

ARLINGTON

VERMONT

ANNUAL REPORT
of the Town Officers
Year Ending December 31, 2004

TOWN OF ARLINGTON DIRECTORY

EMERGENCY CALLS, AMBULANCE, FIRE & POLICE	911
Animal Control Officer	375-6121
Arlington Food Shelf (<i>Tish Williams</i>)	375-6166
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
Delinquent Tax Collector	375-2539
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 2005 - ELECTED
(TERM EXPIRES IN YEAR SHOWN)

Moderator	1 Yr.	3/05	John L. Whalen II
Town Clerk	3 Yr.	3/07	Joyce A. Wyman
Town Treasurer	3 Yr.	3/07	Linda P. Crosby
Selectmen	3 Yr.	3/05	Keith Squires*
	2 Yr.	3/05	Larry Molloy
	2 Yr.	3/06	Cynthia Browning
	3 Yr.	3/07	Richard King
	3 Yr.	3/06	Daniel Harvey
Listers	3 Yr.	3/07	Earl LaBatt
	3 Yr.	3/06	Joseph Garger
	3 Yr.	3/05	Vacant
Delinquent Tax Collector .	1 Yr.	3/05	Richard Keough
Auditors	3 Yr.	3/07	Andy Heikaus
	3 Yr.	3/06	Gerard McManus
	3 Yr.	3/05	Susan Wirkki
Cemetery Commissioners .	3 Yr.	3/07	Nathalie Caler
	3 Yr.	3/06	Leroy Hush
	3 Yr.	3/05	Roger Hanson
Grand Jurors	1 Yr.	3/05	John Haugsrud
	1 Yr.	3/05	Al McAllister
	1 Yr.	3/05	Darlene M. Young
Town Agent	1 Yr.	3/05	Kevin P. Dailey
Trustees of Public Funds .	3 Yr.	3/07	R. Drew Hill
	3 Yr.	3/05	Anthony R. Mento
	3 Yr.	3/06	Vacant
Town Representative	2 Yr.	11/06	Larry Molloy
Justices of the Peace	2 Yr.	2/07	Donald Brown
			Cynthia Browning
			Kevin P. Dailey
			Richard Keough
			Larry Molloy
			Gerald Woodard
			John L. Whalen II

* Denotes Chairperson

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 2005 - 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.	4/06.	Keith Squires
Inspector of Lumber	3 Yr.	4/07	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.	12/05.	Jamie Paustian
First Asst. Fire Chief. . . .	1 Yr.	12/05.	Michael King
Second Asst. Fire Chief . .	1 Yr.	12/05	Michael Wood
Town Plan. Commission . .	3 Yr.	4/07	Ben Brumaghim
	2 Yr.	4/05	Cynthia Browning
	2 Yr.	4/06	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.	4/07	Maynard Grout
	2 Yr.	4/05	Ron Weber
	3 Yr.	4/05	Frank Rudavsky
	3 Yr.	4/07	Mary Sallisky*
Emergency Mgt. Director .	2 Yr.	4/06.	Keith Squires
BCRC Representatives . . .	3 Yr.	4/06	Nate Williams
Town Energy Coordinator.	1 Yr.	4/05	Cynthia Browning
Sign Administrator	3 Yr.	4/07	Al Godreau
Fire Warden	5 Yr.	6/08	Ron Cole
Septic/Sewer Admin. . . .	3 Yr.	4/07	Al Godreau
Animal Control Officer		Indefinite . . .	Traci Mulligan

*Denotes Chairperson

**TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS FOR 2005
TERM EXPIRES IN YEAR SHOWN**

Moderator	1 Yr.	3/05	John L. Whalen II
School District Clerk	3 Yr.	3/07	Joyce A. Wyman
School District Treasurer	3 Yr.	3/07	Linda P. Crosby
School Directors	2 Yr.	3/05	Kenneth J. Smith
	3 Yr.	3/05	John S. Rogers
	2 Yr.	3/06	Deborah C. Mattison
	3 Yr.	3/07	Paul Phelps
	3 Yr.	3/06	Donald Wilson*

*Denotes Chairman

STATEMENT OF TAX ASSESSMENT

Tax Rate - 2004

Municipal:

To be raised by taxes	\$	708,653.00
Less 2004 VT CU Hold Harmless	-	15,082.00
Net Town Taxes to be Raised	\$	693,571.00
Municipal Grand List	\$	184,712,990.00
Municipal Tax Rate of \$00.38 raises	\$	701,909.36
Municipal Overrun		8,338.36

Town hall Renovation Funds to be raised by taxes	\$	18,471.29
Add to Municipal Tax Rate \$00.01		

Local Agreement Rate for Locally Voted Exemptions of \$276,900.00 x non-residential rate set by VT Tax Dept. of \$1.7069, amount to be raised	\$	4,726.41
Add to Municipal Tax Rate \$00.0026		

Total Municipal Tax Rate Set \$00.3926

School:

Arlington Education Tax Rate as set by VT Tax Dept.

Homestead Grand List	\$96,133,344.00	
Homestead Education Tax Rate \$1.6903 raises	\$	1,624,941.91
Non-Residential Grand List	\$ 89,068,046.00	
Non-Residential Tax Rate \$ 1.7069 raises	\$	1,520,302.47

Tax Rate established and duly approved by the Selectmen per authority
voted at 2004 Annual Town Meeting.

SCHEDULE OF SALARIES, WAGES AND ALLOWABLE EXPENSES

Clerk.....	\$12,784 + Fees (annually)
Treasurer	\$10,018 (annually)
Selectmen, Chairman	\$5,000 (annually)
Selectmen, Member	\$2,000 (annually)
Listers.....	\$9.55 per hour
Moderator	\$100.00 (annually)
Mileage.....	\$.32 per mile

BY DISCRETION OF SELECTMEN:

Auditors	\$8.75 per hour
Road Foreman.....	\$16.96 per hour
First Helper.....	\$13.82 per hour
Second Helper.....	\$12.54 per hour
Land Use Administrator.....	\$12.16 per hour + Fees
Animal Control Officer.....	\$8.90 per hour

BY DISCRETION OF BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY:

Board of Civil Authority Members	\$6.75 per hour
Ballot Clerks.....	\$6.75 per hour

SCHOOL

School Board Chairman	\$2,000 (annually)
School Board Member	\$1,000 (annually)
Clerk	\$ 500 (annually)
Treasurer	\$10,720 (annually)
Moderator	\$ 50.00 (annually)

ARLINGTON, VERMONT

Chartered - July 28, 1761

Area - 26,668 acres

Population: 2397 Census - 2000

HOURS OF TOWN MEETING

Monday, February 28, 2005

7:00 p.m.

at

Arlington High School Gym

Tuesday, March 1, 2005

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

at

Arlington High School Gym

WARNING
February 28, 2005

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, February 28, 2005 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 1, 2005 to act upon Articles 7 through 37. The polls will be open at the Arlington High School Gymnasium on March 1, 2005 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, 2005, and payment to be in the hands of the Treasurer on or before November 4, 2005.
- 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 1, 2005.
- Article 7. To Elect the following Town Officers:
- Moderator 1 year term
Selectman 2 year term
Selectman 3 year term
Lister 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 (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 \$500.00 into a sinking fund toward the replacement of the copier in the office of the Town Clerk.

- Article 14. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$2,500.00 into a sinking fund for the purchase and/or repair of sidewalk maintenance/equipment.

- Article 15. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$11,700.00 to help support the 2005 operation of the Arlington Recreation Park.

- Article 16. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 10,000.00 for the resurfacing of Town roads.

- Article 17. 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 18. 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 19. 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 20. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$2,500.00 to the Arlington Area Childcare, Inc.
- Article 21. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$2,500.00 toward the support of the Arlington Community Club.
- Article 22. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$4,000.00 toward the operation of the Arlington Community Health Nursing Service for the year ensuing.
- Article 23. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$1,000.00 toward the support of Burdett Commons, Inc.
- Article 24. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$7,500.00 toward the support of the Martha Canfield Library.
- Article 25. 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 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.
- 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.
- Article 28. 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 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.
- Article 30. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$500.00 toward the support of Project Against Violent Encounters, Inc. (PAVE).
- 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.).
- 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.
- 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.
- Article 34. To vote by ballot to see if the Town will vote the sum of \$500.00 toward the support of the Tutorial Center.
- 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.
- 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.
- Article 37. To vote by ballot to see if the Town of Arlington will increase the assessment exemption for Arlington resident Veterans with 50% disability from \$10,000.00 to \$20,000.00 as permitted and provided for in 32 V. S. A. 3802 (11)(B).

Dated this January 24, 2005
Keith Squires, Chairman
Lawrence Molloy
Daniel Harvey
Cynthia Browning
Richard King

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, 2004.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Andrew Heikaus
Susan Wirkki
Gerard McManus

BOARD OF LISTERS

The listers are working steadily to get the reappraisal completed for the 2005 Grand List. The Data Collectors have finished their visits and we have found many decks/porches, sheds and even building additions that were done without permits, that we had no record of in our files.

We expect to have your new assessed values by late Spring or early summer and property owners will be advised by mail of the results.

The Listers would like to sincerely thank you for the cooperation shown to the Data Collectors and to us while we go through this reappraisal.

In addition, we are keeping up with normal activities required of the Board of Listers. Plus, we have attended all the training classes sponsored by the state to keep abreast of the many changes in the way property listing is handled now, as a result of the recent legislation in regards to education funding.

NOTE: Reminder -- make sure you fill in the HS-131 Form; Declaration of Vermont Homestead; before April 15,2005.

Board of Listers,
Joseph Garger
Earl LaBatt

UNPAID DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAX

2001

Dietrich, Stacy	\$ 854.56
TOTAL	\$ 854.56

2002

Dietrich, Stacy	\$ 858.48
Freeholders Sanctuary	76.65
Price, Theresa	43.80
Zekowich, Carolyn	<u>81.03</u>
TOTAL	\$ 1,059.96

2003

Dietrich, Stacy	889.84
Freeholders Sanctuary	79.45
Knapp, Herbert	56.75
McEckron, Dolores	837.63
Price, Theresa	109.64
Stockwell, Dolloretta	158.90
Weissberg, Andrew	249.70
Zekowich, Carolyn	<u>83.99</u>
TOTAL	\$ 2,465.90

2004

Alexis Corporation	3,936.57
Axelrod, Lauryn, Now Ordenker	3,045.20
Baccki, John	1,962.09
Black, Ann Marie	3,716.11
Blay, Susan	1,549.43
Boyd, James	65.08
Carabello, Joseph	4,200.85
Colgan, Richard	2,790.24
Croft, Scott	Bal. 2.79
Croft, Thomas	233.05
DeMarco, Christoph	562.67
Dietrich, Kelly	1,717.39
Dietrich, Stacy	823.00
Darling, Dean	Bal. 2,488.02
Freeholders Sanctuary	73.48
Gabert, Raymond	65.08
General Land Company	1,415.06
Hall, Linda	31.49
Hinrichsen, Joyce	2,326.25
Hoyt, Wayne	2,645.28

Johnson, Christopher	Bal.	1,257.65
Kagey, Guy		3,363.40
Knapp, Herbert		52.49
Knight, Rickey		1,274.73
Ley, Krista		1,400.36
McDermott, Harry		1,491.35
McEckron, Dolores		774.72
McKee-Gratton Corp.		1,841.26
Moran, Susan	Bal.	1,230.89
Mollaney, Kevin		2,252.76
Morse, Terry	Bal.	109.00
Noe, Lisa		220.44
Ploof, Julie		1,568.43
Price, Theresa		101.40
Sahr, Elizabeth		535.37
Secoy, Derek & Taren		2,041.24
Sniffen, Ernest		117.58
Stockwell, Doloretta		146.96
Taylor, Charles		2,345.14
Thompson, Robert	Bal.	468.56
Townsend, Barry		3,682.57
Valerino, Donald		1,743.39
Walker, James		3,417.98
Watson, Mildred		3,399.29
Weissberg, Andrew		230.95
Whitman, Robert	Bal.	662.28
Wilkins, Bonnie & Ken	Bal.	300.00
Woodard, Floyd		935.22
Zekowich, Carolyn		<u>77.69</u>
TOTAL		70,692.23

Reconciliation of Tax Collector's Accounts of Uncollected Taxes

YEAR	AMOUNT
2001	\$ 854.56
2002	1,059.96
2003	2,465.90
2004	<u>70,692.23</u>
TOTAL	\$75,072.65

TOWN CLERK - 2005

Well, it's over and we made it through another Presidential Election! We had a 77% turn out at the polls. This was higher than the state average. I thank all of you who voted and especially those who worked at the polls. It was also great that we didn't have to count 1354 ballots by hand. I can't "thank you" enough for that great tabulator!

We have a new increase in the Dog License Fees this year. The Legislature has added another surcharge of \$2.00 for spaying and neutering programs.

This means that a spayed or neutered dog this year is \$4.00 plus \$1.00 for state rabies control and \$2.00 for spaying and neutering programs for a total of \$7.00. For the not neutered and unspayed dog, the fee is \$8.00 plus \$1.00 for rabies control and \$2.00 for spay and neuter programs for a total of \$11.00. We are ready to license your dogs now. If you are not sure if your dog has a current rabies vaccination, please give me a call at the Town Clerk's Office. (375-2332)

I am very proud to be able to serve you as Town Clerk and thank you again for your support and kindness.

Respectfully,

Joyce "Birdie" Wyman, Town Clerk

TOWN REPRESENTATIVE

The legislative session of the Vermont State Legislature convened on January 5, 2005. I will be serving as ranking member on the Institution's Committee. It is our Responsibility to put together the capital budget for the year, appropriating and allocating funds for various purposes in capital construction. We will also be working on problems within the correctional system throughout the state,

This year the legislature will be aggressively looking at ways to lower health care costs, and trying to stabilize the cost of education so that we can lower property tax throughout the state.

I will continue to fight for issues and concerns affecting my district and can be reached in Montpelier at: 1-800-322-5616 or at home at 802-375-2300. My e-mail address is: lbmolloy@sover.net. I welcome hearing from my constituents in Arlington, Sandgate, Sunderland and West Rupert.

Respectfully submitted,
Rep. Lawrence E. Molloy

TOWN TREASURER

General Town Account - Year Ending December 31, 2004

Cash on Hand 1/1/04 \$ 4,538.61

RECEIPTS:

2004 Property Taxes Collected		3,707,417.17
State of Vermont - Schedule I		165,240.54
Fire Protection - Sandgate	10,982.00	
Sunderland	<u>26,356.80</u>	37,338.80
Miscellaneous Income - Schedule II		21,160.34
Town Clerk - Fees & Licenses		23,527.00
LUA & ZBA Fees		7,232.50
Payroll & Expense Reimbursement:		
Cemetery	915.03	
Lions Pool	3,306.75	
Recreation & Park	<u>31,794.22</u>	36,016.00
Delinquent Tax Collector:		
Delinquent Taxes	236,389.34	
Interest	9,717.70	
Penalties	<u>19,220.68</u>	265,327.72
Expensed Reimbursements:		
Reappraisal Fund	8,483.74	
Town Hall Renovation	10,116.17	
Computer Fund	775.59	
Battenkill Dredging Fund	1,000.00	
Special Highway Fund	14,919.99	35,295.49
Interest		1,939.97
Borrowed Money		<u>300,000.00</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS:		<u>\$ 4,605,034.14</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:

Orders #1 through #29 Operating	\$ 760,830.31	
Orders #1 through #53 Payroll	<u>277,102.10</u>	1,037,932.41
Town Hall Renovation Fund		18,434.74
Borrowed Money		300,000.00
Prior Year Fire Truck Appropriation		30,000.00
Taxes Paid to School District		3,132,101.00
Misc. Bank Charge		<u>15.00</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:		4,518,483.15
Cash Balance on Hand 12/31/04		<u>86,550.99</u>
RECEIPTS TOTAL:		<u>\$ 4,605,034.14</u>

CASH ACCOUNTS

Chittenden Bank -- General Checking	\$ 2,586.32
Chittenden Bank -- Payroll Checking	0.00
Chittenden Bank -- Payroll Withholding Savings	544.78
Chittenden Bank -- General Operating Money Market	83,296.89
Petty Cash	<u>123.00</u>
Cash on Hand	<u><u>\$86,550.99</u></u>

SCHEDULE I

State of Vermont Income

Aid to Highway	\$ 69,783.02
Share of Local Fines	12,324.67
R.R. Tax	117.25
Current Use Program	15,082.00
PILOT - FP&FW	753.79
Paving Reimbursement	60,000.00
2003 Homeland Security Grant	<u>7,179.81</u>
	<u><u>\$ 165,240.54</u></u>

SCHEDULE II

Miscellaneous Income

Animal Control Office	\$ 58.00
Arlington School District Fuel Reimbursement	9,558.68
Vendors Permits	52.00
Xerox	156.00
Rents	540.00
Miscellaneous Sales, Reimbursements,	
Refunds	774.89
US Treasury - PILOT	4,651.00
Tax Sale Redemption	4,814.07
Insurance Claims	<u>555.70</u>
	<u><u>\$ 21,160.34</u></u>

BORROWED MONEY

Chittenden Bank Tax Anticipation Note #010-215-055-4 #05-0

2/5/04	-	\$100,000.00 principal borrowed
3/10/04	-	\$ 50,000.00 principal borrowed
5/19/04	-	\$ 50,000.00 principal borrowed
6/23/04	-	\$ 50,000.00 principal borrowed
8/10/04	-	\$ 50,000.00 principal borrowed
11/12/04	-	\$300,000.00 principal paid plus \$3,049.99 interest
12/31/04	-	\$ 0.00 Outstanding Balance.

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

Uncollected Taxes 1/1/04	\$	163,483.34
2004 Taxes to Collector		<u>153,595.30</u>
Total Uncollected		317,078.64
Less Amount Received from Delinquent Tax Collector	-	236,389.34
Tax Sales in Redemption Period	-	5,479.12
HS 131 - Late filed	-	8.63
Prior Years net adjustments		<u>-128.90</u>
12/31/04 Un-remitted Taxes	\$	75,072.65

FIRE TRUCK FUND

Balance in Fund 1/1/04	\$ 130,568.61
Interest Received	1,620.41
2004 Voted Appropriation	30,000.00
State of Vermont Equipment Loan	60,000.00
Arlington Fire Company	<u>3,389.00</u>
Sub-total	\$225,578.02
Paid Order #22-24	<u>224,406.00</u>
Balance in Fund 12/31/04	\$ 1,172.02

Evidenced by Money Market Account #3400867 @ FPNB \$ 1,172.02

FIRE DEPARTMENT BRUSH TRUCK FUND

Balance in Fund 1/1/04	\$ 2,400.00
FEMA Grants	63,000.00
Donations	<u>5,100.00</u>
Sub-Total	70,500.00
Paid Orders 2004/1-4	<u>70,500.00</u>
Balance in Fund 12/31/04	0.00

TOWN TRUCK FUND

Balance in Fund 1/1/04	\$ 45,010.93
Interest Received	284.28
2004 Voted Appropriation	<u>22,000.00</u>
Balance in Fund 12/31/04	\$ 67,295.21

Evidenced by Money Market Account #134515465 @ CB \$ 67,295.21

TOWN BACKHOE & LOADER FUND

Balance in Fund 1/1/04	\$ 39,725.00
Interest Received	239.37
2004 Voted Appropriation	<u>10,000.00</u>
Balance in Fund 12/31/04	\$ 49,964.37

Evidenced by Money Market Account #134505214 @ CB \$ 49,964.37

TOWN GRADER FUND

Balance in Fund 1/1/04	\$ 61,703.15
Interest Received	589.78
2004 Voted Appropriation	<u>5,000.00</u>
Balance in Fund 12/31/04	\$ 67,292.93

Evidenced by CD#401-3-01363-0 due 10/22/05
@ Charter One Bank \$ 67,292.93

SPECIAL HIGHWAY FUND

Balance in Fund 1/1/04	\$ 29,940.57
Interest Received	163.73
2004 Voted Appropriation	\$ <u>10,000.00</u>
Sub-Total	40,104.30
Paid Order #2004-29	<u>14,919.99</u>
Balance in Fund 12/31/04	\$ 25,184.31

Evidenced by Money Market Account #134500867 @ CB \$ 25,184.31

SIDEWALK MAINTENENCE/EQUIPMENT FUND

Balance in Fund 1/1/04	\$ 12,846.89
Interest Received	<u>80.80</u>
Balance in Fund 12/31/04	\$ 12,927.69

Evidenced by Money Market Account#3401111 @ FPNB \$ 12,927.69

TOWN BRIDGES FUND

Balance in Fund 1/1/04	\$ 16,766.52
Interest Received	<u>97.39</u>
Balance in Fund 12/31/04	\$ 16,863.91

Evidenced by Money Market Account #134901160 @ CB \$ 16,863.91

BATTENKILL DREDGING FUND

Balance in Fund 1/1/04	\$ 12,188.72
Interest Received	135.54
State of Vermont-WGM Grant	1,000.00
Trout & Salmon Foundation Grant	<u>1,000.00</u>
Sub-Total	14,324.26
Paid Order 2004-2	<u>1,000.00</u>
Balance in Fund 12/31/04	\$ 13,324.26
Evidenced by CD#380200904 due 3/15/05 @ FPNB	\$ 13,324.26

MPG-0024-04 CELL TOWER

Balance in Fund 1/1/04	\$ 0.00
From State of Vermont	<u>7,788.00</u>
Subtotal	7,788.00
Paid Orders #1 - #2	<u>7,688.00</u>
Balance in Fund 12/31/04	100.00
Evidenced by Checking Account #134524510 @ CB	\$ 100.00

ACT 200 PLANNING FUND

Balance in Fund 1/1/04	\$ 1,261.43
Interest Received	<u>2.00</u>
Balance in Fund 12/31/04	\$ 1,263.43
Evidenced by Checking Account #3308782 @ FPNB	\$ 1,263.43

TOWN HALL RENOVATION FUND

Balance in Fund 1/1/04	\$ 18,621.05
Interest Received	80.41
Received from 2004 taxes	<u>18,434.74</u>
Subtotal	37,136.20
Paid Orders #	<u>19,343.32</u>
Balance in Fund 12/31/03	17,792.88
Evidenced by Money Market Account #134520647 @ CB	\$ 17,792.88

COMPUTER FUND

Balance in Fund 1/1/04	\$ 9,057.85
Interest Received	53.35
2004 Voted Appropriation	<u>2,000.00</u>
Sub-total	11,111.20
Paid Order 2004 / 4-5	<u>963.09</u>
Balance in Fund 12/31/04	\$ 10,148.11
Evidenced by Money Market Account #134513632 @ CB	\$ 10,148.11

TOWN COPIER REPLACEMENT FUND

Balance in Fund 1/1/04	\$ 5,519.01
Interest Received	<u>53.09</u>
Sub-Total	5,572.10
Paid Order #2	5,494.00
Bank Charge	25.00
Balance in Fund 12/31/04	\$ 53.10
Evidenced by FPNB cashier's check	\$ 53.10

DISCRETIONARY FUND

Balance in Fund 1/1/04	\$ 5,160.21
Interest Received	<u>30.01</u>
Balance in Fund 12/31/04	\$ 5,190.22
Evidenced by Money Market Account #134511311 @ CB	\$ 5,190.22

AUDIT FUND

Balance in Fund 1/1/04	\$ 0.00
2004 Voted Appropriation	4,000.00
Interest Received	<u>1.55</u>
Balance in Fund 12/31/04	\$ 4,001.55
Evidenced by Checking Account # 134525355 @ CB	\$ 4,001.55

TOWN REAPPRAISAL FUND

Balance in Fund 1/1/04	\$ 81,170.99
Interest Received	742.17
From State of Vermont	<u>9,807.00</u>
Sub-total	91,720.16
Paid Order #2004 / 2-11	57,492.84
Bank Charges	<u>29.85</u>
Balance in Fund 12/31/04	\$ 34,197.47
Evidenced by Checking Account #3900510 @ FPNB	\$ 1,765.82
Money Market Account #134511397 @ CB	\$ 32,431.65

EVERGREEN CEMETERY ACCOUNT

Balance in Fund 1/1/04	\$ 1,224.76
Interest Received	7.85
Perpetual Care	3,200.00
Sale of Lots	6,100.00
Trustee of Public Funds	8,370.00
2004 Voted Appropriation	7,000.00
Miscellaneous	<u>1,475.00</u>
Sub-total	27,377.61
Bank Charge	13.75
Paid Orders #04-1 through #04-22	<u>26,296.51</u>
Balance in Fund 12/31/04	\$ 1,067.35
Evidenced by Savings Acct. #0131100088 @ CB	\$ 1,062.35
Checking Acct. #134500549 @ CB	\$ 5.00

TAX SALE ESCROW ACCOUNT

Balance in Fund 1/1/04	\$ 762.09
Interest Received	.57
Subtotal	762.66
Paid-State of Vermont-Abandoned Property Div.	<u>762.66</u>
Balance in Fund 12/31/04	0.00

**TOWN OF ARLINGTON
TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS
1/1/04 - 12/31/04**

ASSETS

BANK ACCOUNTS

FACTORY POINT NATIONAL BANK

Checking Acct. 1900102 - (Cemetery Acct)\$	9,761.62
Sav. Acct. 3023686 - (Smith Account)	809.37
CD 380625801 - (Smith Account)	3,982.76
CD 189055701 - (Holden Account)	2,195.72
CD 380485601 - (Tricentennial)	<u>374.55</u>

TOTAL BANK ACCOUNTS	17,124.02
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INVESTMENTS (Cemetery Account)

MFS Trust Class A	\$ 46,778.95
Eaton Vance Balanced Class A	18,649.21
Fidelity Magellan	<u>32,008.52</u>

TOTAL INVESTMENTS	<u>97,436.68</u>
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TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$114,560.70</u>
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TOTAL EQUITY	<u>\$114,560.70</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 -2004

The good news is that 2004 held no big or especially bad events during my 21st year of service to the town as Animal Control Officer. This year there were 18 dogs picked up with 11 of those being reclaimed by their owners who paid a total of \$50 in fines as well as \$25 in licensing fees before having their impounded pooches released to their custody. One dog had not yet been reported missing by its owners who I was fortunate to be able to track down by a door-to-door canvass after it had been struck and killed by a car. In contrast to this sad event I am thrilled to report that this year there was no need to euthanize any of the unclaimed strays! To the Arlington - taxpayers this translates to a huge savings in skyrocketing veterinary expense and for me personally it is a great relief from a necessary and too often frequent part of my job. With these costs in mind I took measures to insure that 2 other dogs were returned to the custody of the agencies whose jurisdiction I knew the dogs to have originally fallen under. One was a dog brought to the shelter by someone claiming it was a stray however the contact info left by that person was falsified and this was very likely yet another approach by someone needing help in placing their dog and fearful of being turned away. A call to the Shelter's president to discuss these all too common deceptions by desperate owners and the resulting impact on the town animal control programs resulted in agreement to take back this particular animal, 10 days after it's being turned over to me. In the second situation I picked up a dog in Arlington that very clearly matched a found report in my phone logs that had been filed by someone in a neighboring town. A call to this party confirmed that they had held the dog for a number of days while waiting for that town's animal control officer to come for the dog but it had escaped from them earlier on the same day it was found on the Arlington school grounds. After a week of chasing down this town's ACO the dog was finally put into that town's custody. In recent years I have grown quite concerned about how often dogs handled and funded as Arlington strays may actually be undetected wards of another agency but I have so far been unable to figure out a solution other than these other agencies taking measures to attempt collecting the problems on their ends.

I am pleased to be able to report that the balance of the unclaimed dogs were all successfully matched with excited new homes and follow-up checks were all favorable reports of both happy dogs and their new owners.

Bite reports jumped way up for some reason this year. Last year we had only 4 cases but in 2004 a total of 9 were cases reported by health officials. As a reminder I would like to mention that rabies is still a very real concern and active in our area although the general public does not often hear about it anymore. PLEASE be sure to keep your pets and livestock up to date on their rabies vaccinations. As always, I can be reached at my home phone 375-6121. An answering machine is left on to assure that you are able to reach me as quickly as possible since I am in and out so often so please leave a message rather than waiting to try catching me in person. I am more apt to be able to respond readily if I know in advance where I am needed and can plan accordingly. I am more than happy to not only take your lost and found pet reports and respond to complaints but will also do my best to advise you on any problems you may be having in training or controlling your pet.

Respectfully submitted, Traci Mulligan

ARLINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT 2004

The Arlington Volunteer Fire Department responded to 117 calls for assistance in the year 2004. The calls by town were as follows: Arlington 66, Sunderland 30, Sandgate 10, Shushan N.Y. 6, Shaftsbury 3, and Manchester 2. The calls by incident nature were as follows: 29 motor vehicle accidents, 29 alarm activations, 14 structure / chimney fires, 10 power lines down, 7 vehicle fires., 7 mutual aid calls, 4 CO detector alarms, 3 rescue squad assist, 3 gas spills, 7 good intent / investigation calls. In the last year our 30 active members spent an estimated 2100 hrs responding to these calls and another 763 hrs training to provide our towns with the best fire protection possible.

We have in the last year placed into service 2 new apparatus. The first being a 2004 International Rescue Pumper which now carries our "Jaws of Life" as well as water and wildland rescue equipment. The truck is also a Pumper, which will be used as a water supply unit capable of supplying large amounts of water and attacking a fire. The second truck is a 2004 Ford F-350 Brush Truck with a diesel pump, 260 gl. water tank, Class A foam system, 9000 lb winch, generator and numerous other wildland gear. This truck was purchased with a grant of \$70,000. of which we were responsible for 10% or \$7,000. We are very thankful to the following contributors to the fund for the brush truck: Vermont Country Store, C.V.P.S., HBH Prestain, Factory Point Ntl. Bank, Quadra-Tek, R.k. Miles Inc., Mack Molding, Mrs. Jean Woodman, Al & Kit McAllister, Gary Goldberg and Dianne Meehan, Jerry Coulter and Ben and Lana Haubin, whose donations allowed us to acquire the truck at no cost to the town.

In this time of dwindling manpower and volunteers, we would ask anyone interested in becoming a Firefighter, Junior Firefighter, or Ladies Auxiliary Member to stop by the East Arlington firehouse any Tuesday night for information or an application. With more and more of our members working out of town during the day, we look forward to anyone wanting to join the dept. and help thy neighbor.

In closing, we would like to remind everyone to PLEASE TEST and CHANGE SMOKE DETECTOR BATTERIES TWICE A YEAR. Also practice Fire Prevention at home, and at work, and have a Family Meeting Spot at the end of your driveway. Finally PLEASE POST YOUR 911 NUMBERS CLEARLY at the end of your driveway if you cannot see your home from the road. In such a rural environment it is hard to find some residences off on side roads or obstructed from view by landscaping. It is a finable offense in the town of Arlington, if an emergency response is needed, and your numbers are not posted. Please help us help you. Dial 911 for all emergencies or (802) 375-2323 for non-emergencies.

Respectfully submitted, Fire Chief James Paustain

FIRE WARDEN REPORT - 2004

The Forest Fire Wardens had 4 grass and brush fires this past year with a total of 1 acre burned due to the cooperation of the people when looking for fire permits.

12 firemen attended a seminar on Wild Land Fires.

We purchased, this fall, a KME 2004 Ford F350 4x4 with foam and 300 gallons of water and pump mounted with pre-connected hose and other hand tools on the truck.

In 2004 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. We raised \$7,000 from private donations and met 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.

200 Fire permits were issued in 2004.

Post your 911 house numbers to help identify your home when we are being dispatched.

You can contact your Forest Fire Warden for permits by calling

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

Ron King, Deputy Warden at 375-2786

Jamie Paustian Chief Arlington, VT at 375-1072

Thank you for your continued support

Ron Cole, Arlington Forest Fire Warden

HEALTH ORDINANCE ADMINISTRATOR

In 2004 there were 17 applications for sewage disposal systems and 13 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

PLANNING COMMISSION – 2004

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

A number of subdivisions were reviewed and approved which will facilitate new development and growth of the town, keeping in mind the Town Plan.

A number of home occupations were reviewed. These businesses will also promote growth of the town.

The Wireless Communication Facilities by-laws were reviewed by an outside Consultant and certain user-friendly changes will be made in the next year. The review of the Town Plan was started.

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

Respectfully submitted
Dan Barber, Chairman

LAND USE ADMINISTRATOR

A Total Of 75 Building Permits were issued in 2004 compared to 61 in 2003 and 57 in 2002. A number of permits include multiple projects. Permits issued in 2002 involved the following:

New Residences:	13
Mobile Homes	2
Pools	3
Additions:	23
Accessory Blds.:	29
Cust. Home Occupation:	2
Base Of Operations	3
Subdivisions:	6
Subdivision Exemptions:	2
Change Of Use	1
Commercial	3

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

Variances:	4
Conditional Uses:	5
Expansion Of Non-Conforming Use:	1

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

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Section Three: Arlington Community Agencies

ARLINGTON AREA CHILDCARE'S TOWN REPORT

2003-2004 was our second year in our new building. The Board and staff have accomplished their goal of providing early care and education for 115-132 children and their families each year. 73 of these children were from the town of Arlington, including children who came to our Summer Camp Adventure.

Services Happy Days provides include a teacher and assistant in each classroom, an Early Interventionist, a Family Service Worker doing nutrition activities and home visits, an Occupational therapist once/week, a Speech and Language Therapist, a cook and kitchen serving three meals a day, and parent education and literacy activities.

Happy Days is committed to engaging in community collaboratives that will allow us to provide the above services and even more. Happy Days continues its formal collaborative with Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union, Head Start, and the Battenkill Valley Supervisory Union. An expansion of our collaborative this year allowed us to participate in a Math Outreach program with the two Kindergarten teachers at Fisher School. For six weeks preschoolers visited the Kindergarten rooms and did math activities with the teachers. Later they repeated these activities in their preschool classrooms. Together our staff and our collaborative staff are working to prepare children for school and life!

Building goals were also achieved this year. Our driveway and sidewalk were paved and required screening trees were planted. Local businesses also continued to support our program with donations and we thank them for their commitment to us.

Our Board and twenty staff look forward to a new year and new challenges. Our goals for year 2004-05 include: national and state accreditation, weekly planning time for teachers, an updated teacher evaluation and salary system, staff development, replacing a large grant which ends this year and starting a Parent Association.

ARLINGTON COMMUNITY CLUB, INC.

The Arlington Community House is the brick house located on the east side of Main Street, Route 7A, in the center of Arlington, Vermont. The Federal style house was built in 1829 for Phineas Smith and reflects the Dutch tradition of the Hudson River Valley.

Reverend Eli H. Canfield bought the house in 1857 and it stayed in the Canfield Family for the next 90 years. When Reverend Canfield died, the house was passed to Martha Hulme Canfield and Dorothy Canfield Fisher inherited the brick house when her Aunt Martha died in 1919.

In 1948 Dorothy Canfield and her husband John Fisher deeded the entire property over to the newly formed "Arlington Community Club, Inc." with the stipulation that the club use the building to provide meeting rooms for all citizens of the Arlington, Sunderland, Sandgate communities, and also provide space for the Martha Canfield Free Library. The Community Club, with a board of about 12 volunteer members, has maintained the Community House and its out buildings for the past 56 years.

At present, the Community Club provides housing for the Martha Canfield Library Book Sale and rents two upstairs apartments. The Community 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. During the year 2004, the building was used 177 times by 18 different organizations. While use fees are not charged, donations are appreciated.

The Community Club is currently exploring other possible uses for the Community House, as well as the Carriage House and barn. To offer your suggestions, or to learn more about the Arlington Community Club, Inc., please contact President Ken Nicholson at 375-9945. The Club is always looking for new members.

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

Ken Nicholson
President
Arlington Community Club
Dec. 22, 2004

ARLINGTON COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEALTH
NURSING SERVICE, INC.

The Arlington Nursing Service has been conducting Public Health Nursing Services in Arlington, Sandgate and Sunderland for 58 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 school's 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 Sunderland community and hope you will continue your support in the future.

Sincerely,

Sheila W. Hoyt
President Arlington Community Public Health Nursing Service Inc.

ARLINGTON RESCUE SQUAD

Arlington Rescue Squad, as of November 30th, had a total of 358 calls. We had 251 calls in Arlington. We have an average response time of 7.1 minutes, which is 2.8 minutes faster than last year and the fastest response time in Vermont District 12.

Arlington Rescue Squad is continuing to improve our services to those communities who have graciously supported us over the years. Approximately 1/2 of our members are trained in the new advanced procedure at the Intermediate level of care. These are additions to the current treatment techniques that are currently available such as IV therapy, advanced patient assessment skills and cardiac monitoring and defibrillation. All these advancements will help increase the chances of survival in critical patients.

We continue to strive to offer the best pre-hospital care possible. However, without your support, these goals would not be obtained. We urge you to continue to show your support by voting yes for the appropriations requested to appear on the town ballot in March 2005.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert Burgess, Chairman, Board of Trustees

ARLINGTON RECREATIONAL & PARK COMMITTEE, INC.

2004 was a good year for the Park. We are thankful to the Lions, Firemen, Masons, Little League, Battenkill Road Runners, Garden Club, Scouts, and many residents and businesses for volunteering their time. Their efforts enabled us to maintain the park to the standard of safety and attractiveness you and visitors have come to expect and enjoy.

The playground committee developed plans to upgrade the facilities and provide a safe area for 2 - 5 year old toddlers. We are grateful to the many organizations, corporations and people who supported and endorsed our expansion endeavors for the playground; and funding for the completion of the ice skating rink renovation, and new highly visible safe skateboard facility away from errant golf balls.

Thanks to generous donors and grants, funding for the ice rink renovation and skateboard area paving is complete. Work should be completed this summer. Rains delaying State highway and road construction precluded us from getting a contractor this past summer. We are continuing, fundraising for the skateboard and playground facilities. Grants and contributions are expected to provide the funds.

The Park's projected 2005 operating budget of approximately \$65,000 includes appropriations from the Towns of Arlington, Sandgate and Sunderland. Grants, use fees, contributions and investment income complete our revenue sources.

Each expansion and improvement adds costs. For example, the popular walking path was resurfaced with mulch that added material and labor costs. As we continue to improve the park and add new facilities, we must budget for adequate staffing and maintenance.

Many improvements to Park grounds and facilities were made possible by our enthusiastic Park Supervisor and his dedicated team.

New equipment was acquired to reduce the need for costly annual repairs. The overseeder and new mower tractor will improve maintenance of the grasses and save time and money. Our Supervisor has been State certified in Integrated Pest management, and a weather station was installed to track weather and moisture conditions for grass seeding with maximum germination and economy.

The Town contributed \$11,130 to Park expenses in 2003 and 2004. This year we are requesting an increase of \$570 to \$11,700.

We encourage you to attend the Park's annual meeting on Monday evening, at 7:30p.m., March 28th, 2005 at the Burdett Commons. Your participation and suggestions are welcome at this and each of our regular meetings.

Respectfully submitted, Arlington Recreational & Park Committee, Inc.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Summary of 2004 Spending and 2005 Budget

	2004 BUDGET	2004 ACTUAL EXPENSES	2004 INCOME	2004 ACTUAL COST	2005 BUDGET
Administration	277,571.00	3,768,732.62	4,353,920.91	-585,188.29	287,459.00
Appropriations	162,075.00	162,075.00	0.00	162,075.00	168,145.00
Fire Protection	79,820.00	87,025.74	45,274.35	41,751.39	86,750.00
Park	0.00	31,794.22	31,794.22	0.00	0.00
Lions	0.00	3,306.75	3,306.75	0.00	0.00
Highway	381,352.00	409,103.57	155,543.13	253,560.44	381,267.00
Town Hall	14,363.00	26,409.90	10,656.17	15,753.73	34,644.00
Town Patrol	350.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	350.00
TOTALS	915,531.00	4,488,447.80	4,600,495.53	-112,047.73	958,615.00

ADMINISTRATION

	2004 BUDGET	2004 EXPENSES	2004 INCOME	2004 ACTUAL	2005 BUDGET
Animal Control	4,000.00	3,773.84	58.00	3,715.84	4,000.00
Arlington Green Up	200.00	200.00	0.00	200.00	300.00
Auditor/Labor	600.00	332.88	0.00	332.88	600.00
Postage/Sup./Mileage	400.00	233.91	0.00	233.91	300.00
Town Report/Print	4,900.00	4,880.00	0.00	4,880.00	5,200.00
Board of Civil Authority	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
Audit by Outside Firm	.00	0.00	.00	.00	0.00
Benn. County Sheriff	30,000.00	29,725.88	11,297.26	18,428.62	30,000.00
Borrowed Money	4,000.00	303,049.99	300,000.00	3,049.99	4,000.00
B.C.R.C.	2,061.00	2,061.00	0.00	2,061.00	2,061.00
Cemetery Committee	0.00	850.00	850.00	0.00	0.00
Clerical	15,488.00	16,313.79	0.00	16,313.79	17,000.00
Computer Expense	1,500.00	1,575.00	775.59	799.41	1,000.00
Emergency Management	2,000.00	553.00	0.00	553.00	2,000.00
Forest Fire Warden	1,500.00	749.45	0.00	749.45	2,500.00
Geo. D. Aiken Resource Ct.	50.00	50.00	0.00	50.00	100.00
Health Officer	266.00	266.00	0.00	266.00	274.00
Interest	0.00	0.00	1,939.97	-1,939.97	0.00
Insurance	15,416.00	15,416.04	0.00	15,416.04	15,470.00
Landfill/Solid Waste/					
Recycling	14,645.00	8,386.15	0.00	8,386.15	13,000.00
Landfill/Regional (ISWAP)	1,522.00	886.59	0.00	886.59	1,500.00
Household Haz. Waste	2,066.00	2,161.98	0.00	2,161.98	2,200.00
Land Use Office Expenses	600.00	210.85	0.00	210.85	600.00

Land Use Labor	5,734.00	5,783.62	0.00	5,783.62	6,520.00
Land Use Permits	0.00	2,002.50	7,232.50	-5,230.00	0.00
Legal Fees	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
Legal Notices	700.00	854.79	0.00	854.79	1,200.00
Listers Labor	18,000.00	21,939.04	8,270.39	13,668.65	18,000.00
Listers Office Expenses	1,200.00	736.05	283.47	452.58	1,200.00
Meetings & Mileage	1,000.00	1,487.08	10.88	1,476.20	1,500.00
Membership, VLCT	2,007.00	2,007.00	0.00	2,007.00	2,306.00
Miscellaneous	500.00	310.00	102.00	208.00	250.00
Office Supplies & Postage	1,000.00	1,297.97	0.00	1,297.97	1,300.00
Planning Commission Clerical	1,000.00	548.00	0.00	548.00	1,000.00
Planning Comm. Notices	650.00	558.58	0.00	558.58	1,000.00
Planning Comm. Spec. Study	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Planning Comm. Supplies	350.00	281.86	0.00	281.86	350.00
Repairs & Purchase Tran-Equip	1,000.00	920.25	0.00	920.25	3,000.00
Salaries - Moderator	100.00	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
Salaries - Selectmen (4)	8,000.00	8,000.00	0.00	8,000.00	8,000.00
Salaries - Chair. Select Bd	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Salaries - Town Clerk	12,784.00	12,784.00	0.00	12,784.00	13,168.00
Salaries - Treasurer	10,018.00	10,018.00	0.00	10,018.00	10,319.00
Street Lights	24,000.00	23,798.58	62.41	23,736.17	24,000.00
Tax-Sales/Land Use Misc.	0.00	4,399.53	4,814.07	-414.54	0.00
Taxes - County	19,100.00	18,843.27	0.00	18,843.27	20,280.00
Taxes - F.I.C.A.	10,500.00	10,568.03	65.03	10,503.00	10,815.00
Tax Bills & Cards	450.00	270.00	0.00	270.00	450.00
Taxes, Property	0.00	3,150,535.74	3,707,417.17	-556,881.43	0.00
Taxes, Delinquent	0.00	0.00	236,389.34	-236,389.34	0.00
Tax Collectors Fee/penalt.	0.00	19,220.68	19,220.68	0.00	0.00

Taxes, Delin., Interest	0.00	0.00	9,717.70	-9,717.70	0.00
Tax Mapping	3,500.00	1,951.25	0.00	1,951.25	3,000.00
Telephone	4,000.00	3,280.59	0.00	3,280.59	3,500.00
Town Elections Ballots	3,200.00	3,873.24	0.00	3,873.24	2,000.00
Town Elections Poll Workers	800.00	642.01	0.00	642.01	400.00
Town Clerk Dog Licenses	0.00	1,277.00	2,867.00	-1,590.00	0.00
Town Clerk Fees	0.00	19,700.00	19,700.00	0.00	0.00
Town Clerk Liq. & Toba. Lic.	0.00	70.00	960.00	-890.00	0.00
Town Clerk Office Expenses	2,400.00	2,610.60	0.00	2,610.60	2,700.00
Town Clerk Computer Update	1,000.00	1,395.59	0.00	1,395.59	1,000.00
Town Clerk Land Records	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Town Clerk Microfilm/Restore	2,800.00	2,613.75	0.00	2,613.75	2,800.00
Town Clerk Assistant	1,500.00	1,715.63	0.00	1,715.63	3,629.00
Clerk/Treas. Adm. Health Ins.	15,167.00	14,521.07	0.00	14,521.07	16,406.00
Treasurer Office Expenses	1,800.00	1,853.74	100.00	1,753.74	1,800.00
Treasurer Assistant	2,000.00	3,192.44	0.00	3,192.44	3,629.00
Vt. Comm. work serv/lawn	600.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	600.00
Vt. Employee Pension	2,200.00	1,678.36	0.00	1,678.36	1,800.00
Vt. Unemployment	383.00	382.24	0.00	382.24	407.00
Workmen's Compensation	2,514.00	2,923.98	0.00	2,923.98	2,625.00
Xerox	1,000.00	847.37	156.00	691.37	1,000.00
ZBA Clerical	500.00	353.44	0.00	353.44	500.00
ZBA Legal Notices	600.00	472.40	0.00	472.40	600.00
Zoning Bylaws	600.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
State of Vermont	0.00	3,437.00	16,980.45	-13,543.45	0.00
U.S. Treasury	0.00	0.00	4,651.00	-4,651.00	0.00
TOTALS	277,571.00	3,768,732.62	4,353,920.91	-585,188.29	287,459.00

APPROPRIATIONS

	2004	2004	2004	2005
	BUDGET	EXPENSES	INCOME	BUDGET
SWVT Council on Aging	1,700.00	1,700.00	0.00	1,700.00
Arl. Area Childcare	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00
Arl. Comm. Club, Inc.	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	2,500.00
Arl. Comm. Nursing	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00
Benn. Coal. for Homeless	500.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
Benn. Cty Conservation Dist.	400.00	400.00	0.00	400.00
Burdett Commons	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Sunrise Fam. Resource Ctr.	500.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
BROC	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00
Assoc. for the blind	500.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
Martha Canfield Library	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00	7,500.00
Cemetery/Supp/Operat.	7,000.00	7,000.00	0.00	7,000.00
Park-Support of Operation	11,130.00	11,130.00	0.00	11,700.00
Project Against Violence	500.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
Ctr. Restorative Justice	600.00	600.00	0.00	600.00
Benn. Project Indep.	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
Tutorial Center	500.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
Rescue Squad	35,000.00	35,000.00	0.00	35,000.00
Resurfacing	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00
R.S.V.P.	2,250.00	2,250.00	0.00	2,250.00
Backhoe & Loader	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00
Vt. Center Indep. Living	295.00	295.00	0.00	295.00
Sinking Fund-Computer	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
Sinking Fund-Copier	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
Sinking Fund-New Fire Truck	30,000.00	30,000.00	0.00	30,000.00

Sinking Fund-Grader	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Sinking Fund-Town Trucks	22,000.00	22,000.00	0.00	22,000.00	22,000.00
Sinking Fund-Sidewalk/Maint.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00
Sink. Fund-Audit Outside Firm	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
TOTALS	162,075.00	162,075.00	0.00	162,075.00	168,145.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT

	2004	2004	2004	2004	2005
	BUDGET	EXPENSES	INCOME	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Fuel for Fire Houses	3,500.00	4,673.37	0.00	4,673.37	4,800.00
Gas and Oil	2,500.00	1,688.59	0.00	1,688.59	2,000.00
Hydrants	16,720.00	17,587.62	0.00	17,587.62	17,700.00
Maintenance	12,000.00	12,627.14	594.70	12,032.44	16,000.00
Medical	2,000.00	1,677.50	0.00	1,677.50	2,000.00
Emer. Contingency	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Mutual Aid Insurance	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
New Equipment	24,000.00	31,159.08	7,205.85	23,953.23	25,000.00
Office Supplies	350.00	372.39	0.00	372.39	500.00
Rental on Houses	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Salaries	6,500.00	6,500.00	0.00	6,500.00	6,500.00
Telephone	4,000.00	3,726.96	0.00	3,726.96	4,000.00
S. Arl/Cambridge Agree	750.00	750.00	0.00	750.00	750.00
Training School	3,000.00	4,263.09	135.00	4,128.09	3,500.00
Service to Sandgate	0.00	0.00	10,982.00	-10,982.00	0.00
Town of Sunderland	0.00	0.00	26,356.80	-26,356.80	0.00
TOTALS	79,820.00	87,025.74	45,274.35	41,751.39	86,750.00

PARK & RECREATION

	2004 BUDGET	2004 EXPENSES	2004 INCOME	2004 ACTUAL	2005 BUDGET
Labor	0.00	27,230.48	0.00	27,230.48	0.00
Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Taxes/FICA	0.00	2,083.16	0.00	2,083.16	0.00
VT Unemployment	0.00	501.70	0.00	501.70	0.00
Workmen's Comp	0.00	1,978.88	0.00	1,978.88	0.00
Miscellaneous Income	0.00	0.00	31,794.22	-31,794.22	0.00
Miscellaneous Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTALS	0.00	31,794.22	31,794.22	0.00	0.00

LIONS CLUB

	2004 BUDGET	2004 EXPENSES	2004 INCOME	2004 ACTUAL	2005 BUDGET
Labor	0.00	2,524.50	330.99	2,193.51	0.00
Taxes/FICA	0.00	193.15	0.00	193.15	0.00
VT Unemployment	0.00	358.34	0.00	358.34	0.00
Workmen's Comp	0.00	230.76	0.00	230.76	0.00
Miscellaneous Income	0.00	0.00	2,975.76	-2,975.76	0.00
Misc. Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTALS	0.00	3,306.75	3,306.75	0.00	0.00

HIGHWAY SUMMARY TOWN GARAGE

	2004 BUDGET	2004 EXPENSES	2004 INCOME	2004 ACTUAL	2005 BUDGET
Electricity	1,800.00	1,299.45	0.00	1,299.45	1,500.00
Equipment	1,000.00	562.33	0.00	562.33	1,000.00
Fuel Oil	1,500.00	1,911.10	0.00	1,911.10	2,200.00
Insurance	346.00	345.60	0.00	345.60	360.00
Maintenance	1,000.00	420.42	0.00	420.42	1,000.00
Oxygen & Propane	600.00	454.86	0.00	454.86	600.00
Oil Removal	500.00	534.65	0.00	534.65	600.00
Petroleum Tank Assessment	225.00	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
Rubbish	500.00	390.00	0.00	390.00	450.00
Supplies	1,200.00	1,376.88	0.00	1,376.88	1,400.00
Water Service	350.00	327.76	0.00	327.76	350.00
TOTALS	9,021.00	7,723.05	0.00	7,723.05	9,560.00

GENERAL HIGHWAY

	2004 BUDGET	2004 EXPENSES	2004 INCOME	2004 ACTUAL	2005 BUDGET
Health Insurance	45,293.00	43,725.41	0.00	43,725.41	44,420.00
Vt. Unemployment	1,147.00	1,146.72	0.00	1,146.72	1,221.00
Vt. Municipal Pension	6,100.00	5,438.68	0.00	5,438.68	6,155.00
Workmen's Comp.	5,606.00	6,524.56	0.00	6,524.56	5,850.00
Miscellaneous	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00

Training/Workshops	500.00	105.00	0.00	105.00	500.00
Social Security	9,300.00	8,333.89	0.00	8,333.89	9,415.00
Uniforms/T-Shirts	1,700.00	1,661.78	0.00	1,661.78	1,700.00
Pager Service	320.00	319.00	0.00	319.00	320.00
TOTALS	70,166.00	67,255.04	0.00	67,255.04	69,681.00

HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE CLASS 2 ROADS

	2004 BUDGET	2004 EXPENSES	2004 INCOME	2004 ACTUAL	2005 BUDGET
Labor	26,312.00	25,484.30	0.00	25,484.30	26,250.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Striping/sealing	6,400.00	6,425.48	0.00	6,425.48	7,000.00
Culverts & Bridges	1,500.00	579.60	0.00	579.60	1,000.00
Gravel/Stone	4,000.00	4,347.11	0.00	4,347.11	4,000.00
Guard Rails	500.00	38.40	0.00	38.40	500.00
Salt	15,000.00	14,171.79	0.00	14,171.79	15,000.00
Blacktopping	0.00	74,919.99	74,919.99	0.00	0.00
Grass seed, etc.	300.00	173.00	0.00	173.00	300.00
Cold/hot Patch	500.00	195.00	0.00	195.00	500.00
Hot Mix	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
Chloride	1,500.00	1,473.32	0.00	1,473.32	1,500.00
Sand	7,500.00	7,500.00	0.00	7,500.00	8,000.00
Sidewalk maintenance	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
Tree & Brush	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Signs	500.00	340.23	0.00	340.23	800.00

Overtime	7, 880.00	3,705.76	0.00	3,705.76	7,000.00
State of Vermont	0.00	0.00	31,318.66	-31,318.66	0.00
TOTALS	73,592.00	139,353.98	106,238.65	33,115.33	73,550.00

CLASS 3 ROADS

	2004	2004	2004	2004	2005
	BUDGET	EXPENSES	INCOME	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Labor	63,370.00	65,850.10	0.00	65,850.10	67,826.00
Bridges & Culverts	8,000.00	1,418.60	0.00	1,418.60	8,000.00
Misc.	0.00	30.93	0.00	30.93	0.00
Gravel/Stone	12,000.00	12,555.94	1,000.00	11,555.94	12,000.00
Salt	7,000.00	5,548.94	0.00	5,548.94	7,000.00
Chloride	3,000.00	2,997.00	0.00	2,997.00	3,000.00
Sand	22,500.00	22,277.65	0.00	22,277.65	23,000.00
Hot/Cold Mix	400.00	472.65	0.00	472.65	500.00
Grass Seed, etc.	200.00	180.00	0.00	180.00	200.00
Guard Rails	3,600.00	3,636.00	0.00	3,636.00	2,500.00
Planning	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rebuilding	29,640.00	4,787.16	0.00	4,787.16	25,000.00
Signs	500.00	272.75	27.00	245.75	700.00
Tree Removal	2,000.00	1,448.45	0.00	1,448.45	2,000.00
S. Arlington Plowing	6,000.00	4,519.20	0.00	4,519.20	6,000.00
Overtime	22,893.00	13,572.22	0.00	13,572.22	22,000.00
State of Vermont	0.00	161.04	38,464.36	-38,303.32	0.00
TOTALS	181,103.00	139,728.63	39,491.36	100,237.27	179,726.00

TOTAL HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE
254,695.00

279,082.61 145,730.01 133,352.60 253,276.00

TRUCKS & EQUIPMENT

	2004	2004	2004	2005
	BUDGET	EXPENSES	INCOME	BUDGET
Equipment purchase/lease	3,500.00	688.70	0.00	2,000.00
Fuel, Gas, Lubricants	16,500.00	25,390.06	9,558.68	18,000.00
Inspections	60.00	60.00	0.00	60.00
Insurance	6,410.00	6,409.52	0.00	6,690.00
Maintenance	10,000.00	11,347.00	254.44	10,000.00
Supplies	8,500.00	8,691.59	0.00	9,000.00
Rental Equipment	2,500.00	2,456.00	0.00	3,000.00
TOTALS	47,470.00	55,042.87	9,813.12	48,750.00

TOTAL HIGHWAY SUMMARY
381,352.00

409,103.57 155,543.13 253,560.44 381,267.00

TOWN HALL

	2004	2004	2004	2005
	BUDGET	EXPENSES	INCOME	BUDGET
Electricity	3,000.00	2,778.60	0.00	3,200.00
Equipment & Supplies	500.00	422.58	0.00	500.00
Fuel	3,000.00	3,651.17	0.00	4,000.00
Insurance	1,163.00	1,162.52	0.00	1,214.00
Janitorial	3,000.00	2,850.00	0.00	3,500.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Renovations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	18,500.00
Repairs & Services	2,500.00	14,381.27	10,116.17	4,265.10	2,500.00
Rubbish Removal	450.00	390.00	0.00	390.00	400.00
Snow Removal	400.00	446.00	0.00	446.00	500.00
Water Service	350.00	327.76	0.00	327.76	330.00
Rentals	0.00	0.00	540.00	-540.00	0.00
TOTALS	14,363.00	26,409.90	10,656.17	15,753.73	34,644.00

TOWN PATROL

	2004	2004	2004	2004	2005
	BUDGET	EXPENSES	INCOME	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Labor	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
Mileage	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
Supplies	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
TOTALS	350.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	350.00
Total Expenditures	915,531.00	4,488,447.80	4,600,495.53	-112,047.73	958,615.00
Total Board of Selectmen	915,531.00	4,488,447.80	4,600,495.53	-112,047.73	958,615.00
Total All Funds	915,531.00	4,488,447.80	4,600,495.53	-112,047.73	958,615.00

INCOME

ANTICIPATED INCOME:

Fire Department Services to Sandgate & Sunderland	\$ 39,695.00
Delinquent Taxes	50,000.00
Highway State Aid	71,000.00
Administration	30,540.00
 Sheriffs	 \$18,000.00
Interest, Delinquent Taxes	5,000.00
Interest Savings	2,000.00
Permits	3,000.00
Licenses	2,000.00
Rentals	540.00
 TOTAL	 \$191,235.00

SUMMARY

Proposed 2005 Budget	\$958,615.00
Anticipated Income	191,235.00
Cash on hand 01/01/05	86,550.00
 Amount to be raised by taxes	 \$680,830.00

BURDETT COMMONS, INC.

Burdett Commons has served as an active community center for residents of Arlington, Sunderland, and Sandgate since its opening in 1999. Our conveniently located and comfortable building has provided meeting space for local groups, has served as a youth center, and has hosted numerous programs and special activities that benefit a wide range of residents. A part-time director actively works with organizations and youth groups to bring a range of important programs to the community. Among those programs are:

- Full Circle Youth Program: activities and discussions designed to help prevent risky behavior among area youth.
- Youth Night: twice monthly social gatherings for area youth in a supervised and safe setting featuring music, movies, games, and fun.
- Vacation Programs: gatherings for youth during vacation times have included activities such as pottery painting, pizza and movie day and sleigh rides.
- Holiday Celebrations: music, fun activities, and friendship for all ages at Christmas, Easter, Halloween, and other holidays.
- Mom to Mom Program: four groups offering information and support for mothers.
- SASSIES (Sandgate, Arlington, Sunderland Seniors) coffee hours and movies.
- Regular meetings for several area self-help and community service organizations.

Burdett Commons will continue to serve as an important resource for these people and organizations and will strive to be open and available to the community as often as possible. The Board of Trustees actively pursues funding through grants, community outreach, and special activities to cover the considerable cost of building maintenance and to improve our facilities and expand program offerings. We look forward to continued service to the community. For more information about Burdett or any of our programs, call our Director, Tessa MacDonald, at 375-6515.

Jim Sullivan
President

MARTHA CANFIELD MEMORIAL FREE LIBRARY REPORT

Every person in Arlington contributes \$2.50 in tax support to the Library each year. For this sum, less than the cost of renting one new movie for one night, everyone in town has access to all these bargains all year long:

- Over 23,000 books for all ages.
- The Russell Vermontiana Collection of historical and genealogical information.
- Public access computers and the Internet, and staff to assist with your searches.
- The Vermont Online Library.
- Over 1,100 videos and DVDs, including educational, classic films, and feature films.
- Over 900 audiobooks on tape or CD.
- Over 700 music CDs and tapes.
- Reference service.
- Reader's advisory.
- Interlibrary loan service from over 200 Vermont libraries, including colleges and universities.
- Special programs for all ages.
- Newspapers and magazines.

This year the school and the Library collaborated on hosting several programs for Vermont Reads 2004, a state-wide one-book reading and discussion program sponsored by the Vermont Humanities Council. The book chosen this year was "First They Killed My Father: a Daughter of Cambodia Remembers" by Loung Ung. One of our most successful programs was an exhibit in the library of art created by AMHS students and faculty relating to the book. Students also prepared Cambodian food that was served at the opening reception. Everyone enjoyed sampling Grilled Beef with Dipping Sauce, Persian Rice, Cucumber Salad, and more.

The library would like to thank the town of Arlington for its financial support in 2004. These bargains would not be possible without your help, along with the support from donations, interest on our endowment, book sales, and a bridge tournament, especially in these days of rising costs for operating the building and the increases in book prices.

The Board looks forward to the 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 22 families consisting of 70 individuals (33 adults, 37 kids). Families participated in parent education groups, budget counseling, work search and/or education programs, 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 continue to visit them through an aftercare program, which has helped 100% of those families maintain their housing.

The Bennington Coalition for the Homeless has also purchased a 4 unit apartment building that is 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. One unit is designated for Youth Housing, serving up to 4 youth. The Youth Housing is a collaboration between BCH, Dept. of Children & Families, BROCC, & UCS Transitional Living Program. In addition, we continue to research possibilities for sheltering homeless individuals.

Respectfully submitted, Kendy Skidmore, Executive Director

BENNINGTON COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

The mission of the Bennington County Conservation District is to promote rural livelihoods and protect natural resources in southwestern Vermont. This year we focused on rivers, plant communities, environmental education, and publicizing and promoting our agricultural past and present. Projects included a Batten Kill restoration project in Manchester; conclusion of a Walloomsac watershed stream stability assessment in Bennington; participating in planning and finding funding for a White Creek subwatershed assessment in the towns of Rupert and Sandgate, VT and Salem, NY; helping initiate a Roaring Branch river corridor protection project with the US Army Corps of Engineers in Bennington; a summer-long weekly series on invasive plants in the

Bennington Banner; sponsoring an Envirothon team from Burr & Burton Academy in Manchester; continuing the Mettawee Community School water monitoring project for fifth and sixth graders; working with a new dairy goat operation and an existing diversified farm to secure a business plan and improve marketing products; and hosting "Yarns from Farms and Forests," a series of four storytelling evenings held around the county.

BCCD is administered by a five-person board of supervisors from five county towns. It employs one permanent part-time staff person and works closely with and provides office space for the USDA-NRCS district conservationist. Except for an annual appropriation from the state (which in FY 2004 totaled \$8925), the district's budget depends entirely on proceeds from an annual tree sale, grants, donations, and support from county communities.

BENNINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL COMMISSION

The BCRC is composed of Commissioners appointed by the legislative body (2 per town, 1 per village, 1 from Glastenbury), and at-large by action of the Commission. Funding sources include a combination of federal, state, and local grants and assessments. The website is www.rpc.bennington.vt.us. The work program is divided into ten overall tasks, and some examples for each follow:

1.0 Administration - Management: Overall program management, personnel and consultants, financial statements and audit, local-regional-state issues, regular and special meetings.

2.0 Municipal Technical Assistance: Plan-zoning-subdivision bylaw assistance including preparation and advisories, BCRC review and approval of 15/17 plans (88%), municipal consultations, draft sign ordinance, scenic resource inventory, planning grant assistance, sewer project assistance, tax stabilization, cell phone coverage study, solid waste information requests.

3.0 Regional Plan and Programs: Regional Plan implementation, Solid Waste Implementation Plan (9 Towns) and household hazardous waste collection, composting and recycling, water quality - non-point source data, project reviews (Act 250, Outstanding Resource Waters, housing projects, land conservation projects, other project proposals, site plans), natural resource planning, state plans.

4.0 Transportation: Route 279/Exit 2 to Lincoln Square access management, benefit/cost study for the Bennington Airport, Molly Stark (Route 9) scenic byway and infrastructure grant-website-brochure, Malfunction Junction, public transit assistance + JARC, Monument Avenue, multi-pathway project, enhancement grants, traffic calming, bicycle routes, intersection reviews - safety audit, speed limits, bridge/culvert inventories.

5.0 Economic Strategies: Regional economic plan, telecommunication infrastructure, housing needs, project reviews and support, project priorities,

data-information and brochure, commercial-industrial sites information.

6.0 Geographic Information System and Mapping: Town plans/zoning, resource mapping; culvert mapping, parcel mapping, byway mapping, conserved lands database, village designations, build-out maps, mapping for Route 9 kiosks, trail mapping, scenic inventory maps, pre-disaster mitigation maps, special public/private requests: Mount Anthony, Whipstock Hill, Equinox, Merck, forest land plans, Southern Vermont College, Batten Kill, cell tower site/location mapping.

7.0 Emergency Management: All Hazards Emergency Operations Plan, Hazard Mitigation Plan, emergency personnel updates, grants, training, Local Emergency Planning Committee support, damage reports, emergency exercises and preparedness assistance, Homeland Security.

8.0 Technical Reviews, Education, Data: Regulatory reviews, training, new Chapter 117 amendments and information, support for advisory committees, regular and special meetings, Outstanding Resource Waters petition, Green Mountain National Forest plan update, workshops and conferences, review/comment state rules/regulations, energy facilities, flood hazard areas.

9.0 Grant Assistance and Administration: Municipal planning grants, cell tower study, Oak Hill day school, Happy Days education and child-care, Northshire Day School, transportation grants.

10.0 Special Projects: EPA Brownfields program/grant, State surplus lands, Chapter 117 intensive training and information - bylaw reviews, 604B water quality inventories.

Robert M. Hartwell, Chairman
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 42 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 2,708 hours of service from RSVP volunteers who served at The Senior Nutrition Program, the library, elementary school and high school. Also, in 2004 RSVP volunteers continued The RSVP Bonebuilders Program (an exercise program to delay the effects of/prevent osteoporosis) at Bailey Hall. Using a modest figure of \$10.00 per hour, this service represents a total value of \$27,080 returned to the Arlington community.

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 "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 daycare centers, and assembling mailings for agencies with a critical 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 2004, 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" Program and expand the range of supportive nursing and healthcare as well as the meaningful adult 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, BPI Executive Director

B.R.O.C.

To the Citizens of the Town of Arlington and Members of the Selectboard,

BROC - Community Action in Southwestern Vermont would like to take this opportunity to thank the citizens of Arlington who have supported our agency through the balloting process over the years. BROC continues to experience a large number of low-income individuals and families coming through our doors each day.

Last year, BROC helped meet the basic needs of 73 families, in the Town of Arlington. In addition, BROC's Micro Business Development Program (MBDP) worked with 2 Arlington residents interested in starting or expanding a small business. 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.

With your help, BROC is able to help many families facing the difficult decisions on how to make their budgets work with the rise in fuel and gasoline prices. Sometimes being able to access a few meals from BROC or having a dry, warm place to stay at night can make all the difference.

Our appropriation request for the upcoming year is \$1,200.00.

Sincerely, Linda G. 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; 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. 86% of Diversion participants successfully completed the requirements of their Diversion contract. Over 90% of those who complete their requirements do not commit further criminal acts. In addition, Court Diversion participants have returned over \$78,000 in restitution and donations to their communities and performed over 33,000 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) celebrated 40 years of “making things happen” for towns with natural resource conservation and rural development projects this past year. We are here to serve your community. We coordinate and facilitate assistance to town governments, school districts, fire departments watershed groups and nonprofit organizations 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 2004 include:

- 13 towns received a total of \$68,685 to improve water quality and upgrade backroads through our better backroads grants
- We are developing complete water supply plans identifying all potential useable water sources for fire fighting for three towns
- 26 towns received funding and engineering assistance to design and install dry hydrants as a source of water to fight fires
- We provided \$60,000 in grants and \$119,000 in loans to support agri-tourism on farms
- 1 town received assistance from a consultant to help them prepare for and go through 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 serve as the fiscal agent for the White River Partnership, Orange County Headwaters project and Connecticut River Birding Trail
- 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 and two projects helping to connect residents with locally grown food. We currently have funding available for low interest loans (3.0 - 5.0%) to develop agri-tourism ventures on farms. 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 organization on a variety of projects. We work on a request basis, so the first step is up to you, giving 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

To comply with state requirements, the regional Solid Waste Implementation Plan has been rewritten and submitted to the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources for approval. The regional Solid Waste Implementation Plan includes the ISWAP member towns.

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 local students.

The Bennington County Regional Commission and ISWAP member towns once again sponsored a nonprofit compost bin sale. This year, 38 Kitchen Compost Collector bins were sold.

The Integrated Solid Waste Applications Program includes the Towns of Arlington, Dorset, Manchester, Rupert, and Sandgate.

PROJECT AGAINST VIOLENT ENCOUNTERS

In 2004 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. In addition, at our Family Time Center we offer supervised visitation services.

The past year has been one of growth for PAVE. 348 adults and 301 children received advocacy and referral services. Our educational programs reached 648 young people and 150 adults.

Our supervised visitation program, Family Time, saw the most dramatic change - we now have the Family Time Center - a family friendly space where children have safe access to their non-residential parent. Once again the size of this program doubled in the past year.

We continue to offer violence prevention programming to young people throughout Bennington County. Our educational curriculum includes five programs tailored to meet the needs of each school and age appropriate for students from age 3 to 18. In addition, we have begun to offer parents parallel programs so that they can understand first hand the material being presented to their children.

On behalf of our Board of Directors and staff I think 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

The Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging provided the following services in the town of Arlington during the past year:

Senior Meals:

Through contract, the Council, helped supply 2,358 meals that were prepared and delivered to the homes of 16 older persons in your community. This service is often referred to as "Meals on Wheels". We also provided "Blizzard Bags" containing "shelf-stable" meals to Meals on Wheels participants and other isolated elders, for use in a weather related or other emergency situation. In addition, 67 Arlington elders participated at one or more of the luncheon sites available in our region, enjoying 1,323 meals.

Case Management Assistance:

43 elders in your community received help from SVCOA Case Management staff. Case Managers provided help with applications and problem solving around programs such as Fuel Assistance, SSI, Medicaid, Food Stamps, etc. Case Managers also helped frail elders facing long term care placement, helping those who wanted to remain independent connect with available in-home assistance, including Medicaid Waiver support for those who were eligible.

Other:

In addition, the Council provided: 1) Telephone assistance through our "Senior HelpLine" (786-5991 or 1-800-642-5119). The HelpLine provided easy phone access to elders and others in need of information about programs and supports available to older persons; 2) Health benefit counseling information and form filing assistance through our SHIP Program; 3) Legal service assistance through a contract with the Vermont Senior Citizens Law Project; 4) Written information about elder issues via the weekly "Elder Connection" column appearing weekly in the Bennington Banner, 5) Nutrition education and counseling services provided by a Registered Dietician; 6) Senior Companion support for frail, homebound elders; 7) Elder Care Clinician outreach services to elders dealing with mental health issues. This service is provided through a contract with United Counseling Services; 8) Transportation assistance through the Red Cross and Bennington Project Independence; 9) Community Development assistance and 10) 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 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 celebrated 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 Union Street location in Bennington and out in area communities. Last year Sunrise served over 700 families and individuals. Thirty-eight 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 support for good parenting and information on community resources are 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 continue to be a special area of focus. We strive to reach young couples early in their pregnancies providing support to engage in early pre-natal care and to complete high school.
- Through our partnership with the Bennington County Childcare Association we provide referral information and subsidy determination to families seeking childcare as well as consultation and professional development opportunities to childcare providers. In 2004 we purchased an additional building at 226 Union St. to house this expanding service.

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

THE TUTORIAL CENTER

This past year at The Tutorial Center, our 33rd Anniversary, 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 educational services to more and more people.

The Tutorial Center -- with learning centers in both Manchester and Bennington to insure easy access to Arlington residents -- is Vermont's most comprehensive educational support center, and continues to be recognized by the state as a model success story.

In addition to offering top-quality instruction, we do pride ourselves on stretching every dollar to its limit. 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.

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

- For adult learners- 358 learners were enrolled in basic education classes (a 6% increase over the previous year) and received over 10,500 hours of FREE instruction; 70 adults passed the GED exam or received their high school diploma; 177 adults successfully obtained employment; 16 adults received English as a Second Language instruction; 20 adults were enrolled in our awardwinning Bridge-to-College program; and more than 50 adults participated in basic computer skills classes.
- For children- 158 students received individual tutoring instruction to help them succeed in school, with a total of 4,167 hours of instruction provided - a 14% increase in hours provided over last year. Virtually all subject areas were taught including all levels of math, reading, writing, history, and science, plus special topics such as SAT preparation.
- For families- Our "Tell Me A Story" community literacy project supported over a dozen family-centered literacy activities throughout our region, reaching over 200 children and adults with storytelling, reading, bookmaking, and other literacy-building activities.

The Town of Arlington has generously supported the work of The Tutorial Center. 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**

Founded in 1926, VABVI pursues a mission to enable Vermonters with vision problems, whether blindness or impairment, to achieve and maintain independence. All of our services are provided without charge to the client, to ensure that no one is excluded due to financial concerns. During the 2004 fiscal year, we served nearly 1,400 clients from all fourteen counties in Vermont, including 1 child and 6 adults from the Town of Arlington.

The child that we serve in your community receives a variety of support and services from VABVI. We provide the support, tools and materials necessary for students to succeed in school, at home, and in the community. Our itinerant Teachers of the Visually Impaired (TVI) begin work with infants, children and their families as soon as visual impairment is discovered. Some skills and services that TVIs teach include:

- Instruction in Braille, as well as obtaining textbooks in Braille, large print, and on audiotape so visually impaired children have the same materials as their sighted peers;
- Orientation and mobility training;
- A Transition Program to help teens successfully move from high school to college or the workplace;
- An Intense Residential Life Experiences (IRLE) education program, which provides opportunities for our youngest clients to learn independence, and self-esteem, and meet others coping with vision loss.

The 6 visually impaired adults from the Town of Arlington also receive a variety of support and services from VABVI. From reading, writing and cooking, to hobbies, recreation and travel, we help visually impaired adults maintain their independence and dignity. Services for adults include:

- Orientation and mobility training, including white cane instruction;
- We offer home adaptation and recommendations, training and procurement of aids and appliances;
- Adult Service Providers (ASP's) help our clients to continue performing daily tasks and activities that may have become difficult;

- The Central Vermont Mini Center, a training facility for consumers coping with vision loss;
- Peer Assisted Learning and Support (PALS) groups that meet monthly in eleven locations around the state for peer education, group support, coping skills, ways to modify and handle everyday tasks, group interaction skills, and an opportunity for involvement in the community.

Volunteers are an important part of our organization. Last year 253 volunteers drove 199,672 miles and donated 14,036 hours of service - the equivalent of seven and a half full time employees - either by driving, reading, walking, shopping, brailleing, providing companionship, working in our offices or other capacities. It is in large part because of these volunteers that we spent 88 cents out of every dollar on direct services in your community last year.

Children and adults alike need to realize that there is no reason they cannot succeed in life provided they have the right tools and positive motivation they need to help make that success a reality. In 1930 Helen Keller said it best, "What really counts in life is the quiet meeting of every difficulty with the determination to get out of it all the good there is." As direct service providers, VABVI believes that independence should never be compromised. To become a volunteer or to learn more about our services, contact us at (800) 639-5861, 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 non-profit organization, 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, 2003 through September 30, 2004, VCIL responded to over **2,000** 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 **355** individuals to help increase their independent living skills and life opportunities; provided **401** households with financial and technical assistance for making their bathrooms and entrances accessible to a disabled family member; provided over **345** with personal assistance and/or assistive technology; provided communications equipment to **76** Deaf, hard-of-hearing or speech-impaired individuals through the Vermont Equipment Distribution Program, and delivered meals to almost **555** Vermonters through VCIL's Meals on Wheels program for Individuals Under 60 with Disabilities.

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

During FY **2004**, VCIL provided direct services to **7** residents of the Town of **Arlington** utilizing the following services/programs:

Information & Referral

Meals on Wheels for people with disabilities under age 60

Home and Community Access Program

Peer Advocacy Counselors

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

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BIRTHS FOR 2004

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Mother's Maiden Name</u>
Morse, Caleb J.	1/20/2004	Patrick	Tobin, Kelly
McDermott, Cameron L.	2/16/2004	Roy	Trachte, Heidi
Pickering, Cassidy C.	3/6/2004	Hooper	Walsh, Errin
Thompson, Shannon N.	3/9/2004	Robert, Sr.	Hughes, Janett D.
Blay, Maria L.	3/15/2004		Blay, Elizabeth
Granger, Sophia M.	4/17/2004	Mathew L.	Nelligan, Cynthia
Southwick, Stella K.	4/17/2004	Ryan S.	Northrup, Naomi L.
Gawtry, Jackson D.	4/25/2004	Michael T.	Manson, Lynne
Bowen, Ethan E.	5/4/2004	John H.	Soencksen, Kristen M.
Emmons, Sarah F.	6/3/2004	Aaron C.	Riley, Kristina S.
Naaktgeboren, Kilby J.	6/10/2004	Edward A.	Walsh, Linda S.
Burgess, William R.	6/29/2004	Paul A	Blay, Eileenann M.
Becker, Elizabeth E.	8/5/2004	David	Morse, Rachel A.
Virgilio, Keller J.	8/7/2004	Nicholas	Parker, Melanie
Moscarello, Aiden B.	8/16/2004	Bruce	Contrata, Janine
Bowen, Abigail L.	8/26/2004	Jason W.	Burgess, Sarah E.
Duffany, John P.	9/2/2004	Peter A. Jr.	Katrick, Diane
Blockburger, Emma M.	11/25/2004	Michael J.	Labowsky, Stephanie

DEATHS 2004

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
O'Hara, Raymond J.	2/05/2004
Brush, Marjorie B.	4/18/2004
Beardon, Helen R.	4/20/2004
Young, Charles M.	5/14/2004
Cross, Patrick M.	5/25/2004
Schott, Jr Joseph C.	6/02/2004
Nichols, Laura M.	5/17/2004
Jones, Thelma L.	7/29/2004
Wilkins, Raymond	6/03/2004
Cassaday, Charles A.	8/05/2004
Brainerd, Richard	8/26/2004
Harrington, John F.	9/16/2004
Wyman, James A.	9/20/2004
Killelea, Eloise M.	10/15/2004
Simson, Nancy G.	10/30/2004
Watson, Mildred A.	10/21/2004
Watts, Cynthia W.	11/02/2004
Little, Ray N.	12/07/2004
Hitchcock, Howard T.	12/29/2004
Riley, Eileen W.	12/30/2004

MARRIAGES FOR 2004

Date	Groom	Bride	Officiant
01/10	Middleton, Staten Thomas	Stone, Elizabeth Marie	Nancy J. Tschorn
01/24	Curran, Thomas M.	Gasbarro, Kim L.	Wayne E. Bell
02/07	Parsons, Richard Mark	Guerguerian, Rosemary	Rev. Bradford Clark
02/14	Russell, Mark E.	Walsh, Lori A.	Cynthia A. Kilburn
02/14	Keicher, Richard P.	Jackson, Markeeta M.	Cynthia A. Kilburn
03/13	Favazza, Carlo T.	Lay, Jennifer N.	Wayne E. Bell
03/20	Zuidhoek, Mickel	Axelrod, Lauren Anne	Julie Ann Robertson
03/20	Barthell, Henry James	Audy, Melissa Ingram	Wayne E. Bell
04/04	Lee, Byron A.	Bermudez, Shirley	Wayne E. Bell
04/10	Clark, Edward David	Comar, Wendy Mary	Linda L. Spence
04/30	Pinnock, Enroy Waide	Passley, Garcia Odesia	Cynthia A. Kilburn
06/12	Houran, Scott James	Snow, April Marie	Thomas C. Truscott
06/19	King, Michael Richard	Rafus, Jennifer Lyn	Bradford Clark
06/27	Grover, Robert Henry	Yockers, Melanie Amber	Cynthia A. Kilburn
07/06	Rehm, Braxton David	Bornmann, Annette Victoria	Julie A. Robertson
07/09	Pervere, Ronald James	Pervere, Annette Marie	Julie Ann Robertson
07/17	Zarnetske, Jay Peter	Lehmann, Phoebe Sierra	Jonathan B. Allen
07/23	Marotta, Brian Christian	Carey, Tara Ann	Wayne E. Bell
08/06	Brackett, Bruce Edward	Paepke, Barbara Elaine	Wayne E. Bell
08/12	Edwards, Kevin Michael	Montoro, Maria Theresa	Wayne E. Bell
08/17	Spina, Frank L.	Savko, Patricia A.	Wayne E. Bell
08/21	Audy, Brian Bruce	Day, Gale Denise	Gilbert F. Mach
08/22	Hilbig, Joseph C.	Wrenn, Michele A.	Amy Jo Montgomery
09/03	Allen, Carroll L.	Brush, Mary Green	Bradford Clark
09/03	Williams, Marvin J.	Madeja, Amalyn Chariss F.	Wayne E. Bell
09/05	Miller, Richard Henry	Hands, Donna Esther	William C. Downey
10/07	Piper, Kurt Eldon	Goodwin, Emma Jane	David J. Bort
10/14	Ganghamer, Jay Raymond	Palumbo, Julie Anne	Julie Ann Robertson
10/23	Wurster, Markus A.	Polito, Allison Marie	Cynthia A. Kilburn
10/29	Setouhi, Hesham	Questel, Lucia Maria	James H. Gray
11/13	Warner, Sean Robert	Rogers, Nichole Lynn	Julie Ann Robertson
11/13	Hooker, Charles Parker	Bell, Eileen Mary	Rev. Wayne E. Bell
11/21	Desimone, Robert Ryan	Derico, Gina Marie	Wayne Bell
11/26	Kingsley, Michael Bruce	Cushing, Leisha Ann	Wayne E. Bell
12/02	Freely, Brendan Mark	Deprospos, Jessica Ann	Rev. Paul A Holmes
12/17	Talavera, Trampas Wilson	Woodyard, Agnes Gail	Cynthia A. Kilburn
12/27	LeCheminant, Andrew	Roy, Donna Marie	Wayne E. Bell

CIVIL UNIONS 2004

Date	PARTY A	PARTY B	Officiant
01/01	Martin, Lindsay Alexandra	Blair, Anna Frazier	John L. Whalen II
01/13	Sanders, Kirk Lee	Case, Darrin Ray	Cynthia A. Kilburn
01/29	Bisner, Cindy A.	Shea, Amy J.	Cynthia A. Kilburn
03/06	O'Keefe, Kelle L.	Mary, Carla C.	Cynthia A. Kilburn
03/27	Terrero, Jenny L.	Sterling, Jasmine S.	Cynthia A. Kilburn
06/04	Kegley, Anne E.	Sewter, Mary J.	Cynthia A. Kilburn
06/05	Pearson, Laura E.	Zinkiewicz, Holly M.	Cynthia A. Kilburn
07/02	Johnson, Linda Marie	Brayton, Maxine Kay	Cynthia A. Kilburn
07/02	Carpenter, Catherine Theresa	Carpenter, Beth Ann	Cynthia A. Kilburn
07/02	Austin, Christine Ann	Booher, Marilyn Joan	Cynthia A. Kilburn
07/31	Murphy, Dianne Susan	Howard, Colleen Anne	Cynthia A. Kilburn
08/07	Walz, Sara Kathleen	Lawrence, Cheryl Lynn	Sally I. Cook
08/07	Lee, Cheri L.	Kapelewski, Anita Marie	Wayne E. Bell
09/23	Levine, Sharon Lynne	Sealy, Kelly Dawn	Lawrence E. Molloy
12/27	Olivieri, Christina Rose	Keefe, Tara Anne	Cynthia A. Kilburn

**MINUTES
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 1, 2004**

Moderator John L. Whalen, II called the meeting to order at 8:25 PM.

Those present at the head table:

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

There were approximately 150 residents present.

Mr. Whalen called, on Representative Molloy to address the assembly. Rep. Molloy stated that the school taxes would be reduced by \$.23 this due to Act 68. He added the Fish and Wildlife Department, together with a member from each county and a recently hired biologist will manage the fish and wildlife in Vermont. The Legislature will no longer be involved.

Rep. Molloy also urged that all who have not filed the HS-131, Homestead Declaration Form, must file before April 15, 2004. He said the Appropriation's Bill is 3.8% higher.

There were no questions for Rep. Molloy.

Moderator Whalen then read the following corrections to the Town Report:

THE BOTTOM OF PAGE B SHOULD READ:

	2003	2003	2003	2003	2004
	BUDGET	EXPENSES	INCOME	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Forest					
Fire Warden	1,500	1,498	-0-	1,498	1,500

THE BOTTOM OF PAGE C & TOP OF PAGE D SHOULD READ:

	2003	2003	2003	2003	2004
	BUDGET	EXPENSES	INCOME	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Moderator	60.00	60.00	-0-	60.00	100.00
Selectmen (4)	6,000.00	6,000.00	-0-	6,000.00	8,000.00
Chair. Select Bd	3,000.00	3,000.00	-0-	3,000.00	5,000.00

He added the total figures were printed correctly.

At this time, Moderator Whalen read the following resolution.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the residents of the Town of Arlington were saddened by the passing of CLARENCE CURTIS, a long time resident of the Town of Arlington; and WHEREAS, CLARENCE CURTIS, served the Town of Arlington as a Selectman from 1980 until 1997; and

WHEREAS, CLARENCE CURTIS, was a true leader and gentleman in the way he served the Town of Arlington;

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 that he served.

Linda Crosby made the motion to accept the Resolution as read. Seconded by Joe Garger. Voted unanimously.

K. John Smith made the motion to dispense with the reading of the 2003 Annual Town Meeting Minutes, the June 30, 2003 Special Meeting, the July 9, 2003 Special Vote and the November 3, 2003 Special Meeting and all results of voting for these meetings. Seconded by Vivian Lacy. Motion Carried.

Dr. Michael Welther made the motion to dispense with the reading of the 2004 Annual Town Meeting Warning. Seconded by Russell Record. Motion Carried.

ARTICLE 1:

To hear and act upon the reports of the town officers.

K. John Smith made the motion to accept the reports of the town officers. Seconded by Cynthia Browning. 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 total \$35,902.

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>
Moderator	\$60.00	\$100.00
Town Clerk	12,049.00	12,784.00
Town Treasurer	9,442.00	10,018.00
Selectman, Chairman	3,000.00	5,000.00
Selectmen Members (4)	6,000.00	8,000.00

Susan Wirkki made the motion to accept the salaries as presented. Seconded by Vivian Lacy. The Board was asked why they were asking for such a large increase. Selectman Dan Harvey stated that for the time that is spent on performing the duties the raise was appropriate. He added the Selectmen have not had an increase in salary for a number of years. He also stated the Chairman of the Board spends an extensive amount of time, travel and attendance to other meetings. Motion carried.

Moderator Whalen then stated the mileage for town business was set by the selectmen to remain at \$.32 per mile. Jean Miller made the motion to accept the mileage cost. Seconded by Al McAllister. 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, 2004 and payment to be in the hands of the Treasurer by November 4, 2004.

Marge Record made the motion to accept Article 3 as written. Seconded by Joe Garger. Motion carried.

ARTICLE 4:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize its selectmen to borrow in anticipation of taxes such sums of money as is necessary for properly financing the affairs of the town.

Donna Squires made the motion to accept Article 4. Seconded by Russ 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 \$915,531.00. The salaries had already been voted in the amount of \$35,902.00, and the appropriations to be voted upon the next day totaled \$162,075.00 making the figure to be voted on at this time to be \$717,554.00.

Mr. Squires explained that the State gives us 80%-20% match on resurfacing our roads. In other words we are able to \$100,000 worth of resurfacing for \$20,000 of our money. He added that, 1 mile of resurfacing cost about \$32,000.00. He said the Board tries to rotate the resurfacing on a need basis, doing the worst roads first. This year the East Arlington Rd will be getting a top coat. He said the highly traveled roads were also a priority.

It was noted that the budget increase was due to the increase in appropriations. Last year the appropriations totaled \$134,525.00 and this year they are \$162,075.00.

John Mendenhall congratulated the Board in keeping there spending under control.

Darrin Jennings made the motion to accept the budget as presented. Seconded by Cynthia Browning. Motion carried

Harriet Welther 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 Ron Weber. Motion carried.

ARTICLE 6:

To transact any further business found necessary and proper when met.

Selectman, Dan Harvey, presented pictures and plans of the renovations of the Town Hall. He said the Town had put the project to bid twice, but both times the bid was too high. The work is now being done by volunteers and community service hours, together with some contractors to do plumbing and electrical work. Mr. recognized and thanked John Davies for volunteering and overseeing the project.

Ken Nicholson then spoke about the Community House. He stated that this building needed renovations and upgrading. He said "Frenchy's house" and the old garage also needed repairs or demolition. He said the Community Club would like have the Community House become a nice Welcome Center for tourists. He felt it would be a nice place to display local artists' products. He said the Club would be meeting on May 2 and would welcome any input.

Marty Irion then spoke about the Rescue Squad. He said the Squad is always available, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. He said Arlington Rescue Squad is 2nd in the county for response time. He added the Squad was asking for support from the community for medical supplies, equipment and salary for the 2 full time members.

The Rescue Squad was asked why they were not taken over by the town or why there shouldn't be a regional rescue squad. Mr. Irion said the response time from a regional standpoint would be greater because the headquarters would probably be located in Manchester or Bennington.

Dr. Welther then spoke in support of the Squad. He said he worked daily with the Rescue Squad and found the members to be highly qualified, professional and dedicated and fully supports them.

Marge Record, asked for support for Burdett Commons. She said the youth program and the senior group are very active. She added that they now have been able to add a part-time director..

Mr. Squires then stated that there is some concern that residents are not placing their E911 numbers on their homes. He said it is extremely important to rescue and fire. He said the Board will be taking action in July.

He added according to the Ordinance adopted by the Town, that if a home is reported to have no number, there will be a \$50.00 fine for each day until the number is placed on the home or at the end of the driveway. He added that if someone needs help in finding their number, to contact the Town Clerk.

Al McAllister made the motion to recess the meeting until Tuesday at 10:00 AM for voting at the polls. Seconded by Bonnie Barnes. Motion carried and the Town Meeting recessed at 9:15 PM

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

RESULTS OF BALLOTING
March 2, 2004

MODERATOR - 1 YEAR

John L. Whalen, II 597 - Elected

TOWN CLERK (3 YR)

Joyce A. Wyman 611 - Elected

TOWN TREASURER (3 YR)

Linda P. Crosby 597 - Elected

SELECTMAN (3 YRS)

Richard A. King 503 - Elected

SELECTMAN (2 YRS)

Cynthia Browning 421 - Elected

LISTER (3YRS)

Earl LaBatt 534 - Elected

LISTER (3 YRS)

No candidate received required votes to be elected.

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR (1 YEAR)

Richard " Dick" Keough 556 - Elected

AUDITOR (3 YRS)

Andy Heikaus 493 - Elected

CEMETERY COMMISSIONER (3 YRS)

Nathalie Caler 566 - Elected

GRAND JURORS (3 - 1 YR terms)

John N. Haugrud 521 - Elected

Al McAllister 495 - Elected

Darlene M. Young 510 - Elected

TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS (3 YRS)

R. Drew Hill 500 - Elected

TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS (3 YRS)

No candidate received required votes to be elected.

TOWN AGENT (1 YR)

Kevin P. Dailey 560 - Elected

OFFICIAL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING BALLOT
MARCH 2, 2004

- 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 - 517 NO - 102
- 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 - 489 NO - 131
- 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 - 473 NO - 143
- 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.
YES - 501 NO - 98
- 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 repair and/or replacement of the Town grader.
YES - 493 NO - 143
- 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.
YES - 489 NO - 130
- 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 - 544 NO - 72
- 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.
YES - 491 NO - 128

- 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 - 511 NO - 89
- 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.
YES - 441 NO - 155
- 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.
YES - 518 NO - 80
- Article 19: To vote by ballot to see if the town will vote the sum of \$2,500.00 toward the Arlington Area Childcare, Inc.
YES - 432 NO - 165
- Article 20: To vote by ballot to see if the town will vote the sum of \$1,500.00 toward the Arlington Community Club.
YES - 420 NO - 178
- 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.
YES - 518 NO - 82
- 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.
YES - 430 NO - 166
- 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.
YES - 511 NO - 92

- Article 24: 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 - 426 NO - 171
- 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.
YES - 384 NO - 212
- 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.
YES - 431 NO - 167
- 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).
YES - 375 NO - 223
- 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.
YES - 315 NO - 270
- 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).
YES - 426 NO - 168
- 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.).
YES - 449 NO - 144
- Article 31: To vote by ballot to see if the town will vote the sum of \$500.00 toward the support of the Sunrise Family Resource Center.
YES - 313 NO - 274
- 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.
YES - 437 NO - 161

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.
YES - 399 NO - 193

Article 34: To vote by ballot to see if the town will vote the sum of \$500.00 toward the support of the Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired.
YES - 480 NO - 120

Article 35: To vote by ballot to see if the town will vote the sum of \$295.00 toward the support of the Vermont Center for Independent Living.
YES - 430 NO - 168

**RESULTS OF
OFFICIAL PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY BALLOT
March 2, 2004**

TOTAL VOTERS ON CHECKLIST - 1589

ABSENTEE VOTERS - 40

TOTAL VOTERS (INCLUDING ABSENTEE) - 629

VOTER PERCENTAGE - 42%

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Wesley K. Clark of Arkansas 23

Howard Dean of Vermont 136

John F. Kerry of Massachusetts 166

Dennis J. Kucinich of Ohio 16

Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. of Virginia 2

Write-Ins:

J. Edwards 52

A. Keys 1

A. Sharpton 1

J. Lieberman 1

REPUBLICAN PARTY

FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

George W. Bush of Texas 152

Write-Ins:

J. Kerry 1

R. O'Donnel 1

**RESULTS OF
VERMONT PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT
September 14, 2004**

TOTAL VOTERS ON CHECKLIST - 1621
BALLOTS VOTED REPUBLICAN - 96
BALLOTS VOTED DEMOCRATIC - 105
BALLOTS VOTED PROGRESSIVE - 0
TOTAL BALLOTS VOTED IN THIS ELECTION - 201
ABSENTEE VOTERS - 17

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

FOR U.S. SENATOR

Craig Hill (Montpelier)	5
Patrick Leahy (Middlesex)	96
Blank	4

FOR REPRESENTATIVE TO CONGRESS

Larry Drown (Northfield)	70
Write-Ins	4
Blank	31

FOR GOVERNOR

Peter Clavelle (Burlington)	87
Write-Ins	2
Blank	16

FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Jan Backus (Winooski)	53
Cheryl Pratt Rivers (Stockbridge)	39
Write-Ins	1
Blank	12

FOR STATE TREASURER

Jeb Spaulding (Montpelier)	88
Blank	17

FOR SECRETARY OF STATE

Deb Markowitz (Montpelier)	90
Blank	15

FOR AUDITOR OF ACCOUNTS

Elizabeth M. Ready (Lincoln)	81
Blank	24

FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL

William H. Sorrell (Burlington)	81
Write-Ins	3
Blank	21

FOR STATE SENATOR

Cynthia Browning (Arlington)	74
Dick Sears (Bennington)	74
Write-Ins	3
Blank	59

FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Lawrence E. Molloy	94
Write-Ins	4
Blank	7

FOR HIGH BAILIFF

Write-Ins	5
Blank	100

REPUBLICAN PARTY**FOR U.S. SENATOR**

Jack McMullen (Burlington)	47
Ben Mitchell (Westminster)	18
Peter D. Moss (Fairfax)	15
Write-Ins	2
Blank	14

FOR REPRESENTATIVE TO CONGRESS

Greg Parke (Rutland City)	71
Write-Ins	1
Blank	24

FOR GOVERNOR

Jim Douglas (Middlebury)	84
Write-Ins	1
Blank	11

FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Brian E. Dubie (Essex)	81
Write-Ins	1
Blank	14

FOR STATE TREASURER

Write-Ins	9
Blank	89

FOR SECRETARY OF STATE

Write-Ins	7
Blank	89

FOR AUDITOR OF ACCOUNTS

Randy Brock (Swanton)	66
Write-Ins	3
Blank	27

FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL

Dennis Carver (East Montpelier)	14
Marianne Kennedy (Sunderland)	73
Karen Kerin (Royalton)	6
Write-Ins	1
Blank	2

FOR STATE SENATOR

Mark Shepard (Bennington)	67
Sally Treat (Manchester)	58
Write-Ins	9
Blank	58

FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Gerald Woodard (Arlington)	75
Write-Ins	11
Blank	10

FOR HIGH BAILIFF

Chad Schmidt (Pownal)	69
Blank	27

**RESULTS OF
VERMONT GENERAL ELECTION
OFFICIAL RETURN OF VOTES
November 2, 2004**

TOTAL VOTERS ON CHECKLIST - 1758
TOTAL BALLOTS VOTED IN THIS ELECTION - 1354
ABSENTEE VOTERS - 246
VOTER PERCENTAGE - 77%

FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Michael Badnarik/Richard V. Campagna	6
George W. Bush/Dick Cheney	582
Roger Calero/Arrin Hawkins	0
John F. Kerry/John Edwards	739
Ralph Nader/Peter Miguel Camejo	14
John Thompson Parker/Teresa Gutierrez	3

FOR U.S. SENATOR

Cris Ericson	42
Craig Hill	23
Patrick Leahy	837
Jack McMullen	407
Ben Mitchell	3
Keith Stern	16

FOR REPRESENTATIVE TO CONGRESS

Larry Drown	156
Jane Newton	29
Greg Parke	379
Bernie Sanders	754

FOR GOVERNOR

Peter Clavelle	437
Peter Diamondstone	8
Jim Douglas	830
Cris Ericson	31
Patricia Hejny	15
Hardy Machia	11

FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Brian E. Dubie	763
Steve Hingtgen	46
Cheryl Pratt Rivers	470
Peter Stevenson	20

FOR STATE TREASURER

Jeb Spaulding 1199

FOR SECRETARY OF STATE

Deb Markowitz 1199

FOR AUDITOR OF ACCOUNTS

Randy Brock 642

Jerry Levy 62

Elizabeth M. Ready 570

FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL

Dennis Carver 508

Susan A. Davis 49

Karen A. Kerin 39

James Marc Leas 46

William H. Sorrell 620

Boots Wardinski 10

FOR STATE SENATOR

Cynthia Browning 594

Dick Sears 668

Mark Shepard 530

Sally Treat 487

FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Lawrence E. Molloy 693

Gerald Woodard 638

FOR HIGH BAILIFF

Chad Schmidt 1059

FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Donald Brown 719 - Elected

Cynthia Browning 638 - Elected

Kevin P. Dailey 694 - Elected

Daniel Harvey 378

Richard (Dick) Keough 723 - Elected

John Mendenhall 438

Anthony Mento 496

Lawrence Molloy 816 - Elected

Michelle Pape 307

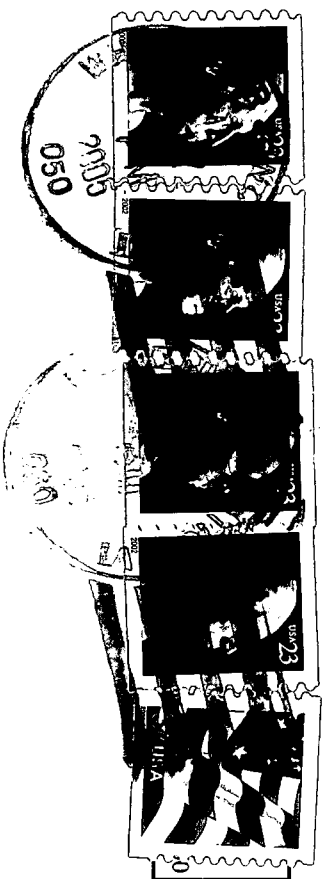
John Whalen, II 711 - Elected

John Wilcox 618

Donald Wilson 455

Gerald Woodard 763 - Elected

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