on Aging.
YES - 352 NO - 141

Article 34: To vote by ballot to see if the town will vote the sum of \$350.00 toward the support of the Tutorial Center.
YES - 323 NO - 167

Article 35: 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 - 391 NO - 102

Article 36: 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 - 347 NO - 143

Article 37: Be it resolved that the citizens of the Town of Arlington urgently call upon our municipal leaders, state legislators, governor, and Congressional delegation to put Vermont in the forefront of a sustainable energy future. Specifically, we request immediate and ongoing action on legislative initiatives designed to promote energy efficiency in Vermont's homes, businesses, public buildings, and transportation systems, and to encourage expansion of the renewable energy industry in the state of Vermont.
YES - 398 NO - 94

I hereby certify this to be a true record of action taken by the legal voters of Arlington, Vermont, at the Annual Town Meeting held on March 4, 2003.

Dated at Arlington this 5th day of March 2003.

Joyce Wyman, Clerk

**MINUTES
SPECIAL INFORMATIONAL MEETING
JUNE 30, 2003**

Those Present: Selectman Chair, Keith Squires; Members Gerald Woodard, Larry Molloy, Dan Harvey and Alan Hess. Administrative Assistant, Mary Henning and Joyce Wyman, Town Clerk were also present.

Mr. Squires called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM. He read the Warning and Article to be voted on at the upcoming Special Meeting to be held on July 9, 2003.

He asked if there were any comments or questions. Mr. Molloy made the motion to adjourn the hearing, since there were no questions or comments. Seconded by Mr. Woodard. Voted unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:14 PM.

ATTEST: Joyce Wyman, Town Clerk

**RESULTS OF BALLOTING
SPECIAL VOTE
July 9, 2003**

Article 1: Shall the Town of Arlington validate the action taken on Article 11 at the March 4, 2003 Annual Meeting wherein bonds in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 were authorized for the purpose of renovating the Arlington Town Hall and updating equipment?

YES - 65 NO - 13

**MINUTES
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
NOVEMBER 3, 2003**

Selectmen Present: Keith Squires, Chairman; Alan Hess; Gerald Woodard; Lawrence Molloy and Daniel Harvey.

Others Present: Mary Henning, Selectmen Secretary and Joyce Wyman, Town Clerk.

Approximately 30 residents were present.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Squires at 7:05 PM. Mr. Squires read the Warnings for both the Town Special Meeting and the School Special Meeting.

Chris Heins from the Planning Commission then took the floor to explain the Flood Hazard ByLaw. He said it was basically house-keeping to allow those residents in the flood plain to be able to procure flood insurance. He added that the regulations for flood plain were set by the federal government and the towns need to adopt those regulations to be current.

Cynthia Browning from the Planning Commission then took the floor to explain the ByLaw concerning cell towers. She said the Commission tried to address everything that might go wrong with the addition of cell towers. She said the Commission realizes we need to have the cell towers, but at the same time did not want the residents of Arlington to be adversely affected by them.

There was much discussion as to the interference with radios and other electrical equipment in the home. Ms. Browning stated the main concern of the Planning Commission was to make sure that there was no interference with the Emergency management systems and E911.

It was asked if the Selectmen wanted cell phone service in Arlington. The selectmen stated they do want the service and this ByLaw would be a beginning step. Maybe it would have to be adjusted in the future, but it was a start for now.

Mr. Squires then asked Randy Novotny, Fire Chief to explain the need for a new fire truck. Chief Novotny explained that the truck that is now used for emergency calls for accidents is unreliable, too slow and cannot carry the equipment necessary to meet these emergency calls presently. He added the Department has had an increase in rescue calls and with winter coming on, the Department felt the need for this new truck.

Alan Hess made the motion to recess until 10:00 AM for voting at the Town Clerk's Office Tuesday, November 4, 2003. Seconded by Larry Molloy. Motion Carried.

Meeting recessed at 8:20 AM

ATTEST Joyce Wyman, Clerk

**RESULTS OF BALLOTING
SPECIAL VOTE
November 4, 2003**

Article 1: To vote by ballot to see if the voters of the Town of Arlington will vote to approve, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. Chapter 117, the proposed amendment to the Arlington Land Use (Zoning) bylaw and the Flood Hazard Regulations.
YES - 226 NO - 109

Article 2: To vote by ballot to see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to borrow an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00 to be applied toward the purchase of a new fire truck.
YES - 256 NO - 88

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