

INSPECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

The Inspectional Services Department is responsible for enforcement of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Building, Electrical, and Plumbing & Gas Codes, as well as all related regulations, standards and Town Bylaws. Additionally, the Inspectional Services Department implements strategic projects as assigned by the Town Manager and has recently administered the streetlight replacement project. With a savings of \$400,000 in the streetlight replacement cost via Nstar rebates, the end product utilizes approximately one-half the electricity to light the town's streets while producing the equivalent lumens as the previous streetlights. Making the project successful was the input given by the community. A survey of the residents was taken and several groups and committees were asked to take a leading role in it's planning. Sustainable Arlington, the Transportation Advisory Committee, the Town of Arlington Finance Committee, the Town Manager's Office and LightSmart, Inc. gave immeasurable support to the project making its implementation seamless with no disruption to the town's street lighting.

In 2004, the Inspectional Services Department issued a total of 3,686 permits of which 1,206 were Building permits, 817 were Plumbing permits, 664 were Gas permits and 999 were Wiring permits. Total fees collected by the Inspectional Services Department in 2004 were \$729,055.65.

In 2004, Arthur Rouse, Inspector of Wires completed 25 years of service and Kenneth Huntley, Inspector of Plumbing and Gasfitting, completed 10 years of service to the Town of Arlington.