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TOWN CLERK

The following annual report of the Town Clerk for the year ending December 31, 2011 is herewith submitted in accordance with Section 3 of Article 3, Title I of the Town By-Laws. During 2011, the Annual Election of Town Officers, the Special Town Election (Override), the Annual and Special Town Meeting were prepared for and conducted by the Town Clerk's Office.

The Town has twenty-one AccuVote machines, one for each precinct, and a main counting system located in the Town Clerk's Office. This system consists of paper ballots to be marked by the voters and inserted into the AccuVote machines, which automatically tally the votes appearing on the paper ballots. When the polls close, the precinct totals are immediately printed at the precinct, posted, announced, and then transferred to the Town Clerk's Office on a memory card, where the precinct totals are accumulated by entering the memory cards into the main counting system. Finally, the complete official Town results are printed and announced.

Town Meeting Members whose terms were to expire at the Annual Town Election were notified of that fact and of the provision of law which allows them to become candidates for re-election by giving written notice thereof to the Town Clerk. Nomination papers were issued to candidates for Town offices including Town Meeting Members, and after being certified by the Registrars of Voters were filed with the Town Clerk. A meeting was held by the Registrars of Voters, as required by law, to draw names for position on the official ballot for the Annual Town Election.

Candidates for Town offices, except Town Meeting Members, were notified of the requirements of the law regarding the filing of periodic statements of campaign receipts and expenditures with the Town Clerk's Office. Incumbents and candidates for election during the previous year, who had campaign finance activity, a balance and/or liability were also notified of the requirements of filing annual reports.

Upon application, absentee ballots were issued for the Annual Town Election and Special Town Election (Override). Applications for absentee ballots were automatically sent to all persons who had filed physicians' certificates of permanent physical disability, as required by law. Many residents took advantage of the provision of law which allowed them to vote in person in the Town Clerk's Office prior to the elections if they were to be out of town or otherwise unavailable to vote in person at the polls on the day of the elections. A total of 1,609 absentee ballots were issued in 2011. (Annual Town Election - 698 and Special Town Election - 911).

The Annual Town Meeting began on April 25 and continued for ten sessions, dissolving on June 8. A total of seventy-six warrant articles were acted upon. The first article of the Annual Town Meeting is the Annual Town

Election. Meetings were held prior to the Annual Town Meeting to fill vacancies in the Town Meeting membership (caused by resignation, removal from Town, or death) until the next Annual Town Election. The first Special Town Meeting began on May 9 and continued for two sessions, dissolving on May 16. A total of seven warrant articles were acted upon.

Certificates of all appropriations voted at all Town Meetings and the provisions for meeting them were sent to the Board of Assessors and the Comptroller, as required by law. Certified copies of all votes authorizing indebtedness were sent to the Director of Accounts. The Secretary of the Commonwealth was notified of the acceptance by the Town Meeting of any provisions of the General Laws. In addition, certified copies of all votes passed at all Town Meetings were sent to the departments affected.

All the amendments to the Town By-Laws and Zoning Bylaws as voted at the Annual Town Meeting were submitted to the Attorney General and were approved within the statutory period provided. They were then advertised for two successive weeks in the local newspaper, as required by law, following which they took effect.

A summary of the Annual Town Meeting appears in the Legislative section of this Annual Report. A complete record of the actions taken is contained in the Records of Elections and Town Meetings in the Town Clerk's Office as well as online at arlingtonma.gov/elections.

Births, deaths and marriages were recorded and copies forwarded to the Secretary of the Commonwealth monthly. Certified copies of these vital statistics and all other documents recorded in the Town Clerk's Office were made available upon request.

A total of 1,680 dogs were licensed and 248 sporting (conservation) licenses issued by the Town Clerk's Office. Certain licenses granted by the Board of Selectmen were issued. Raffle and bazaar permits and gasoline permit renewals were issued, financing statements, utility pole locations, cemetery deeds, and business certificates were recorded. Decisions of the Zoning Board of Appeals, decisions on requests for Special Permits from the Redevelopment Board and Amendments to the Traffic Rules and Orders were also placed on file in this office.

The Department of Revenue was notified of all licenses and permits issued and business certificates filed. Street permit, drainlayer, blasting, and other surety bonds covering contractors were also placed on file in this office. Oaths of office were administered to all elected or appointed Town officials and each was given copies of excerpts from the Open Meeting Law and the Conflict of Interest Law. Notices of meetings of all boards, committees, or commissions were publicly posted upon receipt, as required by the Open Meeting

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Fees Collected			
	2011	2010	2009
Marriage Intentions	\$7,140	\$6,600	\$6,870
Miscellaneous Certificates	\$34,756	\$35,260	\$35,535
Renewal of Gasoline Permits	\$1,250	\$2,851	\$1,770
Miscellaneous Books/Fees	\$425	\$420	\$563
Miscellaneous Violations	\$3,580	\$2,805	\$3,705
Duplicate Dog Tags	\$44	\$36	\$34
Miscellaneous Licenses	\$1,750	\$1,670	\$1,510
Dog Licenses	\$25,595	\$24,290	\$15,222
Fees to Division of Fisheries & Wildlife (Conservation Licenses)	\$4,453	\$5,363	\$5,383
Municipal Town Fees	\$156	\$187	\$186
TOTAL	\$79,149	\$107,853	\$70,778

Law. Town officials and departments were notified of all Legislative Acts affecting them.

Fines were collected for citations issued under Section 21D of Chapter 40, General Laws, for violations of the Town By-Laws. Citations for persons who did not pay the penalties within the required time (twenty-one days) were referred to the Clerk of the District Court of Middlesex for further action.

I would like to thank Janice A. Weber, Florence R. McGee, Theresa M. DeVito and Nancy A. Vincent of the Town Clerk's Office and Karen A. Foley of the Registrars of Voters' Office for their dedication and excellence in their daily performance of their duties and for making my transition to Town Clerk a smooth process. My sincere appreciation goes to the previous Town Clerk, Corinne M. Rainville for her years of service to the Town, her friendship and for being my mentor.

Your attention is directed to the following vital statistics of the Town, which are recorded at this time. It should be noted that the summaries of births and deaths are incomplete, inasmuch as records thereof pertaining to Arlington residents are still being received by our office from the cities and towns where these events occurred.

Vital Statistics			
	2011	2010	2009
Births	534	573	579
Deaths	341	361	344
Marriages	227	219	231

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

As mandated by law, a combined Annual Town and School Census was conducted during the months of January and February 2011. The census was conducted entirely by mail, with computer preprinted forms sent to each household in Arlington requesting that information contained therein be confirmed or corrected. The census forms contained the names of all persons residing in Arlington. Once returned to the Registrars' Office, all census and voter information was entered and continually updated in the Town's computer base by the Registrars' Office. A list of persons from birth to twenty-one years of age was transmitted to the School Committee.

The Jury Commissioner obtained juror information directly from the Massachusetts Voter Registration Information System from data entered into the system by this office. The Annual True List of Persons, seventeen years of age and over, was published as required by law. In accordance with the True List information that had been presented, notices were sent by first-class mail, as required by law, to persons whose names were to be removed from the voting list because they had not been reported as residing in Arlington on January 1, 2011. Those who proved residence were reinstated. The total number of registered voters upon completion of the annual revision of the voting list was 28,909. The following number of voters in the three political parties are as follows: 13,699 enrolled Democrats, 2,127 enrolled Republicans, 38 enrolled Green-Rainbow and 12,952 unenrolled voters. Voters who enroll in a political designation may not vote in any state or presidential

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primary. Cards were mailed to voters acknowledging receipt of change or cancellation of political party enrollments received during the year by this office.

Registered Voters in Arlington			
	2011	2010	2009
Total Registered Voters	28,909	30,010	29,887
Democrats	13,699	14,541	14,510
Unenrolled (Independent)	12,592	13,045	12,959
Republican	2,127	2,282	2,275

Throughout the year, daily sessions for registration of voters were held during regular business hours in the Office of the Town Clerk. Special sessions were also held until 8:00 P.M. on the last day to register voters for the Annual and Special Town Election (June 7 Override).

Mail-in voter registrations have eliminated the requirement that special evening and Saturday sessions for the registration of voters be held except for the final day prior to the deadline for registration for primaries and elections. Special forms for mail-in voter registration were made available at various locations throughout Arlington and all other cities and towns in the State.

In addition, persons were allowed to fill out voter registration affidavits at public offices throughout Massachusetts, such as the Registry of Motor Vehicles, Social Security, Welfare, Medicaid, Food Stamps, Military Recruitment Offices and other State and Federal departmental offices. These affidavits were forwarded through the computer or by mail to the Registrars of Voters or Election Commissioners of the voters' places of residence. As required by law, acknowledgment forms

were sent to persons who registered to vote at special locations, or mailed in registration affidavits, notifying them of their precincts and voting places.

The Board certified voter signatures appearing on nomination papers filed by, or on behalf of candidates seeking offices at the Annual Town Election. Also, petitions for articles to be inserted in the warrant for the 2011 Annual and Special Town Meeting and applications for absentee ballots for the Annual and Special Town Election. After nomination papers for the Annual Town Election had been certified by the Registrars of Voters and filed with the Town Clerk, the Registrars of Voters held a meeting to draw names for the order of position on the official ballot for the election, as required by law.

During the year, the information contained on approximately 20,000 census forms of residents of the Town on January 1 was transferred to their individual master cards. These cards provide a complete official record of residence for all persons seventeen years of age or older from the time they first become residents of the Town. From such information, certificates of residence are issued daily to establish eligibility for attendance at state and regional schools, colleges and universities, receipt of old age assistance, veterans' services, social security, employment in state or federal civil service, and for many other purposes. In addition, Registered Voters' Certificates were issued throughout the year from the Board's records for identification purposes and for proof of citizenship.

During the Annual and Special Town Election, the Registrars of Voters were in session throughout the entire time the polls were open to assist voters who had questions relating to registration, name and/or address changes, precincts, polling places, and other problems arising during that time. After the polls closed, the Registrars assisted in the tabulation of the ballots until the final results were announced.



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ARLINGTON ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION, APRIL 2, 2011

Total of Ballots Cast – 7,466

25.7% of total number of registered voters – 29,038

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	Total
Total Ballots Cast	180	403	267	265	234	294	284	442	388	464	431	632	450	303	467	409	137	380	460	234	342	7466

Town Clerk for Three Years (1)

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	Total
*Stephanie Lucarelli	100	170	143	138	144	179	144	210	218	247	229	291	257	160	273	222	93	236	310	137	233	4134
John Hurd	74	220	111	109	81	86	116	206	153	192	180	291	184	126	166	163	36	127	133	85	93	2932
Others	0	4	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	11
Blanks	6	9	13	18	8	28	24	25	16	25	21	50	9	17	27	21	8	17	17	11	16	389

Treasurer for Three Years (1)

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	Total
*Stephen J. Gilligan	129	284	177	163	161	182	169	185	292	308	308	396	323	207	305	283	87	262	319	171	213	5024
Others	1	2	1	2	5	5	3	1	4	1	3	7	6	5	7	2	1	3	3	4	4	70
Blanks	50	117	89	100	68	107	112	156	92	155	120	229	121	91	155	124	49	115	138	59	12	2372

Selectmen for Three Years (2)

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	Total
*Diane M. Mahon	113	243	183	139	137	170	173	225	238	282	234	378	240	182	272	275	80	251	311	157	204	4485
*Daniel J. Dunn	88	206	175	132	96	143	141	322	178	320	253	425	218	185	257	270	69	180	235	243	208	4247
Maria A. Romano	83	188	83	135	136	160	132	111	192	150	163	177	235	110	205	138	70	186	194	89	128	3065
Others	1	2	0	3	0	2	0	1	2	1	1	1	2	2	6	0	0	3	0	0	2	29
Blanks	75	167	93	121	99	113	122	225	66	175	211	283	205	129	194	135	55	140	180	76	142	3006

Assessor for Three Years (1)

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	Total
*Mary Winstanley	124	264	162	166	139	162	172	262	264	280	286	381	291	184	295	274	85	241	302	160	221	4715
Others	1	3	1	1	3	3	1	3	3	3	3	1	4	4	6	1	0	0	3	4	3	51
Blanks	55	136	104	98	92	129	111	177	121	181	142	250	155	115	166	134	52	139	155	70	118	2700

Selectmen for One Year (1)

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	Total
Joseph E. Curran	76	191	85	108	127	116	121	114	190	139	187	234	270	118	225	143	57	201	222	85	143	3152
*Annie LaCourt	89	180	168	143	83	146	131	307	163	300	216	362	162	168	220	248	68	163	221	143	175	3856
Others	0	3	1	0	2	1	0	1	1	0	1	2	3	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	20
Blanks	15	29	13	14	22	31	32	20	34	25	27	34	15	16	21	17	12	16	16	6	23	438

School Committee for Three Years (3)

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	Total
*William Hayner	83	280	124	122	123	146	142	170	188	257	197	345	254	178	253	249	68	207	260	142	195	3983
*Joseph A. Curro, Jr.	123	226	186	120	133	182	182	333	240	312	277	398	271	195	333	271	83	232	303	158	221	4779
James L. Dolan	72	161	87	108	106	101	104	103	144	124	145	226	185	103	163	144	63	156	192	83	137	2707
*Leba Heigham	85	142	154	104	81	122	124	275	153	268	227	318	168	149	219	222	71	156	206	114	165	3523
Others	2	4	0	6	0	2	0	4	4	0	5	4	2	5	7	1	1	2	1	2	3	55
Blanks	175	396	250	335	259	329	300	441	435	431	442	605	470	278	426	340	125	387	418	203	305	7351

Arlington Housing Authority for Five Years (1)

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	Total
*Nicholas Mitropoulos	122	274	173	175	152	162	167	252	269	284	299	379	303	188	308	264	90	251	299	172	219	4802
Others	2	4	1	3	3	3	3	2	4	1	0	6	5	2	3	1	0	0	3	2	2	50
Blanks	56	125	93	87	79	129	114	188	115	179	132	247	142	113	156	144	47	129	158	60	121	2614

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PRECINCT 1 (4) Three Years

Bastardi, Joseph A., 100 Decatur Street	117
McGaffigan, Elizabeth, 34 Silk Street	111
McGaffigan, Paul J., 34 Silk Street	107
Mills, Kevin M., 28 Mystic Valley Pkwy.	124
Others	3
Blanks	258

PRECINCT 2 (4) Three Years

Fiore, Elsie C., 58 Mott Street	250
Fiore, Peter J., 58 Mott Street	238
Hayner, William, 19 Putnam Road	284
O'Neil, Maureen T., 55 Mott Street	31
Others	29
Blanks	429

PRECINCT 3 (4) Three Years

Griffin, Jean M., 42 Oxford Street	152
Simas, Charles J., 42 Oxford Street	141
Stemps, Susan D., 39 Grafton Street	161
Tosti, Allan, 38 Teel Street	182
Others	4
Blanks	373

PRECINCT 4 (4) Three Years

Costa, Patricia A., 82 Milton Street	160
Ferrara, Ryan J., 94 Varnum Street	130
Laite, George, 25 Lafayette Street	153
Marshall, Joseph M., 72 Varnum Street	6
Others	15
Blanks	199

PRECINCT 5 (4) Three Years

Conlin, John F., Jr., 18 River Street	147
Malin, Martin B., 96 Webster Street	139
Grunko, Zachary P., 16 Fordham Street	125
Smith, Eric J., 16 Fordham Street	132
Others	5
Blanks	314

PRECINCT 6 (4) Three Years

Kaplan, William H., 57 Spy Pond Lane	146
Nohrden, Emily A., 7 Pond Terrace	146
Snyder, Jill A., 276 Mass. Avenue, #305142	
Zimmer, Ethan P., 18 Lake Street	152
Others	6
Blanks	298

PRECINCT 6 (1) Two Years

Others	11
Blanks	283

PRECINCT 6 (1) One Year

Peluso, Theodore L.	9
Others	23
Blanks	262

PRECINCT 7 (4) Three Years

Dolan, James L.	105
Hanson, Linda, 11 Webster Street	158
McKinney, Laurence O., 32 Foster Street	118
Romano, Maria A., 25 Bates Road	141
Smith, Walter R., 19 Tufts Street	135
Others	0
Blanks	479

PRECINCT 8 (4) Three Years

Band, Carol L., 57 Bartlett Avenue	298
Bean, David, 50 Jason Street	278
Berkowitz, William R., 12 Pelham Terrace	308
Leone, John D., 51 Irving Street	320
Others	3
Blanks	561

PRECINCT 9 (4) Three Years

Judd, Lyman G., Jr., 4 Winslow Street, #710	203
Lieberson, Patricia E., 5 Mystic Lake Drive	227
Liggett, Steven M., 25 Hayes Street	55
Ruderman, A. Michael, 9 Alton Street	216
Others	3
Blanks	561

PRECINCT 10 (4) Three Years

Howard, Jane L., 12 Woodland Street	291
Howard, Peter B., 12 Woodland Street	286
Martin, John A., 60 Arlmont Street	251
Moyer, William David, 49 Hillsdale Road	244
Others	5
Blanks	783

PRECINCT 11 (4) Three Years

Caccavaro, Thomas, Jr., 28 Ridge Street	247
Fitzgerald, Thomas M., 67 Stowecroft Road	268
Heigham, Leba, 82 Richfield Road	23
Radochia, Joyce H., 45 Columbia Road	256
Others	20
Blanks	910

PRECINCT 11 (1) Two Years

O'Neill, Barry R.	299
Others	6
Blanks	126

PRECINCT 12 (4) Three Years

Bielefeld, Lisa A., 132 Mt. Vernon Street	262
Cayer, Michael J., 191 Newport Street	297
Helmuth, Eric D., 33 Grandview Road	326
Rockmore, Marlene, 18 Perkins Street	266
Others	38
Blanks	1125

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PRECINCT 12 (1) Two Years

Whelittle, R Bruce, 94 Coolidge Road	287
Others	176
Blanks	2065

PRECINCT 13 (4) Three Years

Gilligan, Stephen J., 77 Falmouth Road	289
Harrington, Maria N., 74 Columbia Road	268
Healy, Michael T., 1 Hodge Road	285
Krepelka, Marie A., 12 Mohawk Road	339
Others	7
Blanks	612

PRECINCT 14 (4) Three Years

Hillis, Robert Glen, 17 Mount Vernon Street	178
Hooper, Gwenyth R.A., 1 School Street, #102	199
Maher, John F., 990 Mass. Avenue, #44	186
Mahon, Diane M., 23 Howard Street, #2	199
Others	5
Blanks	445

PRECINCT 15 (4) Three Years

Craig, Bennett W., 20 Fabyan Street	241
Fanning, Richard C., 57 Yerxa Road	265
Lavalle, Brian E., 46 Oak Hill Drive	239
Mara, Nancy A., 63 Epping Street	239
Others	27
Blanks	857

PRECINCT 15 (1) Two Years

Duggan, Neil J., 162 Ridge Street	273
Others	6
Blanks	188

PRECINCT 15 (1) One Year

Victoria P. Ford, 16 Twin Circle Drive	61
Others	87
Blanks	319

PRECINCT 16 (4) Three Years

Garrity, Robert K., 275 Park Avenue	258
Czapski, Holly, 25 Ely Road	265
Kenney, William J., Jr., 28 Wilbur Avenue	242
O'Brien, Andrew E., 109 Hillside Avenue	254
Others	8
Blanks	609

PRECINCT 17 (4) Three Years

Burke, William K., 2 Old Colony Lane, #3	82
Fitzgerald, Ann V., 162 Summer Street,	100
Smith, Ann L., 38 Washington Street	89
Others	3
Blanks	274

PRECINCT 18 (4) Three Years

Belskis, John V., 196 Wollaston Avenue	252
Canniff, John W., 71 Hathaway Circle	8
Canniff, Shirley M.71 Hathaway Circle	284
Gallagher, Charles D., 16 Shelley Road	249
Others	12
Blanks	715

PRECINCT 19 (4) Three Years

Farrell, Daniel J., 38 Ronald Road	279
Henning, Meghan, 42 Hancock Street	288
Leary, Jeanne M., 425 Summer Street	297
Trembly, Edward D., 76 Wright Street	296
Others	10
Blanks	670

PRECINCT 20 (4) Three Years

Fuller, Peter T., 7 Kilsythe Road	168
Larkin, Maureen O'Connell, 31 Inverness Road	152
Tosi, Robert L., Sr., 14 Inverness Road	162
Tosi, Robert L., Jr., 14 Inverness Road	174
Others	2
Blanks	278

PRECINCT 20 (1) One Year

Kardon, Leonard J., 65 Tanager Street	181
Others	1
Blanks	52

PRECINCT 21 (4) Three Years

Elwell, Ralph E., 21 Montague Street	228
May, John W., 11 Colonial Village Dr.#1	204
Memon, Zarina G., 15 Sunset Road	38
Phillips, Walter C., 2 Crescent Hill Avenue224	
Others	26
Blanks	648

All used and unused ballots, tally sheets, voting lists and all other records pertaining to the Annual Town Election, properly signed and sealed, were delivered to the Town Clerk to be preserved by her during the time required by law.

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SPECIAL OVERRIDE ELECTION 6/7/2011
Total of Ballots Cast – 13,596
47% of total number of registered voters – 29,179

QUESTION

Shall the Town of Arlington be allowed to assess an additional \$6,490,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding the operating budgets of the Town and the Public Schools for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011.

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	Total
Total Ballots Cast	329	626	513	511	495	516	470	743	585	877	805	1014	819	647	847	812	249	764	773	569	632	13,596

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	Total
YES	160	300	313	271	220	279	262	488	281	536	385	675	293	389	430	477	107	327	362	312	359	7,226
NO	169	326	200	240	275	237	208	255	304	341	420	339	526	258	417	335	142	436	411	257	273	6,369

YES – 7,226
NO – 6,366

ABSENTEE BALLOTS
Applications sent – 909
Ballots cast – 879

Ballots not returned - 39
All used and unused ballots, tally sheets, voting lists, and all other records pertaining to the Special Town Election, properly signed and sealed, were delivered to the Town Clerk to be preserved by her during the time required by law.