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TOWN CLERK

The following annual report of the Town Clerk for the year ending December 31, 2015, is herewith submitted in accordance with Section 3 of Article 3, Title 1 of the Town By-Laws. One election was held in 2015, the Annual Town Election on Saturday, March 28, 2015.

The Town has twenty-one Accu-Vote voting machines, one for each precinct, and a main counting system located in the Town Clerk's Office. We also have ten AutoMark Voter Assisted Terminals, one for each polling location, which provide autonomy to voters. This system consists of paper ballots to be marked by the voters and inserted into the Accu-Vote 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. 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 are issued to candidates for Town offices, including Town Meeting Members, and, after being certified by the Registrars of Voters Office, 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.

Town Meeting Members successfully used our new electronic voting devices voted on in 2014 for this year's Town Meeting. With the exception of Town Meeting Members, candidates for major Town Offices were notified 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 aforementioned election. 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 allowing 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 election day. A total of 303 absentee ballots were cast for the 2015 Annual Town Election. Specially qualified voters are voters who are either, United States Citizens living overseas permanently, temporarily or are members of the United States

Armed Forces and their families. With the exception of the Annual Town Election, ballots can be transmitted by email. The majority of the overseas ballots were received and returned by this method.

The Annual Town Meeting began on April 27, 2015, and continued for five sessions, dissolving on May 11, 2015. A total of forty-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. There were no Special Town Meetings. Attendance for 2015, Town Meeting were between 84% and 88%.

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 amendments to Town By-Laws and Zoning By-Laws, as voted at the Annual Town Meeting, were submitted to the Attorney General and approved within the statutory period provided. Following advertisement for two weeks in the local newspaper, as required by law, the amendments 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 2,258 dog licenses were issued by the Town Clerk's Office for the calendar year 2015. 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.

Vital Statistics	2013	2014	2015
Births	600	564	571
Deaths	313	350	384
Marriages	227	196	190

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Fees Collected	2013	2014	2015
Marriage Intentions	\$7,492	\$6,120	\$5,900
Miscellaneous Certificates	\$35,552	\$36,342	\$40,166
Renewal of Gasoline Permits	\$806	\$326	\$226
Miscellaneous Books/CD's	\$746	\$600	\$433
Miscellaneous Violations/Licenses	\$6,687	\$4,875	\$5,125
Duplicate Dog Tags	\$32	\$30	\$32
Filing Fees/Special Permits	\$190	\$45	\$1,325
Dog Licenses	\$28,515	\$35,895	\$52,220
TOTAL	\$80,020	\$84,233	\$105,427

Decisions of the Zoning Board of Appeals, decisions on request 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, drain layer, 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 Law. Town officials and departments were notified of all Legislative Acts affecting them.

Fines were collected for citations issued under Section 21D, 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.

Your attention is directed to the following vital statistics of the Town, which are recorded at this time. It should be noted, however, 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 cities and towns where these events occurred.

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

As mandated by law, a combined Annual Town and School Census was conducted during the months of January and February 2015. 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 children eligible for Kindergarten for the following year was transmitted to the School Department upon request.

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 Person, seventeen years of age and older, 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, 2015. Those who proved residence were reinstated. The total number of registered voters upon completion of the annual revision of the voting list for the last election of the year was over 30,000. The table below breaks voter registration, by major party, in the last three years.

Registered Voters	2013	2014	2015
Total Registered	30,541	30,846	30,225
Democrats	14,087	14,164	13,899
Republicans	2,077	2,040	1,968
Unenrolled	14,261	14,523	14,180

Voters who enroll in a political designation may not vote in any State or Presidential Primary. Cards were mailed to voters acknowledging receipt of change or cancellation of political party enrollments received during the year by this office. 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 for each of the three elections.

Mail-in voter registrations has eliminated the requirement that special evening and Saturday sessions for the registration of voters to 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. Additionally, 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

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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 2014, Annual and any Special Town Meetings, also applications for absentee ballots for the Annual 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. Registered Voters' Certificates were issued throughout the year from the Board's records for identification purposes and for proof of citizenship.

During all elections, 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.

In 2015 the Clerk's Office began receiving death certificates electronically through the Vitals Information Partnership, (VIP). Our births have been on this system for a few years with great success. A huge thank you goes to our Systems Analyst & Director of GIS, Adam Kurowski, for initializing our new dog license system on our computers. We are still waiting for permission to accept credit cards in order to license dogs and other certificates electronically. Adam has been our number one supporter in this process and we appreciate, not only his expertise in this matter, but his constant training and patience with all of us.



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ARLINGTON ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION, MARCH 28, 2015

Total of Ballots Cast – 2697

% of total number of registered voters – 9.11%

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	94	143	93	79	77	71	92	176	159	173	164	215	183	104	172	155	66	143	132	110	86	2697

Selectmen 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
Steven M. Byrne	62	85	64	48	53	42	67	104	108	118	122	147	123	73	116	103	45	91	91	75	70	1807
Joseph A. Curro, Jr.	61	81	81	57	59	47	70	126	103	144	105	163	115	76	137	106	46	84	96	79	71	1907
Write-in Votes	1	6	5	8	1	1	2	2	6	2	1	3	6	0	4	0	3	2	3	1	1	58

Assessor 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
Kevin P. Feeley	43	64	52	41	46	27	57	103	92	121	105	131	104	61	102	100	45	66	81	61	52	1554
Stephen T. Harrington	38	64	34	28	20	29	28	45	41	36	47	54	68	34	57	40	17	55	43	33	33	844
Write-in Votes	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7

Assessor 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
Robert E. Greeley	62	90	55	52	56	42	64	103	123	125	122	154	129	67	119	108	48	86	100	79	66	1850
Write-in Votes	1	4	1	3	0	0	1	1	4	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	3	0	2	0	2	32

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
Jeffrey D. Thielman	47	66	53	37	51	37	66	121	83	127	83	143	90	62	104	99	39	68	71	61	56	1564
Cindy Starks	59	87	66	53	48	39	61	128	96	132	86	142	91	69	112	105	43	62	90	66	58	1693
Alexis G. Moisand	33	67	27	31	26	27	27	47	55	49	71	76	73	44	66	51	24	66	50	38	38	986
Write-in Votes	1	1	3	3	0	0	2	0	2	1	0	0	3	0	2	0	2	1	1	0	0	22

Housing Authority for Five Years (5)

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	Total
Joseph S. Daly	66	94	60	55	56	42	70	94	129	116	122	147	121	71	118	92	48	95	99	81	62	1838
Write-in Votes	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	4	1	0	4	4	0	1	0	2	1	0	1	1	23

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TOWN MEETING MEMBER ELECTION RESULTS

PRECINCT 1 Three Years

Dennis, Gregory D.	19 Wheaton Road	55
McGaffigan, Elizabeth	34 Silk Street	53
Mills, Kevin M.	28 Mystic Valley Pkwy.	48
Revilak, Stephen A.	111 Sunnyside Avenue	53

PRECINCT 2 Three Years

DeCoursey, Stephen W.	7 Cheswick Road	82
Fiore, Elsie C.	58 Mott Street	85
McCabe, Mark W.	4 Dorothy Road	88

PRECINCT 3 Three Years

Auster, Adam	10 Cottage Avenue	66
Dratch, Robin M.	70 Teel Street	68
Hoppe, John K.	63 Teel Street	60
Thompson, Anne K.	14 Cottage Avenue	59

PRECINCT 4 Three Years

Costa, Patricia A.	82 Milton Street	27
Laite, George	25 Lafayette Street	55
Rowe, Clarissa	137 Herbert Road	58
Taberner, Aimee, L.	92 Thorndike Street	53

PRECINCT 5 Three Years

Ortwein, Nanci L.	135 Medford Street, #2	54
Smith, Scott B.	39 Amherst Street	56

PRECINCT 6 Three Years

Fischer, Andrew S.	25 Lombard Road	52
Kaplan, William H.	57 Spy Pond Lane	46
Peluso, Theodore L.	438 Mass. Avenue, #420	46
Waxman, Lesley A.	60 Pleasant Street, #303	44

PRECINCT 7 Three Years

Connors, Joseph M.	78 Bates Road	47
Hanson, Linda	11 Webster Street	70
Michelman, Thomas S.	20 Everett Street, #2	60
Pedulla, Lisa A.	20 Everett Street, #2	69

PRECINCT 8 Three Years

Grossman, Irwin S.	16 Peabody Road	112
Lobel, Joshua	73 Jason Street, #2	134
Starks, Cindy	1 Monadnock Road	121
Worden, Patricia B.	27 Jason Street	116

PRECINCT 9 Three Years

Boltz, Barbara Ann	54 Medford Street, #510	121
Edelstein, Debra A.	63 Webcowet Road	103
Herlihy, Robert E.	51 Maynard Street	113
Schlichtman, Paul	47 Mystic Street, #8C	98

PRECINCT 10 Three Years

Costa, Barbara M.	26 Woodland Street	134
Forbes, Danuta M.	4 Iroquois Road	135
Klein, Christian MacQuarrie	54 Newport Street	130
Varoglu, Mustafa	26 Shawnee Road	121

PRECINCT 11 Three Years

Bilafer, Mary Ellen	59 Cutter Hill Road	120
Caccavaro, Thomas, Jr.	28 Ridge Street	104
Carney, Christine C.	98 Richfield Road	122
Schwartz, Carroll E.	20 Robin Hood Road	112

PRECINCT 12 Three Years

Bielefeld, Lisa A.	132 Mt. Vernon Street	146
Dohan, Marc	43 Chester Street	136
Jefferson, Robert J.	27 Park Circle	122
Thielman, Jeffrey D.	37 Coolidge Road	139

PRECINCT 13 Three Years

Dupont, DeAnne	32 Oldham Road	79
Gilligan, Nancy M.	77 Falmouth Road	100
Gilligan, Stephen J.	77 Falmouth Road	104
Krepelka, Marie A.	12 Mohawk Road	131

PRECINCT 14 Three Years

Bahamon, Guillermo E.	22 Oakland Avenue	64
Jones, Alan H.	1 Lehigh Street	71
Pachter, Adam E.	67 Quincy Street	72
Tully, Joseph C.	329 Gray Street	72

PRECINCT 15 Three Years

Curro, Joseph A., Jr.	21 Millett Street	135
Fanning, Richard C.	57 Yerxa Road	119
LaCourt, Annie	48 Chatham Street	99
Mara, Nancy A.	63 Epping Street	106

PRECINCT 16 Three Years

Czapski, Holly	25 Ely Road	88
Phelps, Judith Ann	77 Oakland Avenue	92
Reedy, Allen W.	153 Renfrew Street	102
Thornton, Barbara	223 Park Avenue	89

PRECINCT 17 Three Years

Burks, Sarah L.	993 Mass. Ave., #225	49
Fitzgerald, Ann V.	162 Summer Street, #1	47
Monju, Joseph J.	8 Brattle Street, #2	41
Smith, Ann L.	38 Washington Street	45

PRECINCT 18 Three Years

Belskis, John V.	196 Wollaston Avenue	91
Canniff, Shirley M.	71 Hathaway Circle	95
Ford, William J.	6 Mayflower Road	88
Gersh, Jon	24 Kipling Road	87

PRECINCT 19 Three Years

Deshler, Christine P.	65 Huntington Road	107
Foran, Brian P.	5 Reed Street	95
O'Connor, James M.	63 Overlook Road	94
Trembly, Edward D.	76 Wright Street	98

PRECINCT 20 Three Years

Carman, Dean E.	29 Kilsythe Road	73
Fuller, Peter T.	7 Kilsythe Road	88
Tosi, Robert L., Jr.	14 Inverness Road	88

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PRECINCT 21 Three Years

Boudreau, Jeffrey K.	99 Bow Street, #1	51
Canaday, John T.	269 Lowell Street	56
Hallett, M. Pamela	1 Gilboa Road	68
Weber, Janice A.	29 Crescent Hill Avenue	62

PRECINCT 1 Two Years

Hartshorne, Charles K.	11 Marrigan Street	72
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PRECINCT 11 One Year

Heigham, Christopher	82 Richfield Road	120
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PRECINCT 12 One Year

Ames, Benjamin B.	14 Hawthorne Avenue	159
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PRECINCT 19 One Year

Monks, Flynn C.	14 Wright Street	107
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