

TOWN CLERK & ELECTIONS

TOWN CLERK

- Records births, deaths and marriages with the Commonwealth and provides certified copies to the public by request.
- Licenses dogs and kennels.
- Issues business certificates by request.
- Permits raffles, bazaars, and underground tanks.
- Accepts for official recording documents such as Zoning Board of Appeals decisions, Redevelopment Board decisions on special permits, amendments to traffic rules and orders, and legal claims against the Town.
- Certifies Town Meeting actions and submits bylaw changes for review by the Attorney General.
- Records financial statements, utility pole locations, street permits, drain layer, blasting, and other surety bonds covering contractors.
- Administers oaths of office to elected or appointed officials and to police officers when they are promoted; provides required forms and materials regarding open meeting law, conflict of interest law, Town policy on discrimination, harassment, and sexual harassment.
- Posts copies of meeting agendas on the bulletin board outside the office.
- Collects fines for violations of Town bylaws and refers overdue fines for such citations to the Middlesex District Court.
- Administers all elections, election audits, and election recounts.

Following are the vital statistics of the Town for 2023, which were recorded at the time the report was submitted. It should be noted, however, that the summaries of births and deaths are incomplete because re-

cords pertaining to Arlington residents may be delayed by clerical issues at hospitals or corrections at the state level that take several weeks to finalize.

Vital Statistics	2021	2022	2023
Births	425	457	407
Deaths	365	364	351
Marriages	150	152	164

There were two elections in 2023: the Annual Town Election on April 1st to elect officials and Town Meeting representatives and a Special Town Election on November 7th with two ballot questions. For both elections, the Board of Registrars and Select Board voted to allow in-person early voting in the Town Clerk's Office. Postcard applications were mailed to all voters to make it as easy as possible for voters to request a mailed ballot. In addition, the postcard for the special election alerted voters to the reason for the special election and the questions on the ballot.

The Clerk's Office is primarily responsible for providing information to residents and voters on the Elections & Voting page and the Town Meeting page on the Town website. In addition to re-designing the layouts to be more readable on cell phones, an "About Town Meeting" page with several related documents were added to help residents better understand Town Meeting and how warrant articles are submitted.

A staff member participated in evaluating and beta-testing new software developed by the Secretary of the Commonwealth, Elections Division to replace the existing voter registration database used by all communities to maintain census and voting records. Implementation of the new software is expected in 2024.

In 2024 Assistant Town Clerk Janice Weber retired after 26 years of service and Denise Houser was named the new Assistant Town Clerk. Christopher Tierney and Alicia Hill joined the Department.

Fees Collected	2021	2022	2023
Certificates & Certified Copies	\$45,430	\$48,773	\$45,279
Dog Licenses & Late Fees	\$37,331 \$5,390	\$36,931 \$9,594	\$39,680 \$5,649
Marriage Intentions	\$4,650	\$4,410	\$11,320
Domestic Partnerships		\$390	\$630
Filing Fees/Special Permits	\$26,850	\$35,486	\$3,485
Underground Tanks	\$206	\$271	\$371
Miscellaneous Fees / Books	\$125	\$50	\$312
Paid Violations	\$1,280	\$855	\$2,115
TOTAL	\$121,262	\$136,760	\$108,841

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REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

- Conducts the annual Town census by mail.
- Updates lists of voters, potential jurors, True List of Persons, children eligible for Kindergarten in the next year.
- Registers voters.
- Certifies signatures on nomination papers or petitions.
- Assists the Town Clerk hand counting provisional ballots after Election Day.

The Board of Registrars consists of three persons appointed by the Select Board after being nominated by one of the two major political parties and the Town Clerk. They traditionally oversaw all matters pertaining to voter registration and they conduct of the Town census, but currently delegate those matters to the staff in the Town Clerk’s Office and meet as needed for hearings, recounts, audits, and to count the ballots received in the mail from overseas voters for state elections. In 2023 Donnarose Russian was appointed to the Board and later resigned to serve as the Chair of the Town Republican Committee. Ralph MacDonald was appointed to fill that vacancy.

The Registrar is a staff member in the Town Clerk’s Office who is primarily responsible for voter registration and related matters. The Registrar updated systems for processing census forms and did extensive follow-up to reach voters whose registration had been inactivated when they failed to return the 2023 Annual Town Census. The Registrar was also invited to participate in testing the Secretary of the Commonwealth’s new voter registration website that is expected to be implemented in 2024.

Voter registration in Massachusetts continues to evolve and in 2023 the Registrar continued to manage the interactions of registration procedures and vote by

mail. Because a voter could return a ballot by mail in one community and then move to another community, registration changes near any election require careful review. If a voter moved to a new town and registered to vote there after the voter registration deadline, the new town could not give them a ballot for the current election and the previous town couldn’t count their returned vote by mail ballot because their name no longer appeared on the voter list.

Massachusetts recognized three political parties in 2023. During the primary elections conducted in 2024, three ballots will be printed: Democratic, Republican, and Libertarian. When registering to vote or updating registration, voters may choose to enroll in one of the recognized parties or they may indicate they are unenrolled in a party. Unenrolled voters must choose which party ballot they want to vote in a primary election. Further, an unenrolled voter may designate their affiliation with any of the unrecognized parties.

Arlington’s statistics as of December 31, 2023 are listed below:

Registered Voters	2021	2022	2023
Total Registered	31,982	31,883	32,277
Democrats	14,236	13,864	13,503
Republicans	1,402	1,271	1,227
Unenrolled	16,112	16,526	17,331
Libertarian	55	58	58
*Green Rainbow	24	27	27
<i>* Not a recognized party in 2023 Miscellaneous designations are not included</i>			

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ARLINGTON ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION, April 1, 2023

Total of Ballots Cast – 7174

% of total number of registered voters – 14.81%

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	204	376	299	258	325	310	298	416	288	432	355	453	423	325	337	407	243	331	390	326	378	7174

Select Board for Three Years

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	Total
Leonard Diggins	137	226	214	182	190	224	196	270	172	297	205	320	217	210	207	279	160	157	250	223	268	4604
John Leone	76	169	112	106	161	111	131	215	140	182	187	166	233	147	160	158	102	189	155	139	144	3183
Diane Mahon	146	274	197	165	208	208	183	212	191	259	224	330	258	207	225	286	169	206	265	203	224	4640
Write-in Votes	1	1	2	5	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	7	3	0	3	0	1	2	1	0	29
All Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blank	48	82	73	58	91	76	85	135	73	126	94	89	131	83	82	88	55	109	108	86	120	1892

School Committee for Three Years

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	Total
Paul Schlichtman	107	212	166	153	175	200	172	255	182	258	212	252	219	185	207	211	138	194	182	207	180	4067
Elizabeth Exton	155	253	193	179	237	226	205	266	197	297	244	360	293	222	251	294	166	222	286	225	251	5022
Laura Gitelson	111	190	171	138	212	190	171	247	142	280	195	294	205	192	182	267	166	171	279	198	258	4259
Jill Krajewski	106	191	146	116	155	138	150	162	145	197	156	238	214	151	157	191	108	143	200	135	231	3430
Write-in Votes	2	4	3	4	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	5	6	2	3	2	0	1	2	2	0	38
All Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blank	131	278	218	184	195	176	196	318	197	264	258	210	332	223	211	256	151	262	221	211	214	4706

Assessor for Three Years

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	Total
Mary O'Connor	166	274	222	193	251	243	226	303	238	325	274	369	314	236	263	311	193	250	316	255	283	5505
Write-in Votes	0	2	0	1	0	0	2	1	1	2	0	2	1	1	0	4	2	0	6	0	1	26
All Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blank	38	100	77	64	74	67	70	112	49	105	81	82	108	88	74	92	48	81	68	71	94	1643

Clerk

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	Total
Juliana Brazile	171	282	241	198	257	249	234	313	242	338	264	391	318	251	276	323	198	261	320	264	288	5679
Write-in Votes	0	0	2	2	0	1	2	1	2	4	2	0	6	1	2	1	1	0	2	0	0	29
All Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blank	33	94	56	58	68	60	62	102	44	90	89	62	99	73	59	83	44	70	68	62	90	1466

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Town Meeting Election Results

Precinct 1 Three Years

Vincent C. Baudion.	56 Silk Street	154
Marian E. King	122 Decatur Street #4	145
Jordan Remy	186 Gardner St B-6	140
Jeffrey Kegan Sullivan	58 Silk Street	134

Precinct 1 Two Years

Joanna Asia Kepia	17 Silk Street	128
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Precinct 1 One Year

Rebecca Persson	15 Fremont St	64
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Precinct 2 Three Years

Peter M. Gast	36 Margaret Street	231
Aimee I. Lim-Miller	75 Bay State Road	262
William J. Logan	5 Mary Street	199
Jennifer Amy Roderick	6 Pioneer Road	234

Precinct 3 Three Years

Eben Kimball Miller	58 Waldo Road	198
Scott Mullen	68 Henderson Street	196
Susan Della Stamps	39 Grafton Street	202
Courtney Urick	11 Teel Street	196

Precinct 3 Two Years

Adam J.B. Lane	77 Grafton Street	187
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Precinct 4 Three Years

Ashley Dickson	45 Magnolia Street	160
Dorit Peleg Mazor	12B Fairmont Street	175
Michele J Phelan	135 Thorndike Street	190
Arthur P. Prokosch	45 Fairmont Street	177

Precinct 5 Three Years

Joseph Ellis Barr	24 Park Street #2	145
Andrew S. Greenspon	89 Palmer Street	147
Phedjina Jean	113 Medford Street #2	178
Brian C. McMurray	4 Park Street Place	194

Precinct 6 Three Years

Andrew S. Fischer	25 Lombard Road	231
Aram G. Hollman	12 Whittemore Street	213
John Gabriel Knoll	44 Newcomb Street	2
Caitlin E. Monaghan	44 Newcomb Street	2

Precinct 6 One Year

Jill Snyder	276 Massachusetts Avenue #305	A*
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Precinct 7 Three Years

Ellen Ann Aamodt	64 Grafton Street	205
Susan B. Donnelly	36 Amherst Street	199
Phil E. Goff	94 Grafton Street	197
Christopher P. Loreti	56 Adams Street	176

Precinct 8 Three Years

Eric L. Baatz	15 Hopkins Road	178
Stephanie K. Ford-Weems	12 Lockeland Ave	173
Elizabeth May Pyle	66 Gloucester Street	263
John L. Worden III	27 Jason Street	215

Precinct 9 Three Years

Elizabeth A. Ferola	118 Warren Street	212
Linda Hanson	11 Webster Street	207
Mark H. Kaepplein	11 Palmer Street	151
Jonathan Wallach	11 Webster Street	191

Precinct 10 Three Years

Peter B. Howard	12 Woodland Street	322
Christian M. Klein	54 Newport Street	324
Michael J. Quinn	15 Shawnee Road	310
Mustafa Varoglu	26 Shawnee Road	319

Precinct 11 Three Years

Kristin L. Anderson	12 Upland Road West	252
Lynette Culverhouse	24 Draper Avenue	245
Gary O. Goldsmith	91 Beverly Road	15
Matthew Dean Miller	42 Columbia Road	242

Precinct 11 Two Years

Robert Radochia	45 Columbia Road	10
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Precinct 11 One Year

Charles Carney	28 Upland Road	A*
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Precinct 12 Three Years

Juliana H. Brazile	56 Coolidge Road	368
Eric D. Helmuth	33 Grandview Road	373
Caroline H. Murray	95 Glenburn Road	351
Sanjay S. Vakil	74 Scituate Street	355

Precinct 13 Three Years

Nancy A. Mara	63 Epping Street	274
Michelle M. Orfanos	19 Moccasin Path	265
Lee Madison Poage	10 Cherokee Road	257
Priya S. Sankalia	253 Pleasant Avenue	270

Precinct 13 Two Years

Paul Bayer	15 Oldham Road	12
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Precinct 14 Three Years

Guillermo S. Hamlin	1228 Mass. Ave. B	205
Diane M. Mahon	23 Howard Street #2	217
Mark B. Rosenthal	62 Walnut Street	176
Carol Anne Svenson	34 Robbins Road	236

Precinct 15 Three Years

Josephine Babiarz	59 Edgehill Road	222
Frank J. Ciano	65 Woodside Lane	226
Ann V. Fitzgerald	162 Summer Street #2	247
Carl Andrew Wagner	30 Edgehill Road	229

Precinct 15 Two Years

Engjellushe K.Mozina	155 Summer Street	218
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Precinct 16 Three Years

Andrew Brody	11 West Street	238
Gina M. Carme	55 Claremont Avenue	221
Kevin P. Koch	100 Florence Avenue	230
Jamie Lloyd McSweeney	169 Park Avenue	210

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TOWN MEETING ELECTION RESULTS

Precinct 16 One Year

Williams James Kenney Jr. 28 Wilbur Avenue A*

Precinct 17 Three Years

Hila Bernstein	214 ½ Summer Street	196
Xavid Pretzer	44 Grove Street	188
Gwendolyn A. Richter	12 Brattle Place	189
Donnarose Russian	17 Laurel Street	138

Precinct 18 Three Years

Nancy Lehrman Bloom	169 Sylvia Street	232
Steven Moore	64 Piedmont Street	10
Carolyn M. Parsons	23 Brewster Road	232
Brian Terence White	21 Piedmont Street	241

Precinct 19 Three Years

Melanie C. Brown	14 Skyline Drive	298
Elaine M. Crowder	2 Glenbrook Lane, #17	300
John Hickman	63 Dothan Street	14
Edward Trembly	76 Wright Street	288

Precinct 20 Three Years

Adam Auster	29 Lanark Road	247
Maureen E. Gormley	1250 Mass. Ave.	251
Martin Heermance	14 Selkirk Road	25
Kristin A. Pennarun	1261 Mass. Ave.	245

Precinct 21 Three Years

Elizabeth Benedikt	7 Morris Street	247
Jill Kristin Krajewski	56 A Montague Street	294
Christopher R. Rowell	88 Westminster Avenue	270
Jordan E. Weinstein	23 Lennon Road	269

Following a resignation, one person was appointed to fill a vacancy for the Fall Special Town Meeting.

Precinct 7

Timur Kaya Yontar 58 Bates Road *A

* An appointment for one year to fill a vacancy

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SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION, November 7, 2023

Total of Ballots Cast – 12,948
 % of total number of registered voters – 40.37%

Question 1 – Shall the Town of Arlington be allowed to assess an additional \$7,000,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding the operating budgets of the Town and the Public Schools for the fiscal year beginning July first, 2024?

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	Total
Yes	245	382	393	351	365	348	330	433	245	479	451	612	350	381	338	434	239	341	445	354	435	7951
No	119	258	136	176	245	176	183	231	165	258	335	277	394	203	249	286	176	345	296	235	221	4964

Question 2 – Shall this town accept the provisions of Chapter 285 of the Acts of 2020 'An Act Authorizing the Town of Arlington to Establish a Means Tested Senior Citizen Property Tax Exemption,' a fair and concise summary of which appears below?

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	Total
Yes	327	532	462	463	502	454	430	571	351	614	631	787	589	496	496	600	349	550	624	506	547	10881
No	41	107	65	61	108	65	78	88	61	115	149	92	146	85	87	116	61	124	113	81	101	1944

Summary

Acceptance of the Special Act as requested by Town Meeting would provide income-based local property tax relief for eligible residents over 65 years of age who own and occupy homes worth less than the median assessed value, and qualify for the State "circuit breaker" income ceiling under G.L. c. 62 section 6(k).

If accepted, the Select Board shall annually set the amount of relief for qualifying seniors subject to two constraints. First no qualifying resident may have their tax obligation reduced by more than 50 percent, and second, that the Town's total tax relief under the program cannot be greater than 1 percent of the fiscal year's total residential property tax levy for the Town.