

Geometry

by Adriana Stimola

There are some things we expect
to be perfect; to be made of golden ratios,
infinity pools we long to dive to the no-bottom of.
The nautilus, coiled link to our ancient beginnings,
first sailor of us all. Snowflakes, when stuck
to us just right, six-sided-repeating
bonds, crystalized by dropping through clouds.

I didn't know I'd find the Fibonacci series in the spent,
grounded pinecones of Spring. Even after each hope
for new life has left, every scale emptied; after
it dries and bleaches, soaks and then
maybe molds; after it shelters the seed bugs,
lets the spider lay, gives in to the beetles.
Hollow, it is still a self-similar spiral—a self,
made of smaller
and smaller
complete
selves
that still serves
after it's fallen
from the tree.

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TOWN OFFICERS 2025
(Elected By Ballot)

MODERATOR

Caroline R. Flanders Term 1 Year, Expires 2026

SELECT BOARD

Jessica Miller Term 3 Years, Expires 2026
J. Skipper Manter Term 3 Years, Expires 2027
Cynthia E. Mitchell Term 3 Years, Expires 2028

BOARD OF HEALTH

Eric Lowe Term 3 Years, Expires 2026
Kenneth Vincent Term 3 Years, Expires 2027
Daniel James Sauer Term 3 Years, Expires 2028

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Larry Schubert Term 3 Years, Expires 2025
Maria McFarland Term 3 Years, Expires 2026
Michael Colaneri Term 3 Years, Expires 2027

TOWN CLERK

Tara J. Whiting Wells Term 1 Year, Expires 2026

TREE WARDEN

Jeremiah Brown Term 1 Year, Expires 2026

CONSTABLES

John Powers Term 3 Years, Expires 2026
Timothy Barnett Term 3 Years, Expires 2027

FINANCE COMMITTEE

John Christensen Term 3 Years, Expires 2026
Kim Angell Term 3 Years, Expires 2026
Greg Orcutt Term 3 Years, Expires 2027
Clark Rattet Term 3 Years, Expires 2028
J. Skipper Manter Term 3 Years, Expires 2028

PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Wendy Nierenberg Term 3 Years, Expires 2026
Emily Fischer Term 3 Years, Expires 2026
Lynne Hoeft Term 3 Years, Expires 2027
Indaia Whitcombe Term 3 Years, Expires 2027
Fran Finnigan Term 3 Years, Expires 2028
Micah Thanhauser Term 3 Years, Expires 2028

PLANNING BOARD

Matthew Merry	Term 5 Years, Expires 2027
Heikki Soikkeli	Term 5 Years, Expires 2027
John Rau	Term 4 Years, Expires 2029
Leah Smith	Term 5 Years, Expires 2030
Amy Upton	Term 5 Years, Expires 2030

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Matt Gebo	Term 3 Years, Expires 2026
David Small	Term 3 Years, Expires 2026
J. Skipper Manter	Term 3 Years, Expires 2027
Barbara Sundry Smith	Term 3 Years, Expires 2027
Mark Bernard	Term 3 Years, Expires 2028

UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

WEST TISBURY REPRESENTATIVES

Alex Salop	Term 4 Years, Expires 2026
J. Skipper Manter	Term 4 Years, Expires 2026

LAND BANK COMMISSIONER

Peter Wells	Term 3 Years, Expires 2026
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**TOWN OFFICERS
2025
(Appointed by Select Board unless otherwise noted)**

AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE

Michael Colaneri	Jessica Miller
Jeffrey Dubard	Kim Angell
Sebastian Hiatt	Kanta Lipsky
Ivory Littlefield	Matt Merry

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT COORDINATOR

Jennifer Rand

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER/DOG OFFICER

Kathleen Hoffman	Term 1 Year
Phoebe Bates, Assistant	Term 1 Year

CABLE TV ADVISORY BOARD

Leon Brathwaite

CAPE & VINEYARD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

Chelsea Joiner

CAPE LIGHT COMPACT

Nicola Blake	Jennifer Rand (<i>alternate</i>)
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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

Larry Schubert	Cynthia E. Mitchell
Chelsea Joiner	Clark Rattet
Richard Andre	Matt Merry
Joseph Tierney, Ex. Officio	Kathy Logue*

CARE OF TOWN CLOCK

Malcolm W. Young	Term 1 Year
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CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Jessica Miller	Term 3 Years, Expires 2026
J. Skipper Manter	Term 3 Years, Expires 2027
Cynthia E. Mitchell	Term 3 Years, Expires 2028

CEMETERY SUPERINTENDENT

Richard Olson	Term 1 Year
Jesse Oliver, Assistant	Term 1 Year
Brian Athearn, Assistant	Term 1 Year

CLIMATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Nicola Blake	Zada Clarke
Luanne Johnson	Sue Hruby
Michelle Gittlen	

COALITION TO CREATE A MV HOUSING BANK

J. Skipper Manter

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Nancy Dole	Barbara Sunday Smith
Bea Phear	Cheryl Lowe
John Rau	Jefrey Dubard
John Christensen	Ernie Thomas

COMPLETE STREETS COMMITTEE

Rachel Baumrin	Abby Bailey
Sara Rosenthal	Andrew Lester
Greg Pachico	Josh Saltmarsh

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Whit Griswold - Chair	Term 3 Years, Expires 2027
Chris Lyons	Term 3 Years, Expires 2027
Fred Barron	Term 3 Years, Expires 2027
Ernie Thomas	Term 3 Years, Expires 2026
Peter Rodegast	Term 3 Years, Expires 2026
Noah Froh	Term 1 Year, Expires 2026
Robert Myhill	Term 1 Year, Expires 2026
Angela Luckey*	Term 3 Years, Expires 2026

CONSTABLES

Nathan Vieira	Term 1 Year
Evan Fielder	Term 1 Year
Gary Montrol	Term 1 Year

COUNCIL ON AGING

Anna Alley	Term 3 Years, Expires 2026
Cynthia Mitchell	Term 3 Years, Expires 2026
Beth Kramer	Term 3 Years, Expires 2026

COUNCIL ON AGING DIRECTOR

Bethany Hammond	Term 1 Year
Susan Merrill, Assistant Director	Term 1 Year

DATA PROCESSING

Shawn Ramoutar	Term 1 Year
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DUKES COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD

J. Skipper Manter	Term 1 Year
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DUKES COUNTY REGIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY

Rise Terney Term 1 Year

DUTCH ELM DISEASE WARDEN

Jeremiah Brown Term 1 Year

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Jennelle Gadowski, Director Term 1 Year

Amanda Gonsalves, Deputy Director* Term 1 Year

ENERGY COMMITTEE

Richard Andre Nicola Blake

Alex Salop John Christensen

Jim Leonard Michael Gately*

FACILITIES MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

Gregory Pachico Term 1 Year

Patrick Mitchell Term 1 Year

Richard Andre Term 1 Year

Malcolm W. Young Term 1 Year

Louis de Geofroy Term 1 Year

FENCE VIEWERS

Joanie Ames Term 1 Year

Richard Hammond Term 1 Year

FIRE CHIEF/FOREST WARDEN

Gregory Pachico Term 1 Year

HEALTHY AGING TASK FORCE

Skipper Manter Term 1 Year

HERRING WARDEN

John Hoy Term 1 Year

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Sean Conley Term 3 Years, Expires 2027

Nancy Dole Term 3 Years, Expires 2027

Carol Sarason Term 3 Years, Expires 2027

Anne Fischer Term 3 Years, Expires 2027

Sheila Morse Term 3 Years, Expires 2027

Meg Carmen Term 3 Years, Expires 2027

Charlie Kernick Term 3 Years, Expires 2028

Josh Gothard Term 3 Years, Expires 2028

INSECT CONTROL WARDEN

Jeremiah Brown Term 1 Year

INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

Joseph Tierney Term 3 Years, Expires 2026
Jeffrey Fisher (Local Inspector) Term 1 Year

INSPECTOR OF SIGNS

Joseph Tierney Term 1 Year

IMPROVING GOVERNANCE TASK FORCE

John Christensen Cynthia E. Mitchell
Chelsea Joiner Susan Wasserman

JOINT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Matthew Sudarsky

KEEPER OF THE DAM

David Bouck Term 1 Year

LAND BANK ADVISORY BOARD

Andrew Woodruff Maria McFarland
David Bouck Peter Rodegast
Leah Smith David Small

LOCAL HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Anne Fisher Term 3 Years, Expires 2026
Ellen Weiss Term 3 Years, Expires 2027
Jill Bouck* Term 3 Years, Expires 2024
Karin Stanley* Term 3 Years, Expires 2024

MARTHA'S VINEYARD COMMISSION

SELECTMEN'S REPRESENTATIVE

Ernest Thomas Term 1 Year

MARTHA'S VINEYARD CULTURAL COUNCIL

Paul Doherty Term 3 Years, Expires 2026
Walker Roman Term 3 Years, Expires 2027
Andy Herr Term 3 Years, Expires 2027
Hal Garneau Term 3 Years, Expires 2028
Caroline Drogan Term 3 Years, Expires 2028
Harriet Bernstein Term 3 Years, Expires 2028
Irene Tewksbury* Term 3 Years, Expires 2025

MARTHA'S VINEYARD TV

SELECTMEN'S REPRESENTATIVE

VACANT

**MILL POND WATERSHED
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Prudy Burt Cynthia Mitchell
Angela Luckey Tim Boland
Bill Wilcox Kristen Geagan
David Bouck Julie Pringle

Maria McFarland **MUNICIPAL HEARING OFFICER** Term 1 Year

PARKING CLERK

Beth Kaeka Term 1 Year

PERSONNEL BOARD

Larry Schilmeister Term 3 Years, Expires 2026
Leon Braithwaite Term 3 Years, Expires 2027
Michael Accinno Term 3 Years, Expires 2027
Samantha Hollinger Term 3 Years, Expires 2027
John Ross Term 3 Years, Expires 2028

PLANNING BOARD

Cass Luskin (*Associate*) Term 1 Year, Expires 2026

POET LAUREATE

Adriana Stimola Term 3 Years

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Bradley Cortez, Chief Term 3 Years, Expires 2028
Matthew Gebo, Lieutenant Term 3 Years, Expires 2028
Jeremie Rogers, Sergeant Term 3 Years, Expires 2028
Mark Nickowall, Officer Term 3 Years, Expires 2028
Brad Fielder, Officer Term 3 Years, Expires 2028
Noah Stobie, Officer Term 3 Years, Expires 2028
Steve Mathias, Officer Term 3 Years, Expires 2028
William Fielder, Officer Term 3 Years, Expires 2028
Matthew Mincone, Chief* Term 3 Years, Expires 2027

COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICERS

Heidi Pachico Term 3 Years, Expires 2027
Shernan Bowlin Term 3 Years, Expires 2027
Samantha Hollinger Term 3 Years, Expires 2028

SPECIAL OFFICERS

Nathan Vieira Term 3 Years, Expires 2028

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

Jennifer Rand Term 1 Year

RECORDS ACCESS OFFICER

Tara J. Whiting-Wells Term 1 Year

REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY (VTA)

Robert Wasserman Term 3 Years, Expires 2027

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Jonathan Klaren Term 3 Years, Expires 2027
Bernice H. Kirby Term 3 Years, Expires 2028
Hermine Hull Term 3 Years, Expires 2028

SHELLFISH CONSTABLE

Ray Gale Term 3 Years, Expires 2027
Kenneth Jones Term 3 Years, Expires 2027

SHELLFISH AGENT

Will Diamond Term 1 Year

SHELLFISH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

John Hoy Jason Gale
Richard C. Karney David Merry
Bill Austin Greg Orcutt
Jessie Holtham

SHORT TERM RENTAL COMMITTEE–Disbanded 4/30/2025

John Rau Karen Overtoom
Sheila Morse Bea Phear
Cass Luskin Laura Silber
Andrew Kaye

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

Richard T. Olsen Term 1 Year
Keith Olsen, Assistant Term 1 Year

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Chelsea Joiner Term 3 Years, Expires 2028

TREASURER / TAX COLLECTOR

Jared Aponte, Treasurer Term 1 Year
Jade Bennett, Assistant Treasurer/Tax Collector Term 1 Year

TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tim Boland Jeremiah Brown
Emily Ellingson Oliver Osness
David Fielder J. T. Hunt

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Jennifer Rand Term 2 Years, Expires 2027

TOWN COUNSEL

Ronald Rappaport, Kaplan & Hackney Term 1 Year

TRI TOWN AMBULANCE COMMITTEE

Cynthia E. Mitchell Term 1 Year

TRUANT OFFICER

Matthew Mincone* Term 1 Year

UIRSD ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY TASK FORCE

Doug Ruskin Term 1 Year

VETERANS' GRAVES OFFICER

Brian Athearn Term 1 Year

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Larry Schubert, Chair	Term 5 Years, Expires 2030
Julius Lowe, Vice Chair	Term 5 Years, Expires 2027
Deborah V.B. Wells	Term 5 Years, Expires 2029
Andrew Zaikis	Term 5 Years, Expires 2030
Casey Decker	Term 2 Years, Expires 2027
Patrick Barrett – Associate	Term 2 Years, Expires 2026
Sebastian Hiatt - Associate	Term 1 Years, Expires 2026
Jeffrey Kaye*	Term 5 Years, Expires 2027

*Resigned/Retired

REPORT OF THE SELECT BOARD

2025 was a year defined by progress, collaboration, and thoughtful preparation for the future. Throughout the year, the Board worked in close partnership with the Town Administrator, department heads, boards and committees, volunteers, and residents to guide the Town. With meetings held in a hybrid format, the Board remained accessible and transparent, encouraging broad public participation and engagement.

January marked the beginning of a year of significant personnel transitions, starting with the departure of long-serving Treasurer/Collector Kathy Logue. The Board expressed appreciation for her years of dedicated service. Over the course of the year, additional retirements and resignations occurred across Town departments and boards, including the retirement of Maria McFarland, whose long service to the Town was recognized with gratitude. These transitions were approached as opportunities to honor institutional knowledge while strengthening the Town's workforce for the future.

Throughout the year, the Board made numerous appointments that strengthened governance, operational continuity, and civic engagement. New members were welcomed to the Conservation Commission, Energy Committee, Zoning Board of Appeals, Cultural Council, Facilities Management Committee, and other Town and regional bodies. Following the retirement of Maria McFarland, the Board appointed Angela Luckey, a former Conservation Commission member, as Conservation Commission Administrator to retain valuable institutional knowledge and reinforce administrative capacity. The Board also appointed a new Poet Laureate Adriane Stimola and Kevin Hatt as our new Facilities Manager.

Public safety leadership transitions were a significant and positive focus of the year. The Board formally accepted Police Chief Matthew Mincone's retirement, expressing deep appreciation for his years of service and leadership. The Board was pleased to appoint Sargeant Bradley Cortez as the Town's new Police Chief.

The Board addressed key policy and operational matters this year. Noteworthy actions included approval of a long-term lease for the West Tisbury School, an update to the Town's Flag Policy to formally recognize the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah), and support for community events and cultural gatherings.

One of the year's most significant achievements was the stabilization and modernization of the Town's financial operations. The Board approved the transition to outsourced municipal treasury services with Aponte & Aponte and updated key job descriptions within the Finance Department, including the creation of a Payroll and Human Resources Administrator position. These

forward-looking changes reduced administrative strain, improved compliance, and positioned the Town for long-term operational success.

As the year progressed, the Board increasingly turned its attention toward the future. Joint sessions with the Finance Committee highlighted both challenges and opportunities ahead, including PFAS remediation, health insurance costs, facilities maintenance, fleet replacement, and regional school funding. While acknowledging that difficult decisions—including the likelihood of an override—lie ahead, the Board approached these conversations with clarity, collaboration, and optimism. Late-year actions, including approval of bond anticipation notes and continued support for housing initiatives, reflected a commitment to investing in the Town’s long-term vitality.

The Select Board extends its heartfelt thanks to Town staff, board and committee members, volunteers, and residents whose dedication and partnership made this productive year possible. Together, the accomplishments of 2025 reflect a shared commitment to effective governance today and an even brighter future for West Tisbury.

Respectfully submitted,

West Tisbury Select Board

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

MARRIAGES

DATE	NAME	Surname after Marriage	Residence
February			
5	Gabriel Sean Bradley Bryann Mae Darcy	Bradley Bradley	West Tisbury
May			
2	Reuben M. Sampson Jennifer Zern	Sampson Zern	West Tisbury
23	Jedidiah R. Sanfilippo Evgeniia Tsymbal	Sanfilippo Tsymbal	Aquinnah
June			
14	Tracey D. Silberling Laura J. Bellis	Silberling Bellis	Delaware
20	Colin E. Newcomer Bianny P. D. Nieto	Newcomer Diaz Nieto	West Tisbury
21	Michael P. Weimer Anna L. Carney	Weimer Carney	Wellesley
21	Nathanael A. Thayer Kay Sunakawa	Thayer Thayer	West Tisbury
28	Mitchell A. Chaves Cana E. Courtney	Chaves Chaves	West Tisbury
July			
24	Alexander Penn Leslie E. Grossman	Penn Grossman	California
24	William F. Bell Nancy T. Kirby	Bell Kirby	Florida
August			
5	Rashad O.J. Walch Kagoyire N. Kironyo	Walch Walch	Oak Bluffs West Tisbury
September			
6	Marius Salkauskas Alexandria O. Burnley	Salkauskas Salkauskas	Illinois

MARRIAGES- Continued

DATE	NAME	Surname after Marriage	Residence
September			
20	Joshua B. Emin Charlotte E. Bolduc	Emin Emin	Chilmark
21	Robert C. Smith Michelle E. Knowles Rowan	Smith Knowles Rowan	Illinois
27	Gage Reed Rancich Alexandra P. Spreight	Rancich Spreight	Illinois
October			
11	Paul Dawson Lauber Christina T. Marchesini	Lauber Marchesini	New York, NY
November			
13	Steven Jamal Wilson Ana C. C. Rocha	Wilson Wilson	West Tisbury, MA
December			
27	Luis H. Gaspar Maria A. Dos Reis Moreira	Gaspar Moreira	West Tisbury, MA

DEATHS

DATE	NAME	DATE	NAME
January		June	
10	John Joseph Mancuso	6	Barbara Ann Maciel
February		23	Barbara J. Callahan
22	Janet C. Johnson	July	
24	Mary M.U. McGuire	18	Cynthia Jane Wyman
March		29	Leonard A. Polucci
19	Frank E. Rodenbaugh	August	
21	John N. Athearn	31	Michael E. Jacobs
April		September	
19	David A. Perzanowski	13	Elizabeth Anne Petkus
23	Robert S. Douglas	October	
May		12	Mary Elizabeth Orcutt
9	Martha Mary Sullivan	14	Amy Harnett Carignan
16	Cheryl D. Jetmund		

DEATHS

DATE	NAME	DATE	NAME
October		November	
26	Arthur Russell Hitching III	30	Anna A.I. Borre-Boon
27	Elizabeth Fisher	December	
		20	Lewis E. Waring II

BIRTHS

Due to the passing of the Acts and Resolves of Massachusetts 1991, which prohibits the sale and distribution of the names of children under the age of 17, only the total number of births for West Tisbury will be published in the town report. In 2025, this number was 32.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

April 8, 2025

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator at 6:20pm who declared a quorum of 5% with 283 qualified voters present. All articles were duly moved, seconded and voted upon. The meeting was adjourned at 6:35pm.

ARTICLE 1: Vote to accept on behalf of the Town of West Tisbury, the Seasonal Community Designation as provided for in General Laws Chapter 23B, Section 32(b); or to take any other action relative thereto. **PASSED**

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
April 8, 2025

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator at 6:35pm who declared a quorum of 5% with 238 qualified voters present. All articles were duly moved, seconded and voted upon. There were eleven floor amendments. The meeting was adjourned at 10:55pm.

QUESTION 1: Assess an additional \$1,653,835.64 for funding the Town's Annual Operating Budget for FY beginning July 1, 2025?

QUESTION 2: Prop 2 ½ override for the amounts required to pay for the Town's allocable share of the bond issued by the UIRSC to pay costs of making various capital repairs to District Facilities?

QUESTION 3: Prop 2 1/2 override the amounts required to pay for the Town's allocable share of the bond issued by the UIRSC to pay costs of a feasibility study for the West Tisbury School?

ARTICLE 1: To elect the following Officers on the Official Ballot:

ARTICLE 2: To hear reports of the Town Officers and Committees and act thereon.

ARTICLE 3: Vote to Raise and Appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town Charges and Expenses for Fiscal Year 2026, provided, however, that the amount to be Raised and Appropriated, is contingent upon a majority of voters casting a Ballot on Question 1 at the Annual Town Election, to be held April 10, 2025 voting in the affirmative to allow the Town to exceed its Proposition 2 ½ spending cap \$1,653,835.64.

(See the Budget published in the Town Report) **(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

PASSED AS AMENDED

Reduce line item 311-5600 by \$20,177.00; new total \$11,538,795.47

Reduce line item 313-5600 by \$1,934.31; new total \$3,844,432.28

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Personnel By-law at Section 27.3 (Year-Round Pay Schedule) and Section 27.4 (Seasonal Pay Schedule) to reflect a wage adjustment of 4.6% effective July 1, 2025.

PASSED

ARTICLE 5: Vote to Raise and Appropriate \$38,500 to put towards the purchase and equipping of one all-wheel drive police cruiser in Fiscal Year 2026. In the event of unforeseen major repairs, \$38,500 may be used towards those repairs.

PASSED

ARTICLE 6: Vote to Raise and Appropriate \$14,240 to fund the Town of West Tisbury's share of the expenses of the All-Island School Committee's contract for continuing and community education in Fiscal Year 2026.

PASSED

ARTICLE 7: Vote to Raise and Appropriate, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2026, \$10,522 to support the Harbor Homes MV Homelessness Prevention Programs on Martha's Vineyard. Upon execution of the Inter-municipal Agreement with Dukes County, the County will serve as the fiscal agent on behalf of the Town.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 8: Vote to Raise and Appropriate, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2026, \$93,738 to support the Martha's Vineyard Center for Living Programs. Upon execution of the Inter-municipal Agreement with Dukes County, the County will serve as the fiscal agent on behalf of the Town. **PASSED**

ARTICLE 9: Vote to Raise and Appropriate, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2026, \$14,211 to support the CORE program to provide coordinated counseling, outreach, and referral services to our residents who are 55 years and older. Upon execution of the Inter-municipal Agreement with Dukes County, the County will serve as the fiscal agent on behalf of the Town. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

ARTICLE 10: Vote to Raise and Appropriate, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2026, \$18,317 to support the planning, advocacy and education of Healthy Aging Martha's Vineyard. Upon execution of the Inter-municipal Agreement with Dukes County, the County will serve as the fiscal agent on behalf of the Town. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

ARTICLE 11: Vote to amend the Affordable Housing Trust Fund bylaw to read as follows. The text shown in bold will be added, and the text shown as crossed out will be struck.

There shall be a board of trustees of the West Tisbury Affordable Housing Trust Fund established, in this section called the Board, which shall include ~~eleven trustees, including the Board of Selectmen, with the remaining members to be the non-selectmen~~ **the members of the Select Board and** the members of the West Tisbury Affordable Housing Committee as appointed by ~~the Board of Selectmen~~ **their respective boards**. Trustees shall serve for a term not to exceed two years. A quorum of the Board ~~of Trustees~~ shall be six members except when voting to appropriate funds and in that instance the minimum necessary members present shall be seven. **PASSED**

ARTICLE 12: Appropriate from Free Cash \$65,389.97 for the installation of new 20,000 gallon water storage tank (hydrant lot) and well at the Lambert's Cove Beach parking lot for public safety purposes and further to redirect the sum of \$114,251.28 from Article 9 of the April 2022 Annual Town Meeting, which remains unspent, which was to fund a new hydrant that is no longer planned. This is in addition to the \$75,358.75 approved for this project at the Annual Town Meeting in April 2024 for a total cost of \$255,000. **PASSED**

ARTICLE 13: Vote to approve an amendment to the Personnel Bylaw Section 4.3 Recruitment, by adding a new sub-section (g) which will provide as follows: Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) check will be conducted for all employees and volunteers as required by Massachusetts State Law and the Town of West Tisbury Personnel Board's policy. **PASSED**

ARTICLE 14: Appropriate \$298,000 from the Fire Equipment Stabilization Fund for the purchase of 1 Water "Dive" Rescue Truck, to replace the current 1997 Water "Dive" Rescue Truck. **PASSED**

ARTICLE 15: Vote to amend the Quorum Bylaw to read as follows:
At any meeting of the inhabitants of the town qualified to vote in town affairs,

the number of voters necessary to constitute a quorum shall consist of not less than ~~five percent (5%)~~ of **One Hundred (100)** registered voters of the town at the time of said meeting, but a number less than a quorum may from time to time adjourn such meetings. This by-law shall not apply to meetings or parts of meetings devoted exclusively to the election of town officers. This by-law shall become effective upon approval by the Attorney General and posting by the TownClerk.

FAILED

ARTICLE 16: Vote to rescind Articles #5 and #7 of November 14, 2023, Special Town Meeting, which established an Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund and dedicated all opioid settlement revenues to this fund.

PASSED YES 241 NO 2

ARTICLE 17: Vote to Raise and Appropriate \$40,000 to purchase a hybrid truck, tools and associated expenses for use by the Facilities Manager.

PASSED AS AMENDED

Add \$10,000 for a total of \$50,000

ARTICLE 18: Vote to Raise and Appropriate \$13,389.28, and further to Appropriate \$63,000 from the “Ambulance Stabilization Fund” which is to pay for the Town’s one third share of the cost of purchasing and equipping a new ambulance.

PASSED

ARTICLE 19: Vote to Raise and Appropriate \$61,121.55 which is the Town’s one third share of the total cost of \$183,364.64, to purchase 4 new LIFEPAK 15 Cardiac Monitors, and other costs relative thereto.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY AS AMENDED

Reduced to \$32,310.77 for a total of \$96,932.32 for 2(two)...

ARTICLE 20: Vote to increase the gross receipts that seniors may have in the prior calendar year to be eligible to defer property taxes under M.G.L. c. 59, § 5, Clause 41A from \$20,000 to 100% of the amount established annually by the Commissioner of Revenue as the income limit for single seniors who are not heads of households to qualify for the “circuit breaker” state income tax credit for the preceding state tax year, with such increase to be effective for deferrals granted for taxes assessed for the fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2025.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 21: Vote to accept M.G.L. c. 59, § 5C1/2, which provides for an additional real estate exemption for taxpayers who are granted personal exemptions on their domiciles under M.G.L. c. 59, § 5, including certain blind person, veterans, surviving spouses and seniors, and to provide that the additional exemption shall be up to 100% of the personal exemption, to be effective for exemptions granted for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2025, or take any action relative thereto.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 22: Vote to accept M.G.L. c. 59, § 5, Clause 22G, which exempts persons otherwise eligible for a Clause 22, 22A, 22B, 22C, 22D, 22E or 22F exemption when legal title is held by a trustee, conservator or other fiduciary for the person’s benefit, to be effective for applicable exemptions granted for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2025.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 23: Vote to Appropriate from Free Cash \$60,000 to contract with a Licensed Site Professional to address the State mandated PFAS tracking and removal project in Town. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

ARTICLE 24: Vote to Raise and Appropriate \$190,000 to contract with a Licensed Site Professional to address the State mandated PFAS tracking and removal project in Town. **PASSED**

ARTICLE 25: Vote to Appropriate from Free Cash \$50,000 to be added to the fund established for the payment of police officers for so-called “paid details” under M.G.L. c. 44, § 53C. **PASSED**

ARTICLE 26: Vote to Raise and Appropriate \$15,500 for the purpose of a year-long water quality sampling program in the Tiasquam River. The project will collect 100 samples from the stream and ship them to the UMass School of Marine Science Lab for analysis. In addition, volume measurements will be made at 4 stations along the length of the river using existing equipment at no cost. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

ARTICLE 27: Vote to Raise and Appropriate \$50,000 to hire a qualified professional to recodify the zoning bylaws for clarification purposes. **FAILED**

ARTICLE 28: Vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws by changing the term “Subordinate Dwelling” to “Guesthouse” under the following sections of the Zoning Bylaws:

Section 4.4-1, Dwelling Unit Densities Permitted by Right

4.4-8 B, Residential Building Size Bylaw;

Section 5.2-4, Allowable Density

Section 5.3, Types of Residential Development

Section 7.1-1, Rate of Development Regulations

Section 14.2, Definitions

PASSED YES 283 NO 0

ARTICLE 29: Vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws by adding the following language under Section 4.4-9:

In addition to the Principal Dwelling, Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) shall be allowed, subject to the following restrictions and requirements:

1. Within, or on a lot with, a Primary Dwelling in a zoning district where single-family residential dwellings are a permitted or an allowable use, one Protected Use ADU shall be allowed by right as a permitted use under this section.
2. A Protected Use ADU is limited in Gross Floor Area (as defined in 760 CMR 71.02) to 900 square feet or ~~50% of the Gross Floor Area of the Principal Dwelling, whichever is smaller.~~
3. One Protected Use ADU is permitted by right even on properties that already have a Guesthouse, as defined elsewhere in this Zoning bylaw, as long as the proposed Protected Use ADU does not render the property in violation of the West Tisbury General By-Laws, state and federal law, as well as all applicable codes, including building, electrical, plumbing, mechanical, fire, health, housing, environmental, and Title V.

4. The Protected Use ADU may be constructed within the Principal Dwelling, within a detached accessory structure, or the unit may stand as a separate dwelling unit, as long as it maintains a separate entrance, either directly from the outside or through an entry hall or corridor shared with the Principal Dwelling sufficient to meet the requirements of the State Building Code for safe egress.
5. A second or subsequent ADU, known as a Special Permit ADU, may be constructed only with a Special Permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals.
6. As of February 2, 2025, any previously constructed Guesthouse shall remain designated as a Guesthouse and will not be a Protected Use ADU under this section.
7. As of February 2, 2025, any previously constructed accessory dwelling that meets the definition of an ADU, including any Affordable Accessory Apartment that meets the definition of an ADU, shall be designated as a Protected Use ADU under this section, and may be altered or enlarged as long as it continues to meet the definition of a Protected Use ADU in this section.
8. A maximum of two additional parking spaces, in addition to the spaces provided for the Principal Dwelling, may be provided for the ADU.
9. An ADU shall only be used for a purpose permitted in the underlying zoning district, subject to the restriction in section 11 below.
10. All ADUs shall conform to the West Tisbury General By-Laws, state and federal law, as well as all applicable codes, including building, electrical, plumbing, mechanical, fire, health, housing, environmental, and Title V.
11. A Protected Use ADU shall not be used as a short-term rental.

Strike out language under #2

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY AS AMENDED

ARTICLE 30: Vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws by adding the following Section 8.5-9 “Short Term Rentals”:

8.5-9 Short Term Rentals.

Short Term Rental is a permitted use as long as it meets the requirements outlined in the 2024 West Tisbury ~~Town General Bylaw on Short Term Rentals~~. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in no event shall a Protected Use ADU be used as a short-term rental.

Correct the terminology to say West Tisbury Short Term Rental By-law

PASSED AS AMENDED YES 283 NO 0

ARTICLE 31: Vote to amend Section 3.1-1, USE TABLE, by adding the language in *bold italic and removing the language shown as ~~struck through~~*:

USE TABLE

USE CATEGORY SECTION	USE DISTRICTS-				
	RU	VR	MB	LI	
RESIDENTIAL USES					
Single-family Dwelling	P*	P*	P	--	4.4
Two-family Dwelling†	P	P	P	--	4.4
Multi-family Dwelling (conversion)†‡	S	S	PR	--	4.4
Multi-family Dwelling (new)†‡	S	S	PR	-	
	4.4-3				
Accessory Apartment‡	S	S	S		
	4.4-3				
<i>Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU)</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>P</i>	--	▼
Subordinate Dwelling Guesthouse	P	P	P	--	
	4.4-1(B)				
Upper-floor Apts.in Mixed-use Building‡	--	--	PR	S	
	4.4-2				
Assisted Living Facility†	S	S	S	--	
Employee Dormitory†‡	S	S	S	S	
	4.4-5				
Solar Energy Systems☼	P	P	P	P	
Large-scale Residential Development Δ	S	S	S	--	
Open Space Development	P	P	--	--	
	Art. V.				
Swimming Pools	S	S	S	S	
	8.5-4				
Tennis Courts	S	S	S	S	
Heliports ▲	--	--	--	--	
Wind Energy Conversion Systems	S	S	S	S	8.9
Studio	P	P	P	P	
COMMUNITY USES					
Cemetery	S	S	S	S	
Educational/Charitable/Religious •	PR	PR	PR	PR	
	8.5-3				
<i>Events</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>S</i>	■
Health Care Facility	S	S	S	S	
Membership Club	S	S	S	S	
Municipal Facility (not listed elsewhere)	PR	PR	PR	PR	
Airport	--	--	--	S	
Solid Waste Facility	--	--	--	S	
Preservation of Natural Areas	P	P	P	P	
Bus Shelter	P	P	P	P	
Heliports ▲	--	--	--	--	
Wind Energy Conversion Systems	S	S	S	S	8.9

- *Within overlay districts, additional Special Permit and Site Plan Review requirements may apply. Within the West Tisbury Historic District, the West Tisbury Historic District Bylaw also applies.*
- † *Subject to density controls in Section 4.4. Applicability of Special Permit requirement may depend upon density.*
- ‡ *May be subject to occupancy restrictions (see Section 4.4-4).*
- * *Site Plan Review required if floor area exceeds 3,000 square feet for principal residences or 2,500 square feet for accessory structure, including barns or stables (unless exempted as agricultural structures), riding arenas, or other recreational facilities.*
- *Subject to limitations on municipal regulations in M.G.L. Chapter 40A, Section 3. Site Plan Review applies where legally permissible.*
- △ *The Planning Board is the Special Permit Granting Authority for Large-scale Residential Developments.*
 - ▲ *Allowed within District LI2 (Martha's Vineyard Airport). This does not preclude bona fide emergency helicopter landings in any Use District.*
- ☀ *A Special Permit is required by the Zoning Board of Appeals for arrays larger than 1500 square feet, for ground mounted arrays higher than 12 feet, and for arrays located within a front yard, see Section 8.10-4C.*
 - ***Events: One event, including weddings for which the property owner is paid a fee, per calendar year per property, is allowed by right. Any additional events, including weddings, require the property owner to apply for a special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals. If a property is subject to a special permit which allows events, the property owner must apply for an additional special permit or an amended special permit to authorize a proposed Event that is outside the scope of an existing special permit. For any Event, including the first Event permitted by right, an owner shall obtain all permits and/or licenses required by the Town, including an Event permit from the Select Board. Events shall be an accessory use when properly permitted.***
- ▼ ***The first ADU on a property is allowed by right. Any additional ADU requires a special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals.***

USE TABLE, continued

SECTION	USE DISTRICTS			
	RU♣	VR	MB	LI
BUSINESS USES				
Adult Uses	--	--	--	S
	8.5-6			
Agriculture, Fishing, Forestry •	P	P	P	P
Automobile Service Station	--	--	S	S

	RU♣	VR	MB	LI	
Craft Workshop	PR	PR	PR	PR	
Child Care Facility •	PR	PR	PR	S	
	8.5-3				
Cultivation and manufacturing of Recreational Marijuana	--	--	--	S¶	
Home Occupation	S	S	S	S	
	8.5-1				
Junkyard	--	--	--	S	
	8.5-8				
Kennel	--	--	S	PR	
Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations · ·	--	--	--	PR	
	8.10				
Light Industry	--	--	--	S☀	
Lodging Facility	--	--	PR	PR	
Mobile Food Establishments	P	P	P	P	◆
Limited Retail Sales	P	P	P	P	◆◆
Office	--	--	PR	PR	
Public Utility Facility (excluding wireless communication facilities)	PR	PR	PR	PR	
Short Term Rental	P	P	P	P	8.5-9♣
Recreational Marijuana Sales	--	--	S	S	
Recreational Marijuana Facility	--	--	S	S	
Recreational Business	S	S	PR	PR	
Registered Marijuana Dispensary	--	--	S	S	
Renting of 3 or fewer rooms □	P	P	P	--	
Renting of 4 or more rooms □	S	S	S	--	
	8.5-7				
Restaurant	--	--	PR	S	
Retail Business (not listed elsewhere)	S◆	PR	PR	S♠	
Riding Stable	PR	PR	S	S	
Service Business (not listed elsewhere)	S	--	PR	PR	
Soil Mining	S	--	--	S	
	8.5-5				
Storage of Heavy Equipment	S	--	--	PR	
Veterinary Clinic	S	--	S	S	
Warehouse	--	--	--	PR	
Wholesale Business	S	--	S	PR	
Wireless Communication Facilities	S	S	S	S	8.8
Heliports ▲	--	--	--	--	

- *Within overlay districts, additional Special Permit and Site Plan Review requirements may apply.*
Within the West Tisbury Historic District, the West Tisbury Historic District Bylaw also applies.

- ♣ **See Section 8.5-2 for regulation of non-residential uses in the RU and VR Districts and Section 8.5-9 for use of property as a Short Term Rental.**
- ☀ No light industrial use shall have direct access onto the Edgartown Road.
- Subject to limitations on municipal regulations in M.G.L. Chapter 40A, Section 3.
- In owner-occupied dwelling with or without meals provided, excluding detached bedrooms.
- ◆ Only in connection with agricultural use, including sale of produce and related products customarily sold by farms and nurseries.
- ♣ Only in connection with products manufactured or warehoused on the premises.
- ¶ Recreational marijuana cultivation and product manufacturing is permitted in the Light Industrial Districts (LI) 1 & 2 by special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals.
 - Recreational marijuana sales are permitted in the Light Industrial District (LI) 2 (airport) by special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals.
 - By Site Plan Review by the Zoning Board of Appeals
- ◆ **Mobile Food Establishments: Mobile Food Establishments are permitted by right under the zoning bylaws as an accessory use. Any other permits or licenses required by the Town must be obtained, including a permit from the Select Board and Board of Health.**
- ◆◆ **Limited Retail Sales: Limited Retail Sales are permitted by right under the zoning bylaws as an accessory use. Any other permits or licenses required by the Town must be obtained, including a permit from the Select Board, and if applicable, from the Board of Health.**

**Change symbol for Mobile Food Establishments to a +
PASSED AS AMENDED YES 280 NO 3**

ARTICLE 32: Vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws by adding the following definitions to Section 14.1:

DEFINITIONS:

- Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU): A self-contained housing unit, inclusive of sleeping, cooking and sanitary facilities on the same Lot as a Principal Dwelling, subject to otherwise applicable dimensional and parking requirements, that: (i) maintains a separate entrance, either directly from the outside or through an entry hall or corridor shared with the Principal Dwelling sufficient to meet the requirements of the state building code for safe egress; (ii) is not larger in Gross Floor Area than ~~1/2 the Gross Floor Area of the Principal Dwelling~~ or 900 square feet, ~~whichever is smaller.~~
- A Protected Use ADU: An attached or detached Accessory Dwelling Unit that is located, or is proposed to be located, on a Lot in a Single-Family Residential Zoning District and which is protected pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40A, s. 3, para. 11 and 760 CMR 71.00.

●Event: A gathering or party organized at a property for nonprofit, educational, social, fundraising, celebratory, networking, promotional or recreational purposes, including but not limited to, weddings, birthdays, anniversaries, reunions, and similar occasions, in which more than one hundred (100) guests are simultaneously present for a period of time in excess of one (1) hour.

●Limited Retail Sales: Sale of goods or services for a defined period of time, and in a location that is not permanent.

●Mobile Food Establishments: A food establishment that is operated from a moveable or portable structure that can change locations.

●Short Term Rental: "Short Term Rental" or "STR" has the definition contained in G.L. c. 64G, § 1, with the additional requirement that to be an STR, it must be rented for 30 days or fewer. A STR can be the entirety of, or a portion of, a primary unit or a Guesthouse.

Strike language in Accessory Dwelling Unit definition.

PASSED AS AMENDED YES 283 NO 0

ARTICLE 33: Vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw by deleting:

- Section 4.4-3 A (Affordable Accessory Apartments)
- Section 4.4-4C (Section of Occupancy Restrictions on Apartments)
- Section 4.2.2-F (Section of Interpretation of Dimensional Requirements)

and by striking the term "Accessory Apartment" from:

- Section 4.4-1B (Section of Dwelling Unit Densities Permitted by Right)
- Section 5.3 (Types of Residential Development)
- Section 14.2 (Definitions) and meaning and intending to strike the definition included therein

YES 283 NO 0

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 34: Vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw Section 4.4-8 (B)(2), Building Size Bylaw, by removing and adding the following language:

"affordable accessory apartments" with "Protected Use ADU"

PASSED YES 282 NO 1

ARTICLE 35: Vote to Transfer from the Overlay Surplus Account \$100,000 for repairs and upgrades to town buildings as prioritized by the Facilities Maintenance Committee and the Select Board.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 36: Vote to amend Section 27-1 of the Personnel Bylaw to add the following positions to the Year- Round Classification Plan

Emergency Management Director at Grade 7

Facilities Manager at Grade 8

Fire Prevention Officer at Grade 8

and further to amend Section 27-2, Seasonal Classification Plan, to change the grade of the Beach Sticker Seller from Grade 3 to Grade 4.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 37: Vote to redirect \$96,265 in unspent funds from Article 17 of the 2020 Special Town Meeting for firefighter equipment and/or to put towards the next fire department tank truck.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 38: Vote to Raise and Appropriate \$3,000 in FY 2026 for the Unemployment Compensation Fund. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

ARTICLE 39: Vote to authorize the expenditure in Fiscal Year 2026 from revolving funds previously established by vote of the Town pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c. 44, § 53E1/2, and the Town’s Revolving Fund Bylaw, for Fiscal Year 2026 to be credited with receipts from the following revenue sources, to be expended under the authority and direction of the following agencies or officials, for the following stated purposes, not to exceed the following spending limits respectively:

Fund	Revenue Source	Authority to Spend Funds	Use of Funds	Spending Limits
Wetlands Protection Bylaw	Filing fees	Conservation Commission	to pay for expenses of the Commission related to the of the Bylaw	\$3,000

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 40: Vote to adopt the following General Bylaw:

A. Combustion and Electric Powered Leaf Blowers

(1) Permitted Activity

(i) Leaf blowers (both combustion-powered and electric) may only operate as follows:

- a) between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM Monday through Friday;
- b) between the hours of 10:00 AM and 5:00 PM on Saturday;
- c) no use permitted on Sundays or Federal holidays; and
- d) no more than 2 leaf blowers may be used simultaneously on the same property.

(ii) Effective 1 June 2028, no combustion powered leaf blower may be used on any property in Town. Until that date, combustion powered leaf blowers may only operate from:

- a) 15 March through 31 May; and
- b) 15 October through 15 January

(iii) Electric powered leaf blowers may continue to operate as set out in section (1) (i) above provided:

- a) The manufacturer’s label is affixed and indicates a decibel rating of not more than 65db; and
- b) All mufflers and extension tubes supplied by the manufacturer for that leaf blower are used during operation.

(2) Definition: Leaf Blower means any device that uses air to move leaves, grass, and other debris.

(3) Responsible parties: The following parties are responsible for any violation of this bylaw:

- (i) the person operating the leaf blower; and
- (ii) the company who employed the person operating the leaf blower; and

- (iii) the party who owns the property where the violation occurs.
- (4) Enforcement

(i) This bylaw may be enforced by Town Police.

(ii) A person, individually or by his servant or agent, who violates any provision of the bylaw may be penalized by a non-criminal disposition pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40, § 21D and the Town's non-criminal disposition bylaw. The following penalties apply:

- first violation: \$150
- second violation: \$250
- third and subsequent violations: \$300

Each day the violation continues constitutes a separate violation.

- (5) Exemption: The Town No Person shall not be subject to the provisions in section (1)(i) and the seasonal restrictions in (1)(ii) to remediate the impact of a severe weather event or accident.

Strike 'The Town' and change to 'No Person' PASSED AS AMENDED

ARTICLE 41: Vote to approve the following General Bylaw:

LARGE EVENTS IN WEST TISBURY

- 1. Purpose and Intent.**
- 2. Definitions.**
- 3. Event Permits.**
- 4. Exemptions.**
- 5. Enforcement.**
- 6. Severability.**
- 7. Effective Date.**

1. Purpose and Intent. The purpose of this bylaw is to promote and protect the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the Town of West Tisbury (the Town) by regulating the scale and impact of large Events held at properties located within the Town which: a.) are inconsistent with the usual and customary uses of the property; and b.) undermine or detract from the peaceful enjoyment of other citizens' property.

2. Definitions. For the purposes of this Chapter, the following definitions shall apply:

- a) Property: Any property in the Town.
- b) Event: A gathering or party organized at a property for nonprofit, educational, social, fundraising, celebratory, networking, promotional or recreational purposes in which more than One Hundred (100) guests are simultaneously present for a period of time in excess of one (1) hour.
- c) Guest: An individual attending an Event as defined herein.

3. Event Permits.

- a) An owner, tenant or occupant of a Property shall seek an Event Permit from the Select Board, or its designee(s), if an owner, tenant or occupant:
 - i) reasonably anticipates that more than One Hundred (100) Guests will

attend and be simultaneously present for a period of time in excess of one (1) hour; or

ii) reasonably anticipates that in excess of twenty (20) vehicles will be parked, outside the limits of the Property, on public or private ways which abutting properties use for travel, for a period in excess of two (2) hours.

~~b) RU & VR Districts: In RU & VR Zoning Districts and Event Permit will not be issued if the Event will include (i) retail sales including beer & wine and/or (ii) an admissions charge (the following shall not be considered an on site admission charge: money collected including for entry tickets and donations made not on the Property and collected at least one hour in advance of the Event commencing).~~

~~b) e) Except as outlined in Section 3(b) above, the Select Board, or its designee(s), shall issue an Event Permit for an Event (with reasonable conditions if necessary to protect the purposes for which this Chapter is enacted), unless the Select Board finds that the Event would substantially and adversely affect the public health, safety or order because the Event cannot be conducted in a manner without:~~

~~(i) causing an unreasonable increase in the level of pedestrian or vehicular traffic in the area of the Property or unreasonable increase in the number of vehicles to be parked in the area of the Property;~~

~~(ii) causing an unreasonable increase in the level of noise, resulting in noise that is excessive, loud or unusual which disturbs, injures or endangers the reasonable quiet, comfort, repose or health and safety of others located outside the Property; or~~

~~(iii) requiring the diversion of so great a number of police officers of the Town to properly police the flow of traffic (based on the size and nature of the Event) that allowing the Event would deny reasonable police protection to the Town.~~

The Select Board shall issue the Event Permit or denial thereof within twenty-one (21) days following receipt of an application. If the Select Board denies the Event Permit, the Select Board shall deliver a written notice stating the reasons for such denial.

c) d) All applicants for an Event Permit must adhere to the following requirements:

i) submit the application and \$25 fee, as may be amended from time to time, at least thirty (30) days before the proposed Event;

ii) if required by the Select Board, appear (or an authorized representative with sufficient knowledge of the Event and authority to bind the applicant appears) at a public meeting set by the Select Board, or its designee(s), to consider the application for an Event Permit; and

iii) agree to all conditions imposed by the Select Board, or its designees(s), in its sole and reasonable discretion, including but not limited to:

- 1) the provision of off-site parking and transportation services to the Event;
- 2) the responsibility for the placement of acoustic or other barriers to mitigate excessive noise levels or interference with nearby residents' peaceful enjoyment of their neighborhoods; and
- 3) The Building Official advises the Select Board that the Event complies with Zoning.

4. Exemptions. The following gatherings shall be exempt from the requirements of Section 3:

- a) An assembly of students sponsored by any public school located in the Dukes County;
- b) Events conducted pursuant to a special permit or written agreement with the Town predating the effective date of this General Bylaw; and
- c) An assembly or gathering held for the sole purpose of exercising activities protected by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution and/or corresponding rights under the Massachusetts Declaration of Rights.

d) Funerals

5. Enforcement.

- a) Violations of this bylaw shall be enforced by the Police Department and the Town. The Police Department may seek fines by issuing tickets under the provisions of M.G.L. c. 40, § 21D, or by seeking criminal complaints in the District Court. The Town may engage counsel to seek injunctive and other relief in the civil courts.
- b) Upon receiving a complaint regarding a violation of this bylaw, the Police Department shall investigate the complaint and, if a violation is confirmed, shall take such action as it deems appropriate, including forwarding a copy of any incident report to the Town Administrator and the Building Official. The Police Report shall serve as prima facie evidence of a violation of this Bylaw.
- c) The penalty for violation of this bylaw shall be \$300.00 per violation. Each day constitutes a separate violation.

6. Severability. If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this bylaw shall be declared invalid for any reason whatsoever, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions, which shall remain in full force and effect.

7. Effective Date. This Bylaw shall take effect upon its approval by Town Meeting and the Town's compliance with the provisions of M.G.L. c. 40, § 32.

**Strike section b, first line of section c, re letter PASSED AS AMENDED
Add Exemption d) Funerals**

ARTICLE 42: Vote to Raise and Appropriate \$24,000 to be used by the Board of Assessors for the valuation update of real and personal property to meet the certification of values as required by Massachusetts State Law.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 43: Vote to accept M.G.L. c. 64L, § 2(a) to impose a local meals excise of .75% of the gross receipts of the vendor from the sale of restaurant meals. **PASSED**

ARTICLE 44: Vote to Raise and Appropriate \$24,649 to pay the Town's assessed share of the County of Dukes County debt authorized by Chapter 287 of the Acts of 2014 for a building to provide health and human services for county residents. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

ARTICLE 45: Vote to Raise and Appropriate \$40,000 to transfer to the Retired/Separating Employees Compensated Absences Reserve Fund as provided for by M.G.L. c. 40, § 13D. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

ARTICLE 46: Vote to act upon the recommendations of the Community Preservation Committee to appropriate and set aside for later expenditure from the Community Preservation Fund established pursuant to Chapter 44B of the Massachusetts General Laws, Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 revenues, in the following amounts: Open Space reserve \$75,000, Historical Resources reserve \$75,000, Community Housing reserve \$75,000 and Undesignated reserve \$487,500

And to appropriate for administrative expenditures \$37,500 from the FY 2025 Community Preservation Fund revenues. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

ARTICLE 47: Vote to appropriate \$66,000 from the Community Preservation Community Housing Reserve Fund to Dukes County Regional Housing Authority to support the rental assistance program for West Tisbury residents. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

ARTICLE 48: Vote to appropriate \$19,600 from the Community Preservation Open Space – Recreation Reserve Fund to the Martha's Vineyard ~~Little League~~ for improvements to the Gretchen Manter Memorial Baseball Field.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY AS AMENDED

Strike name and change to MV Youth Baseball & Softball

ARTICLE 49: Vote to appropriate \$143,900 from the Community Preservation Undesignated Reserve Fund as West Tisbury's share for the Island Autism Center and Neighborhood projects funding of an affordable housing project for construction of two four-bedroom residential units to house eight autistic Island residents. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

ARTICLE 50: Vote to appropriate \$141,900 from the Community Preservation Undesignated Reserve Fund as West Tisbury's share for the Island Housing Trust's Veteran's Outreach Center project in partnership with the Town of Oak Bluffs and the Cape and Islands Veteran's Outreach Center (CIVOC). **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

ARTICLE 51: Vote to appropriate \$354,750 from the Community Preservation Undesignated Reserve Fund as West Tisbury's share for the Island Housing Trust's new construction of a neighborhood of 4 one-bedroom and 4 two-bedroom apartments for the purpose of providing housing for school employees. **PASSED**

ARTICLE 52: Authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow \$500,000 under M.G.L. c. 44b, §11 or any other enabling authority,

or take any other action thereto, to be used for the Island Housing Trust's new construction of a neighborhood of rental apartments serving households earning up to 80% & 100% of the area median income. **PASSED YES 133 NO 5**

ARTICLE 53: Vote to appropriate \$74,500 from the Community Preservation Fund Undesignated Reserve Fund to support the debt service, including interest payments, for the 401 State Road affordable housing development. Note: This is the first of a maximum of ten installments. **PASSED**

ARTICLE 54: Authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow \$250,000 under M.G.L. c. 44b, §11 or any other enabling authority, or take any other action thereto, to fund West Tisbury Parks and Recreation's restoration and rehabilitation of the West Tisbury Basketball and Tennis Courts **PASSED YES 135 NO 2**

ARTICLE 55: Vote to appropriate \$37,375 from the Community Preservation Open Space – Recreation Reserve Fund, to support the debt service, including interest payments, for the West Tisbury Tennis/Basketball court restoration project. Note: This is the first of a maximum of ten installments. **PASSED**

ARTICLE 56: Appropriate \$50,000 from the Community Preservation Historic Resources Reserve Fund to the Vineyard Preservation Trust for repairs and structural stabilization of the Grange Hall foundation. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

ARTICLE 57: Vote to amend Article 43 of the May 2021 Annual Town Meeting to allow the remaining \$23,289.61 appropriated for implementation of the Mill Brook Watershed Management Plan to be used to undertake similar work on the Tiasquam River, the other main surface water input to Tisbury Great Pond. **PASSED**

ARTICLE 58: Vote to amend Article 19 of the 2024 Annual Town Meeting as noted below:

To see if the town will vote to appropriate \$800,000 from the Community Preservation Undesignated Reserve Fund as West Tisbury's share for the Island Housing Trust's new construction of a neighborhood of nine rental apartments ~~for residents who are 60 years and over and their families,~~ serving households earning up to 80% and 100% of the area median income. The development of this affordable housing will be permanently deed restricted as affordable housing to be located at 401 State Road in West Tisbury. **PASSED**

ARTICLE 59: Vote to appropriate from Free Cash \$150,000 to offset the cost of renovations of the tennis and basketball courts estimated to be \$400,000. The CPC has voted to recommend \$250,000 to fund this project. **PASSED**

ARTICLE 60: Vote to move \$9,000 from the Police Department budget line 210-5120 (Personnel Services) to line 210-5700 (Expenses) for the purpose of funding the migration of emails from the town hall server to a Police Department Server. **MOTION TO POSTPONE INDEFINITELY PASSED**

ARTICLE 61: Approve \$200,000 borrowing authorized by the School Committee of the Up-Island Regional School District to pay costs of making various capital repairs to District facilities, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, or to take any other action relative thereto ,

provided, however, that this approval of the District's borrowing by this vote shall be subject to and contingent upon an affirmative vote of the Town to exempt its allocable share of the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by M.G.L. c. 59, §21C (Proposition 2 ½) (Question 2 at the Annual Town Election) or to take any other action relative thereto. **PASSED**

ARTICLE 62: Approve \$700,000 borrowing authorized by the Up-Island Regional School District, for the purpose of paying costs of a feasibility study for the West Tisbury School, located at 401 Old County Road in West Tisbury, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto (the "Study"), provided, however, that this approval of the District's borrowing by this vote shall be subject to and contingent upon an affirmative vote of the Town to exempt its allocable share of the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by M.G.L. c. 59, §21C (Proposition 2 ½) (Question 3 at the Annual Town Election) or to take any other action relative thereto. **FAILED**

ARTICLE 63: Vote to Appropriate from Free Cash \$1,030,676.03 to reduce the tax levy in Fiscal Year 2026. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

ARTICLE 64: To see if the Town will vote to create a Mill Pond Preservation Committee for the purpose of preserving, restoring and managing the Mill Pond, which is in the Historic District and is so significant and central to the history, the landscape and the wildlife of West Tisbury.... (see warrant for full text) **FAILED**

TOWN ELECTION

10 April 2025
Annual Town Election

Registered Voters 2,736
 Total Ballots Cast 420 (15.35%)

MODERATOR		PARKS & RECREATION (2)	
Caroline R. Flanders	391	Mark 'Hap' Bernard	356
SELECT BOARD		PLANNING BOARD (5 years)	
Cynthia E. Miller	343	Leah Smith	351
BOARD OF HEALTH (1)		Amy M. Upton	267
Peter J. D'Angelo	140	PLANNING BOARD (4 years)	
Daniel James Sauer	216	John C. Rau	318
BOARD OF ASSESSORS		Question 1 (\$1.6 Mil override)	
Lawrence Hall Schubert	349	Yes	252
TOWN CLERK		No	153
Tara J. Whiting-Wells	388	Question 2(UIRSD cap. debt)	
TREE WARDEN		Yes	285
Jeremiah Brown	363	No	117
FINANCE COMMITTEE		Question 3 (WTS feas. Study)	
Jeffrey 'Skipper' Manter	320	Yes	189
Clark R. Rattet	316	No	157
LIBRARY TRUSTEE (2)			
Frances F. Finnigan	352		
Micah S. Thanhauser	344		

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
SEPTEMBER 16, 2025**

The moderator called the meeting to order by the moderator at 6:18pm who declared a quorum of 5% with 166 voters present. All articles were duly moved, seconded and voted upon. There was one floor amendment. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm.

ARTICLE 1: Vote to Transfer \$8,984.24 from the Health Insurance appropriation to the Unemployment Compensation Stabilization Fund, pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B, or take any other action relative thereto. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

ARTICLE 2: Vote to Transfer \$108,000 from the Treasurer’s Personal Services line (145-5120) to the Treasurer’s Professional Services line (145-5300) for the purpose of funding contracted services, or to take any other action relative thereto. **PASSED**

ARTICLE 3: Vote to redirect \$66,150.00 from Article 19 of the April 2022 Town Meeting, which remains unspent, which was to pay for the Howes House renovation that is not proceeding at this time. These funds will be used to pay Wilkinson Ecological for the design, permitting, construction and restoration costs related to the removal of twenty (20) large invasive grey willow trees from the town-owned Mill Pond. **PASSED AS AMENDED**

Reduce to 15 trees and \$40,425.00

ARTICLE 4: Vote to amend the “Map and Lot Sign Numbers” General Bylaw as follow. Items struck out will be removed, items in bold will be added:

~~MAP & LOT SIGN NUMBERS AND STREET ADDRESS:~~

Building Address Signage Requirements:

Every building in the Town of West Tisbury, including, but not limited to, dwellings, apartments, condominiums and business establishments shall have affixed thereto a number representing the address of such building meeting the following criteria. ~~Said number shall be of a nature and size and shall be situated on the building so that, to the extent practicable, it is visible from the nearest street or road providing vehicular access to such building. Where access is by means of a private road or extended driveway and the address cannot be viewed from the public way, a monument, pole or other sign or means shall be used to identify the structure in addition to the address posted on the building.~~

- **Clearly Visible and Legible:** Address numbers on structures must be readily visible from the street or public way fronting the property. This means using numerals that are clear, unobstructed, and contrast with the background for easy readability, especially in emergencies or low-light conditions.
- **Minimum Size:** Address numbers to be at least 3 inches in height and of a color that contrasts clearly with their background, preferably reflective.

- **Placement:** Numbers must be placed so they are visible from the street. On properties with long driveways or buildings set back from the road, additional signage near the road, such as on a post, tree or mailbox - may be required. The intent is that first responders do not lose critical time searching for an address.
- **Maintenance:** Property owners are responsible for always keeping signage visible and legible, clearing away vegetation or other obstructions.

In addition to the address number, the map and lot numbers may also be displayed, however they are not required.

Subject to enforcement by Zoning Inspector, Fire Chief or Police.

Fines:

1st Offense -- Warning

2nd Offense -- \$50

3rd & Subsequent -- \$100

PASSED

REPORT OF THE REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

To the Select Board:

The number of registered voters in

	December 2025	December 2015
Democrat	1,090	1,021
Republican	111	165
Green Party USA	3	3
Green Rainbow	5	6
Libertarian	5	4
American Independent	1	2
United Independent Party	3	0
Socialist	1	0
Inter 3rd Party	1	0
Un-enrolled	1,578	1,293
Total	2,796	2,499

The Street List of Residents in December 2025 was:

Voter	2,790
Non-Voter	596
Total	3,392

My heartfelt thanks to all that serve and make the elections run.

Respectfully submitted,

Hermine Hull
Bernice Kirby
Jonathan Klaren

Tara J. Whiting-Wells,
Town Clerk

**REPORT OF THE WEST TISBURY
AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE
AND
WEST TISBURY AFFORDABLE
HOUSING TRUST FUND 2025**

The West Tisbury Affordable Housing Committee (WTAHC) and the West Tisbury Affordable Housing Trust Fund (WTAHT) are pleased to report on the update of several projects. The Committee continues to work closely with Island Housing Trust (IHT) to develop 8 units of rental housing comprising of 12 bedrooms at 401 State Road. The AHC has also been in support of IHT in their work on an island-wide project to serve school system employees to be located at 48 Old Courthouse. Habitat for Humanity in collaboration with IHT and with the support of the AHC and AHT, completed their work on a homeownership opportunity at 16 Red Arrow Rd.

401 State Road – The AHC along with the Affordable Housing Trust have continued to support IHT in their efforts to get the community housing project underway. With a well drilled and all permitting in place, the remaining hurdle lays in IHT securing their portion of funding for the project which hinges on approval of their financing application to MassHousing. Regardless of delays, we are optimistic construction will be well under way by the time this report is in print.

On August 6, 2024 Governor Maura Healey signed the Affordable Homes Act into law. One key provision in the legislation allows for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) by right. The town voted to change our zoning bylaws to reflect the state guidance. Another important piece of the legislation identifies all towns on the island as part of a Seasonal Communities designation. The town voted to accept that designation. The potential positive impacts of this designation include an ability to raise the limit on residential tax exemptions as well as enabling the town to use funding for projects with a preference for public workforce sector employees, a preference not previously permitted. One immediate benefit is a non-competitive grant opportunity which may result in additional funding for the 401 State Rd community housing project in 2025 and for other affordable housing purposes in 2026.

The Committee intends to continue to explore development of property on Halcyon Way as well as to work with the Planning Board on development of affordable lots required as a condition of certain subdivisions. With very little to no remaining buildable town owned property, we are looking for creative solutions and uses of existing housing stock to increase the number of affordable housing options in town. In addition, we are looking to support public and private partnership with non-profit groups to create housing in a financially responsible manner.

As such, we are looking into and pursuing funding for developing a Lease to Locals program like the program that Chilmark has put into place. The Lease to Locals program works to incentivize homeowners to rent to year-round island employees by providing a one-time incentive payment directly to the landlord. Tenants must have income and employment verified and incentives are based on the number of qualified renters occupying a unit. The Lease to Locals program is the product of a company called Placemate. The program had success in many seasonal communities like ours all over the country. In essence, the goal of the program is to recapture some of our year-round rental housing stock out of the seasonal rental industry.

The AHC and community at large were invited and participated in the process to develop an updated Housing Production Plan. Led by Laura Silber, Island Housing Planner for the MVC and carried out by the consulting firm of Barrett Planning, several community meetings were held, both on zoom and in person where input was taken from the community regarding how housing in Town should proceed. Barrett Planning took this information along with data gathered with the MVC along with their own research, to produce an updated HPP. This HPP will be submitted to the state once complete. One portion of the HPP is dedicated to strategies and recommendations. From the HPP's list of changes the town should consider, the AHC decided to address three of the Zoning Bylaws as recommended. Working cooperatively with the Planning Board, the AHC is suggesting changes regarding Employee Dormitories, Minimum size of Homesite Lots and strengthening of our Demolition Delay bylaw.

As always, the Committee appreciates any help the West Tisbury Community could give in this effort. Some ways in which a citizen could contribute are as follows:

1. Homeowners with large lots could consider using the home site lot creation bylaw by which you can create an affordable home on a portion of your land (See Zoning Bylaw Section 4.4).
2. Donate money or property to the West Tisbury Affordable Housing Trust. This is a municipal trust whose funds are used solely for affordable housing.
3. In your estate planning leave your property to the West Tisbury Affordable Housing Trust or Town specifying for affordable housing use.
4. Instead of renting your home or guest house seasonally consider renting year-round to give someone a stable home.
5. Speak to the WTAHC about converting your home into an affordable home with a deed rider.

Meetings continue to be virtual and hybrid. The Committee welcomes any townspeople to be a part of the mission to create affordable housing. Anyone with ideas and an interest to help in this effort should come in person or via Zoom to the meetings held on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM. A link to attend via Zoom is available on the meeting agenda posted on the town website.

Many thanks go out to those individuals, businesses and organizations that have contributed and continue to give their time and expertise to creating affordable housing. Thanks to all who help the WTAHC, WTAHT and Town strive to reach their affordable housing goals. A special thank you to Habitat for Humanity, IHT, Harbor Homes, The MVC and DCRHA for your partnership and support.

Respectfully submitted by:

West Tisbury Affordable Housing Committee

Jessica Miller, At Large - Chair
Kim Angell, At Large - Vice Chair
Mike Colaneri, Board of Assessors
Ivory Littlefield, At Large
Sebastian Hiatt, ZBA
Kanta Lipsky, BOH
Matthew Merry, Planning Board
Jeffrey DuBard, Associate
Wanda Blake Higgins, Administrative Assistant

West Tisbury Affordable Housing Trust

Cynthia Mitchell - Chair
Skipper Manter
Jessica Miller
Along with WTAHC members

REPORT OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

To the Select Board
and West Tisbury Residents:

IT IS DOG LICENSING SEASON! It is a State Law. There is a renewal form in with your census. Citizens can also apply for a license online or print an application off of the Town website. **YOU CANNOT LICENSE YOUR DOG WITHOUT A CURRENT RABIES VACCINE.**

Anyone who is considering a new pet, please make sure you have proper vet care available. **BE AWARE** that you may have to go off island to find a vet. Vets on island may not be accepting new patients. With the growing veterinary shortage, it is also imperative that any animal owner has a plan in place in case of emergencies.

The Vet Triage service is still available for any after-hours emergencies. The phone number is 702-483-8533 and the website is <https://www.urgentvetcaremv.com/> . There is a one-time fee of \$50.00 for a phone consultation with a vet. Vet emergency fees may vary.

There is a new Equine Euthanasia Service of Martha's Vineyard. The contact number is (508) 906-6010 from 7 am - 10 pm daily. This one number will reach the veterinarian on duty. Occasionally, it may arise that no one is available and the message the caller hears will reflect this.

We had 2 very successful Pet CPR & First Aid classes this year. Anyone interested in attending a future class please contact ACO Hoffman. I would love to hold another one!

We had a very successful rabies clinic again this year. Remember, you must have valid Rabies vaccine to license your dog. We are aiming to do another one this April. Keep checking the Animal Control Town Page and our Facebook page for more information or reach out to us directly.

We also had a very successful Spay/Neuter clinic. We are also hoping to hold another Spay/Neuter Clinic with the ARL of Boston. No dates scheduled yet, but if you are interested, please reach out to us ASAP. Space will be limited.

In November I attended the yearly Truckin' MV event hosted by the Montessori school. I had so much fun teaching the kids about animals, how I use my equipment and what I do in my job as an ACO. I think it is imperative to teach children proper animal etiquette.

Lambert's Cove Beach is becoming an even more popular spot for dogs. There is a sign at the opening to the trail for any dog related questions or concerns. It is a huge privilege to be able to use the beach with your dogs, so please remember to **follow all rules and regulations** while visiting.

BIRD FLU INFO: MDAR is advising backyard and commercial poultry owners to practice strong biosecurity measures to prevent domestic poultry from having contact with wild birds, their feathers, and droppings and areas where they frequent. The HPAI virus is continuing to circulate in the wild bird population, particularly in wild waterfowl. Eliminating standing water and preventing domestic birds from having access to ponds, streams, and wetland areas that attract wild waterfowl is of critical importance. **Letting your flock “free range” poses substantial risk of exposure to HPAI. The consequences can be deadly.** Any questions please feel free to give us a call us at 508-684-8201.

Please follow the West Tisbury Animal Control Facebook page. Animals that are picked up are posted on that page. Also, the Town Animal Control webpage has many useful links and resources with even more to come! <https://www.westtisbury-ma.gov/animal-control> .

We held our first annual West Tisbury Top Dog Contest this year. We had so many great submissions. We look forward to holding another one this coming year. The winner, STELLA is featured below. She’s def a bundle of tail-wagging joy! She received the #1 dog license, a gift basket and bragging rights! CONGRATS STELLA!!



REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

In 2025, the Board of Assessors welcomed Cate Alexander as our newest staff member. Cate is working alongside Mary Jane Nevin in the same role of Assistant Assessor / Data Collector. She will be instrumental in our efforts to greatly expand cyclical property inspections while keeping pace with the high level of building permits seen over the past few years.

The Board of Assessors continued our work on the residential exemption with the Select Board in 2025, providing expanded supporting materials for the Classification Hearing and recommending a residential exemption level of 20% to 35% of average residential property value.

The Board of Assessors also worked with the Select Board to develop a proposed Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) program which requested payments from tax exempt organization to help offset Town expenses. The program resulted in one contribution and provided us with feedback from those organizations on their contributions to the community and reasons for not participating in the program.

Value adjustments for FY26 were driven by qualified sales from January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2024 and certified by the Department of Revenue on November 6, 2025. The Select Board held their annual Classification Hearing on November 19th. They voted to adopt a 30% residential exemption. The FY26 residential class property tax rate was set at \$5.21, while commercial, industrial and personal property were set at \$4.75. The residential exemption creates these two different tax rates. The tax rates in FY25 were \$4.53 for residential and \$4.47 for all other classes of property.

Two taxpayers filed real estate abatement applications in FY25, and six for personal property. One abatement application was granted, and one was settled after first going to the Appellate Tax Board.

The FY26 Recap shows a tax levy increase of 10% vs FY25 to \$23,500,448.87.

The tax base grew by 3.5% to \$4,945,173,200.

Information about the department is available on the Assessors' page of the Town website, www.westtisbury-ma.gov. Citizens can download their property record cards and find other helpful information and forms. We look forward to continuing to serve the Town.

Respectfully,

Michael Colaneri, Chair
Maria McFarland, Member
Lawrence Schubert, Member
MacGregor Anderson, Principal Assessor
Mary Jane Nevin, Data Collector / Assistant Assessor
Cate Alexander, Data Collector / Assistant Assessor

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

The West Tisbury Board of Health submits its annual report outlining the department's work to protect public health, safety, and environmental quality in the community. Throughout the year, the Board carried out its responsibilities through regulatory oversight, inspections, public education, and coordination with town departments and Island partners. Ongoing collaboration among the Island Boards of Health continued to be an important part of addressing shared public health concerns.

Environmental Health

Environmental health remained a focus of the department's work. In coordination with municipal departments and Island partners, we provided oversight of regulated facilities and activities to ensure compliance with state and local requirements. Routine inspections and monitoring activities supported the protection of public health and environmental resources. Annual water quality testing was completed to address contamination concerns in specific areas of town. We also continued to participate with MV CYANO, a collaborative effort involving Island Boards of Health and scientists from The Great Pond Foundation.

Communicable Disease Prevention and Health Initiatives

The department participated in Island wide efforts related to communicable disease prevention and seasonal health initiatives. These efforts included participation in a collaborative vaccination clinic and public health outreach activities intended to improve access and awareness.

Public Health Nursing and Community Health Services

Planning efforts continued to support the development of public health nursing and community health services across the Island. These services are intended to expand prevention, outreach, and access to care. Island towns also continued collaborative planning related to opioid abatement funding, with an emphasis on community input and coordination among stakeholders.

Public Health Nursing – Contract with Visiting Nurse Association pending for all towns - contracts are negotiated per town due to each town having a different budgeted amount. Home visits to assess safety, health needs, and need for referrals; rehabilitative assessment; Social work counseling to individuals with identified needs. Health Promotion/Wellness in relation to both physical and mental illness for all age groups. Maternal and Child Health Services for newborns and mothers on referral with follow-up home visits according to need; social work assessment visits to families with identified needs. Public Health Nursing programs to include Wellness Clinics, partnership with Harbor Homes, and Alph-Gal Support Group.

Food Safety and Regulatory Oversight

Carried out food safety responsibilities through routine inspections, permitting, and enforcement activities. Education and technical assistance were provided when needed to support compliance and protect public health.

Public Health Excellence Grant Activities

Through participation in the Inter-Island Public Health Excellence Collaborative, grant funded activities supported regional public health capacity, including environmental health, inspectional services, epidemiology, and public education. These efforts helped strengthen coordination and information sharing among Island communities.

Community Outreach and Education

Public education continued to be an important part of the department's mission. Through partnerships with local organizations and Island agencies, the department supported educational initiatives addressing environmental health and public well-being, with an emphasis on accessibility and community engagement.

Another year working with other local Boards of Health and collaborating with Deep Roots MV, a nonprofit organization founded by Marcello Meyer, to provide educational programming for landscaping companies and landscapers. Two classes were offered one in English and one in Portuguese focused on fertilizer application practices and their potential environmental impacts.

Collaboration and Emergency Preparedness

Maintained participation in the Dukes County Emergency Management Association and continued to work with town departments, Island agencies, and community partners on planning and preparedness efforts related to public health emergencies.

Carrie Welch - All Island Health Inspector - through the Inter-Island Public Health Excellence Collaboration, assisted in continued inspections and regulation of food service establishments as well as testing and monitoring beach water quality across the island thus ensuring that dining out and recreational activities on Martha's Vineyard remain safe.

Nancy Langman (RN, MS, MPH, DNP & BC) – Parkinson's support group here in West Tisbury at the Howes House twice a month.

Patrick Roden-Reynolds - Public Health Biologist

Acknowledgements:

MV Agricultural Society – Chris Lyons (Facilities & Maintenance Manager)

MV 163rd Agricultural Fair – Garrison Viera (Fair Booth Manager)

West Tisbury Farmers Market – Ethan Buchanan-Valenti (Market Manager)

MV Refuse District – Don Hatch (District Manager)

Licenses and Permits

Continued to process, review and issue permits for regulated activities within the town. This work remains a core function of the Board's role in protecting public health and the environment.

Looking Ahead

The West Tisbury Board of Health remains committed to carrying out its responsibilities through continued oversight, coordination, and service to the community. As public health needs change, the department will continue working with partners to support a healthy and safe West Tisbury, as well as the island.

Respectfully submitted,

Erik Lowe
Ken Vincent
Daniel Sauer

REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR 2025

Single Family Residences (SFR)	12
Modular SFR	1
Guest House	2
Detached Bed/Garage	1
Guest House/Garage	0
Seasonal Camp	0
Residential Duplex	5
Residential Building Permit	154
ADU	4
Commercial Dwelling Unit (R-3)	1
Change of Use	3
Shed	2
Temporary Tent	47
Camping Vehicle License	2
Solar Arrays 676.7kW	51
Private Swimming Pool	9
Semi-Public Pool	1
Wood Stove	5
Minor Work	154
Sign	3
Trench	4
Commercial Minor Work	5
Commercial New Construction	13
Commercial Alteration	0
Annual Inspection (CI)	6
Fire Protection System/Sprinklers	16
Smoke/CO Alarm Modification	18
Short Term Rentals	50
Building Permits	502
Electric Permits	295
Gas Permits	122
Plumbing Permits	93
Sheet Metal	31
Mechanical	47

Total Permit Fees Collected	\$213,095.06
Value of Construction	\$92,706,693.40

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph K. Tierney, Jr., Inspector of Buildings
Jeffrey Fisher, Local Inspector

REPORT OF THE CAPE LIGHT COMPACT Town of West Tisbury Activities

West Tisbury Representative – Nicola Blake
West Tisbury Alternate – Jennifer Rand

Cape Light Compact JPE is an intergovernmental organization consisting of the 21 towns on Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard and Duke's County. The Compact's mission is to serve our 205,000 customers through the delivery of proven energy efficiency programs, effective consumer advocacy, and renewable competitive electricity supply.

Effective July 1, 2017, the Cape Light Compact reorganized itself as a joint powers entity pursuant to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40 Section 4A1/2, becoming the first joint powers entity in Massachusetts. Reorganizing as a joint powers entity protects member towns from potential liabilities and mandates greater financial accountability through expanded reporting requirements to the Massachusetts Department of Revenue and member Towns, and designation of Treasury functions to an independent entity.

POWER SUPPLY

During calendar year 2025 (CY25), the Compact's electricity supplier for all residential, commercial, and industrial customers was NextEra Energy Services of Massachusetts (NextEra). The Compact is pleased that our residential price in CY25 remained at least one cent below the utility's basic service residential price, delivering savings for our residential customers, while also being 100% renewable.

The Compact has been a green aggregation since January 2017, matching Compact electricity supply customers' annual electricity usage above the mandated state requirements with voluntary renewable energy certificates (RECs) to provide a 100% renewable product. By retiring RECs to match the Compact's customers' usage, Compact customers are financially supporting renewable energy resources, including resources located on Cape Cod. In addition, NextEra deposits all premiums paid for voluntary RECs, plus their supplier and retail fees (expected to total over \$3 million per year), into an irrevocable trust fund to be used solely for the development of new renewable energy resources. By purchasing electricity through the Compact, all Compact electricity supply customers are supporting renewable energy and acting locally to combat climate change.

As part of its electricity supply product, the Compact receives energy and RECs from a solar photovoltaic (PV) project, Farmington Solar, in Maine. The Compact entered into a long-term fixed price contract for energy and Class 1 RECs from just under 5 MW of this project as part of the Compact's commitment to renewable energy and price stability.

At a regional level, New England continues to face electricity pricing spikes during the winter months. Over the last fifteen years, New England has greatly increased its reliance on natural gas for electricity production; however, natural gas pipeline capacity has not substantially increased during that same period. This creates a shortage of natural gas for electricity production during winter cold snaps, and therefore increases prices for electric generators, which is passed on to all New England electricity supply customers. Until such time as this issue is resolved, either through additional natural gas, renewable, or electric transmission infrastructure, demand reduction, or other targeted programs, the possibility of future high winter pricing remains, and as such, consumers should still expect seasonal pricing fluctuations for the foreseeable future.

When compared to past years (pre-2022), electricity supply prices remain elevated across both winter and summer months and are unlikely to decline over the next few years. The Compact will continue to seek ways to help customers reduce their electricity costs through innovative energy efficiency programs to mitigate the impacts of higher winter electricity pricing.

As of December 2025, the Compact had approximately 2,072 electric accounts in the Town of West Tisbury on its power supply.

CONSUMER ADVOCACY

Since 1997, Cape Light Compact has advocated for the ratepayers of Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard at the local and state level. In CY25, the Compact focused on the following regulatory proceedings at the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities (DPU):

- Grid modernization (DPU docket 21-80):
 - o The Compact's participation in this docket focused on ensuring that customers on the Cape and Vineyard are able to benefit from Eversource's proposed grid modernization and advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) investments. The Compact's key concern is that municipal aggregations and their competitive suppliers be able to access the data available through smart meters in order to design and offer time varying electric rates (TVR) to their customers.
 - o In CY25, the Compact participated in DPU led technical sessions and submitted comments to the DPU as part of ongoing discussion around TVR and data access for municipal aggregators and their competitive suppliers.
- Eversource Electric Sector Modernization Plan (DPU Docket 24-10):
 - o Eversource filed its Electric Sector Modernization Plan (ESMP) with the DPU in January 2024. The Compact participated in this docket advocating for a number of items including ensuring a timely process for the implementation of TVR, approving the Cape Cod CIP, and directing Eversource to report on the impacts of the ESMP on double poles.
 - o In CY25, the DPU issued an Order approving Eversource's ESMP. Many of the issues of interest to the Compact are being addressed through Phase II of the proceeding which began in January 2025 and is ongoing.

- Energy Burden Investigation (DPU Docket 24-15):
 - o The Compact participated in the DPU’s investigation into Energy Burden by bringing together a group of stakeholders to discuss the issue. The Compact submitted two rounds of comments focusing on energy affordability issues faced by Cape and Vineyard customers to the DPU based on its stakeholder session.
 - o The Compact is participating in working group meetings as part of this ongoing proceeding.
- Pole Attachments and Conduit Access on Public Rights of Way (DPU Docket 25-10/DTC Docket 25-1):
 - o The Compact’s participation in this docket has focused on double poles, a key concern for the towns within the Compact’s service territory. The Compact requested feedback in the form of a survey from the towns regarding their priorities in this docket and submitted comments and a presentation to the DPU based on this feedback.
 - o The proceeding is ongoing.
- Residential Seasonal Heat-Pump Rate (DPU Docket 25-55):
 - o The Compact participated in this docket to ensure that customers who install heat pumps through the Compact’s energy efficiency program are made aware of and are automatically enrolled in Eversource’s seasonal heat pump rate.
 - o The seasonal heat pump rate is on the delivery side of the electric bill. It will take effect on November 1, 2025.

In the fall of 2022, the Compact redesigned its Cape & Vineyard Electrification Offering (CVEO) to align with legislation that passed as part of the Massachusetts Climate Act in the summer of 2022. The Compact filed its redesigned CVEO with the DPU in November 2022 and received approval in January 2023. The Compact began implementing the program in June of 2023 and completed installations in the spring of 2025. The redesigned CVEO served 55 non-gas heated low- and moderate-income participants, installing cold climate heat pumps and solar PV. 12 customers also received battery storage.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Cape Light Compact offers an energy efficiency program that provides technical assistance and valuable incentives and rebates to residential and business customers, whether you rent or own your home or business space. The energy efficiency programs give customers the power to take control of their energy use, reduce their energy bills, and protect the environment.

The first step to saving energy is a free energy assessment that will identify improvements that can be made and how much energy can be saved. Please call the Compact at 1-800-797-6699 to register your home or business.

In the Town of West Tisbury, the Compact accomplished the following in 2025:

Jan – Nov 2025	# of Participants	Customer Savings	kWh Saved	Rebates/ Incentives Paid to Customers
Low Income	32	\$0	0	\$583,983
Residential	196	\$0	0	\$477,146
Commercial	9	\$0	15,313	\$153,290
Total	9	\$0	15,313	\$153,290

Note: The data above does not include activity in December 2025 due to the date of this publication. Please visit www.capelightcompact.org/reports/ for more information.

Also, in the Residential Retail Initiative, several measures may reduce energy use from one fuel source but may increase use of another fuel resulting in negative kWh savings. Strategic electrification for example is primarily focused on the adoption of Heat Pump technology which may reduce the use of oil or propane but increase the use of electricity and increase peak demand. The Program Administrators have determined that these measures are still cost effective, and provide benefits to customers in a more holistic, integrated approach that helps customers address their energy use and associated costs based on their individual needs and goals, while aligning with the broader Commonwealth energy and greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals.

REPORT OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLANNING COMMITTEE

Introduction

The Capital Improvements Planning Committee reviews and prioritizes proposed capital projects involving major tangible assets costing more than \$25,000 with a useful life of at least five years. The Committee prepares a capital budget for the upcoming fiscal year and a five-year capital program. This report summarizes the FY2027 capital budget and projections through FY2032.

Summary

If all FY2027 requests are approved, the Town will spend \$2,109,102 on capital expenditures, including regionally assessed debt.

Capital Planning Policies

The Committee's recommendations follow several guiding principles:

- Capital spending requests are reviewed and prioritized by the Committee in accordance with the Town's Capital Improvement By-law.
- Capital spending and debt service should remain as level as possible to avoid significant tax fluctuations.
- Maintenance budgets should adequately preserve the condition and value of Town buildings and equipment.
- Facilities planning should incorporate energy efficiency and coordinate with the Energy Committee.

Recent Capital Projects

Several capital projects were completed or substantially completed this year:

- Repairs to the failed HVAC system at the West Tisbury Library are substantially complete as of January 2026.
- Fire hydrant tanks at Lambert's Cove Road and Tiah's Cove Road installations are substantially complete for a total cost of approximately \$255,000.
- Music Street and Indian Hill Road resurfacing were completed.

FY2027–FY2032 Capital Program

Affordable Housing. Work continues on an eight-unit rental housing project at the intersection of Lambert's Cove Road and State Road. The approximately \$5.5 million project will be funded through Community Preservation funds, the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, and other regional and external funding sources.

Animal Control. A request of \$85,000 is proposed for FY2027 to purchase a new Animal Control response vehicle. The current vehicle is aging and nearing the end of its useful life. Replacing the vehicle will ensure the department can safely and reliably respond to calls for service and continue supporting regional animal control operations.

Energy Committee. The Energy Committee continues guiding the Town toward reducing fossil fuel use and increasing renewable energy generation. Through the State's Climate Leaders program, the Town will develop a Municipal Decarbonization Roadmap to meet the Commonwealth's climate goals by 2050, focusing on building efficiency, electrification, and resilience to extreme weather events.

Fire Department. A \$125,000 FY2027 request will add funds to the Fire Equipment Stabilization Fund in preparation for future apparatus replacement.

Mill Brook Watershed Culverts. Planning is underway to replace the Witch Brook and Indian Hill Brook culverts to improve water flow and habitat conditions. The first funding request is anticipated in spring 2027.

Parks and Recreation. A request of approximately \$25,000 is proposed to install Mobi Mats at Lambert's Cove Beach to improve accessibility.

Police Department. The Police Department maintains a vehicle replacement schedule of approximately one cruiser every 18 months to ensure fleet reliability and manage long-term capital costs. In FY2026, however, a vehicle in the fleet experienced a mechanical failure and was removed from service. To maintain operational vehicle levels, the Town is requesting \$85,000 in FY2027 to purchase a replacement vehicle and restore the planned replacement cycle.

The department is also planning lifecycle replacement of critical equipment. The current firearm inventory and taser fleet are aging and approaching the end of their recommended service lives. Funding for replacement of the firearms is included on this warrant, and taser replacements are expected to be requested in FY2027. These upgrades will ensure officers have reliable, modern equipment and help maintain appropriate training and safety standards.

Schools. The Martha's Vineyard Regional High School is participating in the Massachusetts School Building Authority program to pursue a major renovation and addition to the school building. The project is currently in the feasibility and design phases and, if approved by the MSBA and voters in the six member towns, will significantly affect the long-term debt trajectory of the member communities. The Up-Island elementary schools are also beginning to plan energy upgrades to meet the goal of using 100 percent renewable energy by 2040.

Town Buildings. A \$100,000 FY2027 request will support ongoing maintenance and repairs to Town buildings. In addition, the Select Board is seeking authorization to borrow \$2,000,000 to replace the failed HVAC system at the Police Station.

Tri-Town Ambulance. West Tisbury's share of funding for a new response vehicle and a LifePak unit is \$15,000 each, along with a contribution to replenish the ambulance stabilization fund for a future ambulance purchase.

Up-Island Council on Aging. Minor renovations to Howes House are proposed to improve functionality while long-term redesign plans are evaluated. Funding will be provided by redirecting funds from the Howes House Redesign warrant article.

The Committee thanks Town departments and regional partners for their assistance. The Committee currently has an opening for one at-large member and encourages interested residents to contact the Select Board's Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Andre (Energy Committee)
Chelsea Joiner (Town Accountant)
Matthew Merry (Planning Board)
Cynthia Mitchell (Select Board)
Clark Rattet (Finance Committee)
Larry Schubert (Assessors)
Joseph Tierney (Building Inspector)

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

To the Voters and Taxpayers:

In 2025, the Town sold 8 lots in the West Tisbury Cemetery. As of 2024, no lots remain available for sale at Lambert's Cove Cemetery. There were 8 burials in 2025, 5 urn burials, 2 casket burials, and one green burial.

As always, sincere thanks are extended to Richie Olsen; Jesse Oliver and Brian Athearn, Assistants to the Cemetery Superintendent; to Alan Gowell for his ongoing efforts to keep everything organized; to D&A Property Service for their groundskeeping work; and to Maria McFarland for her diligent maintenance of the database.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia E. Mitchell, Chair
Jessica Miller
J. Skipper Manter
Cemetery Commissioners

REPORT OF THE CLIMATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2025

The Climate Advisory Committee’s mission is to assist and advise the Town towards achieving State and Local climate goals by:

- Providing support to Town departments, boards, and committees in making decisions that result in climate-change adaptation, mitigation, and increased sustainability, including reviewing and updating Town bylaws and regulations at least annually such that all Town activities are viewed through a “Climate Lens”;
- Communicating with and educating Town residents about adapting, mitigating, and preparing for climate change.

We continue to work closely with the Martha’s Vineyard Commission (MVC) to implement The Martha’s Vineyard Climate Action Plan (CAP), which can be found at www.thevineyardway.org. This “living document” is our Island guide to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, managing the impacts of climate change, and creating a healthier and more resilient community for everyone.

Our CAP priorities include looking at several bylaw options to better protect our environment and bring our Town better in alignment with our current climate realities. To this end, we convened joint meetings with the Planning Board and ConComm chairs and their respective administrators, along with the MVC Climate Resilience Planner, to discuss potential bylaw updates that specifically address protections in our Floodplain and Coastal Resilience Zones.

Members of the Committee continue to work with the MVC Land Use subcommittee to develop bylaws that will clarify Town guidelines on protection of trees, native vegetation, and land clearing/grading/erosion associated with development in areas outside of currently protected wetlands.

Our Climate Book Club, run every 4-6 weeks and kindly facilitated by the amazing staff at the West Tisbury Free Public Library, provides a place for all who are interested in Climate. We learn, educate, and gather to discuss the wide range of issues that stem from our changing climate. To sign up contact wt_mail@clamsnet.org. This year, the group read:

Nomad Century: How Climate Migration Will Reshape Our World by Gaia Vince

How to Love a Forest: The Bittersweet Work of Tending a Changing World by Ethan Tapper

Playground (a novel) by Richard Powers

The Serviceberry: Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World by Robin Wall Kimmerer

What If We Get It Right? Visions of Climate Futures by Ayana Elizabeth Johnson

CARBON: The Book of Life by Paul Hawken

Here Comes the Sun: A Last Chance for the Climate and a Fresh Chance for Civilization by Bill McKibben.

We thank all of the town departments and administrators we worked with over the year. Special shout outs to our administrator Kate Guiney, as well as to the outgoing Martha's Vineyard Commission Climate Resilience Planner Liz Durkee. We welcome Sakiko Isomichi as our new Island MVC Climate Resilience Planner.

Climate Advisory Committee members:

Sue Hruby, Co-Chair

Nicola Blake Co-chair

Michelle Gittlen

Zada Clarke (also Vineyard Conservation Society)

Luanne Johnson (also BiodiversityWorks)

REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

At Annual Town Meeting in 2005, the Town voted to adopt the provisions of the Community Preservation Act (CPA), which established a nine-member Community Preservation Committee (CPC) to receive applications for funding and make recommendations to the Town. CPA funds are derived from a 3% surcharge on real estate taxes, supplemented annually by state funds from the Massachusetts Community Preservation Trust Fund. Each year, depending on revenues, the State pays a percentage of the surcharge to the Town. The supplemental funding percentages for each year are as follows:

FY 2007 - 100%	FY 2014 - 50.8%	FY 2021 - 75.3%
FY 2008 - 100%	FY 2015 - 47.3%	FY 2022 - 65.4%
FY 2009 - 94.5%	FY 2016 - 32.8%	FY 2023 - 35.6%
FY 2010 - 56.4%	FY 2017 - 27.4%	FY 2024 - 31.0%
FY 2011 - 43.6%	FY 2018 - 32.7%	FY 2025 - 28.5%
FY 2012 - 43.0%	FY 2019 - 40.0%	
FY 2013 - 84.4%	FY 2020 - 48.5%	

This translates into \$4,027,991 of State funding since the adoption of the Community Preservation Act by the Town of West Tisbury.

CPA funds may be used to support the preservation or restoration of historic resources, the creation and support of community housing, and the acquisition or preservation of open space, including recreational use.

Information about the CPC and the projects currently under consideration is available on the Town website, <http://www.westtisbury-ma.gov/community-preservation-committee>. The CPC invites applications for funding in any of the categories listed above at any time during the year and urges potential applicants to attend its meetings or to contact its members.

In FY 2025, the CPC received ten applications. On the basis of eligibility, public input and its own evaluation, the CPC recommended eight projects for funding on the Warrant for Annual Town Meeting in April of 2025. In addition to the recommended projects, the CPC also presented 2 debt service articles. The following is the list of funding requests and the resulting Town Meeting vote.

Annual Town Meeting – April 8, 2025

- DCRHA Rental Subsidies (\$66,000) – Approved
- Island Autism Center and Neighborhood Project (\$143,900) – Approved
- Island Housing Trust Veteran’s Housing in Oak Bluffs (\$141,900) – Approved
- Island Housing Trust 401 State Road 60+ Housing (\$500,000) – Approved

- Island Housing Trust School Employee Housing (\$354,750) – Approved
- West Tisbury Basketball/Tennis Court Restoration (\$250,000) - Approved
- Grange Hall Foundation Repairs (\$50,000) – Approved
- MV Youth Baseball & Softball improvement to Manter Field (\$19,600) – Approved
- Debt Service Payment 1 of 10 for 401 State Road (\$74,500) – Approved
- Debt Service Payment 1 of 10 for Basketball/Tennis Court Restoration (\$37,375) – Approved

In the fall of this year, the CPC received seven applications, six of which will be presented to the voters at the 2026 Annual Town Meeting.

The CPC welcomes comments, suggestions, and new proposals from all Island residents.

Respectfully submitted,

John Christensen, Finance Committee, Chairman
 Nancy Dole, Historic District Commission
 Jeffrey DuBard, Affordable Housing Committee
 Cheryl Lowe, Member at Large
 Beatrice Phear, Member at Large
 John Rau, Planning Board
 Sundy Smith, Parks and Recreation
 Rise Terney, Dukes County Regional Housing Authority
 Ernie Thomas, Conservation Commission

Maura Valley, Administrative Assistant

REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

To the Select Board and Fellow Townspeople:

The Conservation Commission consists of a group of dedicated volunteers charged with upholding the Wetlands Protection Act and the West Tisbury Wetlands Protection Bylaw to protect the wetlands, water resources and adjoining land areas in West Tisbury.

First and foremost, the Conservation Commission would like to honor the retirement of Maria McFarland after 24 years of service as the Board Administrator. Maria has been an incredible resource during those years, and the Commission thanks her for her devotion and vigor. Maria retired in August and the position was filled by Angela Luckey. Angela previously served on the board as a commissioner for 5 years.

Two new board members joined the Conservation Commission, Robert Myhill entered as a full Board Member in February and Noah Froh joined the Commission as an Associate Member in March, becoming a full Board Member in July. Robert has professional experience in Information Technology and an inquisitive mind, and Noah brings a wealth of environmental knowledge. The Commission happily welcomes them both. There are two Associate Member positions available for those that are looking to get involved and serve on a Town Board!

Individual members continued their roles as appointees to other committees. Peter Rodegast serves as the Commission's appointee to the West Tisbury Land Bank Advisory Board. Ernie Thomas serves as the Commission's appointee to the Community Preservation Committee.

In our work to administer the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the Town's local wetlands bylaw, the following determinations of jurisdiction and permits (called Order of Conditions) were issued for projects in or near inland wetlands and coastal resource areas.

Administrative Review:

Map 32 Lot 103/removal of one downed tree

Determinations:

Map 7 Lot 28.1/demolition and reconstruction of barn

Map 7 Lot 132/demolition and reconstruction of single-family dwelling with new well and septic

Map 7 Lot 146/septic replacement

Map 32 Lot 120/well replacement

Map 11 Lots 36 & 37/well installation

Map 15 Lot 1/establish travelway

Map 13 Lot 6.1/install property boundaries
Map 7 Lot 58/septic system upgrade

Orders of Conditions

Map 1 Lot 51/SE79-477/beach stairs
Map 3 Lot 91/SE79-476/beach path maintenance
Map 6 Lot 13 /SE79-480/demolition of existing beach shed and construction of same
Map 13 Lot 2/SE79-479/view channel
Map 35 Lot 6.15/SE79-478/pool, patio, and landscaping
Maps 36 Lots 24 & 25/SE79-473/path and view channel maintenance
Map 39 Lots 7, 8, 9 & 11/SE79-470,471,472/Restoration of Sandplain Grassland habitat
Map 39 Lots 7, 8, 9 & 11/SE79-481, 482, 483/Modified Restoration of Sandplain Grassland habitat
Map 39 Lot 12/SE79-475/demolition existing dwelling and construction of same
Map 39 Lot 12/SE79-484/construction of new dwelling

Amended Orders of Conditions: None

Appeals: Map 15 Lot 1/Personal timber harvest

Enforcement Orders: Map 15 Lot 1/wetland and buffer zone violations - restoration work approval

Certificates of Compliance:

Map 12 Lot 44/WTCC 2018-001/pool and patio
Map 35 Lot 7/SE79-412/dock
Map 43 Lot 1.2/SE79-436/demolition of existing dwelling and construction of a new house, garage, guest house, pool, pool terrace, pavilion, terrace, septic system
Map 43 Lot 1.2/SE79-465/view channel

Water Withdrawal Bylaw Permits: None

The second mission of a conservation commission spelled out in the enabling legislation for conservation commissions in Massachusetts is the regulation of development for the protection of natural resources and the projects that protect the watershed resources of the town.

Ongoing projects:

Map 3 Lot 91/Lambert's Cove Beach path monitoring: As always, thanks to Reid Silva and the staff of Vineyard Land Surveying & Engineering for continuing to monitor the elevation of the dune over which the path to Lambert's Cove Beach crosses.

James Pond: The Martha's Vineyard Commission and Buzzards Bay Coalition continue their work on monitoring water quality in James Pond. Reports on water quality in the pond are available on their website.

Conservation Restrictions:

Map 32 Lot 5 (Sheriff's Meadow Foundation)

Conservation Land Management: The Commission also conducted monitoring site visits and addressed issues on properties covered by agricultural and conservation restrictions that are held by the Town and/or third-party conservation groups.

Brandy Brow: The Commission continues to monitor the condition of Brandy Brow and relies on the help of the Highway Department with mowing and fence mending.

Map 18 Lot 1/Margaret K. Littlefield Greenlands: The Land Bank continues to maintain the walking paths at Greenlands for the Town.

Agricultural Preservation Restrictions: Martha's Vineyard Agricultural Society (Map 25 Lot 1.1). The town under the care of this board is a co-holder of the APR with Vineyard Conservation Society.

The Commission office also fielded numerous calls concerning jurisdiction over a variety of projects in the Buffer Zone and monitored the progress of ongoing construction projects.

The Commission will continue to hear applications under the Wetlands Protection Act and the West Tisbury Wetlands Protection Bylaw during regular meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of every month at 5:00 P.M.

Whit Griswold, Chair
Peter Rodegast, Vice Chair
Fred Barron, Member
Noah Froh, Member
Christopher Lyons, Member
Ernie Thomas, Member
Robert Myhill, Member

Angela Luckey, Board Administrator

REPORT OF THE DATA PROCESSING DEPARTMENT

The mission of the Data Processing Department is to ensure that all Town hardware, software, web-based applications, and the Town website remain secure, reliable, and up to date. The department strives to manage these systems within the annual operating budget in order to keep taxpayer costs as stable as possible, recognizing that major upgrades or system conversions occasionally require investment beyond a single budget year. Following the retirement of long-time department head Kathy Logue in January 2025, Shawn Ramoutar assumed full leadership of the department. His first full year focused on upgrading infrastructure, modernizing systems, and strengthening cybersecurity across the Town.

Major accomplishments during 2025 included the following:

Infrastructure Upgrades: The department continued its systematic replacement of outdated computers, network equipment, and peripherals across Town offices. Several aging workstations were retired and replaced as part of the ongoing hardware lifecycle, improving reliability, performance, and staff productivity while reducing the risk of system failures and service interruptions.

Municipal Fiber Network Project: In 2025, the Town secured a \$250,000 Community Compact Municipal Fiber grant—the maximum available—to create a Town-owned fiber-optic network connecting all municipal buildings and entities, including the Dukes County Communications Center. This dedicated high-speed network will enable Town departments to communicate and share data over a secure fiber backbone, rather than relying on slower, less secure connections. Design and procurement for this multi-year project began in 2025. In addition, the Town has applied for a \$200,000 state IT grant to upgrade internal network infrastructure, including switches and routing equipment, ensuring each facility can fully utilize the new fiber connections. The fiber network is targeted for full deployment by December 2026 and is expected to significantly improve bandwidth, reliability, public safety communications, and overall operational efficiency.

Migration to Microsoft 365: The Town successfully transitioned from an aging on-premises email server to Microsoft 365. This migration improved system reliability, security, and accessibility, while providing modern collaboration tools and eliminating the maintenance burden of physical mail servers. Staff now benefit from secure remote access, built-in backups, and enhanced business continuity capabilities.

Website Platform Upgrade (CivicPlus): A mandatory upgrade of the Town’s website platform was completed in 2025, in accordance with CivicPlus requirements, to migrate from the prior Drupal-based system. The department audited existing content and migrated data to the new platform, including restoring public records, meeting agendas, minutes, and historical documents. Because

not all legacy content could be transferred automatically, additional effort was required to manually preserve key records in compliance with state retention requirements. The new website is now live, featuring an improved design and enhanced security. Work continues to restore archived materials and refine functionality.

Network Security and IT Support: The department continued to work closely with IT consultant Ben Hopkins of IT Services MV, who provides ongoing system monitoring, guidance, security oversight, and on-call support. This partnership ensures timely software updates, security patching, and proactive management of the Town's growing technology infrastructure.

Cybersecurity Enhancements (Sentinel One): In 2025, the Town upgraded its cybersecurity defenses by implementing Sentinel One, an advanced AI-driven endpoint protection and firewall solution. This system provides real-time threat detection and automated response to malware and ransomware, significantly strengthening the Town's ability to identify and contain cybersecurity threats. This upgrade builds on prior firewall and antivirus enhancements and aligns the Town's threat protection with current best practices.

Cybersecurity Awareness and Training: Staff participated in two cybersecurity conferences hosted by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Technology Services and Security (EOTSS) in March and August 2025, where municipalities shared best practices for cyber defense and incident response. In addition, Town employees completed Municipal Cybersecurity Awareness training through the Commonwealth, including KnowBe4 phishing simulations. These efforts improved staff awareness, strengthened cyber hygiene, and reduced the risk of security incidents caused by human error.

Cybersecurity Grant – Vulnerability Assessment and Incident Response Planning: The Town also received a state cybersecurity grant that funded professional vulnerability assessments of public-facing systems and the development of a formal Incident Response Plan. Working in coordination with Emergency Management, the department established clear protocols for responding to cyber incidents and notifying appropriate state agencies. As a result, West Tisbury now has documented procedures and trained personnel prepared to respond quickly and effectively to cybersecurity events.

Thank you for your continued support. We welcome your suggestions.

Respectfully submitted,

Shawn Ramoutar
Data Processing Department

**REPORT OF THE
ELDER SERVICES OF CAPE COD
& THE ISLANDS INC.
MARTHA'S VINEYARD OFFICE**

Elder Services of Cape Cod & the Islands, Inc. is a private not-for-profit community-based organization serving the changing needs of the older adult population in the twenty-two towns of Barnstable, Dukes, and Nantucket counties. Since 1972, we have been dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for elders in the community and assisting them in maintaining maximum independence and dignity. We are the federally designated Area Agency on Aging (AAA), the state designated Aging Services Access Point (ASAP), and the Aging Disability Resource Consortium (ADRC).

In CY25 Elder Services' Nutrition program (Meals-on-Wheels, Senior Dining) served 43,200 meals on Martha's Vineyard. 282 seniors received meals delivered to their homes by a corps of over 105 Meals-on-Wheels volunteers and 146 participated in Senior Dining. Under the oversight of our registered Dietitian, all meals are prepared through our contract with Martha's Vineyard Hospital and are delivered to homes and dining sites in all six towns by our volunteers. Our Senior Nutrition Program provided 40 farmer's market coupons worth \$25 each and distributed 40 bags of fresh produce, supplied by Morning Glory Farm, to Island residents.

In CY25, the Home Care Program served 343 elders on Martha's Vineyard. There were 24,704 service hours provided through personal care assistance, medication management, light cleaning, meal prep, shopping, chore, and laundry services contracted for with our providers. In addition, 117 elders were enrolled with a Personal Emergency Response System (PERS). Home Care can also include services provided by Martha's Vineyard Center for Living, including their Supportive Day program, Respite Innovations, and Alzheimer's and Dementia coaching. Our Home Care Program provides eligible older adults with the supportive services they need to live safely and independently at home. Professional Care Managers assess needs, develop a service plan, arrange for necessary support, and have ongoing contact to ensure continuous delivery of services.

A volunteer Nursing Home Ombudsman regularly visits residents of Windemere Nursing and Rehabilitation Center to provide advocacy and support. There is also a new program called Community Transitions Liaison Program. This is a free service available to anyone over 22 years of age in a nursing facility. Elder Services now has staff who visit Windemere on a weekly basis and can help with discharge plans and connect residents to community programs to help transition back to the community.

In 2025, we worked with Mass General Brigham to establish a Senior Care Options program for Martha's Vineyard. Senior Care Options is an insurance plan for those 65 or older who are dually eligible for Medicare and MassHealth Standard. With \$0 out-of-pocket costs, plan members receive a wide range of benefits and services, including dental care and transportation, coordinated by a primary care team. This plan will begin enrolling in January 2026.

In 2025, a volunteer with our Money Management Program provided bill paying services for 3 Vineyard residents. Lyndsay Farmariss, Director of the Edgartown Council on Aging, serves on our Board of Directors.

In addition to Elder Services' in-house programs that serve the older adult population, the AAA distributes Older America Act Title III funds to other community agencies/organizations to provide needed care and assistance. This year, \$6,500 was awarded to Healthy Aging Martha's Vineyard for the GoGo Grandparent concierge-based transportation system, which provides free, on-demand rides to 75-100 seniors weekly and \$5,000 to Martha's Vineyard Center for Community Living for its volunteer caregiver respite program serving older adults living with dementia and their caregivers.

Elder Services of Cape Cod and the Islands uses federal, state, town, and private funds to provide essential community programs/services. The value of these funds is greatly enhanced by Town support, the cooperative efforts of the Councils on Aging, and the many Island residents who volunteer their time and skills. We appreciate the value of the community support we receive and expect to continue to work collaboratively and productively with local organizations to meet the challenges of the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Panek, Martha's Vineyard Director



Programs and Services

Information & Referral: A central source of information on all services available to older adults on Cape Cod and the Islands as well as the entry point for referral to Elder Services' many programs. For additional information visit our website at www.escci.org or contact our Martha's Vineyard Office at 508-693-4393.

Protective Services: Help is available 24/7 for anyone over the age of 60 who has been abused, neglected, financially exploited or is at risk of harm due to self-neglect. Call 1-800-922-2275 to report 7 days a week 24 hours a day.

Home Care Program: Services are provided to help older adults remain safely in the community; Care Managers assess the needs, develop a service plan, arrange for supports, and see elders on going to manage services, and help with resources. To qualify, individuals must be sixty or older, meet financial eligibility guidelines, and have specific unmet care needs.

Senior Nutrition Program: Senior Dining Centers are located at Tisbury Senior Center and Howes House where lunch is served on Thursdays. Meals on Wheels are delivered by volunteers in every town to any elder who is homebound or otherwise unable to provide a daily meal for themselves. Delivery is Monday through Friday, usually between 10-Noon.

Family Caregiver Support Program: Provides education, advocacy, and connections to community resources that will enable the caregiver to better care for their loved ones as well as themselves.

Money Management Program: Volunteers, trained and certified, meet with elders in their homes to help them balance their checkbooks, pay bills, and oversee other routine financial management tasks.

Community Transition Liaison Program: The Community Transition Liaison Program (CTLP) supports any adult resident of a nursing facility who is interested in receiving assistance in transitioning to living in the community. This service is available to all regardless of diagnosis or type of insurance. We understand that the desire to transition from a nursing facility to a community living environment is a significant decision, and we are here to help you every step of the way.

Hospital to Home Partnership Program: Elder Services' staff are onsite at Cape Cod Hospital to work with the discharge planning team and social workers to help ensure a smooth discharge for patients who may need supportive services once they are back home.

Options Counseling: Provides information and short-term counseling to assist consumers (elders aged 60 and older or individuals over the age of 18 with any disability) in making informed choices about long term care services, support, and settings.

Long Term Care Ombudsman Program: Ombudsmen are trained and certified advocates with the authority to make weekly unannounced visits to facilities to monitor the condition of the home and meet with residents and/or their families to discuss any concerns they might have about the quality of their care.

Long Term Care Screening: Registered nurses assess an individual's health and functional abilities to determine medical eligibility for Medicaid funding of nursing home care.

REPORT OF THE ENERGY COMMITTEE

This year, the Town attained Climate Leader designation from the MA Department of Energy Resources. Our certification as a Climate Leader Community opens up the possibility of funding that can support studying, designing, constructing and implementing decarbonization measures, increasing solar, and enhancing our resiliency through battery storage for Town buildings.

To attain Climate Leader certification, the Town adopted a Zero-Emissions Vehicle (ZEV) policy that set guidelines for purchase, operation, and maintenance of Town fleet vehicles in a way that advances the economic, energy, and climate sustainability of Town operations. The policy doesn't mandate procurement of products that are not commercially available or practicable. It asks that in purchasing new vehicles, the Town consider hybrid or electric vehicles first before making a practical decision in line with Town finances and contingencies. The ZEV policy's first implementation came in Town procurement of a new hybrid truck for Facilities and Maintenance.

The Energy Committee also, with the help of ICF consultants, completed a Decarbonization Road Map for all Town buildings. This Road Map covers various aspects of municipal emissions from building construction, operation, and maintenance to vehicle fleet emissions. Its goal is to identify Energy Conservation Measures (ECMs) to achieve complete fossil-fuel elimination for municipal buildings and vehicles and reduce overall energy-use intensity by the year 2040. It also projects potential costs associated with ECMs to achieve this decarbonization by the target year. The Energy Committee worked closely with the consultants to identify the scope of the Road Map, incorporate stakeholder feedback, develop municipal goals, and identify implementation processes and roles. You can access our Decarbonization Road Map, and our ZEV policy, on the Energy Committee web page.

We continued our work with the Cape Light Compact, for which Nicola Blake is representative of both the Town and the Island. The Compact consistently sells electricity to retail users below the Basic Service rate from Eversource.

We also applied for and received a Municipal Energy Technical Assistance (META) grant of \$25,000 to assess the possibility of a renewable-source heating system in the Public Safety Building apparatus bay. The bay's current oil-fired boiler is due for replacement. With analysis from RISE engineering, it was determined that an air-to-water heat pump system is feasible for the space. The Energy Committee has applied for a Climate Leaders Accelerator Grant to determine the specifics that would allow the Town to put out a bid for the project; this analysis will also assess the possibility for a solar-powered battery to complement the Public Safety Building's generator.

The Library successfully installed its new HVAC system, which will now include a solar array and a battery. This battery, which will operate as a micro-grid, can provide back-up power so that the generator will start only after the battery is depleted. In the meantime, the battery can recharge through the solar array

We welcomed two new members to our committee, Alex Salop and Jim Leonard. With Alex as a representative of the Up Island Regional School District, we hope to work toward the retrofitting of the West Tisbury School, which consumes the vast majority of our town's fossil-fuel usage.

We look forward to another productive year in 2026.

Richard Andre, chair
Nicola Blake
Jim Leonard
Alex Salop
John Stanwood

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

To the Town of West Tisbury:

The Finance Committee provides financial oversight and advice to the town of West Tisbury. According to West Tisbury by Law-

“The Finance Committee shall have the powers and duties set forth in Section 16 of Chapter 39 of the Massachusetts General Laws and shall consider and act upon any and all municipal questions to be included as Articles in all Warrants for Annual and Special Town Meetings including the annual town budget. Articles involving the appropriation of money and to come before the Annual Town Meeting shall be presented to the Finance Committee at least forty-five days before the date set for such Annual Town Meeting. . . . The Committee shall make its report and recommendations to each Town Meeting, which report and recommendation if so, voted by the said Committee, shall be printed by and at the expense of the Town.”

The Finance Committee is made up of 5 members, who are elected in 3-year, staggered terms.

We meet monthly during the year, and more often during the planning season for town budgets and warrant articles. (January through March)

The Finance Committee appoints representatives to be voting members of the following Town Committees:

Community Preservation Committee

Capital Improvements Planning Committee

Board Members also volunteer to attend meetings as liaisons for these Committees or Boards:

Up Island Regional School District (UIRSD)

Martha’s Vineyard Regional High School (MVRHS)

West Tisbury Board of Selectmen

The Martha’s Vineyard Commission

The annual town budget is made up of 4 components; the budgets of town departments, the budgets of regional entities, the budgets of the UIRSD and MVRHS that West Tisbury is party to and warrant articles representing individual expenses.

In 2021 our annual town budget was approximately \$20,000,000. As of February 2026, the budget for West Tisbury stands at well over \$31,000,000. Our town budget continues to grow at a faster rate than the town’s population. The 2027 proposed budget will increase representing the cost of warrant articles with financial elements that are approved by townspeople at the annual town meeting.

The Finance Committee is ever mindful of the steady growth of the annual town budget, and the impact that it will have on West Tisbury, historically an affordable community for those in the middle class, seniors, and those on fixed incomes.

In the past year, the following are areas that the Finance Committee has given attention to-

-Schools consume the bulk of West Tisbury's Fiscal 2027 budget. Before town meeting considers the 2027 warrant articles, the schools will make up more than \$17,000,000, or 54% of West Tisbury's total \$31,652,000 town budget. On top of that the schools will also have additional individual warrant articles to consider this year.

We have a very good school system, innovative, with dedicated teachers and administrators. But it has been and remains, by far, one of the most expensive school systems in Massachusetts.

Additionally, like all building that are heavily used, the school buildings need on-going all maintenance and replacement of systems. We expect capital costs for improvements and renovations we partner in, in the near and long term. Large areas of the Regional High School are more than 60 years old, and even the newer sections need updating and replacement. West Tisbury has done an excellent job budgeting, in part because the Fin Com, the Financial Management Team and the Capital Improvements Committee have been able to project our future spending. Detailed plans from the schools will aid this effort and allow us to avoid larger capital expense.

-The scope and number of services the town provides continue to grow.

Collectively as a town with guidance from the acts of the Legislature, we decide what services we need. We decide how they will be provided, and we hire people. As more services are required or demanded, we hire more people. We want to pay a wage sufficient to attract and retain capable people. They rightly expect a livable wage with potential for improvement. We vote for longevity increases, and cost of living adjustments. We provide health insurance and participate in the Countywide retirement system.

A \$35,000 a year employee with benefits may cost the town more than \$63,000 a year and benefits for life. As a town, we need to provide the services our residents require. We also need to be mindful of what the true costs are when we expand our number of employees.

It is the voters of West Tisbury who decide the financial direction of the town. As your elected officials, we ask you consider our work and research in preparing the recommendations for this year's town budget. We are an advisory committee. We only vote to recommend or not recommend. The final decisions on whether to approve town budgets and warrant articles are, and should be, the voters' choices to make.

Finance Committee meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 5pm. They are held on Zoom. We invite you to attend and to participate.

Lastly, the Finance Committee needs to give special thanks to our Administrative Assistant, Shawn Ramoutar and Town Accountant Chelsea Joiner, whose help is invaluable.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Orcutt, Chair
John Christensen, Vice Chair
Clark Rattet
Kimberly Angell
Skipper Manter

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Select Board and the
Residents of West Tisbury:

I would like to take this opportunity to formally thank the members of the West Tisbury Fire Department for their continued dedication, support, and professionalism in serving our community. The dedication demonstrated by the members of the West Tisbury Fire Department both through extensive training and their daily response to emergencies is commendable and deserving of recognition. Their efforts reflect positively on the Town of West Tisbury and reinforce the trust our residents place in their emergency services.

This year, the Fire Department had the privilege of having five members commit more than 240 hours each to successfully complete the Firefighter I/II training program hosted by the Dukes County Fire Training Council. This was a significant undertaking that required determination, discipline, and a strong commitment to public service. In total, 24 students from across the Island participated in the program, supported by approximately 15 instructors from Island fire departments. This collaborative effort highlights the strength of our Island-wide fire service training efforts.

Island fire departments have also begun training together to create an Island-wide **Water Task Force**. When a fire requires more water than is available on scene, this task force can be requested to help. Each town contributes personnel and an apparatus, such as an engine or tanker, to supply additional water. This allows the department handling the incident to stay focused on fighting the fire, while the task force manages water supply. This cooperative effort improves response capabilities and highlights the strong working relationships among Island departments.

Last year, the residents of West Tisbury were gracious enough to vote in favor of adding a **part-time Fire Prevention Officer** position within the Fire Department. This role focuses on fire safety inspections, code compliance, community risk reduction, and advance planning to help firefighters respond more effectively during emergencies.

From 2024 to 2025, fire prevention activity increased by approximately **33 percent**. This growth reflects increased engagement with residents and businesses, as well as a shared commitment to keeping homes, workplaces, and public spaces safe as West Tisbury continues to grow. Maintaining this level of service and responsiveness is an important part of protecting the community now and into the future. We respectfully ask for the continued support of the Select Board and residents as the Fire Department works toward transitioning this position to full-time status.

The Fire Department is excited to continue collaborating with the Police Department under the leadership of our new Police Chief, **Bradley Cortez**, who will undoubtedly excel in enhancing public safety services in our town. We

extend our sincere thanks to all members of the Police Department, the Tri-Town Ambulance Chiefs and EMS personnel, the Highway Department, Animal Control, and all Town Hall staff.

As Chief of the Fire Department, I cannot express enough gratitude, our department could not operate at the level we do without the support, dedication, and partnership of all of you.

Respectfully submitted,
 Gregory M. Pachico
 Fire Chief

Incidents (Chief and/or Member's)	
Fire Alarm	172
Carbon Monoxide Alarm	40
Motor Vehicle Accident	29
Detail / Public Assist	2
Rescue	0
Hazardous Condition	16
Missing Person Search	1
Water Incident	6
Electrical Fire	0
Pole Fire / Wires Down	2
Structural Fire	1
Smoke/ Susp Investigation	5
Wildfire Fire	3
Stove / Grill Fire	0
Motor Vehicle Fire	3
Chimney Fire	1
Lightning Strike / Fire	0
Misc Fire	2
Mutual Aid	10
Illegal Burning	7
Medical Assist	10
Aircraft Incident	3
Total	313

Open Burning Permit's (Chief)	
Total Applicant Permits	68
Total Burns Prescribed	92
Total	92

Incidents (Chief / Fire Prevention Officer)	
Smoke / CO Alarms (New / Mod) Acceptance –	51
Smoke / CO Alarms (Transfer of Sale) -	62
LP Gas Tank Install (Above Ground) -	61
LP Gas Tank Install (Under Ground) -	17
LP Gas Tank Removal -	6
Oil Tank Install -	32
Oil Tank Removal -	34
Oil Burner Install -	5
Tents > 400 sq' –	29
Solar Array (Rough / Final) -	60
ESS (Energy Storage System) -	6
Electric Vehicle Charger -	1
Fire / Sprinkler Alarm System -	2
Short Term Rental -	35
Annual Safety Inspection -	22
Hot Works (Welding) -	1
School Fire Drill -	9
Property / Home Access -	2
Citizen Welfare Check (Storms) -	0
Elevator / Fire Alarm -	1
Special / Cooking Permit -	2
Misc. Inspection -	11
Plan Reviews (All) -	46
Total	495

Meeting's & Drills (Chief's and/or Member's)

Sunday Radio Check -	52
Department Meeting -	12
Department Drill -	12
Chiefs Meeting -	10
Rescue Drill -	11
Officer's Meeting -	12
Misc Meetings (Chief) -	83
DC Fire Training Meeting/Class -	28

Training Classes -	12
Water Rescue Drill -	15
Extra Company Drill's -	2
Dukes County	
Technical Rescue -	9
Dukes County Emergency	
Managementt -	1
Dukes County Water Supply	
Task Force -	4
Total	257
Total Combined Activities	1,165

2025 Department Roster

Chief, Gregory M Pachico *
 Deputy Chief, John T Cotterill III *
 Fire Prevention Officer, Brynn Schaffner *

Engine / Rescue 721 / Breaker 731

Captain, Kenneth Mastromonaco *

 Lieutenant, Louis deGeofroy *
 Lieutenant, Brynn Schaffner *
 Senior Firefighter, Richard Hull *
 Christopher Hathaway *
 John McCarthy *

Engine 722 / Breaker 732

Captain, Mark Bettencourt
 Lieutenant, Jesse Oliver
 Lieutenant, Bruce Haynes *
 Manuel Estrella IV
 Erik Lowe
 Kenneth Edwards
 Granville White
 Russell Hartenstine
 Nathaniel Haynes

Tanker(s) 733 & 734

Captain, Eric Medeiros *

 Lieutenant, Christopher West *
 Lieutenant, Stephen Serusa *
 Glenn DeBlase
 Josh Emin *
 Theodore Pearson

Patrick Dutton
 Clive "CJ" James
 Erik VanLandingham
 Jennelle Gadowski
 Alexandre Bortolotto

Fire Police

Robert Hennessey
 Richard Roy

*- Members respond as the Rescue Team.

REPORT OF THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

In challenging times, libraries, in their role of centers of information access and community building, become even more important. 2025 continued the trend of rising circulation of materials, program attendance, and building foot traffic. While circulation of physical materials continues to grow (the West Tisbury Library has the 7th highest physical circulation out of the thirty five CLAMS libraries) our “e-resources” usage continues to skyrocket as well. We saw a record use of the library’s digital resources; not only ebooks, online magazines and audiobooks, but also access to Consumer Reports, Boston Globe, New York Times, Washington Post, Mango Language, Gale LegalForms, Peterson’s Test Prep, music and movies through Kanopy and Hoopla, and so much more. Staff is available to help sign up for and use these resources, don’t hesitate to reach out!

Nearly 30,000 people attended almost 2,000 programs this past fiscal year, with over 101,000 people coming through the library. Programming ranged from story-times and book talks, knitting groups, art classes, film screenings, dance classes, and less “traditional” library offerings such as our annual end of school water balloon fight, seedling swap and events like kid’s bingo, maternity movement classes, a soil testing workshop, family yoga, temporary tattoo parlors, “Know Your Rights” workshops with the ACLU and so much more.

We continue to grow our “Library of Things” as well, items beyond books and movies for anyone in our community to lend. Some popular items, such as puzzles, wifi hotspots, laptops, board games, musical instruments and yard games we have lent for years, and we continue to grow this collection with items ranging from an induction stovetop, to a meditation kit, to a pickleball set, to tool kits and battery chargers. If there is an item you would like to be added to our collection please let us know.

The work that the library does would not be possible without the support of the volunteers of the Friends of the West Tisbury Library and the West Tisbury Library Foundation. Both non-profits provide invaluable support with the funds they raise. All our programming expenses are unwritten by these two organizations, as well as support for staff training, the Summer Reading Program and party, the Spring Egg Hunt, the Halloween party, the holiday party, landscape and garden maintenance, IT maintenance and upgrades, and craft and art supplies.

Whatever the uncertain future will bring, the public library is here for you. We are proud of our strong community involvement and collaborations and hope to continue building our community resilience, connections, and the ways in which we care for one another, while continuing to enhance community members' lives with art, books, dance and more.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Fischer, chair
Fran Finnigan
Lynn Hoeft

Wendy Nierenberg
Micah Thanhauser
Indaia Whitcombe

REPORT OF THE HERRING WARDEN

To the Select Board:

2025 was another down year Island wide and I heard the same about most Cape Cod runs. We opened the Tisbury Great Pond at 2:15 on March 26. The first herring beached just about 45 minutes later. There were black back gulls working a school just off the opening until dark. Between March 27th and 31st I cleared the channels in Mill Brook and The Tiasquam and repaired the fish ladders. James Pond was super high and was opened March 26th. The first herring kill scale piles (probably otters) were seen April 3rd. I spent many hours digging James open several times April through early June and did a lot of channel digging as well, to allow fish passage up the creek as the moving sand created trouble spots. On June 3rd I dug James again after hearing that 5,000 fish had gone through the Aquinnah run on June 1st. I only saw evidence of a few fish in the following week. The Aquinnah run was said to be the worst year ever and I think we were not far from that too.

Onward to the spring of '26!
Fingers crossed for a decent run.
John Hoy Herring Agent February 2, 2026

REPORT OF THE IMPROVING GOVERNMENT TASK FORCE

On September 20th, 2023, the Select Board established the Improving Governance Task Force (IGTF) to clarify and improve how town boards and committees function. Our charge was to investigate the current structure and operation of our committee and board system, to create a handbook that codifies the best practices for what we do, to set standards for operation and compliance with State law and ultimately to foster greater confidence in the system by its practitioners and the people of the Town.

At their meeting on 29 October 2025 the Select Board voted unanimously to approve GOVERNING WEST TISBURY, A PRACTICAL GUIDE. This document, sometimes referred to as The Handbook, is publicly available as a PDF on the Town Website. The first part provides operating guidance for all meetings of town public entities, committees, commissions and boards, encompassing Laws, rules and guidance, and best practices.

The second part describes the function of these entities, their duties and authorities, and basic information of their structure and size, and the time and place of their regular meetings.

Modeling our guide after an example from Manchester-by-the-Sea, our research took us to places in the Mass General Laws that we did not know existed, by laws from everywhere, court rulings, our own Town bylaws, and our own town staff. We have reached out to our existing committees, and just about anyone who would talk to us.

One of the fundamental strengths of such a document is that it be used and discussed. We have built into it a requirement for each entity to review the parts particular to it each spring after the Annual Town Meeting, a time when new members may be joining after town elections and Select Board appointees will be taking their places.

Our next step toward Improving Governance involves capturing in writing the knowledge that our paid staff have acquired in the performance of their jobs. They know far more than a job description could ever provide, and in some cases have actually invented the job as they worked. Based on our early research, we have developed a format that can prompt the capture of all the little things that make a job easy or even possible to do and keep the town in compliance with good practice.

We say, “early research” because we expect that our employees will tell us what we really ought to be asking, though one key question we want to start with is “What one thing do you wish you had known about doing this job before you started?”

If this sounds interesting to you, we are looking for additional committee members.

The IGTF

John Christensen Chair
Cynthia Mitchell

Sue Wasserman
Chelsea Joiner

REPORT OF THE MARTHA’S VINEYARD CENTER FOR LIVING

**Martha’s Vineyard Center for Living
The Island’s Dementia and Caregiver Support Center**

29 Breakdown Lane, Vineyard Haven
Hours: Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
508-939-9440
www.mvcenter4living.org

Our Mission:

Martha’s Vineyard Center for Living strives to improve the quality of life for those impacted by memory loss, age-related disability, and impairment. Our vision is to create a dementia friendly environment, promote dignity, reduce stigma, support independence, and foster community engagement. We serve Islanders living with age-related disabilities, memory loss, and their caregivers. In 2025, we reached over 350 Islanders and their families.

MVCL is generously supported by all six island towns and overseen by a Board of Directors representing each town and the County. Board members in 2025 included: Sandra Joyce (President), Martha Solinger (Treasurer), Beverly Wright (Clerk), Gail Barmakian, Martina Thornton, Chris Murphy, Larry Gomez, and David Fielder.

PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Supportive Day Program (SDP)

Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

The Supportive Day Program provides structured, community-based support for older adults experiencing memory challenges or disabilities that limit independent participation in community activities. The program reduces isolation and loneliness for clients and provides essential respite for caregivers. In 2025, MVCL’s Supportive Day Program served more than 42 families and delivered over 30,000 hours of socialization, enrichment, and care—along with an equivalent number of respite hours for caregivers.

The private-pay daily rate increased to \$85 for a six-hour day, with a \$10 transportation fee. Elder Services of Cape Cod & the Islands (the regional home care agency for low to moderate income clients) maintains the same reimbursement rate. Scholarships are available for those without other funding resources.

Programming is person centered and supported by individualized care plans. Activities include exercise, yoga, music, arts and crafts, discussion groups, games, guest programs, and community outings. Nutritious continental breakfast and lunch meals are prepared onsite.

Respite Innovations: Home Companion Service

Respite Innovations provides home-based support delivered by trained respite staff, funded through grants, fee-for-service, and donations. This service

supports caregivers—particularly those providing 24/7 care—by offering two-hour in-home sessions focused on companionship and person-centered activities. After two years of operation, the program has assisted over 35 families, serving 16 clients monthly and delivering approximately 1,664 hours of respite annually.

SDP Transportation

MVCL provides transportation to and from the Supportive Day Program using a VTA Lift van and MVCL driver, with additional service from the VTA. In 2025, MVCL and the VTA provided 3,589 van rides for Supportive Day Program clients.

Shopping Shuttle

The Shopping Shuttle supports older adults who no longer drive, offering weekly transportation to Tisbury (Wednesdays), Edgartown (Thursdays), and Oak Bluffs—including the Island Food Pantry (Fridays).

The program is supported through grants from Elder Services of Cape Cod & the Islands and MassDOT, along with collaboration from Healthy Aging MV. In 2025, the Shuttle provided approximately 1,099 rides for 29 registered community members.

Music & Memory Café & Free Music Fridays

Offered monthly and weekly, these social programs—funded by the Mass Cultural Council through the MV Cultural Council—provide community engagement, live music, and intergenerational connection for individuals experiencing disability or memory loss, their caregivers, and the broader community.

Dementia Family Support Services

Funded entirely by grants and donations, these services connect families with regional agencies for assistance navigating dementia-related challenges, care planning, and community resources. Our information, education, and referral services are free to all Islanders.

Dementia Caregiver Support Group

This weekly Zoom-based support group serves both local and long-distance caregivers. In 2024, 32 caregivers participated, representing communities across the country with ties to Martha's Vineyard.

Early Memory Loss Support Group

This weekly in-person group meets at the Tisbury Council on Aging supporting individuals in the initial stages of memory loss due to dementia, stroke, seizure disorders, or other conditions that can impact daily life. Participants share experiences and strategies to face challenges and live their best lives.

Dementia Coaching (Habilitation Therapy)

Dementia Coaches collaborate with caregivers to foster a supportive home environment and provide guidance on communication, behavior management, therapeutic activities, and future care planning.

Community Programs

55PLUS MV Times

MVCL prepares and submits monthly content to the *MV Times* for the

55PLUS section, offering information and resources for Islanders aged 55 and older and their families.

Martha’s Vineyard Regional High School Luncheon Program

In partnership with the Culinary Arts Department, MVCL offers a monthly three-course luncheon prepared and served by students under the direction of Chefs Jack O’Malley and Kevin Crowell. Attendance ranges from 25–35 seniors, with proceeds supporting the Culinary Program.

Older Americans Act / Senior Nutrition Program

Island towns collectively contributed \$36,750 in FY2024 to Elder Services of Cape Cod & the Islands to support Meals on Wheels and local Senior Dining Centers.

With Gratitude

MVCL is committed to supporting Islanders living with memory loss and age-related disabilities—and their caregivers—through comprehensive community-based programs. Our work is made possible through the continued support of all towns Boards of Selectmen, Finance Committees, Councils on Aging, other municipal agencies, nonprofit partners, and the wider community. This generous support has a positive impact on the lives of so many Islanders and is deeply appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary M. Holmes, M.Ed., MSc., CMC
Executive Director

REPORT OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD COMMISSION

To the Honorable Select Board
and Citizens of West Tisbury:

The Martha's Vineyard Commission (MVC or Commission) is the Regional Planning Agency (RPA) for Dukes County, offering planning services to the seven towns in Dukes County (including Gosnold); and to the County itself. The Commission's enabling legislation also allows Island towns to adopt special regulations targeting Districts of Critical Planning Concern (DCPCs) and requires the Commission to review Developments of Regional Impact (DRIs) on the Vineyard.

The 17-member Commission includes nine members elected Island-wide biennially, and one appointed member each from the Dukes County Commission, each Island Select Board, and the Governor of Massachusetts. Commission officers in 2025 were Peter Wharton, County Appointee, Chair; Greg Martino of Vineyard Haven, Vice-Chair; and Ernie Thomas of West Tisbury, Clerk-Treasurer. In 2025 the Commission is supported by a professional staff of thirteen, two of whom are vision fellows. More details are provided below and available on the Commission's website, www.mvcommission.org.

COMMISSION FOCUS 2025

Thank you to Jay Grossman & Kathy Newman

Jay Grossman was an elected member from Chilmark who resigned in October 2025 due to health concerns after serving two terms. We wish Jay the best and are thankful for his calm and thoughtful approach while he served.

Katherine (Kathy) Newman retired as a Commissioner in December 2025. Kathy served on the Commission since 2003 and was a participant in key land use decisions that were debated over the past two decades. What distinguished Kathy was her manner of articulating the positives of any situation and her willingness to attempt to find common ground on the issues before her. The Vineyard is changing and there are more stakeholders with different perspectives. Kathy was able to remain true to her positions while treating others with understanding and respect.

Both Jay and Kathy will be very missed.

Staff Changes

Bill Venio, Senior Planner, and Liz Durkee, Climate Resilience Coordinator, both retired from the MVC in 2025. Bill started at the MVC in 1999 and became the Senior Planner in 2003. His 26-year tenure makes him the longest-serving staff member in the Commission's history. Bill focused on regional projects such as the establishment of Districts of Critical Planning Concern, the Island Plan, and the statewide Rural Policy Plan. Liz joined the MVC in 2020 for a newly created Climate Resilience Coordinator position. She led Island-wide efforts on climate adaptation, mitigation, and policy, including the development of the

Vineyard Way Climate Action Plan. She was also responsible for securing grants, conducting research, and facilitating collaboration between the Towns. In July, the MVC hired Sakiko Isomichi to replace Liz. Sakiko has a wide-ranging background in climate-related environmental issues, and we are excited to see how she grows into the position, and how the Island will benefit from her knowledge and participation.

Oral Histories of the Martha's Vineyard Commission

A first-ever collection of oral histories by the MVC chronicles much of the last 50 years, including the MVC's creation in 1974 and other turning points for the Island. Based on interviews conducted by former MV Museum Oral History Curator Lindsey Lee between 2000 and 2014, and the MVC's Research and Communications Manager Alex Elvin between 2023 and 2025, the book features 21 narratives and photographs. Copies are available at the Island's libraries and Town Halls and at the MVC Building.

Improved Website Coming Soon

The Commission has been working throughout the year with the software company Granicus to create a new website. The new website will feature streamlined navigation, improved search capabilities, and updated content throughout.

MVC Quarterly

The MVC continues to highlight its planning activities in the MVC Quarterly newsletter, which is published every March, June, September and December. To receive the newsletter by email, sign up on the website or email Alex Elvin: elvin@mvcommission.org

Manuel Correllus State Forest Task Force

The MVC continued to facilitate the task force that was formed in 2024 to advance the following goals in consultation with the Department of Conservation & Recreation (DCR): to support DCR in protecting and restoring native biodiversity, prioritizing the removal on non-native conifers; augment wildfire mitigation efforts; complete the second half (8 miles) of repaving the existing shared use path network; and complete efforts that ensure a more consistent and vigilant management presence by DCR staff to reside in the existing residential structure within the State Forest.

The group has met monthly and hosted numerous state agency representatives to engage the public on a White Pine removal and habitat restoration project. Task Force members have also engaged a group of bandsaw mill operators in an attempt to salvage as much timber as possible from the upcoming project. And an appropriation was secured through Senator Cyr's office, earmarked for planning and design work to resurface the remaining miles of shared use paths within the forest. A small portion will be used to secure an asphalt sealer that will allow DCR to complete interim repairs prior to the full resurfacing.

Removal of Nitrogen from Island Ponds

The Commission continues to focus on the development of a robust pond monitoring program and participating in innovative technologies designed to address nitrogen contamination. In 2025, Commission staff completed the tenth

year of extensive testing. Since 2016, multiple samplings have been conducted in 16 Island ponds. Water samples are used to measure nutrient and chlorophyll content, pond visibility, temperature, salinity, and other factors. The testing was conducted using the same locations and methods as those used in the Massachusetts Estuaries Project, which ensures comparable results. Comprehensive reports between 2016 and 2018 detail the results of the testing and evaluate the current trends for each pond. A similar report will be completed for the data obtained over the summer of 2025. A trends analysis report evaluating the changes observed over the prior period of study will also be completed for 2025. The MVC continues to update the website to make pond data and reports more accessible to the public. In 2025, the MVC and the School for Marine Sciences and Technology (SMAST) updated the Quality Assurance and Protection Plan (QAPP). This updated plan was approved by the MA Department of Environmental Protection and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and allows our data to be included in the State and National Water Quality databases.

The Commission was heavily involved in the development and testing of various alternative technologies. Two years of monthly monitoring and testing for efficacy of the permeable reactive barrier (PRB) along the coast of Lagoon Pond in Tisbury has been completed. Biannual testing is still conducted to determine the longevity of the medium used. Results from the testing have shown almost complete removal of nitrogen through the barrier. A site for an additional PRB in the Lagoon Pond system, the Sailing Camp in Oak Bluffs, was selected and initial test wells were installed and tested. The hope is for implementation in 2026. The MVC has also developed a partnership with the Massachusetts Alternative Septic Test Center (MassTC) to discover and monitor new nitrogen reducing systems. Staff, in conjunction with MassTC and the Lagoon Pond Association, are exploring a pilot program for urine diversion systems in the Lagoon Pond watershed.

The MVC funded and participated in the development and monitoring of innovative/alternative (I/A) wastewater systems that have the potential to radically reduce the amount of nitrogen leeching into ponds from Title 5 septic systems. In order to demonstrate their effectiveness to State and Federal regulators, these systems require extensive and meticulous testing. The systems have functioned well and are expected to make large impacts in addressing the nitrogen degradation in Island ponds. MVC staff continues to assist with the testing of the pilot systems. Results have been promising and several of the installations were conditioned in MVC DRIs. Mass DEP has implemented amendments to the Title 5 requiring I/A system installation; these implementations are not currently required on Martha's Vineyard but will be put in place within the next several years. The MVC will work with Towns to meet these new proposed regulations.

Finances

The Commission’s FY2025 income was \$2,759,247 and expenses totaled \$3,254,628 comprised of the following components:

Fiscal Year 2025

Total Revenues	\$2,759,247	100%	Total Expenses	\$3,254,628	100%
Town Assessments	\$1,737,150	62.96%	Salaries	\$1,383,390	42.51%
Grants and			Salary Related		
Contracts	\$834,671	30.25%	Costs	\$521,390	16.04%
DRI Fees	\$84,281	3.05%	Legal Fees	\$354,308	10.89%
Other Income	\$103,145	3.74%	Other Expenses	\$897,961	27.59%
			Mortgage Interest		
			payments for two		
			MVC-owned		
			properties	\$97,039	2.98%

The annual audit by Anstiss Certified Public Accountants continued to show fiscal soundness. The FY2025 budget and FY2024 audited financial statements are available on the website.

ALL-ISLAND PLANNING

Affordable Housing

Zoning Analysis for Housing Solutions: An inventory and analysis of all six Towns’ housing-related bylaws, with accompanying Model Bylaws Toolkit was released and are available on the MVC’s website. The analysis was done in partnership with Barrett Planning Group and based on requests and input from the Town’s Affordable Housing Committees and Planning Boards.

Housing Production Plans (HPPs): via a comprehensive process engaging Town boards and residents through workshops and an online information platform, 5-year HPPs were completed for all six towns based on data and goals specific to each town. The MVC facilitated the development of the state-compliant plans in conjunction with Barrett Planning Group, which were largely funded by a grant secured by the MVC from the Commonwealth. The final drafts were submitted to the Towns on September 30, 2025. The Towns are now working through their internal processes to consider, adopt and file their HPPs with the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC). The Housing Planner continues to support each Town as they work through implementing the town-driven strategies identified in their plans, including pursuit of Safe Harbor status.

Seasonal Communities Designation: A new toolkit to address housing challenges in municipalities identified by the state as having high percentage of housing inventory in seasonal/short-term rental use and seasonal tourism-based economies was developed as part of the Affordable Homes Act. All six Towns and Gosnold adopted the Seasonal Communities Designation in 2025. This allows the Island to: pursue more grant opportunities; receive an increase in eligibility for funding; use new legal pathways for the use of public funds for

workforce housing for municipal and other public sector employees and includes preferences in state-funded projects for public sector employees; allows the Towns to enter into agreements together to create a Year-Round Housing Trust without the need to file for special legislation with the State; defines and codifies year-round deed restrictions without income requirements into the law as a tool to protect and expand an inventory of permanently year-round residential units; an increase in the residential tax exemption ceiling to 50%; and requires towns to adopt bylaws to allow the development of undersized lots for year-round housing and tiny homes.

Seasonal Communities Advisory Council: the MVC Housing Planner was sworn in to the state-level council tasked with supporting the EOHLC to craft state regulatory guidance for Seasonal Communities Designation under the Affordable Homes Act, and identify any further necessary legislation to be pursued to refine provisions in the designation. The MVC Housing Planner interacts with and supports the Towns to represent their housing needs to the Seasonal Community Advisory Council.

Accessory Dwelling Units by Right: The MVC Housing Planner supported the six Towns with model bylaw resources and town-specific technical support as they worked through their bylaw updates to comply with the new state law.

Affordable Housing Inventory Database and Analysis: The MVC worked with all six Towns to create and maintain a town-by-town inventory of all deed-restricted housing across the Island at all income levels. This data will assist the Towns with the updates to their Subsidized Housing Inventory and is available on the MVC website.

Mass Housing Planning for Housing Production (PHP) Award: In December, the MVC was notified of an award from Mass Housing's PHP partnership program to assist in the analysis of housing potential for unused town-owned parcels across the Island, including scattered-site infill in already developed neighborhoods.

Joint Affordable Housing Group (JAHG): The MVC continues to facilitate the JAHG as a think tank/planning platform for the Town's Affordable Housing Committees and Trusts and Island housing groups to share resources and progress. The initiatives that developed in the JAHG in 2025 include:

The Affordable Homes Act was passed into law in August 2024. MVC staff worked with the district legislative delegation to craft the Seasonal Communities provisions for the Act and worked with the Secretary of Housing as a member of the Affordable Homes Act Outreach Committee. The Act includes:

- A Lease to Locals program underway in Chilmark, with planned participation in West Tisbury
- Local option short-term rental tax increases to 6% in Aquinnah, Chilmark, and Edgartown
- An increase in the Area Median Income (AMI) range of rental assistance programs
- Recommendations for Accessory Dwelling Units by Right bylaws and Short-Term Rental ordinances
- Discussions about the Seasonal Communities Designation to inform further legislative proposals

- Promotion of training events hosted by Mass Housing Partnership, including 40B Technical Assistance and Affordable Housing Trust workshops

Climate Change Planning

Climate Action Task Force: MVC staff organized Climate Chief Melissa Hoffer’s first visit to the Island to meet with the town representatives and Island leadership tasked with advancing the Climate Action Plan. The three down-island towns were visited with stops at key sites of regional importance. The day was capped off by a roundtable with the Steamship Authority, Vineyard Power and ACE MV. Chief Hoffer was joined by senior staff at the Office of Coastal Zone Management and the MA Clean Energy Center. Numerous contacts were made with town leadership.

Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) 2.0: The MVC is facilitating the update of each Town’s climate resilience plan through an Island-wide process with state funding called Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness. With a focus on community resilience, this process involves representatives from all six Towns and four community liaisons understanding climate vulnerabilities and selecting a seed project with guaranteed funding of \$50,000 for each town.

Wampanoag Voices: Enriching the Climate Conversation: The Natural Resources Department of the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) and the MVC hosted a panel discussion with four Wampanoag women to explore the topic of climate change from an indigenous perspective.

The Vineyard Way Climate Action Plan (CAP) Implementation www.thevineyardway.org

As of December 2025, 48% of the 191 actions from the Island’s Climate Action Plan are in progress, 9% completed, and 43% are awaiting resources. Specific actions that occurred in 2025 include:

- ❖ **Land Use Bylaws:** MVC staff have been coordinating with representatives from all six towns to introduce land use bylaws to minimize clearing for significant development.
- ❖ **Trash Task Force:** MVC staff have facilitated monthly meetings since January 2025 with key stakeholders and representatives from all six towns to examine and improve solid waste management.
- ❖ **Organics Recovery Subcommittee:** Under an umbrella of the Trash Task Force, the MVC now facilitates coordination around food waste solutions based on the studies and initiatives led by Island Grown Initiative and MV Vision Fellowship since 2015. The current focus is to identify viable commercial operations and funding to divert food waste from the solid waste stream.
- ❖ **Plant Local MV:** In collaboration with local conservation organizations, the MVC continues to distribute educational materials on resilient landscaping. Also as part of this, the MVC is underway in converting the front lawn of the stone building into a pollinator garden as a model.
- ❖ **Food Forests:** The MVC supported production of the Food Forest Toolkit to expand food security and production across the Island.
- ❖ **Vineyard Way (CAP) Website Upgrade:** Launched in January 2015, the MVC Climate Communications Specialist made a substantial website upgrade

and continues to add resources such as the recent studies conducted for resilience of the Vineyard Haven Harbor.

- ❖ **Energy Transformation:** In collaboration with Vineyard Power, each Town's Energy Committee, and the Vineyard Sustainable Energy Committee, MVC staff maintain the Island-wide energy data, have periodic meetings with Eversource, and progress toward energy resilience and fossil fuel use reduction..
- ❖ **CAP Community Coordinating Committee:** MVC facilitates town-to--town collaboration to implement the Climate Action Plan with input from the representatives of the NAACP and the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah). Current focus is to explore regional capacity to address flooding and storm surge in the Five Corners, Water Street, and Beach Road for safe access to the Steamship, Hospital and businesses.

Wetland Monitoring: MVC staff continues to monitor wetland sites to gauge the elevation change of marsh resources at locations on the front lines of sea level rise. This past year include a return to Tribe-owned lands at Lobsterville. This monitoring takes place once a year and the Wampanoag Tribe Natural Resources staff continue to assist with this meticulous data collection effort. The MVC also partnered with the National Park Service to analyze the salt marsh deposition trends in relation to existing and projected sea level rise.

GIS (Geographic Information System) Department

In 2025, the MVC's mapping department supported regional planning projects as well as Town-centric projects. Our GIS office prides itself on being effectively responsive to the immediate mapping needs of each municipality within Dukes County.

What we do: The MVC's mapping department provides the following to all Town Departments, Boards, and Committees within Dukes County.

1. We ***make maps***. Either delivered as static JPEG or PDF images or as interactive online maps.
2. We ***create digital spatial data, deliver data, and disseminate data***.
 - a. Spatial data is compiled through either GPS or extracted from authoritative basemaps and subsequent GIS analysis.
 - b. Deliver spatial/GIS data to Town's hired consultants via our ArcGIS OnLine data hub and direct delivery for custom requests.
 - c. Dissemination of our GIS spatial data is done through our Gateway. The links on the Gateway lead one directly to the GIS data for download but also to our Online Gallery of interactive dashboards and story maps that engage and inform.
 - d. Curated Gallery of online interactive maps created by other organizations that provide useful information to Town employees and residents on a wide range of topics.
3. We ***provide GIS software technical support*** and guidance/mentorship to all the entities who participate in our Regional GIS software contract with ESRI.

How to get mapping assistance: Any Town Department, Board, or Committee may contact the MVC's mapping department at any time. For most projects, our work is considered pre-paid through the Town's annual assessment to the MVC. Email Chris Seidel (she/her): seidel@mvcommission.org

Mapping Contribution to Regional Projects:

Income Deed Restricted Housing Database: To assist with the housing production plan updates, the MVC compiled all the affordable housing information from each town into one centralized database. This data is viewable and searchable by everyone.

Floodplain/Wetland Bylaw Revisions: Beginning in 2025, all Towns were tasked to update their wetlands and floodplain bylaws to accommodate future climate change projects. The MVC provided numerous maps and analyses to assist the Towns with the effort.

Trails and Conservation Land: The MVC continually maintains a trails and open space/conservation land database for Dukes County with input from the Island Conservation Partnership. This data changes frequently as new properties are acquired into conservation and new trails are constructed. This data is available in an online interactive map. From our ArcGIS portal, the data is pushed into the Sheriff Meadow Foundation's TrailsMV app as well as the Martha's Vineyard Land Bank's online map. These resources allow the public to appreciate this work and the beauty of the Island. Maintaining these datasets also benefits the Towns for use and completion of their Open Space Plans (required by the State) and the planning of special ways, scenic ways, and the expansion of the Island's shared use path networks and bike routes. Additionally in 2025, the MVC participated in an effort led by MassGIS and the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission to produce a state-wide trails dataset. The MVC's GIS Coordinator organized an on-Island visit from the Division of Conservation Services to meet one-on-one with each Town to discuss future projects that may be eligible for funding from the Land Water Conservation Fund and/or the PARC Grant Program. Site visits were performed and the three towns that participated found this an extremely worthwhile effort.

Maps for MVC Documents: An updated Open Space Policy Guideline Map was adopted by the MVC. This map is utilized within the Commission's Open Space Preservation Policy to assist with project review. The Commission's Planning & Economic Development Committee, along with the GIS Department, has undertaken review of the datasets used within the open space suitability analysis which produces the Guideline map.

GIS Assistance Behind the Scenes: All six Towns participate in the regional GIS software contract with ESRI (administered by the MVC), granting their employees access to a plethora of mapping tools. To facilitate that usage, the GIS Coordinator provides: administration of the Dukes County ArcGIS OnLine Cloud; three GIS How-To sessions per year on zoom; posting custom GIS tutorials online; oversight of all six Towns' AxisGIS Parcel Website which pulls data from the Dukes County AGOL Cloud; four of the Towns use permitting software which also pulls data from the Dukes County AGOL Cloud; and the GIS Department provides data to consultants who have been hired by the Towns for specific projects.

Transportation

The MVC performs transportation planning for the Vineyard, in association with the Towns, Vineyard Transit Authority, Martha's Vineyard Airport, the Steamship Authority, MassDOT, and the public.

Support of the 3C Process: The MVC facilitates meetings of the JTC, made up of appointees from each Town, the Tribe, and the County; along with ex-officio members from the VTA, MVC staff, Federal Highway and Transit administrations, Steamship Authority, Martha's Vineyard Airport and MassDOT, to coordinate Island transportation planning. MVC staff also participates in weekly Land Use Planning Committee Meetings (LUPC), weekly Commission public hearings (MVC), staff applicant meetings for Developments of Regional Impact (DRIs), municipal Select Board, Planning Board, Zoning Board, and Conservation Commission meetings.

Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP): The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) describes and provides budgetary information for the transportation planning tasks and activities, which are to be conducted in the region during the coming year. The Unified Planning Work Program is a federally required certification document, which must be prepared and endorsed annually by the Martha's Vineyard MPO, prior to the start of the planning program. The MVC has the responsibility of preparing the Unified Planning Work Program for the Island. The planning activities are organized first by work element in a format that will allow efficient administration, management, and reporting. The transportation planning activities are described as a procedure under specific work tasks. For each procedure, the anticipated accomplishment or product and the estimated manpower resources needed are also given. For each work task the total staffing requirements, task budget, and sources of funding are given. MassDOT contracts for planning in the region and provided approximately **\$388,775** to the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2025 MVC budget for transportation planning and related services, such as mapping, DRI project reviews, Regional Traffic Counting, Bicycle and Pedestrian activities, updates to the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). In addition to these activities, the MVC provides support to the municipalities with local planning technical assistance.

Martha's Vineyard Transportation Improvement Program (TIP): The TIP is produced annually on Martha's Vineyard through the JTC and includes Federal-aid projects to implement within the constraints of available Federal and State funds. In Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2024, **\$926,583** in Federal funds were obligated for Martha's Vineyard. Several amendments were made to the FFY 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):

- ❖ **Amendment 1:** Resulted in \$750,000 in Ferry Boat Discretionary funds to the Steamship Authority (SSA) for Vineyard Haven terminal improvements, including rehabilitation of pier support piles, fender systems, and concrete decking. Federal funds in the amount of \$6,000,000 and Non-Federal funds in the amount of \$1,500,000 will cover the total project cost.
- ❖ **Amendment 2:** Moved funding categories from FFY 2024 to FFY 2025 for the Vineyard Transit Authority. There will be no change in state or federal funds for the projects.
- ❖ **Adjustment 1:** Resulted in a minor change to MassDOT's Vulnerable Road User (VRU) Assessment.

Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Road Safety Action Plan: The JTC is committed to achieving significant declines in roadway fatalities and serious injuries. The

primary goals of this plan reflect the shared commitment to create a safer, more accessible transportation network for all road users, including one that supports the Island's ability to reduce dependence on private automobiles and expand mobility options for older adults. This plan recognizes that transportation safety is interconnected with broader Island priorities, such as mobility, livability, environmental resilience, and social equity. Through review of existing plans and policies, stakeholder conversations, and community feedback, nine key goals emerged. Together, these goals create a framework for implementing safety improvements that reflect both community priorities and technical analysis. Each goal will be supported by measurable objectives that guide policy, infrastructure projects, and safety planning strategies over the coming years. The JTC voted to adopt these goals and objectives in September 2025.

Vulnerable Road Users (VRU) Safety Improvements at Bus Stops: A vulnerable road user (VRU) is any road user that is more susceptible to injury or death when involved in a vehicle crash, such as a pedestrian or bicyclist. In 2023, MassDOT completed a VRU assessment, which found that 40% of fatal and serious injury crashes involving non-motorists occurred within 300 feet of a bus stop. Consequently, MassDOT has undergone an effort to prioritize bus stop locations for the implementation of systemic safety improvements. This memorandum has been prepared to document the methodology that was developed in order to prioritize bus stop locations on municipally-owned roadways for systemic safety improvement projects. The methodology was developed in collaboration with MassDOT to ensure that selected locations aligned with state priorities for safety improvements. Documentation of project meetings with MassDOT throughout the course of the project has been included as an attachment to this memorandum in order to provide additional context for the development of the methodology.

The final selected prioritization methodology employs existing MassDOT safety data, risk-based screening criteria, and community demographic information, as well as municipal input to identify potentially viable project locations. The resultant project location list includes locations in all six highway districts, as geographic equity was cited as a primary project goal.

Title VI and Environmental Justice: The MVC continues to work with the Communication Ambassador Partnership (CAP) for its translation services. The MVC will be implementing a new website that will feature several different languages.

Public Participation: The MVC continued to work with stakeholders on the release of the FFY 2026-2030 TIP, TIP Amendments, release of the FFY 2026 UPWP and permanent traffic counter locations, all of which included heavy public participation. Online surveys and articles and flyers in the newspapers were used as methods for soliciting public input.

Permanent Traffic Counters: A four-year retrospective, that included more recent seasonal trends, was compiled for each of our six automated traffic counters. Metrics include the busiest hours of the year, vehicles traveling at reckless speeds, and the vehicle types. The report can be found on the MVC website.

Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC): The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) is a subcommittee to the Martha's Vineyard Joint

Transportation Committee (JTC). The BPAC encourages the creation, use, and maintenance of safe and enjoyable biking and pedestrian opportunities throughout the Vineyard to promote physical activity, reduce traffic congestion and harmful emissions, and enjoy the outdoors. Activities focus on safety through education, improved facilities and maintenance of existing facilities working with the JTC, towns, and broader public.

BPAC Public Outreach: For a third year, a full-page color public service announcement ran in the Vineyard Visitor publication. Using the acronym SMART, the PSA identified how cyclists can ride safely on MV. With financial support from the Dukes County Commission, the publication ran in all four seasonal editions of the publication.

BPAC Infrastructure: the BPAC proposed that the Town of Oak Bluffs provide signs to persuade cyclists to use the County Road shared use path instead of taking Barnes Road north of the roundabout. As similar way-finding signs may be appropriate in other towns, the BPAC will

BPAC Project Input: BPAC was informed of progress and offered ideas on completion of the Oak Bluffs Beach Road SUP project (by the hospital), completing the resurfacing of the State Forest SUPs, the MassDOT Vulnerable Road User proposal for adding or revising bus stop crossings, and development of the Safety Action Plan addressing locations of crashes resulting in fatalities or serious injury

.MVY Airport Task Force: The MVY Airport is expanding. A condition was put forth on the Airport Expansion project to create a task force that would discuss issues, concerns, etc., pertaining to traffic. The task force would consider short-term and long-term mitigation measures to help alleviate what is the most congested intersection on the Island.

Up-Island Shared-Use Path Feasibility: Along with BPAC representation, MVC staff has met with the West Tisbury Complete Streets Committee and Chilmark Planning Board to present findings from an assessment of North Road hazard areas, for instance where multiple user types are sharing the right of way. Conceptual recommendations have been identified as well. This is an ongoing project. Staff also worked with the Town of Chilmark in assessing the implementation of an interim lane which would allow motorists to safely pass bicycles on the roadway.

Transportation Mangers Group (TMG): The MVC is a member of the Transportation Managers Group (TMG). As with the Massachusetts Association of Regional Planning Agencies (MARPA), the 13 regional planning agencies across the State that form the TMG are advisory bodies to member communities, private business groups, and State and Federal governments. The MVC Transportation Program Manager meets monthly with other members of TMG, along with senior Commonwealth officials, to discuss legislation and funding programs related to transportation, and to collaborate on many fronts.

Island Transportation Engineer: The MVC offered all towns the opportunity to opt into the Island Transportation Engineering resource, managed by MVC staff. Tisbury (Bike Markings), West Tisbury (Old County Road SUP), and Aquinnah (Aquinnah Circle, Edge Lanes) dedicated funds, and identified projects. With input from the towns, the MVC has structured a cost-sharing

arrangement where towns could secure these engineering services again in FY 2025.

Data Collection/Permanent Traffic Counters: The MVC analyzed and presented data on the island's six permanent traffic counting stations. Data on traffic volumes, speeds, and vehicle classes can be found on the MVC website. The MVC conducted a total of 52 automated traffic recorder counts in 2025. All 52 counts were conducted along Island roadways, 0 counts were conducted along the shared-use paths. The MVC also assisted the Town of Edgartown in counting volumes on the Dike Bridge from July-October. The MVC will pursue at least five additional permanent traffic counters through its FFY 2026-2030 TIP program.

Local Technical Assistance: The MVC continued to work with different stakeholders to create a short- and long-term concept plan for the Aquinnah Circle that would improve bicycle and pedestrian circulation and improve vehicular use of the existing paved areas - both parking and departing. MVC is working with the Town's Highway Superintendent, Town Administrator, and Planning Board on a scope of work that focuses on traffic and bicycle and pedestrian improvements along the Edgartown-West Tisbury Road corridor, specifically the intersection of Barnes Road and Edgartown-West Tisbury Road, and Airport Road and Edgartown-West Tisbury Road. Staff is currently evaluating the crash history as well as existing conditions to set up future meetings with all stakeholders. Staff is working with the Oak Bluffs roads and byways committee identifying safety deficiencies in and around the network of crosswalks throughout the Seaview Avenue area.

Project Reviews/Developments of Regional Impact: The Transportation Program Manager provided traffic impact analysis and local technical assistance for the following project reviews/DRI: East Chop Bluff Stabilization, 97 Spring Street, MV Bank Restaurant, Rico's Boat Service, Airport Terminal Improvements, Miller's Professionals, Island Gymnastics, Sanctuary MV, Boys & Girls Club New Facility, Southern Tier (Tacknash Knoll) Housing, Green Villa 40B, Edgartown Gardens 40B, Cat Hollow 40B, Captain Flanders House Demolition, Maxwell Cottage Demolition, Wolfs Den Container, and West Tisbury Auto Care. The program manager also works with the applicant's consultants throughout the DRI process. For some projects the DRI process can last over a year.

Inter-Regional Transportation Activities: Staff continued to work with groups such as Healthy Aging MV to address elderly transportation concerns.

Water Quality Resources Management

The Commission continued its scientific and community work helping to protect the Vineyard's water quality, especially our threatened coastal ponds.

Massachusetts Estuaries Project (MEP): For more than a decade, the MVC provided extensive water-quality testing and land-use data analysis as a basis for the Commonwealth's Mass Estuaries Project, which prepares detailed models of water quality problems in coastal ponds and helps identify the most cost-effective solutions. In 2025, samples were taken for analysis four times in each system over the summer season, and where applicable, this included a sample prior to and after the opening of the ponds. MVC staff worked with the Friends

of Sengekontacket, Tisbury Waterways, the Lagoon Pond Association, and the Towns of Oak Bluffs and Tisbury Wastewater Committees to devise plans to address excess nitrogen, and assist with Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plans (CWMPs).

208 Equivalency Planning for the Up-Island Towns: The MVC received a grant from the DEP to develop a 208-management plan for the towns of West Tisbury, Chilmark and Aquinnah. The up-island towns are more rural in nature and face different water resource protection planning challenges that the down-island towns, each of which have their own wastewater collection and treatment facilities. The MVC has compiled available data and created a summary of pond conditions. A list of traditional and non-traditional nitrogen management options was created, and these methods will be considered for use in evaluating a management plan. The MVC is working with Pond working groups, Boards of Health and Conservation Commissions to develop the best plan for each Town and Pond. In 2025, the MVC finished the third and final chapter of the 208 plan, entitled *Watershed Habitat Restoration: Meeting Our Nitrogen Reducing Goals*. This last chapter was presented to the Up-Island Towns and will be discussed further in 2026.

Water Testing: In 2025, MVC staff again collected water samples from Farm, Sengekontacket, Lagoon, Tashmoo, Edgartown Great, Chilmark, Tisbury Great, James, Farm, Menemsha, and Squibnocket ponds, and the Oak Bluffs Harbor, for analysis at the UMass Dartmouth School of Marine Science and Technology (SMAST). Results will be compared with data used for the MEP, to determine the status of the coastal ponds. Staff also collaborated with the Buzzards Bay Coalition and the Wampanoag Natural Resources Department for the sampling of Vineyard Sound-facing waterbodies.

Water Alliance and Associations: The MVC Water Resource Planner is an active participant in the Martha's Vineyard Water Alliance, which meets monthly in the MVC building and on zoom. Staff also attends and presents at meetings of all Island Pond advisory committees, and staff presented their findings at pond association annual meetings. The Water Resources Planner is also a participating member of the Lagoon Pond Collaborative that meets quarterly to share research and information.

Groundwater monitoring: In conjunction with the United States Geological Survey (USGS), the Water Resource Planner takes monthly groundwater measurements and maintains a database of groundwater elevation at nine well sites around the Island. Staff assists the visiting USGS staff when needed.

SNEP (Southeast New England Program) Grant: The MVC received a \$250,000 grant for an innovative project to reduce groundwater pollution into Lagoon Pond, through the installation and testing of a Permeable Reactive Barrier (PRB). Two years of testing and monitoring the PRB installation was completed in 2023. Preliminary results are excellent. Biannual testing continues to confirm the efficiency of the PRB installation. A site for an additional PRB in the Lagoon Pond system, at the Sailing Camp in Oak Bluffs, was selected. Test wells were installed and tested and the hope is for implementation in 2026.

Marine Invader Monitoring & Information Collaborative (MIMIC): MVC staff monitors and collaborates with MIMIC, which is coordinated by the Massa-

achusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management, and is a network of trained volunteers, scientists, and state and federal workers who monitor marine invasive species. The collaborative provides an opportunity for the public to actively participate in an invasive species early detection network, identify new invaders before they spread out of control, and help improve our understanding of the behavior of established invaders.

604b and 319 Grant: The MVC received a 604b and a 319 grant from the Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP). The grants will be used to achieve the MVC's goal of cleaning up our Island ponds. The grants will allow the MVC to focus on key areas: preparing watershed management plans and conducting water quality analyses. These actions are intended to ensure that all communities on Martha's Vineyard have access to essential information, resources, and funding opportunities to address their water resource needs. The addition of these funds represents a new opportunity for the MVC to strengthen existing partnerships and establish new relationships that benefit all communities on the Vineyard. The 604b grant allows for the development of a Regional Management Entity and a database to track the installations, testing, and maintenance of I/A systems Island-wide.

Inter-Regional Collaboration

Massachusetts Association of Regional Planning Agencies (MARPA): The Commission is one of thirteen regional planning agencies across the Commonwealth that are advisory bodies to local municipalities, private business groups, and state and federal governments. MARPA meets monthly to discuss legislation, programs, and funding with senior Commonwealth officials and other interest groups.

Citizen Planning Education and Training: The MVC hosted courses and information sessions on topics of interest to town officials, the business community, and members of the public. Each year the Commission offers Citizen Planner Training Collaborative (CPTC) workshops at no cost to attendees. These sessions aid planning and zoning board members in fulfilling their duties.

Translation Services: Considering the growing number of Dukes County residents with limited English proficiency, the MVC has begun exploring options for increased translation services related to its planning and regulatory activities. This may include automated translated captions for hybrid and zoom meetings, and various outreach methods for the non-English speaking community. According to the American Community Survey, about 6.4% of Dukes County residents aged five years and over speak English "less than very well," which has almost doubled since 2016. The figure for residents aged 18 years and over is about 2.8%. At the same time, school enrollment data shows that 30% of Island students do not speak English as a first language.

Governor's Rural Policy Advisory Commission (RPAC): The MVC is one of nine regional planning agencies represented on a 15-member Governor's Commission within the Executive Office of Economic Development. RPAC is charged with making recommendations to enhance the economic vitality of the Commonwealth's rural communities and advance the well-being of residents.

Much of its focus is on the limited local capacity of smaller communities to meet mandated standards or to apply for or manage existing assistance programs.

REGULATORY ACTIVITIES

Developments of Regional Impact (DRIs)

In 2025, 62 projects were reviewed in some manner by the MVC through the DRI process. 19 projects were referred as full DRIs and reviewed with public hearings; of those, 6 were approved with conditions, one was denied, two were withdrawn, five are on hold at the request of the applicants, and five remain under review at the end of the year. 12 projects were referred as Concurrence Reviews; of those, six were remanded back to their Towns without a DRI public hearing. Two were accepted as full DRIs, and of those, one was approved with conditions and the other is on hold at the applicant's request. Two were reviewed as full DRIs at the request of the applicant, of those, one was approved with conditions, and one remains under review at the end of the year. One was rescinded by the referring body before a decision was made, and one remains under review at the end of the year. 20 projects were referred as Modifications to previously approved DRIs; of those, four were determined to be minor modifications not requiring a public hearing and were approved, four were determined to be non-substantive by the Executive Director and Certificates of No Effect were issued, one was granted an extension, two were withdrawn, three modifications were reviewed as a full DRI with a public hearing and then approved with conditions, one is on hold at the applicant's request, and five remain under review at the end of the year. One project was accepted as a Discretionary Referral in late 2024, which was later approved with conditions in 2025. One project was referred as a Discretionary Referral in 2025, which was not accepted and remanded to the Town. 10 projects were reviewed by the Land Use Planning Committee (LUPC) for post-approval plans such as landscape and lighting plans. One project was surrendered, which means the project was not built and the property is no longer considered a DRI. A total of 12 projects remain under review at the end of the year.

DRI Checklist Review: The Commissioners revised the Standards and Criteria for referrals of projects for possible review by the Commission, colloquially known as the DRI Checklist, which received the required State approvals in October. The new checklist will go into effect on January 1, 2026.

Materials Policy: Staff drafted a new guidance document related to material safety for Developments of Regional Impact (DRIs). The document identifies preferred and discouraged material types for construction projects and provides information about specific chemicals of concern and links to government and nonprofit resources for developers. Construction materials are currently not included in Commissioner's review of a project's benefits and detriments, but this document indicates factors that applicants may consider using to improve their projects.

Districts of Critical Planning Concern

The Commission designates DCPCs to afford additional protection to sensitive areas, in support of special town regulations. In 2025, the MVC considered a nomination for segments of Mud Puddle Road and Old Sailors Burying Ground Road for Special Way designation. After multiple public hearings and research,

Commissioners voted to formalize the designation to give Tisbury the opportunity to craft bylaws to regulate the expanded Special Ways District. MVC staff also provided responses to many queries from Town boards, attorneys, and property owners.

ACTIVITIES FOR WEST TISBURY

Geographic Information System

Map Du Jour: The MVC GIS Department’s motto is “New Day - New Map.” There are a multitude of requests for maps from MVC staff and Town employees throughout the year. Some notables from 2025:

- ❖ Wetland/flood maps for revising bylaws
- ❖ Town-Owned Vacant Parcels



Housing

MVC staff attended Affordable Housing Committee meeting monthly and continues to provide ongoing technical support. The MVC provided the Town with a housing bylaw analysis and model bylaw toolkit via the Zoning Analysis for Housing Solutions. The MVC helped the Town undertake the development of a 5-year state-compliant Housing Production Plan

Transportation

Data Collection: The MVC conducted six Automated Traffic Recorder (ATR) counts in West Tisbury.

Up-Island Shared-Use Path Feasibility: Along with BPAC representation, MVC staff has met with the West Tisbury Complete Streets Committee and Chilmark Planning Board to present findings from an assessment of North Road hazard areas, for instance where multiple user types are sharing the Right of Way. Conceptual recommendations have been identified as well. This is an ongoing project.

Local Technical Assistance: The MVC is working with the Town's Highway Superintendent, Town Administrator, and Planning Board on a scope of work that focuses on traffic and bicycle and pedestrian improvements along the Edgartown-West Tisbury Road corridor, specifically at the intersections of Barnes Road and Edgartown-West Tisbury Road, and Airport Road and Edgartown-West Tisbury Road. Staff is currently evaluating the crash history as well as existing conditions to set up future meetings with all stakeholders.

Water Quality

The Commission continued its scientific and community work helping to protect West Tisbury's water quality, especially the threatened coastal ponds.

Water Sampling: MVC staff collected water quality samples and on-station field data from Tisbury Great Pond and James Pond, in cooperation with the Shellfish Department, the Division of Marine Fisheries, Buzzards Bay Coalition, Tisbury Riparian Owners and Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries. In 2024, samples were taken for analysis four times in each system over the summer season, this includes a sample prior to and after the Tisbury Great Pond was opened.

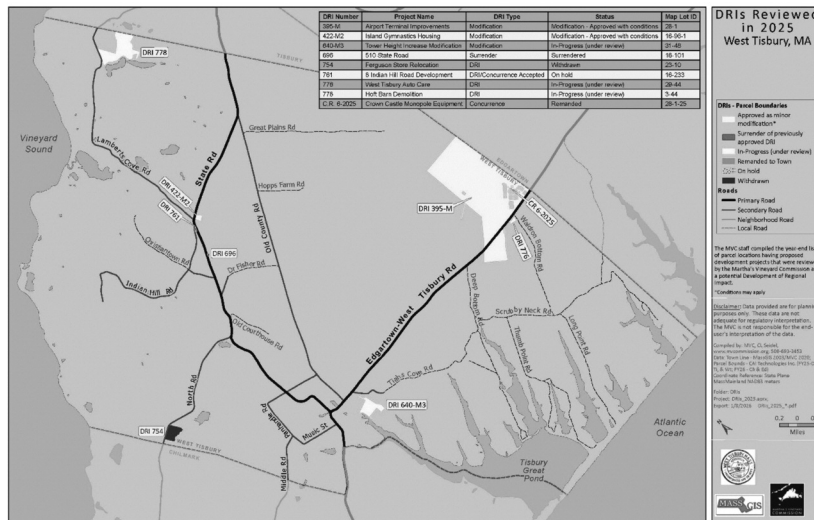
Community Assistance: The MVC Water Resource Planner serves when needed as a technical advisor to the Mill Brook Watershed Committee and the Tisbury Great Pond Riparian owners. MVC staff met with the Board of Health and other interested individuals to discuss the results of water quality testing. In 2025, the MVC finished the third and final chapter of the 208 equivalency plan entitled *Watershed Habitat Restoration: Meeting Our Nitrogen Reduction Goals*. This last chapter will be presented to the Board of Health and discussions will continue in 2026.

Developments of Regional Impact

Nine West Tisbury projects were reviewed by the MVC in 2025:

- ❖ 510 State Road (DRI 696 & 696-M) *Establishment of a recreational marijuana dispensary*. This DRI was surrendered on April 3, 2025; it is as if the original DRI had never been filed.
- ❖ **Airport Terminal Improvements** (DRI 395-M) *Upgrades to security areas and tarmac-side passenger areas; enhancements to lighting, parking, fire suppression and other elements*. This application was approved with conditions on May 8, 2025 after one public hearing; the written decision was also approved on May 8, 2025. Post-approval plans were approved by the LUPC on June 9, 2025.
- ❖ **Island Gymnastics** (DRI 422-M2) *Creation of a detached workforce housing unit*. This application was approved with conditions on June 26, 2025 after one public hearing; the written decision was approved on July 10, 2025.
- ❖ **Crown Castle Monopole Equipment** (C.R. 6-2025) *Addition and replacement of telecommunications equipment on a pre-existing tower*. This application was remanded to the Town on June 26, 2025.
- ❖ **West Tisbury Auto Care** (DRI 776) *Construction of a new garage and auto mechanic shop*. This application remains under review at the end of the year; the next public hearing is scheduled for January 8, 2026.

- ❖ **New Lane Taller Tower (DRI 640-M3) Proposal to raise the height on an existing telecommunications tower by 30 feet.** This application remains under review at the end of the year; the modification review has not been scheduled.
- ❖ **Ferguson Store Historic Relocation (DRI 754) Relocation of an 18th-century dwelling listed in MACRIS once used as a store and possibly as an inn.** This application was withdrawn.
- ❖ **Hoft Barn Demolition (DRI 778) Demolition of a MACRIS-listed barn with no replacement structure.** This application remains under review at the end of the year; a public hearing has not been scheduled.
- ❖ **8 Indian Hill Road Redevelopment (C.R. 3-2024/DRI 761) Construction of a mixed-use building and 13 parking spaces.** This application is on hold at the request of the applicant.



Respectfully submitted,

COMMISSIONERS

Jeff Agnoli	Edgartown, elected at-large
Bernadette Cormie	Tisbury, elected at-large
Mark Gauthier	Oak Bluffs, appointed by the Select Board
Jay Grossman	Chilmark, elected at-large
Michael Kim	Governor's Appointee
Willa Kuh	Chilmark, appointed by the Select Board
Michael MacKenty	Edgartown, elected at-large
Joan Malkin	Chilmark, appointed by the Planning Board to fill a vacancy
Greg Martino	Tisbury, appointed by the Select Board
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Ben Robinson	Tisbury, elected at-large
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STAFF

Adam Turner	Executive Director
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Curt Schroeder	Administrator
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Laura Silber	Housing Planner

2024 Commissioner Attendance

Commissioner	Town	Meetings Attended	
AGNOLI, Jeff	Edgartown	38	97%
CORMIE, Bernadette	Tisbury	36	92%
GAUTHIER, Mark	Oak Bluffs	37	95%
GROSSMAN, Jay*	Chilmark	25	83%
KIM, Michael	Governor	31	79%
KUH, Willa	Chilmark	34	87%
MACKENTY, Michael	Edgartown	35	90%
MALKIN, Joan*	Chilmark	6	100%
MARTINO, Greg	Tisbury	35	90%
NEWMAN, Kathy	Aquinnah	38	97%
PUTNAM, Kate	Edgartown	32	82%
ROBINSON, Ben	Tisbury	38	97%
SEDERHOLM, Doug	West Tisbury	37	95%
SIBLEY, Linda	West Tisbury	39	100%
SMITH, Brian	Oak Bluffs	37	95%
THOMAS, Ernie	West Tisbury	38	97%
VANDERHOOP, Jannette	Aquinnah	38	97%
WHARTON, Peter	County	39	100%

*Served partial terms, percentage of meetings attended adjusted accordingly

REPORT OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD CULTURAL COUNCIL

To the Honorable Select Board and the
Citizens of the town of West Tisbury:

Martha's Vineyard Cultural Council (MVCC) continues with its mission to promote excellence, access, education, and diversity in the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences to improve the quality of life for all Island residents. The effect of our grants is an important and visible support of our island community. This year, we observed increased interest for and demand in our grants, likely a combination of boosting community outreach and reflecting the complicated present times for grants and funding on a wider level.

Each year, the MVCC receives and evaluates grant applications for projects that help support our mission. Instructions, guidelines, and application forms are available at mvculturalcouncil.org. We prioritize projects originating on the Island that benefit the year-round Island community. If a project originates off island and does not include an island-based letter of support, it will not be considered for granting.

In 2025 the MVCC held multiple meetings in the spring and fall. Goals included continued fundraising and community outreach, establishment of priorities for this year's granting season, and review of application funding requests. For FY26, the Commonwealth allocated the MVCC \$34,200 for local re-granting. The six island towns also contributed generously: Aquinnah (\$3000), Chilmark (\$5000), Edgartown (\$5000), Oak Bluffs (\$5000), Tisbury (\$5000), and West Tisbury (\$5000). Several prior-year grantees were unable to follow through with their projects, so those funds were rolled over to be distributed this year, creating an anomalous total larger amount than we have traditionally seen. Therefore, the combined amount available for grants was \$91,896. This year the MVCC received 64 applications requesting a total of \$245,893.

MVCC extends thanks to West Tisbury town accountant Chelsea Joiner, and town assistant treasurer/collector Jade Bennett, for continued processing of our council's financial transactions. The Council hopes that the town of West Tisbury will consider contributing \$6000 in FY25 so that its members may carry on their work of supporting the arts on the Vineyard.

Respectfully submitted,

JP Hitesman, Chair



Applicant	Project Title	Grant Amount
Aquinnah Cultural Center, Inc.	Annual Native Artisans Market and Festival	\$5,250
Aquinnah Variety Show	Aquinnah Variety Show	\$500
Baptista, Candida Rose	KabuMerikanus - The Sum of US: Songs, Sounds, and Rhythms of Cabo Verde	\$1,925
Bender, Abby L.	Built on Stilts	\$4,000
Bender, Abby L.	Schmantze Theatre's Membership Down!	
Bender, Abby L.	515TER5 of The Ark, Collab Intensives and other new work	\$2,600
Bender, Abby L.	The Comedy in Performance Festival	\$1,700
Blactina Media	Black Children's Reading Corner	\$1,400
Blactina Media	Dorothy's Daughters: A Writing Workshop & Tea in Celebration of Dorothy West	\$740
Circuit Arts	Spirits & Spirits	\$2,700
Circuit Arts	The Vineyard's Drive-In at the YMCA	\$2,700
Circuit Arts	The Martha's Vineyard Film Festival	\$4,000
De Castro Borges, Marcia	Fulfilling Future Saudade	\$2,000
Edgartown Board of Trade, Inc.	Christmas In Edgartown Live Music	\$1,820
Feiffer, Kate	Islanders Write	\$2,800
Friends of the Edgartown Free Public Library, Inc.	Sounds Like Summer: Music on the Lawn	\$3,150
Friends of the Up Island Council on Aging	Up Island Council on Aging Theater Trip to see the Lion King, PPAC	\$500
Galaxy Arts MV, Inc.	Arts In The Parks	\$1,000
Gross, Lisa	Camera, Movement, Sound - A Multidisciplinary Workshop	\$2,450
Island Community Chorus, Inc.	Guest Artists Enriching Island Community Chorus Performances	\$2,100
JR Creative, LLC	Active Arts Movement Class for Daycares and Preschools	\$2,800
JR Creative, LLC	Active Arts Summer Camp	\$2,100
Karalekas, Alex	Chilmark Community Potluck	\$3,680
Kim, Roberta	Winter Concert and Community Sings	\$3,550
Ladyfest MV, Inc.	LADYFEST MV	\$4,000
Martha's Vineyard Agricultural Society	Mini Fair and Grow Zone: Building Out Family Education at the Agricultural Fair	\$4,200
Martha's Vineyard Agricultural Society	2026 Harvest Festival	\$3,100
Martha's Vineyard Ballroom Dance	Local Off-Season — Dance & Music	\$1,600
Martha's Vineyard Center for Living, Inc.	Generations Together - Music	\$2,500

Martha's Vineyard Center for Living, Inc.	Nature - Bringing Generations of Islanders Together	\$1,260
Martha's Vineyard Diversity Coalition (MVDC)	(MVLL) Martha's Vineyard Living Legends: Black, Indigenous, People of Color and Immigrants Elders Oral History Project	\$2,100
Martha's Vineyard Film Society, Inc.	12th Annual MV Documentary Week	\$1,050
Martha's Vineyard Film Society, Inc.	21st Annual Martha's Vineyard International Film Festival (MVIFF)	\$880
Martha's Vineyard Library Association	Summer Reading Kickoff	\$1,400
Martha's Vineyard Library Association	Night Under the Rainbow Teen Pride Dance	\$820
Martha's Vineyard Playhouse, Inc.	Monday Night Movies	\$1,750
Martha's Vineyard Preservation Trust, Inc.	Independence Now & Forever: The American Revolution on Martha's Vineyard	\$1,800
Mintz, David	Recital series: the Great American Songbook	\$1,350
Nelson, Elizabeth	Belly Dancing for Seniors!	\$425
Rubin Brothers LLC	The Rubin Brothers; A Continuing Legacy of MV's Jewish Cultural Heritage	\$680
Stillpoint Marthas Vineyard, Inc.	Unwind and Recharge: Student Wellness Curriculum	\$900
TBD Improv Company	TBD Improv Annual Cast Salary	\$2,020
The Great Pond Foundation, Inc.	Beach Seine Science Day MV Signs Then & Now - Basic MV Legacy & Sign	\$1,750
Thorp, Lynn	Language Lesson Series	\$1,560
Town of Tisbury	Traditional Music for the Memorial Day Picnic at the Tashmoo Waterworks	\$525

MVCC Members

West Tisbury

Irene Tewksbury - Treasurer
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Paul Doherty
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REPORT OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD LAND BANK COMMISSION

4238 acres, representing 7% of Martha's Vineyard, have been conserved by the Land Bank since voters created it in 1986. Please visit them; maps are available at town halls and libraries; online at www.mvlandbank.com; and at the Land Bank office in Edgartown.

Acquisitions

More about patience. At one of its inaugural meetings after the Land Bank's 1986 inception, the Edgartown Land Bank advisory board prioritized the 24.5-acre Gerald Jeffers, Sr. property, vintage farmland along the shores of the Cape Poge Bay. In 2025, four decades later, it purchased half of the acreage from Gerald Jeffers, Jr. and his sisters Geraldine Jeffers and Lolita Jeffers Beauboeuf — and is contracted to purchase the other half in 2026. The long-term vision is a revived farm, for crops and livestock and named for the family's forebears: the **Moses and Sarah Jeffers Farm**. The aggregate price will total out at \$7,000,000.

Christopher Brooks and Mary-Louise Williams allowed the Land Bank to expand the **John Presbury Norton Farm**. So that the institution could afford them, they advantageously priced their two vacant abutting building lots — totaling 3.3 acres — at a total figure of \$800,000. The Land Bank is always honored to be the recipient of such generosity.

As it likewise was when Rachel Baumrin and her family conveyed 11.7 acres for \$1,900,000. The family's favorable pricing permitted the Land Bank to unite, neatly and surgically, the cleaved halves of the **Christiantown Woods Preserve**.

Generosity also arrived in the form of an outright gift of land, for which the Land Bank is most appreciative: not far from Lagoon Pond a sloped 1.2-acre lot that long belonged to Nembhard and Vivian Culin was donated by their heirs. By this gift the **Old Oklahoma Preserve** was created.

Land management

Ecological inventories and studies continued at many Land Bank properties: Aquinnah Headlands Preserve, Black Brook Preserve, Chilmark Pond Preserve, Cove Meadow Preserve, Eachpoquassit Hill Preserve, Elder Jeffers Pond Preserve, Felix Neck Preserve, Fulling Mill Brook Preserve, Moses Jeffers Farm, Ocean View Farm Preserve, Pecoy Point Preserve, Pennywise Preserve, Priestler's Pond Preserve, Quammox Preserve, Quenonica Preserve, Ripley's Field Preserve, Sepiessa Point Reservation, Southern Woodlands Reservation, Three Ponds Reservation, Trentfield Farm, Tisbury Meadow Preserve, Toad Rock Reservation, Toms Neck Preserve, Trade Wind Fields Preserve and Waskosim's Rock Reservation. The work is manifold: (1.) general avian surveys; (2.) shorebird surveys (one American oystercatcher fledged at the Squibnocket

Pond Reservation as did one piping plover on Moshup Beach at the Aquinnah Headlands Preserve, but there were multiple aborted nest attempts at the Edgartown Great Pond Beach, Squibnocket Pond Reservation and Tisbury Great Pond Beach); (3.) butterfly and moth surveys; (4.) American woodcock, bat and wetland wildlife surveys via acoustic monitors and/or camera traps; and (5.) vegetation surveys (including 15 rare species).

After much industry, the Squibnocket Pond Reservation opened. Even though it was just phase one, a full half-mile of boardwalk was installed, as was a quarter-mile of dune-ladder and three sets of beach-stairs. Phase two is coming.

Public saltwater access on the Vineyard increased as a result of the Squibnocket Pond Reservation's opening, but also at the opening of a new stretch of the Tashmoo Preserve.

The final new property is the Quenomica Preserve South. Hikers park at the Land Bank office at 40-44 Meetinghouse Way and follow the trail, through field and woodland and neighborhood, to the far reach of Quenomica Point — at the concourse where several of the Edgartown Great Pond's coves meet. It's in the running as the most remote spot on Martha's Vineyard Island.

An ancient way was restored. The renaissance of the Old Road to James Cleveland's, occasioned by the Land Bank's purchase of a property possessing an easement in it, cinches the link between Arrowhead Farm and the Vineyard Sound. Hikers will pass through the Land Bank's Christiantown Woods Preserve and the Sheriff's Meadow Foundation's Cedar Tree Neck Sanctuary. Note bene: Milepost 100 has been reached; trails maintained by the Land Bank island-wide now number five-score.

Two up-island management plans advanced. The Gay Head Moraine Reservation management plan received local approval and the Toad Rock Reservation management plan is being drafted.

Awaiting the day when their winter pasture at the Wapatequa Woods Reservation is parasite-free — which two years of fallowness will deliver — the Land Bank goat herd will return. In the meantime a herd of six cows and four calves substitutes and, in 2025, grazed eight properties and managed 28 acres of grassland.

As usual, the Land Bank field crew continued ongoing general maintenance on various Land Bank properties across the island.

XIH

The 33rd annual XIH took place on National Trails Day (every first Saturday in June), ranging 19.2 miles from Chilmark Pond Preserve to Eastville Point Beach. Approximately 85 people participated; 75 started and 34 finished the entire cross-island trek. About half of the finishers had participated in a previous hike and some were completing their fifth, eighth, and thirteenth consecutive XIHs.

Budget and related matters

The following chart synthesizes the Land Bank's annual finances. Anyone wishing to review the budget in its entirety, which includes a narrative describing

the purpose of each line item expenditure, is encouraged to read it on the Land Bank website:

	fiscal year 2025 budgeted	fiscal year 2025 actual	fiscal year 2026 budgeted
	cash amount and percentage of total	cash amount and percentage of total	cash amount and percentage of total
revenues	\$13,000,000	\$15,382,094	\$14,000,000*
administrative expenses	(\$ 752,137) 6%	(\$ 723,102) 5%	(\$ 812,955) 6%
land management expenses	(\$ 3,120,099) 24%	(\$ 2,463,506) 16%	(\$ 3,121,265) 22%
debt service expenses	(\$ 8,390,487) 64%	(\$ 8,240,175) 54%	(\$ 9,616,988) 69%
reserve expenses	(\$ 50,000) 0%		(\$ 50,000) 0%
unencumbered new receipts	\$ 787,275 6%	\$ 3,955,311 26%	\$ 498,792 3%

As of December 1, 2025 the Land Bank treasury contained some \$9,500,000 in cash, to fund all expenses including new acquisitions and the payment of debt service for existing properties.

The asterisk (*) indicates the Land Bank's revenue projection.

Per statute, first-time homebuyers paid no Land Bank fee on purchase prices at or below \$900,000. This is called the "m" exemption and 39 transactions qualified for it in 2025. The 2026 threshold will likewise be \$1,000,000.

Gifts

The Land Bank gratefully accepted the following gifts: (1.) \$1,530 in honor of Malcolm Watson; and (2.) \$100 from Tammy Kallman, in memory of Wayne Kallman.

Transfer fee revenues

Fiscal Year 2025 transfer fee revenues were:

	transfer fee revenues received July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025	percent of total
Aquinnah Fund	\$ 250,894	2%
Chilmark Fund	\$ 671,693	4%
Edgartown Fund	\$ 3,838,611	25%
Oak Bluffs Fund	\$ 1,260,613	8%

	transfer fee revenues received July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025	percent of total
Tisbury Fund	\$ 879,739	6%
West Tisbury Fund	\$ 789,497	5%
<i>Central fund</i>	<i>\$ 7,691,047</i>	<i>50%</i>
	\$15,382,094	100%

This represented a 19% increase over the previous year.

Commissioners and staff

The Land Bank commission currently comprises the following members: Steven Ewing, Edgartown; Frederick Khedouri, Chilmark; Wesley Mott, commonwealth; Kristen Reimann, Oak Bluffs; Sarah Thulin, Aquinnah; Nancy Weaver, Tisbury; and Peter Wells, West Tisbury. The year-round Land Bank staff comprises the following individuals:

Janette Andrews, fiscal officer; Winston Bell, livestock manager; Jean-Marc Dupon, conservation land assistant; Maureen Hill, office manager; Harrison Kisiel, land superintendent; Jeffrey Komarinetz, conservation land assistant; James Lengyel, executive director; Antone Lima, crew manager; Julie Russell, ecologist; Timothy Sheran, conservation land assistant; Blake Wasson, conservation land assistant; and Bryn Willingham, ecology assistant.

Respectfully submitted,

James Lengyel
Executive Director

**REPORT OF THE
MARTHA’S VINEYARD REFUSE DISPOSAL
& RESOURCE RECOVERY DISTRICT**

750 WEST TISBURY RD.
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(508) 627-4501
MVREFUSE@COMCAST.NET

The Refuse District processed, and shipped over 10,837 tons in 2024 of waste and light construction material. All waste was delivered to SEMASS/ ReWorld Waste to Energy Facility in Rochester Ma. With construction materials delivered to J.R.Vinagro in Johnston RI. Our recycling efforts also removed over 710 tons of single stream, 515 tons of various metals, over 200 batteries, 30 tons of tires, and 600 tons of leaves/brush, 1143 Mattresses.

We are proud to announce that over 600 households participated in the District’s Hazardous Household Waste Collection program during 2025. After 36 years, the program continues to grow and provide Island residents the opportunity to dispose of hazardous material in an environmentally correct and safe manner.

Mercury Elements and Florescent light bulbs are accepted *free of charge*, thanks to our contract with ReWorld (*SEMASS*) *Waste to Energy*, and are accepted during regular business hours at all (4) of our drop off centers, (*Rechargeable batteries, Watch/Hearing Aid batteries and Fluorescent/ Low Energy bulbs*).

Construction started on the new resident drop off area and will be completed by June of 2026.

Harmful Household Hazardous Waste Collection dates are held on Saturday of the following months with no charge to residents.

2026 Schedule

Each event hours are 9am – 12pm

May 16, 2026 July 18, 2026 Oct 17, 2026

All Commercial & Property Management Companies MUST call Safety -Klean to schedule a pick up at your job site @ 800-323-5040

The collection location is held at the Refuse District located @ 750 West Tisbury Rd. Edgartown.

Contact for info: Hunter Thomas

REPORT OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD SHELLFISH GROUP

To the Honorable Select Board, friends and neighbors:

MVSG is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization formed in 1976 to preserve, enhance and restore shellfish resources on Martha's Vineyard for the economic, ecological, and cultural well-being of the Vineyard community. The Board of

Directors is comprised of a resident and the Shellfish Constable from each member town, and each town receives an equal share of shellfish seed and technical support for a flat membership fee of \$41,000 in FY2025. To make up the other 40% of our annual budget, funding was received through contracts, grants and contributions from over 300 individual donors. Our annual spring fundraiser at the Chilmark Community Center—the Bivalve Ball—hosted 250 guests and raised \$28,000. The work of MVSG can be seen in seed production, habitat restoration and shell recycling, educational outreach, and contribution to seminal research in shellfish biology and hatchery science.

MVSG operates three distinct facilities in partnership with the MV Land Bank on Chappaquiddick, the MA Division of Marine Fisheries in Oak Bluffs, and the Town of Tisbury in Vineyard Haven, in order to fulfil our mission. This year, the Chappy Point Nursery on Chappaquiddick, the John T. Hughes Hatchery, and the Rick Karney Solar Hatchery have received local school children, community members and visitors. Each facility is identified for long-range climate-readiness planning and future fortification.



**MARTHA'S VINEYARD
SHELLFISH GROUP**



The new BUPSY system saves hatchery space to grow more oyster seed without impeding on scallop and quahog shellfish production.

In 2025 MVSG provided over 32.5 million, 1-3mm quahogs, bay scallops and oysters to the six member towns. West Tisbury lacks quahog and scallop habitat, and thus receives only oyster seed. The remaining five towns receive quahog and scallop seed only, as a regular part of their membership. The town oyster seed departments use nursery systems to

grow the tiny shellfish to a larger size. Recreational and commercial harvesters benefit from annual shellfish stocking.

For the second year, MVSG produced additional oyster seed for local farmers as we aim to provide more local seed to fortify the island's food resiliency. This was made possible by a new Bottle *UP*weller *SY*stem (BUPSY) which created vertical growing space and alleviated a bottleneck in the early nursery stage.

For the coming season, MVSG was awarded \$112,360 by the MA Department of Agricultural Resources

to improve some of the hatchery space at the historic Hughes Hatchery in Oak Bluffs. The improvements will increase seed production capacity and is complemented by funding from the MV Community Foundation to increase our algae production. These advances will increase seed production over the next five years, while continuing our regular production for the Member towns and supporting fisheries research.



Hatchery staff count oysters at Edgartown Great Pond with Nicholas Turner of Honey-suckle Oyster Farm before they are planted for restoration.

MVSG restores habitat to support shellfish populations and improve resiliency. MVSG has managed oyster restoration projects in Tisbury Great Pond for 40+ years and in Edgartown Great Pond for 17 years. Restoration is possible with shell we collect from restaurants and a public collection bin in front of the Hughes Hatchery through our **Shell Recovery Partnership**. In 2025, **11,096 gallons** of shell was collected, returned to the Great Ponds and used in the hatchery. Slough Cove in Edgartown Great Pond is still home to a highly focused oyster restoration effort funded by The Nature Conservancy and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. The project improves water quality, provides data for restoration research, and benefits local oyster farmers who supply adult oysters that are unsalable to the raw bar market.



David Bouck, new Research & Data Manager, teaches a 5-year-old how to shuck at the Ag Fair.

MVSG provides education and outreach through school visits, afterschool clubs, programs and collaboration with other local agencies. MVSG staff engaged **3,450 individuals** with the history, culture, and biology of shellfish on Martha's Vineyard. A highlight was hosting 10 separate shucking lessons to over 250 adults and children. Focusing on harvesting and preparing local shellfish has really brought the community to the table.

Eelgrass restoration efforts continue to grow. This year, more seeds were collected and planted

into Vineyard ponds. Flowering density and timing research continued at several sites around the island, and a new focus was placed on eelgrass in the Sengekontacket Pond system, in partnership with the Friends of Sengekontacket. For the fourth year, eelgrass seedlings emerged in the unheated greenhouse at the Hughes Hatchery. We experimented with several novel seed planting methods, and laid plans for larger-scale monitoring, restoration, and research in 2026.

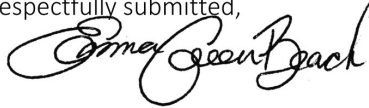
MVSG also conducts research related to the prosperity of the Vineyard shellfish industry and aids others in their critical research. In 2025 we secured funding from Aquinnah CPC and from USDA to study the production of purple shell in quahogs, which has been of interest to the island community and many others for decades. Very little is known on the topic and it may take a few years to obtain meaningful results. Other pivotal research has MVSG working with the Chilmark Shellfish Department and assisting Stony Brook University with a novel discovery. Over the last few years, MVSG has helped researchers identify the marasporidia parasite (BSM) in bay scallop kidneys and track survival rates. So far, the Vineyard’s bay scallops are surviving the parasitic infection much better than other lines from Long Island.

Shellfish Seed Produced and Distributed in 2025				
	Bay Scallops	Quahogs	Oyster Spat-on-Shell	Oyster singles
Edgartown, Tisbury, Oak Bluffs, Chilmark (total)	11,134,000	9,200,000	-	300,000
Aquinnah	20,000 seed, 21,000,000 (larvae)	2,300,000	-	-
West Tisbury ¹	-	-	4,000,000	665,000
Wampanoag NRD ²	160,000	60,000	-	-
Local growers ²	-	-	-	1,030,000
Stony Brook University ³	2,000	-	-	-
Chatham ²	-	500,000	-	-
The Nature Conservancy (EGP) ²	-	-	1,200,000	-
Total Seed	11,316,000	12,060,000	7,000,000	2,125,000
Eggs released	34,000,000			45,000,000
Larvae released	24,400,000	-		15,000,000
Total seed produced:	32,501,000			
Provided under: ¹ West Tisbury sole oyster share ² contract; ³ grant funding				

Education & Outreach					
	School-based engagement	On-site engagement	All ages small groups	All ages community events (50 ppl+)	Total
Participants	1,089	518	1,558	1,892	3,450
Events	55	45	117	15	132
Shell Recovery Partnership					
	Hughes Hatchery	Restaurants	Events	Total	
Participants	1	13	1	15 locations	
Gallons	649.5	10,402	45	11,096.5 gallons	
Eelgrass Research and Propagation					
	Partners	Seeds planted	Shoots planted	Restoration area (Lagoon & Tashmoo)	
2025	33	38,000	0	20 m²	
2024	12	12,000	1,000	20 m²	

As we celebrate our 50th anniversary in 2026, we look forward to working with local and national organizations, installing new intake seawater lines at the Hughes Hatchery, and increasing seed production. All of this is made possible by the close partnerships between MVSG and each town's shellfish department. We invite you to learn more by visiting our facilities in the spring and summer. In the meantime, visit our website, check out our newsletters, join our mailing list and stay involved! Visit www.mvshellfishgroup.org, call (508) 693-0391 or email mvshellfishgroup@gmail.com.

Respectfully submitted,



EMMA GREEN-BEACH
Executive Director and Biologist
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Visit our website
for more pictures
and information

REPORT OF THE SHELLFISH WARDEN

To The West Tisbury Select Board:

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to everyone who has supported the health of our ponds, fisheries, and shellfish propagation programs. Special acknowledgment goes to the Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group for providing seed for propagation; the Martha's Vineyard Land Bank for accommodating the Town Shellfish Department's boat at Sepiessa; the riparian landowners of the ponds; and the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries for their continued water sampling efforts.

Overall, 2025 was a very good year for the health of Tisbury Great Pond. Several manmade openings were successful, particularly in June, when weather conditions allowed the pond to remain open for over a month. This resulted in outstanding oyster growth. While water quality in 2024 was good, oyster growth this year was markedly stronger.

The spring cultch program was once again successful, thanks to the efforts of Shellfish Committee Chair David Merry and his sons, Danny and Matt. I am grateful for their donated time and equipment, which made this project possible. Ten volunteers participated in the operation. Although no new oyster set was observed, I conducted an experimental soft-shell clam seed collection project that successfully yielded multiple seed sets. I plan to implement an improved version of this project in the spring of 2026.

As a result of favorable conditions and program improvements, oyster growth was strong with minimal mortality. The propagation program was highly successful, with the Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group providing 4,000,000 spat-on-shell oysters and 665,000 single oysters, all of which exhibited exceptional growth. An estimated 400,000 oysters were released at a size range of 2–3 inches.

This was another productive year for the soft-shell clam fishery, with commercial fishermen harvesting regularly. I am also excited to report that 2025 marked the first year in several years of an active wild commercial oyster fishery, with new participants joining the pond. The Martha's Vineyard Seafood Collaborative established a strong market, and the buyer expressed high satisfaction with the product.

Finally, Ray Gale, who served as Shellfish Constable for 14 years, resigned from the position in May. I would like to sincerely thank him for his many years of service. I have since been appointed Acting Shellfish Constable and am currently enrolled in the Constable's Training Course at Cape Cod Community College, which I expect to complete in May 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

Will Diamond



Volunteers Vinny Iacono, Kent Healy and Chris Mayhew spreading cultch 2" to 3" single oysters prior to release.



Jack Serpentowski and Walter Greene commercially harvesting wild oysters.

William Diamond, Acting Shellfish Constable and
Shellfish Propagation Agent

Virginia C. Jones, Chair
Rick Karney
David Merry
John Hoy
Jason Gale
Bill Austin
Jessie Holtham
Gregory Orcut

REPORT OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD TRANSIT AUTHORITY (VTA)

Leadership

West Tisbury	Robert Wasserman
Aquinnah	Jay Macleod
Chilmark	Leonard Jason
Edgartown	Mark Snider
Oak Bluffs	Robert Mackay
Tisbury	Elaine Miller, Chairman
Rider Community Representative	Vacant
Disabled Community Representative	Vacant
Administrator	Angela E. Gompert

Service Modification

The VTA makes service modifications each season based on travel demand, budget, funding and customer requests for new trips or trip modifications. The notable changes are described in this section. Due to the seasonal levels of activity on the Island, the VTA changes bus schedules throughout the year. Each season has its own set of service modifications. FY 2025 started with In-Season 2024 already in its Peak schedule. The fiscal year continues with the In-Season Fall service, then the Off-Season 2024 – 2025 service and ends with the In-Season Spring 2025 service and the first eleven days of the In-Season Peak 2025 service.

Continuing the trend of the previous fiscal year, Fiscal Year 2025 saw the VTA continue to gradually restore individual trips that had existed before the pandemic and the years of labor shortages that constrained service delivery.

In-Season 2024 Peak:

Comparison Season: In-Season 2023 Peak

Route 1: No changes

Route 2: Added one evening round trip

Route 3: No changes

Route 4: Added one evening round trip

Route 5: No changes

Route 6: No changes

Route 7: Added one evening round trip

Route 8: No changes

Route 9: No changes

Route 10: No changes

Route 10A: Added one evening round trip

Route 11: No changes

Route 12: Restored daytime service, no changes to Sunset Bus service

Route 13: Extended the headway period of the day from 9 am – 7 pm to 9 am – 9 pm.

In-Season 2024 Fall Shoulder:

Comparison Season: In-Season 2023 Fall Shoulder

Route 1: Added one evening trip to the shoulder timetable that operates Fridays and Saturdays.

Route 2: Added one evening trip to the daily timetable.

Route 3: Expanded service by changing a Friday/Saturday trip to daily and adding a previously peak season-only trip to operate on shoulder season Fridays and Saturdays as well.

Route 4: Expanded service by changing a Friday/Saturday trip to daily and adding a previously peak season-only trip to operate on shoulder season Fridays and Saturdays, and restored one evening trip to the peak schedule.

Route 5: Expanded service by changing a Friday/Saturday trip to daily, decreased service by adjusting the last trip of the evening to peak only.

Route 6: Expanded service by changing a Friday/Saturday trip to daily.

Route 7: Restored one evening round trip.

Route 8: No changes

Route 9: Expanded service by operating two trips daily that previously operated only Fridays and Saturdays during the shoulders. Further expanded service by switching two peak shoulder only trips to also operate Fridays and Saturdays during the shoulder seasons.

Route 10: No changes

Route 10A: Restored one evening trip.

Route 11: No changes

Route 12: Restored daytime service (the Chilmark In-Town Route).

Route 13: For the spring shoulder, increased the headway mode frequency from every 20 minutes to every 15 minutes. Also extended evening service.

Off-Season 2024 – 2025:

Comparison Season: Off-Season 2023 – 2024

There were very few service modifications for Off-Season 2024 – 2025. The changes from the previous year were limited to Route 5 and Route 13.

Route 5 layover times at the Gay Head Cliffs were reduced so that the dwell time could be increased at the West Tisbury Town Hall terminal for electric buses to charge at the inductive charging pads installed there.

On Route 13, the trips that operate only on Friday and Saturday nights were changed. Factors driving these schedule modifications were both meeting the last Steamship Authority ferry boats in Vineyard Haven and the workers leaving work at the Stop & Shop stores in Edgartown and Vineyard Haven.

In-Season Spring 2025 & Beginning of Peak 2025:

Comparison Season: In-Season 2025

The most notable service modification was the In-Season starting in late March, which is much earlier than the usual mid-May start to the In-Season. To make the schedule transition appropriately, the 2025 schedule introduced white shading to indicate excluded trips on Sunday mornings in the early Spring weeks. These trips started daily service at the same time on the calendar as the

customary start to the In-Season Spring service in mid-May. Similarly, the evening trips were re-shaded with a legend with the different trip operation notes.

Route 1: Applied Sunday morning trip exclusions for early Spring, changes to evening trip notes

Route 2: Added a 6:28 am trip, which operated Monday – Saturday only in the early Spring and then daily

Route 3: Applied Sunday morning trip exclusions for early Spring, added a Friday / Saturday only trip to the early Spring that became daily in mid-May (daily in mid-May previously)

Route 4: Applied Sunday morning trip exclusions to two round trips, evening trip notes adjustments by dates

Route 5: Applied Sunday morning trip exclusions, evening trip notes adjustments by dates

Route 6: Applied Sunday morning trip exclusions, last trip of the night reduced to Peak only (no Friday / Saturday service in the Spring shoulder)

Route 7: Applied Sunday morning trip exclusion on one morning round trip, added one evening round trip at 8:55 pm

Route 8: No changes to the season starting May 23, but increase in service offered in late March, April and mid-May. The Route 8 service during this time was hourly. The additional time available for the bus serving the route was used to supplement Route 1, which helped handle road construction delays on Edgartown-Vineyard Haven Road during that time that the VTA was aware of and was able to plan for in the schedule.

Route 9: Applied Sunday morning trip exclusions, evening trip notes adjustments by dates

Route 10: No changes

Route 10A: Added 7:02 am trip, which was subject to early season Sunday morning exclusion before running daily through the rest of the In-Season

Route 11: No changes

Route 12: No changes

Route 13: The expanded part of the In-Season Spring was assigned a fixed 30-minute frequency schedule throughout the day. Headway mode continued to be run during the main part of the day starting in mid-May. White shading to indicate Sunday morning exclusions were again applied to the early spring weeks. Additional Friday / Saturday only notes were applied to one morning trip and two evening trips.

There was a minor shortening of the headway mode period for the Spring Shoulder by one hour. During the fixed schedule times of the day (mornings and evenings), trip times were altered to more consistently match the :10, :25, :40 and :55 minutes past the hour pattern. With Route 1 buses typically departing at :10 and :40 from both terminals, the Route 13 buses departures would either coincide for smooth vehicle departures or be well spaced for trips between the Edgartown and Vineyard Haven ends.

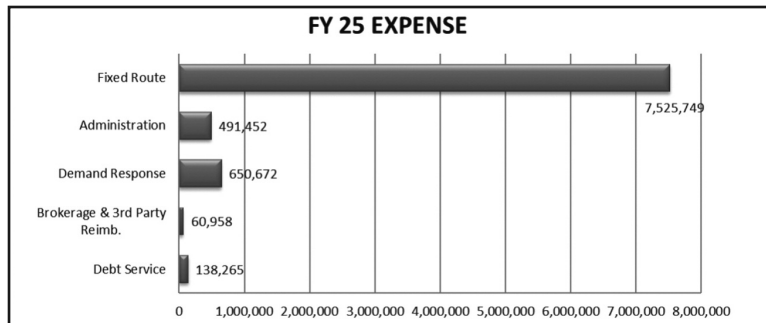
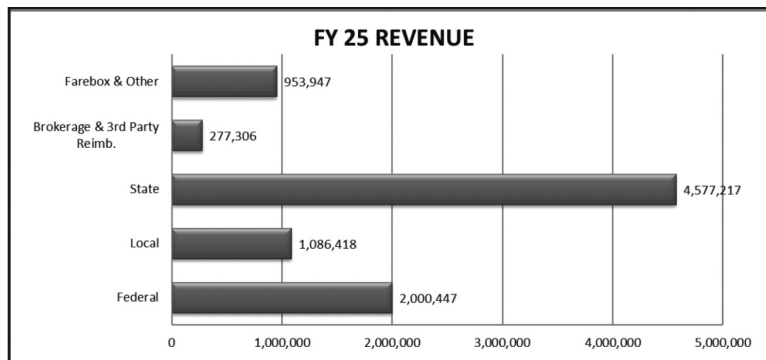
Federal Funding

The VTA received \$3,697,500 through the 5339: Low or No Emissions Federal Program in FY 25. This is a competitive grant program for state and local entities to buy low/zero-emission transit buses and build supporting infrastructure in order to promote cleaner public transport fleets. Additionally, this program funds technology, workforce training, and supports agency transitions to energy-efficient, low-polluting transit vehicles.

Fare Free Program

FY25 marks the third year of the Fare Free program which began in 2022 and ran for about a month, and returned from November 24, 2023 to March 31, 2024. In FY25 the program was expanded to seven months, a significant increase that is aimed at increasing ridership, reducing traffic congestion, and supporting a greener, more sustainable Martha’s Vineyard. This initiative is made possible by a \$30 million grant funded through the Massachusetts Fair Share Funding, which is dedicated to supporting public transit and public education initiatives statewide. With hopes of encouraging and increasing ridership, the VTA has been fare free since November 29, 2024 with the State paying the VTA for the lost revenues during this period. On average, ridership increased over 25% during this program. With the passing of the State FY26 budget, the Legislature removed the Advisory Board’s authority to charge and set fares for fixed route bus and ADA service. The future impact of this decision on VTA service is yet to be determined.

Financials



Operational Facts & Figures

FY 25 FY 24 FY 24

	All Services	Fixed Route	ADA
Annual Ridership	1,137,987	1,038,650	10,157
Annual Farebox-Revenue	\$953,947.00	\$1,747,795.87	\$16,700.75
Annual Cost of Operations	\$8,867,096	\$7,079,103	\$641,882
% of Fare Box Recovery of Operating Costs	24%	25%	3%
Fleet Size	47	34	5

Fixed Route Statistics:

Number of Fixed Routes	14	14	N/A
Annual Passenger Trips	1,137,987	1,038,650	10,157
Annual Revenue Hours	75,822	67,615	4,870
Annual Revenue Miles	1,247,293	1,094,578	73,088
Annual Vehicle Hours	80,577	71,626	5,411
Annual Vehicle Miles	1,321,285	1,159,511	77,699

Performance Measures:

Operating Expense Per Passenger Trip	\$7.79	\$8.70	\$63.82
Operating Expense Per Revenue Hour	\$116.95	\$97.92	\$131.65
Operating Expense Per Revenue Mile	\$7.11	\$5.78	\$8.85
Passenger Trips Per Revenue Hour	15.01	11.13	2.09
Passenger Trips Per Revenue Mile	0.91	0.68	0.14

Fare Information:

Adult Base	\$2 / \$1.25 zone	\$2 / \$1.25 zone	\$2.00/zone
Senior 60+	\$1 / \$0.75 zone	\$1 / \$0.75 zone	
Disabled & Veteran	\$1 / \$0.75 zone	\$1 / \$0.75 zone	
Children 6 and Under	Free	Free	
Student Pass	Reduced Fare	Reduced Fare	

* Fare Free: November 25, 2022 - December 31, 2022
 November 24, 2023 - March 31, 2024
 November 29, 2024 - Present

Statement of NET POSITION

ASSETS	2025	2024
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 816,637	\$ 905,151
Receivable for operating assistance	\$ 3,190,451	\$ 2,424,105
Inventory	\$ 552,949	\$ 516,861
Prepaid expense	\$ 721,168	\$ 584,721
Prepaid fuel hedge	\$ -	\$ -
Lease receivable	\$ 34,027	\$ 30,332
Total current assets	<u>\$ 5,315,232</u>	<u>\$ 4,461,170</u>
Restricted & Noncurrent Assets		
Restricted assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,832,722	\$ 2,835,911
Receivable for capital assistance	<u>\$ 1,926,763</u>	<u>\$ 4,922,987</u>
Total restricted assets	\$ 3,759,485	\$ 7,758,898
Receivable for operating assistance	\$ 215,650	\$ 516,654
Capital assets, net	\$ 36,362,617	\$ 33,288,343
Net OPEB asset	\$ 489,998	\$ 400,741
Lease receivable, less current portion	\$ -	\$ 35,835
Right to use asset	<u>\$ 1,198,519</u>	<u>\$ 1,273,427</u>
Total restricted assets & noncurrent assets	<u>\$ 42,026,269</u>	<u>\$ 43,273,898</u>
Total assets	\$ 47,341,501	\$ 47,735,068
Deferred Outflows of Resources		
Deferred outflows of resources related to pension	\$ 135,525	\$ 145,628
Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB	<u>\$ 94,400</u>	<u>\$ 158,533</u>
Total assets & deferred outflows of resources	<u>\$ 47,571,426</u>	<u>\$ 48,039,229</u>
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued expense	\$ 906,155	\$ 305,113
Lease liability	<u>\$ 66,384</u>	<u>\$ 64,971</u>
Total current liabilities	\$ 972,539	\$ 370,084
Restricted and noncurrent liabilities		
Liabilities payable from restricted assets	\$ 3,429,866	\$ 7,434,399
Accounts payable and accrued expense	<u>\$ 3,429,866</u>	<u>\$ 7,434,399</u>
Total liabilities payable from restricted assets	\$ 3,429,866	\$ 7,434,399
Lease liability, less current portion	\$ 1,186,757	\$ 1,253,141
Net pension liability	\$ 368,042	\$ 352,751
Revenue Anticipation Notes	<u>\$ 2,764,061</u>	<u>\$ 2,750,000</u>
Total restricted and noncurrent liabilities	<u>\$ 7,748,726</u>	<u>\$ 11,790,291</u>
Total liabilities	\$ 8,721,265	\$ 12,160,375
Deferred Inflows of Resources		
Deferred inflows of resources related to pension	\$ 46,869	\$ 49,071
Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB	\$ 186,167	\$ 97,169
Deferred inflows of resources related to leases	<u>\$ 30,502</u>	<u>\$ 61,004</u>
Total liabilities & deferred inflows of resources	<u>\$ 8,984,803</u>	<u>\$ 12,367,619</u>
NET POSITION		
Invested in capital assets	\$ 36,362,617	\$ 33,288,343
Restricted	\$ 329,669	\$ 324,499
Other current assets	<u>\$ 1,894,337</u>	<u>\$ 2,058,768</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 38,586,623</u>	<u>\$ 35,671,610</u>

REPORT OF THE MILL BROOK WATERSHED MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Dear fellow townspeople,

We continue to work hard to improve the health of West Tisbury's watersheds. Town meeting directives continue to guide our work.

In February, we held a very well attended public information session (<https://www.westtisbury-ma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/450/Mill-Brook-Wmc-Public-Info-Session-2025-PDF>) at the library where we presented all of our findings and conclusions based on the collected data and welcomed comments and questions. We presented an array of restoration opportunities to improve the health of this resource and pledged to pursue grant funding to explore these options.

We worked with the Select Board and Community Preservation Committee (CPC) on two town meeting articles; 1. To reallocate remaining \$23,289.61 of CPC Mill Brook funds for similar sampling work in the Tiasquam River - the other main surface water input to Tisbury Great Pond, and 2. A request of \$16,000 for lab analyses of stream water samples collected this year. The first article was unanimously supported by both boards, and both articles were approved by town meeting voters in April.

We got 'the band' back together for this 2025 field season in the Tiasquam River; the lab at UMass Dartmouth to analyze water samples, entomologist Greg Whitmore to identify collected macroinvertebrate specimens, numerous volunteers (including Sheriff's Meadow Foundation (SMF) staff, a BiodiversityWorks intern, and the Bouck family who delivered specimens to Greg in New Hampshire) to help with data collection (fish surveys and stream flow measurements), coordinated loans of needed equipment (MV Commission and SMF), and property owner permission for access (MV Land Bank and private property owners). This work will continue through June 2026.

In May, we coordinated an effort with staff from the US Geological Survey and town authorities to install three permanent stream flow stations: at Blackwater Brook, Mill Brook and the Tiasquam River. At no cost to the town, these will provide continuous stream flow data, critical to informing decision making in these important resources.

Also in May, in coordination with the HDC, we had a great site visit at Mill Pond with Mark Rasmussen, president of the Buzzards Bay Coalition (BBC). Mark came over to discuss stream restoration opportunities to improve resource health and to share information from similar projects undertaken by BBC on the Cape.

Along with HDC members, September found us OFF island to tour several BBC projects with Mark and staff person Brendan Annett, who oversees all of

BBC's habitat restoration projects. It was extremely helpful to see how these projects look on the ground, and to help visualize possibilities for Mill Brook and Mill Pond that will improve ecosystem health.

With the support of the Select Board, we placed an article on the special town meeting warrant in September, requesting \$40,425 to hire ecological restoration company Wilkinson Ecological to remove 15 large invasive grey willow trees from the banks of Mill Pond. After another public information meeting at the library in early September, this was overwhelmingly approved by voters, and that work is happening soon.

In October, with the support of the Select Board and enthusiastic letters of support from BiodiversityWorks, Vineyard Conservation Society and the Land Protection Fund, we submitted a grant application to MA Division of Ecological Restoration for dam removal preliminary design services. We learned in December that we had been awarded \$50,000 towards this effort!

We so appreciate your continued support, we could not do this without you!

Tim Boland
David Bouck
Prudy Burt
Kristen Geagan
Angela Luckey
Cindy Mitchell
Julie Pringle
Bill Wilcox



REPORT OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Dear Select Board:

The Parks and Recreation Committee has been working on implementing new and creative programs. We added a new toddler gymnastics class held at the West Tisbury School gym on Saturday mornings as part of our Winter Recreation Program, which was very popular with 15 toddlers and care givers enjoying the activity. The sports program had a slow start with about a half dozen kids participating from grades 1-5.

The first Saturday in March, we held our annual Family Skate at the MV Ice Arena. This was greatly attended with approximately 150 new and experienced skaters in attendance, sharing snacks and hot chocolate provided by the Parks and Recreation Committee.

In April, we attended the job fair at MVRHS which gave us several candidates for our summer staff. We worked in conjunction with the YMCA to provide lifeguard training for individuals to work at Lambert's Cove Beach. The slope of the path at Lambert's Cove continues to be a difficulty for people navigating the path. We have had many complaints regarding the path. We are actively working on solutions to make improvements to the path. As the popularity of Lambert's Cove continues to grow, our beach and parking lot staff did an excellent job. The beach wheelchair continues to be in constant demand in summer months and beyond. Our summer revenues exceeded \$120,000. We ask the community and guests to respect the carry in carry out trash policy.

The Town Picnic was held for the second year at the Grange Hall. Due to rain, the picnic was held inside the Grange. Many families enjoyed carriage rides supplied by Sonnyside Rides. Thank you to Laura Marshard for continuing the rides in the pouring rain! Also, a big hit was the family yoga session led by Jay Mazur.

The annual Halloween Party was very successful this year, with approximately 200 community members attending. The highlight of the night is the hayride through the cemetery. A special thank you to Louis DeGeoffry and Ghouls for organizing and decorating the cemetery and Freddie Fisher and crew for delighting families with the spooky hayrides.

The annual Holiday Party was held at the Grange Hall for the third year. We would like to thank Middletown Nursery for the table decorations and greenery. Although it was very cold this year, approximately 100 community members came out to share in some holiday spirit.

With the approval of CPC funds, and money approved at town meeting, the renovation project on the tennis and basketball courts began in mid-November. Both courts should be completed in spring of 2026. In early

November the Fire Dept. has a 20,000-gallon water tank installed in the parking lot at Lambert's Cove beach. We have been working in consort with Chief Pachico to oversee this project.

We look forward to 2026, in which we can continue our full range of quality offerings for the community to enjoy.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark (Hap) Bernard – Chair
Skip Manter
Matt Gebo
Dave Small
Sundy Smith
Peggy Stone – Board Administrator

REPORT OF THE PERSONNEL BOARD

To the Select Board:

The Personnel Board welcomed two new members this year, John Ross (JR) and Michael Accinno. Long-time Administrator Maria McFarland resigned in March after years of service to the Town in this capacity, and the Board wants to express its thanks and best wishes to her. She has been replaced by Kate Guiney.

This year, several new positions approved by the Town last year were filled: Kevin Hatt (formerly of the Highway Department) as the new Facilities Manager, and Brynn Schaffner as a Fire Protection Officer.

The Board of Assessors added a new Assistant Assessor/Data Collector, Cathy Garcia.

Ann Raymond resigned as Outreach Coordinator for the Up Island Council on Aging, and was replaced by Rocy Turner.

Monica Burke resigned the position of Treasurer/Collector in June.

Maria McFarland resigned as Conservation Commission Board Administrator and has been replaced by Angela Luckey.

At the Library, Katherine Athearn, Reuben Fitzgerald, Devika Jaikumar, Allison Roberts, and Gabrielle Wilbur were all added to Circulation, and Caroline Drogin resigned. The Library also has a new page, Jason Jarrell.

West Tisbury welcomes the new Chief of Police, Bradley Cortez, who has replaced Matthew Mincone. We thank Chief Mincone for his service. Officers Steve Matthias and William Fielder joined the department.

Town Meeting approved the Personnel Board's FY2026 recommendation of a 4.8 % wage adjustment for all Town employees.

In addition to employee compensation, the Town provides health care benefits, paid vacations, sick and personal time to all employees who work over 20 hours a week.

The Board continues to review and approve performance evaluations, new hires, and other personnel matters.

Respectfully submitted,
Leon A. Brathwaite, II, Chair
Michael Accinno
Samantha Hollinger, Employee Representative
John Ross
Larry Schilmeister

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

2025 has presented a hectic schedule, while we have reviewed fewer applications than in years past. The Town continues to move forward in a healthy and sustainable direction, and collaboration with other Island towns with similar issues has allowed for a glance into the Island's needs, particularly pertaining to sea level rise and flood plain protection, as well as affordable and sustainable housing. The work continues to keep us focused, interested and quite often intrigued. Working with other boards, committees and town officials, we strive to protect natural resources, maintain the town's rural character, and protect open lands and scenic vistas throughout, while reaching fair and equitable solutions to growing demands for development. We hope to keep West Tisbury a community that we can all treasure.

In 2025, the Planning Board reviewed 5 applications for a special permit to install a curb cut, post an informational sign at the Grange Hall, remove a tree within the Scenic Roads District, relocated a boulder along a special way, and to construct a house under the Building Size zoning bylaw. There were 6 Site Plan Review applications for a house over 3000 square feet and several Site Plan Review applications for a storage shed at the Congregational Church, basement renovations/improvements, employee housing at the Gymnastics Gym on State Road and review and discussion with the Martha's Vineyard Airport to request an expansion of the facility. The Board met with Island Autism Group to confirm the build out timeline for the construction process and the board approved a composting unit for the Public Charter School. Other meetings throughout the year were based on Zoning Board of appeals referrals, review and approval of the zoning bylaw amendments for the Town Meeting Warrant, and potential zoning issues the board or public felt needed to be addressed by the town. Some reviews were challenging and were continued several times due to the need to seek further information, or time consuming due to continued litigation. Most were simple and straightforward.

The Complete Streets Committee, a sub-committee of the Planning Board, continues to study and edit the plan to create a shared use connector path on Old County Road. They meet regularly to go over the plan, identifying any locations that may be problematic or unsafe. They have already determined that the intersection of Old County Road and Scotchman's Lane is unsafe for a crosswalk. Currently, the committee is preparing to finalize the best route to guide recreational shared use path users from State Road to Edgartown Road without having to walk or ride on the shoulder of the roadway. The committee will present their proposal to the Planning Board in January of 2026, followed by a public presentation. The committee's goal is connectivity wherever possible, while taking care to make sure all safe routes are created. The committee continues to work

with the engineers on this matter. The members include Rachel Baumrin, Chair, Sara Rosenthal, Greg Pachico, Andrew Lester and Abigail Bailey. We are so grateful for the hard work and commitment provided by Dan Doyle from the MVC, Highway Superintendent Richie Olsen, Chief Matt Mincone, Fire Chief Greg Pachico and so many towns people who provide feedback and suggestions we value. We can always count on Dan to lead the way and to keep us up to date on the latest funding and information available for implementing improvement to our travelled ways. We are pleased to have him involved.

We are very happy to introduce our newest member, Cass Luskin. Cass, Associate Member to the Planning Board, brings legal expertise to the table which board members can only benefit from. His knowledge of, and appreciation for the town only adds to the benefits of having him on board. We are very pleased to be working with him- a true asset to the town of West Tisbury.

Board members serve the Town in many other capacities. Leah Smith represents us on the Land Bank's Town Advisory Board, Mathew Merry serves on the Capital Improvements Planning Committee and is our newest representative to the Affordable Housing Committee. Virginia Jones was a member of the Shellfish Advisory Committee. Heikki Soikkeli, a member of the Preserve West Tisbury Committee, advises us on any language changes that may be required within the current bylaw. He frequently seeks advice from Joe Tierney which he shares with the board. John Rau, our newest full member, is a member of the Short-Term Rental Committee. Jane Rossi, our Board Administrator, attends and takes the minutes for the Complete Streets Committee. Board members rotate attending various other board and committee meetings when the agenda is applicable to the Planning Board.

Finally, we appreciate the wise advice (and occasional tutorials) from Town Counsel Michael Goldsmith and Isabelle Lew. In Town Hall, special thanks to Zoning Inspector Joe Tierney and his Assistant Jeff Fisher, Health Agent Alex Lam and his Health Assistant, Sarah Toste, Zoning Board of Appeals Members and Board Administrator Kim Leaird, members of the Conservation Commission and their Administrator Maria McFarland, Parks and Recreation and their Administrator Peggy Stone, Town Accountant Chelsea Joiner, Treasurer Jade Bennet, Affordable Housing Assistant, Wanda Higgins. Principal Assessor Mac Anderson and Administrator Mary Jane Nevin and Cate Alexander, Assistant Assessor's, Town Administrator Jen Rand and her Administrative Assistant Shawn Ramoutar, Town Clerk Tara Whiting-Wells, Electrical Inspector Tom Colligan, Road Inspector Leo DeSorcy, Highway Superintendent Richie Olsen and his entire staff, Fire Chief Greg Pachico and the entire staff, former Police Chief Matt Mincone and current Police Chief Bradley Cortez and the entire Police Department, Ben Retmier and all the EMS members, and Maura Valley, Administrator to the Community Preservation Committee. We also greatly appreciate the assistance we receive from the Martha's Vineyard Commission and its entire staff, particularly Bill Veno, Dan Doyle, Laura Silber and Liz Durkee. Thanks also to the Land Bank staff and board, the Sheriff's Meadow

Foundation, and Vineyard Conservation Society as well as the assistance received from other island conservation groups.

Finally, we thank you, the residents of the Town, for your cooperation and assistance in keeping West Tisbury and the wider island community as a wonderful place to live and work.

Respectfully submitted,

Leah Smith, Chair

Matthew Merry

Heikki Soikkeli

Amy Upton

John Rau

Charles (Cass) Luskin, Associate Member

Jane Rossi, Administrator

REPORT OF THE WEST TISBURY POLICE DEPARTMENT

2025 A Year of Service, Commitment, and Dedication



(Pictured above is the changing of the guard from Chief Matthew Mincone to Chief Bradley Cortez)

Chief Mincone, thank you for your 32 years of dedicated service, leadership, and unwavering commitment to our community. Your steady guidance and professionalism have made a lasting impact on this department and the people we serve. We are truly grateful for everything you've done, and we wish you a happy, healthy, and well-deserved retirement.

The West Tisbury Police Department proudly celebrates another year of public safety and community support to the Town of West Tisbury guided by professionalism, integrity, and compassion. The department has remained steadfast in its mission to protect life, preserve peace, and strengthen trust within our community.

Our staff consists of Chief Bradley Cortez; Lieutenant Matthew Gebo; Sgt. Jeremie Rogers; Officer Mark Nickowal; Officer Bradley Fielder; Officer Noah Stobie; Officer Steve Mathias; and Officer William "Bill" Fielder; as well as Executive Administrative Assistant, Samantha Hollinger. Community Service Officers to assist with the demand for traffic-related details are, Jeffrey Stone, Nathan Vieira, Shernan Bowlin, and Heidi Pachico.

Throughout the year, officers responded to calls for service with professionalism and empathy, addressing everything from public safety concerns, medical emergencies to traffic safety and quality-of-life issues. Every interaction, large or small, we handled with respect, fairness, and an understanding of the unique character of West Tisbury and its residents.

Dispatch Incidents By Type & Month													
Type	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Total
ACCIDENTS (All)	9	4	3	5	5	10	19	22	7	8	9	7	108
ALARMS	37	30	20	24	39	35	38	45	22	33	25	15	363
DOMESTIC RELATED	0	3	1	2	4	2	1	2	1	3	1	2	22
EMERGENCY MEDICAL	14	21	19	20	22	32	21	39	21	24	26	21	281
FRAUD ACTIVITY	14	4	5	2	3	1	2	1	3	1	0	5	31
TRAFFIC (Related)	83	53	84	122	99	55	108	89	27	26	14	7	767
WELFARE/MENTAL													
HEALTH CHECKS	5	7	1	6	5	8	8	9	2	9	11	5	76
SUSPICIOUS RELATED	8	4	9	9	16	18	11	30	12	6	11	10	144
911 Calls (related)	9	13	7	7	8	17	38	35	10	25	17	11	197
Arrest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22
Summons	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	52
Protective Custody	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3

A major focus of the department has been its ability to strengthen recruitment efforts and retaining experienced officers. Officers continued to build strong relationships with residents, local businesses, schools, and town departments through proactive communication, visibility, and approachability.

Behind the scenes, the department continued to improve operations, equipment readiness, and administrative efficiency. Every effort was made to balance fiscal responsibility with the need to provide officers with the tools and resources required to perform their duties safely and effectively.

Most importantly, the West Tisbury Police Department remains deeply grateful for the trust and support of the community we serve. The kindness, cooperation, and appreciation shown by residents reinforce the department's purpose and motivate its officers to continue striving for excellence.

As the department looks ahead, it does so with confidence. The future is bright, built on a foundation of strong values, dedicated personnel, and a community that believes in our Public Safety. The West Tisbury Police Department remains honored to serve and committed to keeping West Tisbury a safe, welcoming, and caring place for all of our residents. We encourage visits to the station. Our dedication to maintaining a professional department while being approachable at all times is fundamental to our mission. In case of an emergency, please dial 911. For immediate concerns, contact the Regional Emergency Communication Center (RECC) at 508-693-1212. For non-emergency inquiries or issues, you may reach the station at 508-693-0020.

Respectfully submitted,



Bradley C. Cortez
Chief of Police

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Ms. Amy Houghton, Chairperson
Martha's Vineyard Superintendency Union #19
All Island School Committee

Dear Ms. Houghton:

In accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I am pleased to submit my 2025 Annual Report as Superintendent of Schools to the members of the six school committees of the Martha's Vineyard Public Schools (MVYPS).

I would like to take a moment to extend my warmest wishes and deepest gratitude to our Island community. I firmly believe that a truly great school system is one where everyone who is invested in our schools, whether through direct involvement or support, becomes a steward of our children's education. Thank you for your unwavering support and commitment to the well-being of our students and the Martha's Vineyard Public Schools as a whole.

As some of you may know, I am retiring this coming June. I am very aware of the privilege and honor it has been to serve our Island, and I am grateful for the trust that you have placed in me.

In stepping away after 24 years serving in the Martha's Vineyard Public Schools, I will miss all the support this Island has shown my family and me. I've had the tremendous honor of working with the most talented and caring school staff, school committee members, and community members that I've ever known. I've been blessed to create lasting relationships with our dedicated students and their families, who have provided me with the inspiration for my daily work. While we have faced many challenges, we have always prioritized our children's welfare and celebrated their growth and achievement. As MVYPS moves forward, I am certain that our community will continue to support a school system that prioritizes care, equity, and opportunity for our students.

Over the past year, our schools have made tremendous progress in our staffing models, curricular work, capital projects, and in moving towards consistent practices in pedagogy and student learning across our schools. This work will support our children in their transitions from school to school and from our elementary schools to our high school.

We have made significant progress in the proposed Martha's Vineyard Regional High School (MVRHS) capital project. If approved, a renovated and expanded MVRHS will be more than a bricks and mortar building; it will be a testament to the community's collective commitment to education and the future of the children of our island. The School Building Committee, town leaders, school administrators, and school committee members, along with the Architecture Firm, Tappe Architects and Owner's Project Managing Firm, CHA are

presently engaged in the MVRHS project's Module 4 – Schematic Design Phase where robust and detailed plans have been submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) in order to establish the scope, budget, and schedule for our proposed high school project.

I want to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to all those who have helped to get the project to this point, not only the school staff, school committee, town leaders, architects, project managers, and volunteers on our School Building Committee, but all six of our town communities who have contributed in so many ways. A newly renovated and expanded high school will be a space where minds will be nurtured, friendships will flourish, and futures will be shaped.

This past year, MVYPS made significant progress in system-wide and school-specific goals in support of our Island's children. Our school system is very healthy. Through thoughtful collaboration and the dedicated efforts of our staff, we have enhanced our academic programs, strengthened support systems for our students, and continued to build a school environment where all children can thrive.

In SY 2024 and SY 2025, we moved forward with critical administrative staffing in four out of our six schools, with principal Kate Squire in Chilmark School, principal Jeremy Light in the Oak Bluffs School, assistant principal Jared Andrews and interim principal, Sean Mulvey in the high school, and assistant principal Debbie DeBettencourt and principal Kate Campbell in the Edgartown School. Centrally, Dr. Megan Farrell continues to serve as our assistant superintendent and Sara Dingley is serving as curriculum coordinator in support of learning across our system. I am very grateful to our exceptional leaders in all six of our schools and in our central office. I feel fortunate to have been a part of such a talented group of educators.

I wish to acknowledge and thank key municipal representatives, school committee members, union leaders, and school administrators as we engaged in collective bargaining this past year for our schools' five bargaining units; Teachers, Administrative Support Personnel, Food Service Workers, Educational Support Professionals, and Custodians along with negotiations for our Transportation Department. There was much work put forth to reach contract agreements with these vital departments of MVYPS. Supporting our staff so they can do the work of supporting our students was the focus throughout the negotiations.

Our work in MVYPS will always reflect the best interest of all students. Our schools continue to enact measures to emphasize children's learning and strengthen their physical and social-emotional welfare. Multiple common assessments such as the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) inform student growth and achievement. In 2025, MVYPS made significant improvement in our MCAS accountability scores. This continues a trend of surging improvement across all schools. Additionally, we continue the Co-teaching model to provide alternative instructional methods to better support our children. We continue to train staff in collaborative problem-solving to

support our students to better address the behaviors that challenge their learning. We work towards improvement in our supervision and evaluation of our instructional staff, as they have the biggest influence on student achievement. Staff improvement directly correlates with our students' improvement.

I am incredibly proud of the progress we have made together, but I also recognize that the work is never done. We are committed to continually evolving to meet the changing needs of our students and community, ensuring that every child can succeed academically, socially, and emotionally. This includes not only focusing on the excellence of our academic curriculum but also nurturing the values of kindness, respect, and resilience that will serve our students well beyond their time in school.

As we look to the future, we will continue to rely on the collective strength of our Island community, parents, educators, students, town leaders, and community members, to uphold our shared commitment to every child's well-being and success. Together, we are building a future that is brighter and more inclusive for the next generation of leaders, thinkers, and compassionate Island members. Thank you again for your tremendous support in working together to create a nurturing and enriching environment for all our students.

Sincerely,

Richard M. Smith, Ed.D.
Superintendent,
Martha's Vineyard Public Schools

REPORT OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Richard M. Smith, Ed. D.
Superintendent of Schools
4 Pine Street
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568

Dear Dr. Smith:

At Martha's Vineyard Regional High School, our dedicated staff strive to provide exceptional education and community engagement for our students through academics, arts, athletics, and technical education programs, supported by our parents, school committee, and community partners.

Art, Design & Technology

This was a year of restructuring of our computer science sequence as well as a return of our AP Studio Art class. Students excelled in local and national competitions, winning 25 Scholastic art awards, including two national Gold Medals. Local partnerships and grants included the Vineyard Conservation Society, the Vineyard Preservation Trust, Martha's Vineyard Savings Bank, Featherstone, and BioDiversityWorks. Highlights of 2025 also included field trips, Portfolio Day in Boston, and the SEABREEZES magazine's 'Excellent' award in NCTE REALM competition. The end of the 2024-25 year was celebrated in our annual public showcase, "Evening of the Arts".

Athletics

The 2025 year saw league championships in boys basketball, boys swimming, boys and girls tennis, boys cross country, and girls soccer. The girls tennis team advanced to the State Finals and finished as the runner-up. Girls soccer reached the round of 16, and the boys cross country won the league championship race at Dennis-Yarmouth. Several teams qualified for the MIAA State Tournament in 2025. The boys and girls soccer teams brought home the Golden Anchor trophy during the Battle in the Atlantic, the annual competition between Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard.

Career and Technical Education

MVRHS CTE programs provided hands-on learning, industry credentials, and strong community partnerships. Early Childhood Education had stable enrollment (11 freshmen, 14 sophomores), with all sophomores earning First Aid, CPR, and AED certification; juniors completed OSHA safety training, and seniors are pursuing post-secondary study, supported by partnerships with MVCS, Project Headway, Rainbow Place, and Cape Cod Community College. Health Assisting students earned CNA certification, advanced to Home Health Aide preparation, completed PHCAST and Alzheimer's/dementia coursework, and engaged in co-ops or independent study, with juniors completing OSHA

healthcare safety training and freshmen beginning HeartSaver certification. Automotive Technology students gained experience in maintenance, brakes, steering, electrical systems, and diagnostics, using a new computerized alignment machine; four earned co-op placements, and OSHA training begins for upperclassmen. Horticulture enrolled freshmen, sophomores, upper-level, and community gardening students, working on plant sales, turf management, landscape design, and training toward hoisting and pesticide licenses. Building Trades—Carpentry resumed construction projects, including sheds, a multi-year “friendship bench” for local elementary schools, locker-room furniture, and local timber projects. Culinary Arts increased in-person events and community engagement, with 13 students earning ServSafe certification and several in co-op placements. Overall, CTE students gained practical skills, safety training, and credentials, preparing them for careers, co-ops, or further education.

English

The English Department continues to provide rich learning experiences. After revising the ninth-grade program, courses now offer a more rigorous curriculum that supports student growth and agency. Dual enrollment with Middlesex College remains strong, with 24 seniors earning college credit this year. Teachers enhanced their practice through workshops including *Teaching the Video Essay*, *Reconstructing Hamlet*, a department-wide session with Wampanoag Education Coordinator Brad Lopes, and a discussion with local author Greg Mone on AI in education. Students had more public performance opportunities, including the annual Poetry Out Loud competition—where one student advanced to regional semi-finals—and the department’s first school-wide story slam at the Evening of the Arts. Department publications also earned top honors: *Seabreezes Literary Magazine* received an Excellence Award from the National Council of Teachers of English, and *The High School View* earned first place in print journalism from the New England Scholastic Press Association.

ELL

The ELL department continues professional development with high-quality English Language Development curriculum criteria, and recently reviewed the piloted sheltered ELD curriculum. Ms. McGroarty Sampaio earned her professional license in Portuguese 5–12, and Mr. Trindade passed his ESL 5–12 MTEL exam; both are now dually licensed. Mr. Trindade also began a Master of Arts in teaching program and served on a DESE AI Task Force. Mr. Kaplan-Woolner and Ms. Schule participate in monthly co-teaching PD with Ms. Cooney, and Mr. Kaplan-Woolner remains involved with the Communication Ambassador’s Program’s Stepping Stones mentorship program. ELL programming shifted this year in response to MCAS changes and student needs, with most students now at proficiency levels that no longer require sheltered instruction, which shifted co-teaching support to grades 9–11 in ELA. ELL teachers now manage caseloads, assigning each student an “ELL Coordinator” to strengthen communication, advocacy, and monitoring. Additionally, Ms. Schule developed the curriculum for a new elective, *The Language of Art*, open to current and former ELL students.

Guidance

The guidance department and school adjustment counselors collaborated with teachers and administrators to support students academically and emotionally. They continued working with island sending schools on a comprehensive transition program for incoming 9th graders, while all students developed individualized post-secondary plans over their four years. Counselors provided targeted support for ELL students, aided by our full-time ASP, who is a native of Brazil, and focused on helping students struggling with chronic absenteeism stay engaged. Students met in groups and individually to explore personality profiles, careers, and college options, and partnerships with ACE MV expanded career, technical, and alternative post-secondary pathways. The Class of 2025 graduated 190 students, with 75% attending two- or four-year colleges and nearly 25% entering the workforce or pursuing additional training. Class Night once again provided financial assistance to all graduates pursuing further education, and MVRHS earned “Early College” designation, opening opportunities for all students to earn college credits throughout high school.

Social Studies/History

The Social Studies/History Department continues to offer dynamic, inquiry-driven learning experiences that connect historical understanding to current issues, emphasizing critical thinking and collaboration through Harkness and other student-centered discussions. As part of the schoolwide Portrait of a Learner initiative, teachers are incorporating regular social-emotional reflection activities. The department also expanded community-based learning: students in Ms. Fairchild’s classes attended *Mrs. Stern Wanders the Prussian Library* at the Martha’s Vineyard Playhouse, visited the Martha’s Vineyard Museum to meet Vietnam War veteran and artist Steve Maxner, and engaged with Brad Lopes from the Aquinnah Cultural Center in discussions on Afro-Indigenous identity and “what it means to be human.” Civics classes also met with the League of Women Voters to learn about the importance of voting and voter registration. These experiences support the department’s ongoing work to strengthen curriculum using a “Then and Now” model that links historical foundations to contemporary issues. The department also celebrates strong AP results: nearly one-third of all AP exams taken at MVRHS were in History, and in spring 2025, 88% of History AP exams earned a score of 3 or higher—an 8% increase from 2024—reflecting both student dedication and the department’s commitment to excellence.

Library

The MVRHS Library continues to serve as a dynamic learning hub, with book circulation steadily rising over the past five years—over 1,600 books checked out so far, surpassing last year’s 1,400. The librarian co-teaches the Capstone course and delivers four instructional sessions to all 9th graders in the CTE Rotation, introducing library resources, research databases, and media literacy skills. Over the summer, the collection was fully inventoried and “genrefied,” enhancing accessibility and visual appeal, while access to diverse reading materials has expanded through Sora, an eBook and audiobook platform. Despite

federal cuts eliminating several subject-based research databases, the library continues to support student research, now with more direct guidance from the librarian. Additionally, the library provides individual accounts to *The New York Times* and access to WeVideo, a collaborative video-editing platform used across disciplines.

Math

Another productive year in Math, distinguished by innovative initiatives and noteworthy transitions. The introduction of our new full-year Algebra program, designed to provide enhanced support for incoming freshmen, has proven highly successful in strengthening students' foundational skills and increasing their confidence as mathematics learners. Over the summer, department members continued their ongoing curriculum development efforts. Ms. Flanders attended the Annual AP Conference in Boston, while both she and Ms. Carlomagno participated in a regional summit on the instructional use of graphing calculators hosted by Texas Instruments. The knowledge and strategies gained from these professional learning experiences will further enrich classroom instruction. This year also marked a period of transition, as we bid farewell to our esteemed colleague, Ms. Nelson, upon her retirement, and welcomed two new members to the department, Mr. Hickey and Ms. Scalpell. Both bring enthusiasm, collaboration—a defining characteristic of our department—and a deep commitment to student learning.

Performing Arts

The PAD had a full and enriching year, welcoming over 70 middle schoolers to the All Island Choral Festival in October, achieving 100% acceptance at the All Cape and Islands Music Festival, and celebrating 11 students accepted to the SE Music Festival and 3 to the All State Music Festival, which concluded with a performance at Symphony Hall. The musical *Anything Goes* was a major success, featuring more than 60 students across cast, crew, and pit orchestra, highlighted by an impressive six-minute tap number. The Minnesingers earned silver at MICCA, and the Concert Band earned bronze. The department presented four full concerts, performed at graduation, and brought music to churches, senior centers, and elementary schools across the island. Class enrollment continues to grow steadily post-COVID, and this year at least 12 graduates are pursuing performing arts in college, with many more leaving with a lasting love for music and theater.

Physical Education

The Health and Physical Education Department has focused on strengthening instructional practice, aligning our health curriculum, and expanding course offerings to better meet a variety of student needs. Staff participated in professional development through MA-HPERD, including sessions on Assessment in Physical Education, Visual Supports for Adapted PE, and Voice Colors- Yoga for Autism, helping to deepen our inclusive, assessment-informed approach. We also continued to broaden student opportunities with Yoga/Mindfulness and Strength and Conditioning, and are exploring a future Barre offering, reflecting our commitment to diverse and engaging pathways for wellness. Additionally,

the department experienced a leadership transition this fall, with a renewed focus on K–12 health curriculum alignment and updates aligned to the revised Massachusetts standards.

Project Vine

Project Vine continues to thrive through project-based learning, experiential education, and real-world application. This year, we formally adopted our food pantry—piloted last year—as an ongoing service project, providing students and families with perishable and non-perishable food, hygiene items, and essential supports to address food insecurity. We continue to expand our curriculum to match evolving student interests and career pathways. Our annual community retreat highlighted what makes Project Vine unique: small class sizes, strong relationships with core teachers, and the deep bonds students build as they move through the program together. Through these innovative approaches, Project Vine ensures content is accessible, meaningful, and truly internalized, supporting both academic growth and the social-emotional skills outlined in the MVRHS Portrait of a Learner.

Science

The MVRHS Science Department had a highly engaging year, featuring expanded fieldwork, visiting experts, and strong community partnerships. Students participated in experiences including the Astronomy class’s simulation mission at the Christa McAuliffe Center, Earth and Environmental Science field studies at Felix Neck and the State Forest, and visits to Polly Hill Arboretum, Long Point, the IGI Hub, the MV Museum, and the Aquinnah Cliffs. Classes collaborated with the Shellfish Hatchery, MV Fishermen’s Trust, and Cottage City Oysters, including a design-thinking project with MIT’s Kevin Yuen on bay scallop farming, and met with Expedition 501 Head Scientist Dr. Brandon Dugan to learn about current geoscience research. Marine Biology students deepened their understanding of local ecosystems on a whale watch to Stellwagen Bank. This year’s Science Fair featured 43 projects from 59 students, including 12 Wind Turbine Engineering Challenge entries judged by 20 community members, with four students advancing to the regional fair. The department also celebrated Dr. Natalie Munn, recipient of the MAST Award for Excellence in Science Instruction in Dukes County, and continues to provide inquiry-driven experiences that connect students to real-world science on and beyond Martha’s Vineyard.

Special Education

The Special Education Department continues to prioritize collaboration with families, teachers, and the island community, with staff participating in Safety Care, Think Kids, and training on the new, student- and family-centered IEP system. The department serves a diverse group of students through the Navigator, Voyager, and Compass programs, addressing developmental, cognitive, and social-emotional needs while promoting inclusion in general education. Students gain real-world skills through partnerships with community organizations, including the Voyager program’s Purple Paw dog treats project, which supports learning ADLs. Academic support classes focus on executive

functioning, academic skills, communication, and social-emotional growth, and inclusive co-teaching continues for freshmen and sophomores in core subjects. Students also engage in community and recreational activities such as Unified Basketball, Special Olympics, Friendsgiving, and Unified Track and Field.

Wellness Program

The Wellness Department supports students' social-emotional well-being through 1:1 counseling in English and Portuguese, strong community partnerships with organizations like CONNECT To End Violence, ICC, IWYC, IHC, Hospice, Kinship Heals, and private clinicians, and peer-to-peer programming. The SWEAR program held its annual overnight retreat in March 2025 on deconstructing masculinity and gender-based violence, with the annual assembly scheduled for January 2026. The department continues its fifth year of tMHFA, teaching mental health literacy to sophomores, and SBIRT, screening all freshmen for substance use. In June 2025, MVRHS joined the nationwide Hope Squad suicide prevention program, training 32 student-nominated members in October to lead school-wide events and support peers in seeking help.

World Language Department

The World Language Department continues to develop students' skills in interpretive, interpersonal, and presentational communication. Graduates earned numerous Massachusetts State Seals of Biliteracy (SOBL): 20 in Spanish, 1 in Spanish with Distinction, 24 in Portuguese (4 with Distinction), 2 earned the Seal with French as their partner language, and for the first time, 1 in Latin and 1 in ASL. Several students earned multiple Seals, including one who achieved Spanish, French, and Portuguese. Ten students passed the Spanish AP exam. Students engaged in cultural immersion trips, with 24 traveling to Italy last spring and 18 traveling to Spain this spring. The department continues to offer Russian, ASL (up to Level 4), and added a Level 4 Honors Latin course, an Honors 5 Spanish through film course, and launched another Portuguese Language Arts course called Media and Expression to expand proficiency through literature, media, and creative expression.

Thank you for continuing to support MVRHS. Our faculty and staff are dedicated to engaging students in rigorous academics, and providing support and resources to ensure students reach their fullest potential in and beyond high school.

The work we do with students every day is possible because of the collaboration of our teachers, administrators, parents, school committee, and community partners.

Respectfully,

Sean Mulvey, Principal

**REPORT OF THE
MARTHA'S VINEYARD
REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
OFFICE OF THE TREASURER**
4 Pine Street
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568

January 12, 2026

To the Citizens of West Tisbury:

In compliance with Section VIII of the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District Agreement under which the District was formed and according to the recommendations of the Office of the Directors of Accounts, we submit the following financial reports of the District for fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

FY2025 Assessment

FY2025 Expenditures – Budget vs Actual

Respectfully submitted,

Marylee Schroeder
Treasurer

**MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
FY25 ASSESSMENT**

DESCRIPTION	FY25 AMOUNT							Total
	Aquinnah	Chilmark	Edgartown	Oak Bluffs	Tisbury	West Tisbury		
Operating & Capital Budget	\$ 26,167,098.10							
Charter School/School Choice Tuition	806,497.00	26,973,595.10						
Less								
Chapter 70 State Aid	3,654,713.98							
Chapter 71 Regional Transportation Aid	482,469.00							
Other Revenues	278,724.91							
E&D Offset	880,460.07	5,296,367.96						
FY25 Net Amount for Assessments	\$	<u>21,677,227.14</u>						
Town Apportionments								
(i) Required Minimum Local Contribution	218,877.00	452,346.00	3,268,568.00	3,166,425.00	2,743,262.00	1,721,835.00	11,571,313.00	
(ii) Excess of NSS over Required Minimum	206,810.51	438,944.75	2,532,373.57	2,848,920.26	2,460,622.98	1,456,114.80	9,943,786.87	
(iii) Transportation	13,404.46	28,450.28	164,136.25	184,653.28	159,485.72	94,378.34	644,508.33	
(iii) Capital	8,551.41	20,841.13	105,341.99	109,154.43	96,937.44	57,252.61	398,079.01	
Gross Assessments	447,643.38	940,582.16	6,070,419.81	6,309,152.97	5,460,308.14	3,329,580.75	22,557,687.21	
Less E&D Offset	-18,311.77	-38,865.81	-224,225.83	-252,254.05	-217,872.76	-128,929.85	-880,460.07	
FY25 Assessments Per Statutory Assmt Method	\$ 429,331.61	\$ 901,716.35	\$ 5,846,193.98	\$ 6,056,898.92	\$ 5,242,435.38	\$ 3,200,650.90	\$ 21,677,227.14	
This schedule presents the town apportionments consistent with DESE's Statutory Assessment Methodology format.								
Member Town % Based on Statutory Assessment Method (voted by School Committee)	1.47%	3.75%	28.15%	27.61%	22.12%	16.89%	100.00%	
Numbers may be off due to rounding.								
School Population based on Town Census (10/1/24)	11	28	210	206	165	126	746	

**MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUDGET AND ACTUAL EXPENDITURES
June 30, 2025**

Expenditure	Original Budget	Actual	Variance
Supt/Shared Services: Administration: Salaries	\$ 232,310.80	\$ 230,882.81	\$ 1,427.99
Supt/Shared Services: Administration: Expenses	\$ 20,052.57	\$ 15,517.27	\$ 4,535.30
Administration Subtotal	\$ 252,363.37	\$ 246,400.08	\$ 5,963.29
Supt/Shared Services: Instruction: Salaries	\$ 350,460.62	\$ 345,080.73	\$ 5,379.89
Supt/Shared Services: Instruction: Expenses	\$ 33,240.71	\$ 37,285.10	\$ (4,044.39)
Instruction Subtotal	\$ 383,701.33	\$ 382,365.83	\$ 1,335.50
Supt/Shared Services: Operation & Maint of Plant: Expenses	\$ 32,417.11	\$ 25,017.01	\$ 7,400.10
Operation & Maint of Plant Subtotal	\$ 32,417.11	\$ 25,017.01	\$ 7,400.10
Supt/Shared Services: Fixed Costs: Salaries	\$ 24,038.55	\$ 24,038.58	\$ (0.03)
Supt/Shared Services: Fixed Costs: Expenses	\$ 48,563.92	\$ 54,982.95	\$ (6,419.03)
Fixed Costs Subtotal	\$ 72,602.47	\$ 79,021.53	\$ (6,419.06)
TOTAL Supt/Shared Services	\$ 741,084.28	\$ 732,804.45	\$ 8,279.83
High School Programs: Administration: Salaries	\$ 149,485.00	\$ 155,215.20	\$ (5,730.20)
High School Programs: Administration: Expenses	\$ 154,604.46	\$ 150,886.25	\$ 3,718.21
Administration Subtotal	\$ 304,089.46	\$ 306,101.45	\$ (2,011.99)
High School Programs: Instruction: Salaries	\$ 12,712,741.42	\$ 12,482,613.23	\$ 230,128.19
High School Programs: Instruction: Expenses	\$ 1,021,241.47	\$ 1,052,580.82	\$ (31,339.35)
Instruction Subtotal	\$ 13,733,982.89	\$ 13,535,194.05	\$ 198,788.84
High School Programs: Operation & Maint of Plant: Salaries	\$ 774,402.40	\$ 744,695.77	\$ 29,706.63
High School Programs: Operation & Maint of Plant: Expenses	\$ 1,198,527.24	\$ 1,103,304.67	\$ 95,222.57
Operation & Maint of Plant Subtotal	\$ 1,972,929.64	\$ 1,848,000.44	\$ 124,929.20
High School Programs: Other School & Community Services: Salaries	\$ 1,914,285.33	\$ 1,835,148.51	\$ 79,136.82
High School Programs: Other School & Community Services: Expenses	\$ 1,592,792.58	\$ 1,390,434.17	\$ 202,358.41
High School Programs: Other School & Community Services: Bus Reim	\$ (1,421,027.97)	\$ (1,180,995.97)	\$ (240,032.00)
Other School & Comm Service Subtotal	\$ 2,086,049.94	\$ 2,044,586.71	\$ 41,463.23
High School Programs: Fixed Costs: Employee Retirement	\$ 419,236.29	\$ 393,700.18	\$ 25,536.11
High School Programs: Fixed Costs: Retired Municipal Teachers	\$ 920,318.43	\$ 830,277.69	\$ 90,040.74
High School Programs: Fixed Costs: Other Post Employment Benefits	\$ 1,066,314.00	\$ 1,066,314.00	\$ -
High School Programs: Fixed Costs: Employee Separation Costs	\$ 16,186.00	\$ 6,885.00	\$ 9,301.00
High School Programs: Fixed Costs: Insurance - Employee Related	\$ 2,844,801.42	\$ 2,982,437.14	\$ (137,635.72)
High School Programs: Fixed Costs: Insurance - School Related	\$ 512,915.99	\$ 579,707.00	\$ (66,791.01)
High School Programs: Fixed Costs: Miscellaneous Fixed Charges	\$ 3,500.00	\$ -	\$ 3,500.00
High School Programs: Fixed Costs: Bus/Vehicle Capital Purchases	\$ 309,579.00	\$ 251,512.09	\$ 58,066.91
High School Programs: Fixed Costs: Construction Proj Int-MSBA Feasa	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 38,682.24	\$ 46,317.76
High School Programs: Fixed Costs: Residential Care Tuitions	\$ 1,066,110.76	\$ 992,390.23	\$ 73,720.53
High School Programs: Fixed Costs: Contingency/Reserve	\$ 85,000.00	\$ -	\$ 85,000.00
Fixed Cost Subtotal	\$ 7,328,961.89	\$ 7,141,905.57	\$ 187,056.32
TOTAL High School Programs	\$ 25,426,013.82	\$ 24,875,788.22	\$ 550,225.60
TOTAL Operating Expenses	\$ 26,167,098.10	\$ 25,608,592.67	\$ 558,505.43

REPORT OF THE CHILMARK SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Richard M. Smith, Ed. D.
Superintendent of Schools
4 Pine Street
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Dear Dr. Smith:

As 2025 comes to an end, I am pleased to share highlights that reflect both the growth of our school community and our shared commitment to continuous improvement in teaching, learning, student well-being and community engagement. Our 75 students hail from all Up Island towns as well as Tisbury and Edgartown. This enrollment reflects an increase of 50% since the 2020-2021 school year. Our teaching staff has artfully managed the joys and challenges of this growth spurt and we have worked creatively to address some space needs. We expect our enrollment to remain steady for the next several years.

One of the most significant developments this year has been the implementation of our new master schedule and class configuration. The addition of a sixth classroom means we now have one kindergarten, two 1/2 multiage classes, two 3/4 multiage classes and a fifth grade classroom has allowed us to create more balanced class sizes and instructional groupings, resulting in improved learning conditions for students and increased flexibility for staff. The new schedule has supported more intentional use of instructional time, strengthened collaboration among educators by providing common planning time, and a more balanced approach to intervention services and instruction supports.

We welcomed several new staff members to our school community this year each of whom brought valuable experience and energy to their role. Sarah Conley joined Chilmark as a new 1/2 multiage teacher having taught second grade in Burlington, MA previously. Sophie Dobosz is Chilmark's new physical education teacher, splitting her time between Chilmark and the West Tisbury School. Som Kotchaphan and Blue Cullen joined our full time staff as Educational Support Professionals having served Chilmark as valuable substitute teachers for several years. Each of these professionals has added a great deal to our talented and deeply committed staff.

This year marked an important milestone in our instructional program with the adoption of the Houghton Mifflin Harcourt literacy curriculum, *Into Reading*. This research-based and DESE approved curriculum spans kindergarten through grade five. This curriculum encompasses foundational skills, reading comprehension, word study, and writing. Its adoption island-wide has also enabled enhanced professional development opportunities for our small staff. Through shared training and collaboration with colleagues across the island, our educators

have benefited from high-quality instruction in best practices that would be difficult to provide independently.

Chilmark School treasures its long history and sense of tradition. We are engaging in ongoing conversation about the role of traditions in our school culture and are working to establish some new traditions that both celebrate community and feel fully inclusive. Longstanding big events like May Day and Walk to the Sea are treasured, but also practices like Reading Buddies and Morning Circle are important touchstones in our school's collective identity. We have determined several themes that bind our traditions and feel essential. All of these events and practices imbue a sense of community and confidence in children. They provide leadership opportunities and authentic connections to the curriculum and learning. With an emphasis on intergenerational experiences, they anchor children with a sense of place and make the community feel smaller. As the world around us constantly changes, our work is to preserve the best of the Chilmark School while we naturally grow and evolve.

We are continually striving to be a more inclusive and culturally responsive school community. This year we have taken concrete steps to honor our land acknowledgment through a series of commitments, putting action behind our words, and to grow as good and respectful neighbors. Working closely with Brad Lopes, Education Director for the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head Aquinnah, classroom teachers are increasingly incorporating Wampanoag culture and perspective into curricular units. We are grateful for Brad's expertise and collaboration. In agreeing to amend the Town's flag policy to include the display of the Wampanoag tribal flag, the Chilmark Select Board enabled us to take a major step toward fostering inclusion and respect for the sovereign tribal nation that exists within the boundaries of our school district. This acknowledgement is a powerful act that affirms and enhances the sense of belonging for students and families from the tribe. It reflects our commitment to mutual respect, acknowledgment, and collaboration with all members of our community.

This year also presented challenges. When PFAS was detected in the school's water supply, we acted swiftly at the direction of the school committee to transition to bottled water throughout the building. Students and staff have managed this new expectation well with the support of our parent community as we await engineering plans and permitting to proceed with remediation. We intend to install a PFAS filtration system in 2026, which will provide a long-term solution for our facility.

We eagerly anticipate the completion of the new preschool building which is on schedule for completion in the summer of 2026. The Chilmark Preschool has been a wonderful neighbor in our building for twenty years and we are excited for their expansion which will further support Up Island children and families. Because we share a common vision of educating the whole child and engaging the whole family, we are deeply invested in their success. The completion of their new building will also provide much-needed additional space within our existing school building, allowing us to enhance teaching and learning for all students.

I would like to express sincere gratitude to our town partners for their continued support of our students. The expanded use of the Chilmark Community Center for special subjects has allowed us to provide art, music, theater and physical education while the preschool uses Room 131 for a final year. We are deeply appreciative of the Chilmark Library for hosting instrumental music lessons in their meeting room two days a week. These partnerships are the foundation of the strong connection between the Chilmark School and the broader community.

In closing, I am deeply grateful to our staff, students, families, town partners, and district leadership for their ongoing support. Together, we have continued to grow as a learning community that prioritizes inclusivity, high expectations, and social emotional growth while remaining deeply committed to meeting the unique needs of every student. As we look ahead to 2026, we remain steadfast in our commitment to teaching and learning that challenges and engages every student.

Sincerely,

Kate Squire
Principal
Chilmark School

REPORT OF THE WEST TISBURY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Richard Smith, Ed.D.
Superintendent
Martha's Vineyard Public Schools
RR 2, Box 261
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568

Dear Dr. Richard Smith:

As we conclude the year, we reflect with pride on a period of meaningful growth and achievement accomplished through our shared efforts. As Helen Keller once said, "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." Building on the momentum of 2024, we remain committed to nurturing growth, expanding opportunities, and ensuring that every learner receive the support needed to thrive. This letter highlights key accomplishments from the year.

We welcomed several new staff members this year, including Courtney Atkins, Levi Cooper, Debora Da Silva, Sophia Dobosz, Terrance Jones, Shenel Tyndale, and Christy Vanderhoop. We also recognized the retirement of two long-term educators. We extend our sincere appreciation to Molly Cabral, whose many years as our guidance counselor made a lasting difference in the lives of countless students through her dedication, compassion and steady support. We also thank Joe Schroeder for his many years of service to our physical education program, including the introduction of impactful initiatives such as Jump Rope for Heart, which fostered teamwork, school spirit and lifelong healthy habits.

In 2025, we continued to strengthen our inclusive educational model grounded in co-teaching and Universal Design for Learning (UDL), which remain central to our mission of ensuring equitable access and meaningful learning experiences for all students. Through intentional collaboration, co-teaching teams design instruction that meets diverse learning needs, while UDL principles guide the use of flexible strategies, technology and assessments. This approach provides multiple pathways for students to engage, demonstrate understanding and build confidence, enhancing instruction for all learners while maintaining high expectations.

We also entered our second year of implementing Reveal Math with continued success in kindergarten through fifth grade and an expansion into sixth grade as a pilot program. Through this curriculum, students develop deep conceptual understanding, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills. The spiral design allows students to revisit and strengthen key concepts over time, and its emphasis on mathematical reasoning and differentiated instruction aligns seamlessly with our UDL framework. Ongoing implementation has reinforced positive outcomes for both student learning and engagement.

In addition to our mathematics curriculum, we adopted a new islandwide English Language Arts program, HMH Into Reading, in grades K–5. This comprehensive curriculum is grounded in the science of reading and emphasizes systematic, explicit instruction in foundational literacy skills alongside rich, knowledge-building texts. Teachers have engaged in ongoing professional development to deepen their understanding of evidence-based literacy practices and to ensure effective, consistent instruction across classrooms. This collaborative work, extending beyond West Tisbury School to all elementary schools across the island, strengthens instructional coherence and our shared commitment to literacy development for all students.

Over the summer, a team of educators participated in professional learning to strengthen our implementation of the RULER approach from Yale University. This training deepened staff understanding of emotional intelligence practices and supported the integration of strategies to enhance students' social-emotional development and overall well-being. Looking ahead, the team plans to offer parent training opportunities in the spring, enabling families to apply the RULER approach at home and further support students' emotional growth.

Year-end assessments demonstrate sustained achievement and meaningful academic growth across all areas. Our MCAS results show continued progress toward established targets, with particularly strong growth in both mathematics and English language arts. Additionally, our English language learners achieved a second consecutive year of 100 percent growth on ACCESS assessments, reflecting the effectiveness of our instructional supports and our commitment to an inclusive, language-rich learning environment. These outcomes underscore the dedication of our students, the expertise of our educators and our shared focus on continuous improvement.

While instructional growth and assessment outcomes remain central to our work, the success of our school extends well beyond academic measures. The experiences students gain through enrichment, athletics and community engagement play an equally important role in shaping confident, well-rounded learners. Our afterschool program continued to thrive, offering students enrichment opportunities that support skill development and personal interests. Our athletic teams also experienced a successful year, providing students with opportunities to build confidence, teamwork and sportsmanship. Both our boys' and girls' basketball teams captured championship titles, with victories marking historic seasons that reflected exceptional dedication and resilience. For the fifth year in a row, the boys' team has captured this title, a milestone unmatched in middle school sports. We also celebrated the fourth year of our Summer Boost and Adventure Programs, which support academic growth and social-emotional learning. Participants strengthened essential skills, built confidence and returned to school prepared for success.

Family and community engagement continued to be a strength of our school. Our Parent-Teacher Organization was especially active this year, creating meaningful opportunities to strengthen connections among families, staff, and the wider community. Recent highlights include family engagement events,

educational workshops on topics including executive functioning, Alpha-Gal, and recovering from learning loss, service initiatives such as Stuff-a-Truck week for the food pantry and staff appreciation activities. We are deeply grateful to our PTO and others including our School Advisory Council, parents, local businesses and community partners whose generosity and commitment provide invaluable opportunities for our students and enrich the school experience.

As we look ahead to 2026, we are excited for the opportunities it will bring for learning, growth and community achievement. Our commitment to fostering a learning environment where every student can dream boldly, think critically and approach challenges with confidence remains steadfast. We will continue to focus on educating the whole child and supporting the development of the skills, resilience and mindset students need to succeed in school and beyond. With your continued partnership and support, we will build on this year's achievements, create new opportunities for learning and growth and ensure that every student feels valued, empowered and inspired to reach their full potential. As you prepare for your well-deserved retirement in June, we want to extend our heartfelt congratulations and sincere thanks for your leadership, guidance and dedication to our school community.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna-Lowell-Bettencourt
Principal

**REPORT OF THE
UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD**

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January 22, 2026

To the Citizens of West Tisbury:

In compliance with Section VIII of the Up-Island Regional School District Agreement under which the District was formed and according to the recommendations of the Office of the Directors of Accounts, we submit the following financial reports of the District for fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

FY2025 Assessment
FY2025 Expenditures – Budget vs Actual

Respectfully submitted,

Marylee Schroeder
Treasurer

**UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
FY2025 Assessment**

	TOTAL	AQUINNAH	CHILMARK	WEST TISBURY	TOTAL
ASSESSMENT PART A (SHARED)	\$ 2,050,317.22	265,781.86	392,344.65	1,392,190.70	2,050,317.21
ASSESSMENT PART B (SCH COMM)	2,604,173.66	337,578.07	498,329.53	1,768,266.07	2,604,173.67
School Committee Medicaid Offset	(38,495.28)	(4,990.13)	(7,366.38)	(26,138.77)	(38,495.28)
TOTAL PART A & B	\$ 4,615,995.60	598,369.80	883,307.80	3,134,318.00	4,615,995.60
ASSESSMENT PART C					
Chilmark Operating Budget	2,265,962.95	453,192.59	1,321,811.72	490,958.64	2,002,926.77
Chilmark School Choice Offset	(107,112.65)	(21,422.53)	(62,482.38)	(23,207.74)	(107,112.65)
W. Tisbury Operating Budget	9,446,207.27	1,073,432.64	966,089.38	7,406,685.25	8,587,782.52
W. Tisbury School Choice Offset	(366,837.12)	(41,686.04)	(37,517.43)	(287,633.65)	374,297.89
TOTAL PART C	\$ 11,238,220.45	1,463,516.66	2,187,901.29	7,586,802.50	11,238,220.45
ASSESSMENT PART D					
Chilmark Principal & Interest	337,650.00	32,414.40	270,120.00	35,115.60	337,650.00
State House Note Borrowing - WT	78,768.18	8,294.29	7,459.35	63,014.54	78,768.18
Short-Term Borrowing - CH	30,632.07	2,940.68	24,505.66	3,182.74	30,632.07
TOTAL PART D	\$ \$447,050.25	43,649.37	302,085.01	101,312.88	\$447,050.25
TOTAL PART A, B, C & D	\$ \$16,301,266.30	\$2,105,535.83	\$3,373,294.10	\$10,822,433.38	16,301,263.31
ANTICIPATED REIMBURSEMENT					
Chapter 70 - State Aid	\$ 979,222.00				
Chapter 71 - Reg'l Transportation	185,991.11				
Charter School Sending Tuition	(1,217,384.10)				
Charter School Tuition Reimbursements	145,177.20				
Medicaid Reimbursements	38,495.00				
School Choice Sending Tuition	(83,962.00)				
School Choice Receiving Tuition	-				
Total Reimbursements	47,539.21				

ANTICIPATED REVENUES		
E&D Offset	84,971.74	
Interest Income	66,379.00	
Misc. Revenue	4,000.00	
Total Anticipated Revenues	155,350.74	
TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUE	\$ 202,889.95	\$38,824.62
TOTAL ASSESSMENTS	\$ 16,098,376.35	\$2,079,235.29
		\$3,334,469.47
		\$10,684,668.59
		\$16,098,373.35

UIRSD FY 2025 FORMULAS

Town of Residence	School Attended		
	Chilmark	West Tisbury	Total
Aquinnah	12	30	42
Chilmark	35	27	62
West Tisbury	13	207	220
District Enrollment	60	264	324
School Choice	13	44	57
Total Enrollment	73	308	381

Cost Share For Part "A" & "B" Supt & Sch. Comm.:	Aquinnah 12.96%	Chilmark = 19.14%	W. Tisbury = 67.90%
Cost Share For Part "C" Sites Chilmark School:	Aquinnah 20.00%	Chilmark = 58.33%	W. Tisbury = 21.67%
W. Tisbury School:	Aquinnah 11.38%	Chilmark = 10.23%	W. Tisbury = 78.41%
Cost Share For Part "D" Debt Chilmark School:	Aquinnah 9.60%	Chilmark = 80.00%	W. Tisbury = 10.40%
W. Tisbury School:	Aquinnah 10.53%	Chilmark = 9.47%	W. Tisbury = 80.00%

**UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUDGET AND ACTUAL EXPENDITURES
June 30, 2025**

Expenditure	Original Budget	Actual	Variance
TOTAL SUPT/SHARED SERVICES	2,050,317.22	2,022,002.82	28,314.40
WT PRINCIPALS OFFICE SALARIES & EXPENSES	529,036.53	521,258.73	7,777.80
WT TEACHERS/STAFF SALARIES	3,674,211.33	3,741,546.64	(67,335.31)
WT UNDISTRIBUTED SUPPLIES, TEXTBOOKS, MISC	87,450.00	83,938.34	3,511.66
WT FIELD TRIPS/PROGRAMS	57,212.00	60,529.28	(3,317.28)
WT CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS	33,330.00	16,692.85	16,637.15
WT INSTRUCTIONAL COMPUTERS/COPIERS/AUDIO VISUAL	342,529.80	342,529.27	0.53
WT FURNITURE EXPENSE	12,000.00	12,000.00	-
WT SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT	1,463,746.28	1,358,652.70	105,093.58
WT LIBRARY SERVICES	156,506.42	159,626.29	(3,119.87)
WT GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT	253,487.45	256,919.61	(3,432.16)
WT HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	126,423.75	130,314.53	(3,890.78)
WT CUSTODIAL SERVICES	374,942.40	336,315.55	38,626.85
WT UTILITIES	113,622.76	86,877.29	26,745.47
WT GENERAL MAINTENANCE	209,274.00	237,728.71	(28,454.71)
WT EMPLOYEE INSURANCE	1,469,273.26	1,439,096.53	30,176.73
WT INSURANCE	176,324.18	186,791.70	(10,467.52)
TOTAL WEST TISBURY SCHOOL	9,079,370.16	8,970,818.02	108,552.14

CH PRINCIPALS OFFICE SALARIES & EXPENSES	232,528.61	219,565.25	12,963.36
CH TEACHERS/STAFF SALARIES	922,381.30	940,836.88	(18,455.58)
CH UNDISTRIBUTED SUPPLIES, TEXTBOOKS, MISC	21,400.00	21,575.29	(175.29)
CH ENRICHMENT/FIELD TRIPS/PROGRAMS	31,107.00	27,232.00	3,875.00
CH CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS	3,830.00	3,657.42	172.58
CH INSTRUCTIONAL COMPUTERS/COPIERS	101,949.77	91,047.23	10,902.54
CH FURNITURE EXPENSE	5,000.00	4,987.64	12.36
CH SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT	132,135.32	132,176.95	(41.63)
CH LIBRARY SERVICES	2,000.00	1,916.13	83.87
CH GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT	73,160.08	73,160.00	0.08
CH HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	110,560.38	110,964.88	(404.50)
CH CUSTODIAL SERVICES	96,607.20	95,396.65	1,210.55
CH UTILITIES	39,728.39	39,368.39	360.00
CH GENERAL MAINTENANCE	71,159.46	82,727.62	(11,568.16)
CH EMPLOYEE INSURANCE	284,623.20	274,648.08	9,975.12
CH INSURANCE	30,679.60	30,816.98	(137.38)
TOTAL CHILMARK SCHOOL	2,158,850.31	2,150,077.39	8,772.92
SCHOOL COMMITTEE/DISTRICT	2,146,479.88	2,262,238.44	(115,758.56)
DEBT	447,050.25	441,110.10	5,940.15
TRANSPORTATION	329,198.50	260,028.15	69,170.35
RESERVE DISTRICT	90,000.00	-	90,000.00
TOTAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE	3,012,728.63	2,963,376.69	49,351.94
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 16,301,266.32	\$ 16,106,274.92	\$ 194,991.40

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

To the Select Board:

In accordance with Chapter 41, Section 61 of the Massachusetts General Laws, I respectfully submit the Annual Report of the Town Accountant for the fiscal year July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, together with a summary of appropriation activity for the period July 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

This Annual Report consists of the following subsequent reports

- 1) Revenue and Expenditures of the General Fund compared to budget for the year ended June 30, 2025
- 2) Activity including receipts and expenditures of all other town funds for the year ended June 30, 2025
- 3) Payments to Vendors in excess of \$2,000 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025
- 4) Wages accrued and paid to Employees during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025
- 5) Appropriation Analysis for fiscal year 2025
- 6) Combined Balance Sheet showing all funds as of June 30, 2025
- 7) Report of Balance Sheet accounts for all funds as of June 30, 2025
- 8) Schedule of Debt Outstanding as of June 30, 2025
- 9) Summary of Appropriation Accounts for the period July 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025

All reports included are pending final audit.

Respectfully submitted,

Chelsea A. Joiner
Town Accountant

TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
General Fund
Revenue and Expenditures vs Budget
July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

	Actual	Revised Budget	Under (Over) Budget
REVENUE			
Tax Revenue			
Real Estate Tax	21,002,572.57	20,961,370.76	-41,201.81
Personal Property Tax	237,372.39	248,126.97	10,754.58
Tax Liens Redeemed	38,645.76	0.00	-38,645.76
Penalties & Interest	51,836.42	50,000.00	-1,836.42
In Lieu of Taxes	3,477.18	3,500.00	22.82
Sub-total : Tax Revenue	21,333,904.32	21,262,997.73	-70,906.59
Excise Revenue			
Motor Vehicle Excise	874,292.78	950,000.00	75,707.22
Room Excise	489,083.23	450,000.00	-39,083.23
Cannabis Excise	24,854.67	20,000.00	-4,854.67
Penalties & Interest	21,238.46	0.00	-21,238.46
Sub-total : Excise Revenue	1,409,469.14	1,420,000.00	10,530.86
Departmental Revenues			
Other Dept Revenue	222,088.99	350,000.00	127,911.01
Park & Recreation	129,970.00	85,000.00	-44,970.00
Inspections	137,895.00	110,000.00	-27,895.00
Rentals	81,917.61	81,000.00	-917.61
Sub-total : Departmental Revenues	571,871.60	626,000.00	54,128.40
Fines & Forfeits			
Fines & Forfeits	1,988.25	1,500.00	-488.25
Sub-total : Fines & Forfeits	1,988.25	1,500.00	-488.25
Licenses & Permits			
Licenses	17,853.00	11,000.00	-6,853.00
Permits	111,671.50	124,000.00	12,328.50
Sub-total : Licenses & Permits	129,524.50	135,000.00	5,475.50
State Revenue			
Cherry Sheet	1,690,706.00	1,682,896.00	-7,810.00
Elections	6,712.50	0.00	-6,712.50
CMVI	3,456.76	0.00	-3,456.76
Veterans Benefits	13,335.32	13,087.00	-248.32
Sub-total : State Revenue	1,714,210.58	1,695,983.00	-18,227.58
Intermunicipal Revenue			
Council on Aging	204,344.36	204,344.00	-0.36
Sub-total : Intermunicipal Revenue	204,344.36	204,344.00	-0.36
Miscellaneous			
Miscellaneous	20,265.86	3,160.00	-17,105.86
Bond Premium	1,872.25	0.00	-1,872.25
Sub-total : Miscellaneous	22,138.11	3,160.00	-18,978.11
Investment			
Investment	182,426.62	100,000.00	-82,426.62
Sub-total : Investment	182,426.62	100,000.00	-82,426.62
Transfers in			
From Trust Funds	298,000.00	298,000.00	0.00
Sub-total : Transfers In	298,000.00	298,000.00	0.00
Total : REVENUE	25,867,877.48	25,746,984.73	-120,892.75

	Actual	Revised Budget	Under (Over) Budget
EXPENDITURES			
FY 2025 Appropriations/Budget			
General Government			
114-5110 Moderator Salary	370.00	370.00	0.00
114-5305 Moderator Legal	955.32	6,540.00	5,584.68
114-5700 Moderator Expenses	0.00	500.00	500.00
122-5110 Selectmen Salaries	10,000.00	15,000.00	5,000.00
122-5120 Selectmen Pers Serv	243,831.98	314,894.99	71,063.01
122-5700 Selectmen Expenses	24,937.85	35,150.00	10,212.15
124-5120 Municipal Hearing Officer	2,078.75	2,500.00	421.25
131-5120 FinCom Pers Serv	509.60	2,342.40	1,832.80
131-5700 FinCom Expenses	168.00	1,575.00	1,407.00
132-5700 Reserve Fund	0.00	49,909.45	49,909.45
133-5300 Annual Audit	22,000.00	22,000.00	0.00
135-5120 Accountant Pers Serv	112,564.19	124,141.33	11,577.14
135-5700 Accountant Expenses	1,957.60	4,670.00	2,712.40
141-5110 Assessors Salaries	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
141-5120 Assessors Pers Serv	210,283.85	231,829.86	21,546.01
141-5305 Assessors Legal	3,000.00	20,000.00	17,000.00
141-5700 Assessors Expenses	26,257.19	34,950.00	8,692.81
145-5120 Treasurer Pers Serv	214,445.29	214,445.29	0.00
145-5700 Treasurer Expenses	40,458.42	43,250.00	2,791.58
151-5305 Legal	89,090.40	91,000.00	1,909.60
152-5120 Personnel Bd Pers Serv	8,736.09	16,127.11	7,391.02
152-5700 Personnel Bd Expenses	439.90	800.00	360.10
155-5120 Data Proc Pers Serv	2,000.00	4,000.00	2,000.00
155-5700 Data Proc Expenses	115,640.00	115,640.00	0.00
158-5305 Tax Foreclosure Legal	2,125.58	4,000.00	1,874.42
158-5700 Tax Foreclosure	0.00	150.00	150.00
161-5110 Town Clerk Salaries	79,852.69	79,852.69	0.00
161-5700 Town Clerk Expenses	1,080.54	1,285.00	204.46
162-5120 Elections Pers Serv	1,163.00	9,912.00	8,749.00
162-5700 Elections Expenses	8,582.40	13,700.00	5,117.60
163-5120 Registrars Salaries	300.00	375.00	75.00
163-5700 Registrars Expenses	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
171-5120 ConCom Pers Serv	67,415.87	69,346.58	1,930.71
171-5700 ConCom Expenses	2,139.87	3,180.00	1,040.13
175-5110 Planning Bd Salaries	4,368.85	5,000.00	631.15
175-5120 Planning Bd Pers Serv	83,472.09	85,395.41	1,923.32
175-5700 Planning Bd Expenses	4,461.72	7,845.00	3,383.28
176-5120 ZBA Pers Serv	94,588.69	94,675.14	86.45
176-5305 ZBA Legal	2,301.00	5,000.00	2,699.00
176-5700 ZBA Expenses	4,957.96	9,700.00	4,742.04
177-5600 MV Commission	209,638.00	209,638.00	0.00
179-5120 AH Com Pers Serv	28,694.42	29,418.60	724.18
179-5305 AHC Legal	235.00	4,050.00	3,815.00
179-5700 AH Com Expenses	3,770.80	6,000.00	2,229.20
182-5120 Energy-Climate Personal	12,823.78	16,761.42	3,937.64
182-5700 Energy/Climate Com Expense	6,585.30	6,585.30	0.00
192-5700 Town Hall Expenses	135,068.96	137,500.00	2,431.04
193-5700 Property Insurance	172,116.78	179,000.00	6,883.22
194-5700 Town Electric	43,467.53	51,760.00	8,292.47

	Actual	Revised Budget	Under (Over) Budget
195-5700 Town Report Expenses	9,625.00	11,500.00	1,875.00
196-5120 Town Clock Pers Serv	0.00	250.00	250.00
197-5600 DCRHA Administrative	61,763.00	61,763.00	0.00
Sub-total : General Government	2,173,323.26	2,461,278.57	287,955.31
Public Safety			
210-5120 Police Pers Serv	1,338,736.46	1,524,697.29	185,960.83
210-5700 Police Expenses	154,385.30	154,445.00	59.70
220-5120 Fire Pers Serv	256,780.54	293,799.00	37,018.46
220-5700 Fire Expenses	202,326.23	205,400.00	3,073.77
231-5600 Tri-Town Ambulance	860,407.58	860,407.58	0.00
235-5600 Communications MVPCSC	33,599.85	33,657.71	57.86
241-5120 Bldg Inspect Pers Serv	361,985.91	380,970.50	18,984.59
241-5700 Bldg Inspect Expenses	8,912.09	16,035.00	7,122.91
291-5120 Emer Mgmt Pers Serv	29,516.27	38,000.00	8,483.73
291-5700 Emergency Management	15,048.45	17,360.00	2,311.55
292-5120 ACO Pers Serv	96,186.42	105,268.91	9,082.49
292-5700 ACO Expenses	10,398.84	13,318.28	2,919.44
293-5120 Herring Warden Pers Serv	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
293-5700 Herring Warden Expenses	0.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
294-5110 Tree Warden Salaries	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
294-5120 Tree Warden Expenses	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
294-5700 Tree Warden Expenses	3,375.00	13,000.00	9,625.00
298-5120 Shellfish Dept Pers Serv	21,330.37	35,933.76	14,603.39
298-5700 Shellfish Dept Expenses	10,893.67	12,400.00	1,506.33
299-5700 MV Shellfish Group	40,000.00	40,000.00	0.00
Sub-total : Public Safety	3,449,382.98	3,752,393.03	303,010.05
Education			
311-5600 Up-Island RSD	10,684,671.59	10,684,671.59	0.00
313-5600 MVRHS District	3,140,784.81	3,200,650.90	59,866.09
Sub-total : Education	13,825,456.40	13,885,322.49	59,866.09
Public Works			
421-5120 Super Streets Pers Serv	82,000.00	82,000.00	0.00
422-5120 Highway Pers Serv	272,967.94	272,983.54	15.60
422-5700 Highway Expenses	90,121.69	90,595.00	473.31
423-5700 Snow & Ice	71,149.42	90,000.00	18,850.58
424-5700 Street Lights	573.60	3,200.00	2,626.40
491-5120 Cemeteries Pers Serv	2,923.52	3,272.00	348.48
491-5700 Cemeteries Expenses	21,324.40	26,500.00	5,175.60
Sub-total : Public Works	541,060.57	568,550.54	27,489.97
Sanitation			
433-5120 Town LDO Pers Serv	0.00	50.00	50.00
433-5600 Town LDO Intergov	8,630.78	11,000.00	2,369.22
433-5700 Town LDO Expenses	2,687.29	5,520.00	2,832.71
439-5600 MVRDRRD Intergov	126,657.10	126,657.10	0.00
Sub-total : Sanitation	137,975.17	143,227.10	5,251.93
Health & Human Services			
510-5110 BOH Salaries	2,775.00	3,000.00	225.00
510-5120 BOH Pers Serv	178,438.62	178,438.62	0.00
510-5700 BOH Expenses	21,581.55	22,725.00	1,143.45
522-5700 Health Services	9,507.63	20,000.00	10,492.37
525-5600 Vineyard Health Care Access	79,303.00	79,303.00	0.00
526-5600 DC Social Services	7,326.00	7,326.00	0.00

	Actual	Revised Budget	Under (Over) Budget
541-5120 UpIsland COA Per Serv	281,384.55	319,769.06	38,384.51
541-5700 UpIsland COA Expense	23,621.86	36,450.00	12,828.14
543-5700 Veterans Benefits	4,000.00	21,000.00	17,000.00
Sub-total : Health & Human Services	607,938.21	688,011.68	80,073.47
Culture & Recreation			
610-5120 Library Pers Serv	801,045.58	830,827.77	29,782.19
610-5700 Library Expenses	289,086.20	289,100.00	13.80
620-5110 P&R Com Salaries	332.00	830.00	498.00
620-5120 P&R Pers Serv	50,376.65	50,376.65	0.00
620-5700 P&R Expenses	1,641.20	1,950.00	308.80
632-5120 Beaches Pers Serv	81,191.51	96,086.65	14,895.14
632-5700 Beaches Expenses	22,556.13	23,925.00	1,368.87
640-5120 Rec Programs Pers Serv	12,677.08	21,536.24	8,859.16
640-5700 Rec Programs Expenses	18,052.93	20,400.00	2,347.07
650-5700 Town Grounds	5,315.00	10,250.00	4,935.00
690-5700 Historic District	0.00	350.00	350.00
691-5700 Historical Commission	0.00	600.00	600.00
692-5600 MV Cultural Council	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
Sub-total : Culture & Recreation	1,287,274.28	1,351,232.31	63,958.03
Debt Service			
710-5910 Principal-Long Term	740,000.00	740,000.00	0.00
751-5915 Interest-Long Term	103,676.25	103,680.00	3.75
752-7925 Interest-Short Term	23,663.03	121,250.00	97,586.97
Sub-total : Debt Service	867,339.28	964,930.00	97,590.72
Benefits			
911-5170 County Retirement	690,785.00	690,785.00	0.00
912-5170 Workers Comp Ins	19,785.00	21,280.00	1,495.00
914-5170 Health Insurance	999,615.23	1,079,200.00	79,584.77
915-5170 Life Insurance	5,358.09	5,500.00	141.91
916-5170 Employers Medicare	73,276.02	78,000.00	4,723.98
945-5740 Public Official Liability	13,021.00	14,685.00	1,664.00
Sub-total : Benefits	1,801,840.34	1,889,450.00	87,609.66
Cherry Sheet Assessments			
820-5600 State-Air Pollution	3,456.00	3,456.00	0.00
821-5600 State-RTA	143,237.00	143,237.00	0.00
824-5600 State Non-Renew MVE	9,380.00	9,380.00	0.00
830-5600 County Assessment	68,660.00	68,643.00	-17.00
Sub-total : Cherry Sheet Assessments	224,733.00	224,716.00	-17.00
FY2025 Warrant Articles			
ATM24 36 Oak Bluffs' Hospital Rds Proj	0.00	8,648.86	8,648.86
ATM24 37 Unemployment Insurance Fund	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
ATM24 41 Employee Comp Abs Reserve	30,000.00	30,000.00	0.00
ATM24 10 Assessors Revaluation	0.00	24,000.00	24,000.00
ATM24 34 MV Commission Engineering	0.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
ATM24 39 Building Maintenance	0.00	100,000.00	100,000.00
ATM24 26 Police Cruiser	29,081.47	30,000.00	918.53
ATM24 24 Adult Continuing Ed (MVCET)	14,240.00	14,240.00	0.00
ATM24 27 Highway Truck	44,975.00	46,500.00	1,525.00
ATM24 28 County-MV Senior Services	94,843.00	94,843.00	0.00
ATM24 29 County-			
Homelessness Prevention	9,963.00	9,963.00	0.00
ATM24 30 County-CORE	14,437.00	14,437.00	0.00

	Actual	Revised Budget	Under (Over) Budget
ATM24 31 County-Healthy Aging MV	16,994.00	16,994.00	0.00
ATM24 32 County-SUD Prevention	6,969.00	6,969.00	0.00
ATM24 33 County-Supplemental Inc	11,678.80	11,679.00	0.20
ATM24 42 County Building Debt	25,240.40	25,240.40	0.00
Sub-total : FY2025 Warrant Articles	301,421.67	451,514.26	150,092.59
Total : FY 2025 Appropriations/Budget	25,217,745.16	26,380,625.98	1,162,880.82
PRIOR YEAR CARRIED FORWARD			
FY24 Encumbrances			
FY24 Encumbered Associated Elevator	1,725.00	1,725.00	0.00
FY24 Encumbered			
Wells Fargo Financial Leasing	1,198.29	1,198.29	0.00
FY24 Encumbered Don Sexton	1,880.00	1,880.00	0.00
FY24 Encumbered CVEC	8,639.23	8,639.21	-0.02
	13,442.52	13,442.50	-0.02
FY23 Encumbrances			
FY23 Permitting Modules	0.00	1,542.40	1,542.40
Sub-total : FY23 Encumbrances	0.00	1,542.40	1,542.40
Prior Year Warrant Articles			
ATM2020 10 LDO Improvements	0.00	10,201.85	10,201.85
ATM2020 13 TNC Transportation	0.00	1,526.00	1,526.00
STM 10-2020 09 Town Events	0.00	131.00	131.00
STM 10-2020 13 School Speed Sign	0.00	3,566.80	3,566.80
ATM2021 11 TNC Transportation	0.00	1,330.60	1,330.60
ATM2022 22 Shellfish Dept	9,139.50	9,139.50	0.00
ATM2022 26 Tax Billing Conversion	1,990.00	4,910.00	2,920.00
ATM2022 30 TNC Complete St	0.00	470.00	470.00
ATM2022 31 Hatchery Seawater Lines	0.00	36,000.00	36,000.00
ATM2022 19 Howes House Design	0.00	240,711.68	240,711.68
ATM2023 08 Tree Planting	0.00	14,462.00	14,462.00
ATM2023 11 Building Maintenance	7,606.00	134,463.71	126,857.71
ATM2023 16 Visioning	9,625.50	9,666.30	40.80
ATM2023 21 WT School Chargers	35,858.00	35,858.00	0.00
ATM2023 23 Police Cruiser	25,161.23	25,161.23	0.00
ATM2023 24 Highway DumpTruck	0.00	3,739.36	3,739.36
ATM2023 25 Beach Dune lowering	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
ATM2023 46 Transportation Projects	0.00	965.00	965.00
ATM2023 10 Assessors Revaluation	9,900.00	23,695.51	13,795.51
ATM2023 28 MVC Engineering	0.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
Sub-total : Prior Year Warrant Articles	99,280.23	573,998.54	474,718.31
Capital Appropriation Balances			
Road Reconstruction ATM 2012	29,936.73	29,936.73	0.00
Sub-total : Capital Appropriation Balances	29,936.73	29,936.73	0.00
Total : PRIOR YEAR CARRIED FORWARD	142,659.48	618,920.17	476,260.69
Total : EXPENDITURES	25,360,404.64	26,999,546.15	1,639,141.51

TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
Other Fund Activity (Non-General Fund)
July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

Police MED Project Grant	
7/01/24 Opening Balance	6,724.21
FY 2025 Receipts	1,300.00
FY 2025 Expenditures	-
6/30/25 Closing Balance	<u>8,024.21</u>
Police Highway Safety Grant	
7/01/24 Opening Balance	(2,151.44)
FY 2025 Receipts	12,516.86
FY 2025 Expenditures	(11,144.70)
6/30/25 Closing Balance	<u>(779.28)</u>
Police Violence Against Women Act STOP Grant	
7/01/24 Opening Balance	-
FY 2025 Receipts	1,567.50
FY 2025 Expenditures	-
6/30/25 Closing Balance	<u>1,567.50</u>
Police Vest Grant	
7/01/24 Opening Balance	-
FY 2025 Receipts	2,948.10
FY 2025 Expenditures	-
6/30/25 Closing Balance	<u>2,948.10</u>
Police Special Detail	
7/1/24 Opening Balance	-
FY 2025 Receipts	50,000.00
FY 2025 Expenditures	(25,050.00)
6/30/25 Closing Balance	<u>24,950.00</u>
Martha's Vineyard Cultural Council	
7/01/24 Opening Balance	93,275.68
FY 2025 State Receipts	34,200.00
FY 2025 Local Receipts	28,658.29
FY 2025 Interest	2,701.30
FY 2025 Expenditures	(50,456.66)
6/30/25 Closing Balance	<u>108,378.61</u>
MV Fire Training Council	
7/01/24 Opening Balance	25,482.67
FY 2025 Receipts	-
FY 2025 Expenditures	-
6/30/25 Closing Balance	<u>25,482.67</u>
Rural Development Fund	
7/01/24 Opening Balance	-
FY 2025 Receipts	18,049.60

FY 2025 Expenditures	-
6/30/25 Closing Balance	18,049.60
Regional Emergency Management	
7/01/24 Opening Balance	17,926.73
FY 2025 Receipts	32,800.00
FY 2025 Expenditures	(8,096.76)
6/30/25 Closing Balance	42,629.97
Mass Assn of Health Boards (COVID)	
7/01/24 Opening Balance	9,305.00
FY 2025 Receipts	-
FY 2025 Expenditures	-
6/30/25 Closing Balance	9,305.00
ARPA CLFRF Grant	
7/01/24 Opening Balance	108,635.94
FY 2025 Receipts	-
FY 2025 Expenditures	(108,635.94)
6/30/25 Closing Balance	-
State Veterans Benefits COLA	
7/01/24 Opening Balance	474.00
FY 2025 Receipts	-
FY 2025 Expenditures	-
6/30/25 Closing Balance	474.00
State Highway, Chapter 90	
7/01/24 Opening Balance	(384,348.42)
FY 2025 Receipts	428,716.69
FY 2025 Expenditures	(49,408.27)
6/30/25 Closing Balance	(5,040.00)
State Highway, WRAP	
7/01/24 Opening Balance	8,283.65
FY 2025 Receipts	-
FY 2025 Expenditures	(8,247.50)
6/30/25 Closing Balance	36.15
State Highway, MA Fair Share	
7/01/24 Opening Balance	-
FY 2025 Receipts	44,183.00
FY 2025 Expenditures	(18,903.69)
6/30/25 Closing Balance	25,279.31
Opioid Settlement	
7/01/24 Opening Balance	-
FY 2025 Receipts	12,272.42
FY 2025 Expenditures	-
6/30/25 Closing Balance	12,272.42
State TNC Allotment (Reserved for Appropriation)	
7/01/24 Opening Balance	2,844.40

FY 2025 Receipts	1,816.10
FY 2025 Expenditures	-
Transfer to General Fund Appropriation	-
6/30/25 Closing Balance	<u>4,660.50</u>
State Aid, Elderly Persons	
7/01/24 Opening Balance	12,398.08
FY 2025 Receipts	19,290.00
FY 2025 Expenditures	(5,480.66)
6/30/25 Closing Balance	<u>26,207.42</u>
UICOA Gift Fund	
7/01/24 Opening Balance	1,267.00
FY 2025 Receipts	26,000.00
FY 2025 Expenditures	(23,909.00)
6/30/25 Closing Balance	<u>3,358.00</u>
Recycling Dividends State EPM Grant	
7/01/24 Opening Balance	14,578.50
FY 2025 Receipts	-
FY 2025 Expenditures	-
6/30/25 Closing Balance	<u>14,578.50</u>
State Aid to Libraries	
7/01/24 Opening Balance	38,203.77
FY 2025 Receipts	12,671.33
FY 2025 Expenditures	(47,737.18)
6/30/25 Closing Balance	<u>3,137.92</u>
WT Library Foundation Grant	
7/01/24 Opening Balance	54,162.86
FY 2025 Receipts	93,000.00
FY 2025 Expenditures	(75,714.12)
6/30/25 Closing Balance	<u>71,448.74</u>
Library, Friends WTFPL Grant	
7/01/24 Opening Balance	3.80
FY 2025 Receipts	55,000.00
FY 2025 Expenditures	(27,166.26)
6/30/25 Closing Balance	<u>27,837.54</u>
Library, Slough Farm Grant	
7/01/24 Opening Balance	1,570.45
FY 2025 Receipts	-
FY 2025 Expenditures	(1,570.45)
6/30/25 Closing Balance	<u>-</u>
Sale of Cemetery Lots	
7/01/24 Opening Balance	130,410.65
FY 2025 Receipts	10,125.00
FY 2025 Transfer to General Fund	-
6/30/25 Closing Balance	<u>140,535.65</u>

Septic System Repairs	
7/01/24 Opening Balance	67,838.84
FY 2025 Receipts	4,093.32
FY 2025 Expenditures	-
6/30/25 Closing Balance	<u>71,932.16</u>
Wetlands Protection	
7/01/24 Opening Balance	44,898.21
FY 2025 Receipts	700.00
FY 2025 Expenditures	-
6/30/25 Closing Balance	<u>45,598.21</u>
Wetlands By-Law Fees	
7/01/24 Opening Balance	3,390.00
FY 2025 Receipts	175.00
FY 2025 Expenditures	-
6/30/25 Closing Balance	<u>3,565.00</u>
Insurance < \$20,000	
7/01/24 Opening Balance	-
FY 2025 Receipts	12,914.95
FY 2025 Expenditures	-
6/30/25 Closing Balance	<u>12,914.95</u>
Gifts	
7/01/24 Opening Balance	5,062.50
FY 2025 Receipts	56.45
FY 2025 Expenditures	(661.49)
6/30/25 Closing Balance	<u>4,457.46</u>
Community Preservation Fund	
7/01/24 Opening Balance	2,342,468.70
FY 2025 Receipts/Surcharge	594,449.63
FY 2025 Receipts/State Match	169,543.00
FY 2025 Receipts/Penalties & Interest	1,198.20
FY 2025 Receipts/Investment	72,716.02
FY 2025 Receipts/Tax Liens Redeemed	674.27
FY 2025 Receipts/Tax Liens Pen & Int	85.76
FY 2025 Expenditures	(822,254.05)
FY 2025 Transfer to Trust Funds	-
6/30/25 Closing Balance	<u>2,358,881.53</u>
CAPITAL PROJECT	
Library HVAC Project	
7/01/24 Opening Balance	(68,262.50)
FY 2025 Receipts	135,000.00
FY 2025 Expenditures	(2,112,105.01)
6/30/25 Closing Balance	<u>(2,045,367.51)</u>

NON-EXPENDABLE TRUSTS

Perpetual Care	
7/01/24 Opening Balance	54,790.00
6/30/25 Closing Balance	54,790.00
F.E. Mayhew	
7/01/24 Opening Balance	1,000.00
6/30/25 Closing Balance	1,000.00
W.J. Rotch	
7/01/24 Opening Balance	4,000.00
6/30/25 Closing Balance	4,000.00
J.C. Martin	
7/01/24 Opening Balance	200.00
6/30/25 Closing Balance	200.00
P. Hancock	
7/01/24 Opening Balance	5,343.45
6/30/25 Closing Balance	5,343.45

EXPENDABLE TRUSTS

Perpetual Care	
7/01/24 Opening Balance	10,262.83
FY 2025 Interest Earned	2,138.14
FY 2025 Expenditures	-
6/30/25 Closing Balance	12,400.97
F.E. Mayhew	
7/01/24 Opening Balance	284.81
FY 2025 Interest Earned	36.67
FY 2025 Expenditures	-
6/30/25 Closing Balance	321.48
W.J. Rotch	
7/01/24 Opening Balance	1,121.22
FY 2025 Interest Earned	146.17
FY 2025 Expenditures	-
6/30/25 Closing Balance	1,267.39
J.C. Martin	
7/01/24 Opening Balance	101.19
FY 2025 Interest Earned	8.59
FY 2025 Expenditures	-
6/30/25 Closing Balance	109.78
P. Hancock	
7/01/24 Opening Balance	2,076.98
FY 2025 Interest Earned	211.80
FY 2025 Expenditures	-
6/30/25 Closing Balance	2,288.78

Library Gift Fund	
7/01/24 Opening Balance	8,611.93
Y 2025 Additions	2,375.24
FY 2025 Expenditures	-
6/30/25 Closing Balance	<u>10,987.17</u>
Conservation Fund	
7/01/24 Opening Balance	69,887.87
FY 2025 Interest Earned	1,994.67
6/30/25 Closing Balance	<u>71,882.54</u>
Affordable Housing Trust Fund	
7/01/24 Opening Balance	975,669.91
FY 2025 Receipts	-
FY 2025 Interest Earned	27,899.28
FY 2025 Transfer from CPA	-
FY 2025 Expenditures	(7,600.00)
6/30/25 Closing Balance	<u>995,969.19</u>
Stabilization Fund	
7/01/24 Opening Balance	572,514.04
FY 2025 Interest Earned	28,737.31
FY 2025 Transfer from General Fund	-
6/30/25 Closing Balance	<u>601,251.35</u>
Stabilization Fund-Ambulance	
7/01/24 Opening Balance	62,944.86
FY 2025 Interest Earned	2,068.83
FY 2025 Transfer to General Fund	-
6/30/25 Closing Balance	<u>65,013.69</u>
Stabilization Fund-Fire Equip	
7/01/24 Opening Balance	318,887.54
FY 2025 Interest Earned	15,368.45
FY 2025 Transfer from General Fund	(298,000.00)
6/30/25 Closing Balance	<u>36,255.99</u>
Separation Benefits Reserve	
7/01/24 Opening Balance	47,077.01
FY 2025 Interest Earned	1,843.47
FY 2025 Transfer From General Fund	30,000.00
FY 2025 Expenditures	(27,285.55)
6/30/25 Closing Balance	<u>51,634.93</u>
Unemployment Compensation Fund	
7/01/24 Opening Balance	6,212.34
FY 2025 Interest Earned	177.32
FY 2025 Transfer From General Fund	3,000.00
FY 2025 Expenditures	-
6/30/25 Closing Balance	<u>9,389.66</u>

Stabilization Fund-Building Maintenance	
7/01/24 Opening Balance	16,279.00
FY 2025 Transfer From General Fund	-
FY 2025 Interest Earned	819.71
FY 2025 Transfer to General Fund	-
6/30/25 Closing Balance	<u>17,098.71</u>

AGENCY FUNDS

Due to Police Special Detail	
7/01/24 Opening Balance	(9,240.00)
FY 2025 Receipts	<u>299,040.00</u>
FY 2025 Expenditures	(289,800.00)
6/30/25 Closing Balance	-

Due to Comm. of Mass.(PD Firearm Licenses)	
7/01/24 Opening Balance	(37.50)
FY 2025 Receipts	4,000.00
FY 2025 Expenditures	<u>(3,925.00)</u>
6/30/25 Closing Balance	37.50

Due to Deputy Collector	
7/01/24 Opening Balance	30,795.65
FY 2025 Receipts	130,341.14
FY 2025 Expenditures	<u>(129,157.46)</u>
6/30/25 Closing Balance	31,979.33

Due to Comm Of Mass F&W (Town Clerk)	
7/01/24 Opening Balance	(1.55)
FY 2025 Receipts	1,130.75
FY 2025 Payments	<u>(1,260.05)</u>
6/30/25 Closing Balance	(130.85)

Consultants, Chap. 44, Sect. 53G	
7/01/24 Opening Balance	6,372.78
FY 2025 Interest	181.88
FY 2025 Receipts	-
FY 2025 Expenditures	-
6/30/25 Closing Balance	<u>6,554.66</u>

Misc. Escrow	
7/01/24 Opening Balance	55,049.78
FY 2025 Interest	1,570.92
FY 2025 Receipts	-
FY 2025 Expenditures	-
6/30/25 Closing Balance	<u>56,620.70</u>

WT School Share of Solar Project	
7/01/24 Opening Balance	-
FY 2025 Receipts	26,987.84
FY 2025 Expenditures	<u>(28,973.75)</u>
6/30/25 Closing Balance	(1,985.91)

**TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
PAYMENTS TO VENDORS (OVER \$2,000)
July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024**

Name	Amount	Name	Amount
UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DIST	10,684,671.59	LAWRENCE LYNCH CORP	107,840.93
ROCKLAND TRUST	3,518,267.87	FOGGY BOTTOM COMPANY LLC	86,770.00
MV REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DIST	3,155,024.81	TDR LANDSCAPING AND IRRIGATION INC	84,583.75
HARDING & SMITH, LLC	1,989,257.73	THE FIELD FUND	83,467.04
DUKES COUNTY CONTRIB RETIREMENT	1,138,979.54	CAPE & VINEYARD	
CAPE COD MUNICIPAL HEALTH GROUP	979,772.47	ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE INC	79,696.99
TOWN OF CHILMARK	860,407.58	BAKER & TAYLOR	76,566.83
US BANK	709,176.25	RICHARD T OLSEN & SONS INC	70,530.26
EFTPS	683,387.73	REYNOLDS RAPPAPORT & KAPLAN	68,376.20
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF MV	338,456.08	HEALTH EQUITY, INC.	65,443.12
COUNTY OF DUKES COUNTY	338,049.59	ARCHITECTURAL CONSULTING GROUP	55,592.00
MV INSURANCE AGENCY	265,419.78	COLONIAL MUNICIPAL GROUP	54,136.70
DUKES COUNTY POOLED OPEB TRUST	237,437.99	OVERDRIVE INC	52,101.56
COMM OF MASS (WITHHOLDING)	233,529.84	MV LAW ENFORCEMENT COUNCIL	50,954.23
MV COMMISSION	220,168.00	THE ISLAND AUTISM GROUP INC	47,079.97
EMPOWER RETIREMENT SERVICES	202,233.92	WAREHAM FORD	46,422.48
MV PRESERVATION TRUST INC	184,360.00	BENJAMIN R HOPKINS D/B/A	44,641.58
UNIBANK FOR SAVINGS	158,615.28	MV SHELLFISH GROUP	40,000.00
MV RDRRD	135,364.68	J.deB'S GARAGE INC	35,506.72
WILCOX & BARTON INC	127,232.61	DUKES COUNTY SHERIFF OFFICE	33,599.85
DUKES COUNTY		ARTIS ENERGY SOLUTIONS, LLC	32,138.00
REG HOUSING AUTHORITY	111,316.00		

Name	Amount	Name	Amount
BETTENCOURT IRRIGATION & LANDSCAPING INC	31,364.64	WELL-TAPPED WATER LLC	13,947.79
GINO MAZZAFERRO	31,250.00	D&A PROPERTY SERVICE	13,550.00
CLAMS INC	26,555.17	ISLAND TIMBER LLC	11,900.00
THIELSCH ENGINEERING INC	25,475.00	GOODALE CONSTRUCTION CO INC	11,784.36
MV TRANSIT AUTHORITY	24,203.52	UNITED STATES TREASURY	11,600.00
CAFETERIA PLAN ADVISORS, INC.	23,749.76	BILL HOWELL, INC	11,475.00
DAROSA CORPORATION	23,185.41	TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	11,330.10
VERIZON WIRELESS [ALBANY]	22,986.31	NISSAN MOTOR ACCEPTANCE CORP	11,287.98
ASSOCIATED ELEVATOR COMPANIES INC	22,472.00	HOWARD STEIN HUDSON ASSOCIATES INC	11,027.72
COLLINS & WEINBERG, LAW OFFICES OF	22,392.00	TPX COMMUNICATIONS	10,407.02
R E BROWN & COMPANY	22,000.00	INDUSTRIAL PROTECTION SERVICES	10,337.40
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	21,097.24	AFLAC	10,249.51
PAUL S KAPINOS & ASSOCIATES INC	20,280.00	DON VIGEANT & SON 1, INC	10,240.00
MIIA PROPERTY & CASUALTY GROUP INC	19,785.00	NSTAR	9,954.52
RISE ENGINEERING INC	19,450.00	GREAT POND FOUNDATION	9,946.62
COMCAST	17,031.86	VADAR SYSTEMS INC	9,940.00
HERTZ VEHICLES LLC	16,877.24	LOCALITY MEDIA INC	9,679.33
MV TIMES	16,041.99	KIRKWOOD DIRECT LLC	9,453.28
WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL LEASING	15,437.47	FURNGULLY	9,451.80
AMERIGAS	15,329.04	DELIA CLARK D/B/A	9,425.50
DONAROMA'S NURSERY & LANDSCAPE SERVICES	15,000.00	FULL CIRCLE TECHNOLOGIES INC	9,340.00
NILTON E DESOUSA	14,300.00	MAVERICK CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION	9,180.30
RDA SOFTNET LLC	14,027.02	KANTA LIPSKY	9,000.00
		KETCHAM SUPPLY CO INC	8,721.70
		DIANE K BRAUN	8,700.00

Name	Amount	Name	Amount
UNIBANK FISCAL ADVISORY SERVICES INC	8,687.50	WILLIAM H SOLOMON	5,751.00
HORSLEY WITTEN GROUP	8,511.25	CIRCUIT ARTS INC	5,750.00
INDIAN HILL POWER EQUIPMENT	8,167.75	RICHARD M HULL	5,718.50
ISLAND HEALTH CARE		MV INSPECTIONS LLC	5,577.69
COMMUNITY HEALTH CTR	8,155.13	AT&T MOBILITY [FIRSTNET]	5,565.55
JASON MAZAR-KELLY	8,000.00	RM PACKER CO INC	5,559.13
AFLAC INC	7,890.52	HOBIN & HOBIN INC	5,500.00
LOCKE LORD LLP	7,800.00	MV SCREENPRINTING CO	5,429.55
NEARMAP US INC	7,800.00	MACIEL & SONS, INC.	5,355.00
WHITE ROCK CYBERSECURITY LLC	7,786.92	HI-VOLTAGE ASSOCIATES	5,302.85
VINEYARD GARDENS INC	7,784.88	CAI TECHNOLOGIES	5,100.00
LIGHTHOUSE PAYMENT SERVICES INC	7,330.23	MV CULTURAL COUNCIL	5,000.00
EBSCO	7,166.95	MID-ISLAND REPAIR INC	4,965.71
BOSTON MUTUAL LIFE INS CO-PARTIC.	7,109.51	RESERVE ACCOUNT - TOWN HALL	4,800.00
ABBY BENDER	6,821.51	VERIZON (ALBANY)	4,766.32
DONALD SEXTON	6,665.00	VINEYARD BOTTLED WATERS	4,726.14
MIDWEST TAPE	6,406.81	AQUINNAH CULTURAL CENTER	4,725.00
ADRIAN WHITE HVAC LLC	6,173.00	THOMAS CZAROWICZ	4,688.00
ALAN GOWELL D/B/A	6,000.00	YMCA OF MV	4,605.00
HAYNES PLUMBING & CARETAKING INC	5,960.66	LEO VIGEANT CO., INC	4,589.46
K5 CORPORATION	5,907.40	MARGARET STONE	4,562.90
CRONIG'S MARKET	5,903.19	ELECTRONIC SECURITY SYSTEMS LLC	4,549.00
CARS UNLIMITED INC	5,850.70	DEON THOMAS	4,500.00
STOP & SHOP	5,775.00	THE CAPE COP SHOP, LLC	4,489.62

Name	Amount	Name	Amount
COMM OF MASS [RE:DEP]	4,420.00	AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE TRAIL MV	3,500.00
BONNEVILLE COMMUNICATIONS SOLUTIONS	4,363.25	FRIENDS OF EDGARTOWN FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY	3,412.00
TISBURY PRINTER	4,362.78	COMCAST [PA]	3,307.58
ANDREW HERR	4,330.00	DOCUSIGN INC	3,267.84
ARAUJO BROTHERS INC	4,275.00	BASEMENT DESIGNS INC	3,170.00
FORT DEARBORN LIFE	4,223.92	MARYSE SMITH	3,150.00
LHS ASSOCIATES INC	4,024.52	FULL CIRCLE TECHNOLOGIES	3,132.00
CHAPMAN FUNERALS & CREMATION	4,000.00	NAPA AUTO & TRUCK PARTS	3,118.81
MILHENCH SUPPLY COMPANY	3,850.30	VINEYARD CASH & CARRY	3,096.13
BRUNO'S ROLLOFF INC	3,825.00	STEAMSHIP AUTHORITY	3,052.00
ELIZABETH WITHAM	3,750.00	MARTHA'S VINEYARD APPRAISAL	3,000.00
JOHN T COTTERILL III	3,739.54	MV AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY	3,000.00
KANOPY LLC	3,727.00	REGENCY POLICE SUPPLY	2,985.00
GREG PACHICO	3,714.42	SCHOFIELD BARBINI & HOEHN INC	2,970.00
INTOXIMETERS, INC.	3,688.50	VINEYARD GAZETTE	2,882.78
NEW ENGLAND POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOC	3,600.00	THIRD SECTOR NEW ENGLAND INC	2,875.00
CIVICPLUS	3,590.67	AP FORTES PLUMBING & HEATING INC	2,831.80
ISLAND FOOD PRODUCTS CORP	3,551.14	JENNELLE GADOWSKI	2,763.83
DEPT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFO SERVICE	3,525.00	CLIVUS NEW ENGLAND INC	2,757.66
MV CENTER FOR LIVING	3,525.00	GREG WHITMORE	2,700.00
BUNCH OF GRAPES BOOKSTORE INC	3,520.82	SHIRLEY'S HARDWARE	2,663.61
ACE MV	3,500.00	MIDDLETOWN MOWERS	2,555.96
		ANTHONY ESPOSITO D/B/A	2,500.00

Name	Amount	Name	Amount
OAK BLUFFS ASSOCIATION	2,500.00	WITMER PUBLIC SAFETY GROUP	2,165.91
BULLDOGS PERFORMANCE PLUS	2,485.81	SPARKLE WINDOW CLEANING	2,145.00
VISUAL EDGE IT INC	2,450.94	PMAM CORPORATION	2,068.76
AMARAL PAINTING	2,437.50	BEPREPAREDGROUP LLC	2,050.00
NEW HORIZON COMMUNICATIONS	2,317.92	CLAIRE PAGE	2,040.00
ROBERTA KIRN	2,248.00	DEMCO	2,039.41
RESERVE ACCOUNT - LIBRARY	2,200.00	DOOR CONTROL INC.	2,030.28
HERBERT E WEBER & JAMIE NESBITT-WEBER	2,184.47	MV LIBRARY ASSN	2,024.19

**TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
EMPLOYEE WAGES
July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025**

Name	Department/Position	Regular	OT/Holiday		Paid Details	Total
			Stipends/Call	Education		
Gebo, Matthew	Police	151,567.92	54,917.29	29,214.00	235,699.21	
Mincone, Matthew	Police	205,005.77	-	-	205,005.77	
Cortez, Bradley	Police	130,139.36	39,330.09	32,456.10	201,925.55	
Rogers, Jeremie	Police	118,632.44	41,232.14	20,833.74	180,698.32	
Rand, Jennifer	Select Board	171,707.36	-	-	171,707.36	
Pachico, Gregory	Fire	159,872.56	-	-	159,872.56	
Tierney, Joseph	Inspector	144,477.46	11,155.51	-	155,632.97	
Nickowal, Mark	Police	88,857.60	19,875.22	19,635.00	128,367.82	
Wojtkiolo, Nikolaj	Police	115,415.47	10,012.96	1,695.00	127,123.43	
Anderson, MacGregor	Assessors	126,770.40	-	-	126,770.40	
Fielder, Bradley	Police	88,858.32	19,543.82	16,815.00	125,217.14	
Pratt, Alexandra	Library	120,755.55	-	-	120,755.55	
Oliver, Jesse	Highway/Cemetery	115,715.48	3,767.37	-	119,482.85	
Logue, Katherine	Treasurer/Collector	115,105.25	-	-	115,105.25	
Fisher, Jeffrey	Inspector	110,027.94	-	-	110,027.94	
Joiner, Chelsea	Accounting	106,067.38	-	-	106,067.38	
Lam, Alexander	Board of Health	104,963.82	-	-	104,963.82	
Hammond, Bethany	Council on Aging	104,164.41	-	-	104,164.41	
Stobie, Noah	Police	84,960.72	11,308.10	5,280.00	101,548.82	
Hollinger, Samantha	Police	93,745.60	-	7,320.00	101,065.60	
Leaird, Kimberly	Board of Appeals	94,588.69	-	-	94,588.69	

Name	Department/Position	Regular	OT/Holiday Stipends/Call		Total
			Education	Paid Details	
Rooney, Rachel	Library	94,106.16	-	-	94,106.16
Hatt, Kevin	Highway/Cemetery	85,255.98	1,537.13	-	86,793.11
Rossi, Jane	Planning Board	83,472.09	-	-	83,472.09
Whiting-Wells, Tara	Town Clerk	79,852.69	-	-	79,852.69
Olsen, Richard	Highway Supervisor	79,500.00	-	-	79,500.00
Hoffman, Kathleen	Animal Control	79,471.50	-	-	79,471.50
Coit, Laura	Library	79,179.22	-	-	79,179.22
Hearn, Laura	Library	76,267.48	-	-	76,267.48
Toste, Sarah	Board of Health	73,474.80	-	-	73,474.80
Merrill, Susan	Council on Aging	71,571.26	-	-	71,571.26
Bennett, Jade	Treasurer/Collector	71,456.65	-	-	71,456.65
Shepherd, Kira	Library	69,664.82	-	-	69,664.82
Slingerland, Louis	Highway/Cemetery	68,941.68	673.82	-	69,615.50
Gately, Olivia	Library	68,902.12	-	-	68,902.12
McFarland, Maria	Conservation Commission	67,415.87	-	-	67,415.87
Ramoutar, Shawn	Select Board	66,140.46	-	-	66,140.46
Stone, Jeffrey	Police	-	-	62,715.00	62,715.00
Gadowski, Jennie	Council on Aging	60,721.70	-	-	60,721.70
Colligan, Thomas	Inspector	59,710.00	-	-	59,710.00
Nevin, Mary Jane	Assessors	56,307.32	-	-	56,307.32
Burke, Monica	Treasurer/Collector	55,168.94	-	-	55,168.94
Pachico, Heidi	Police	3,388.16	-	51,510.00	54,898.16
Burbidge, Hannah	Library	53,467.32	-	-	53,467.32
Stone, Margaret	Parks & Recreation	50,676.20	-	-	50,676.20

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			Education	Paid Details	
Bettencourt, Connor	Police	36,228.96	8,890.09	4,320.00	49,439.05
Ranmond, Ann	Council on Aging	39,799.34	-	-	39,799.34
D'Angelo, Margaret	Library	36,554.75	-	-	36,554.75
Durawa, Daniel	Police	32,115.53	2,200.28	-	34,315.81
Leopold, Deirdre	Library	33,628.55	-	-	33,628.55
Meegan, Emily	Library	32,029.70	-	-	32,029.70
Higgins, Wanda	Affordable Housing	28,694.42	-	-	28,694.42
Cotterill, John	Fire	28,550.00	-	-	28,550.00
Neilley, Dorelyn	Library	27,442.22	-	-	27,442.22
Bowlin, Shernan	Police	3,017.58	-	23,115.00	26,132.58
Gadowski, Jennelle	Emergency Management	25,000.00	-	-	25,000.00
Davis, Emily	Library	24,017.30	-	-	24,017.30
Fauteux, Randall	Parks & Recreation	20,744.75	-	-	20,744.75
Ciancio, Michael	Inspector	17,755.00	-	-	17,755.00
Bates, Phebe	Animal Control	16,714.92	-	-	16,714.92
Milstein, Emily	Library	14,955.63	-	-	14,955.63
Demoe, Diane	Police	794.10	-	12,510.00	13,304.10
Guiney, Leah	Energy Committees	12,823.78	-	-	12,823.78
Bennett, Elliott	Library	11,865.96	-	-	11,865.96
Vieira, Nathan	Police	-	-	11,760.00	11,760.00
Diamond, Will	Shellfish Warden	11,262.45	-	-	11,262.45
Schaffner, Brynn	Fire	10,920.00	-	-	10,920.00
Valley, Maura	Community Preservation	10,692.02	-	-	10,692.02
Gilpin, Louise	Library	10,424.29	-	-	10,424.29
Dyer, Mitchell	Parks & Recreation	10,287.81	-	-	10,287.81

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			Education	Paid Details		
Hull, Richard	Fire	9,520.00	-	-	-	9,520.00
Ferreira, Ronald	Inspector	9,240.00	-	-	-	9,240.00
Mazar-Kelly, Casey	Library	9,055.60	-	-	-	9,055.60
Valley, Maura	Assessors	8,321.36	-	-	-	8,321.36
Bremnan, Kevin	County Emergency Management	8,096.76	-	-	-	8,096.76
Stone, Barry	Inspector	7,420.00	-	-	-	7,420.00
Stone, Bruce	Accounting	6,496.81	-	-	-	6,496.81
Medeiros, Eric	Fire	6,440.00	-	-	-	6,440.00
Knight, Ethan	Parks & Recreation	6,221.16	-	-	-	6,221.16
De Geofroy, Louis	Fire	6,005.00	-	-	-	6,005.00
Guiney, Leah	Select Board	5,984.16	-	-	-	5,984.16
Reich, Will	Shellfish Warden	5,736.42	-	-	-	5,736.42
Flanders, Oscar	Parks & Recreation	5,618.60	-	-	-	5,618.60
Ramoutar, Shawn	Assessors	5,605.60	-	-	-	5,605.60
Marzbanian, Wendy	Council on Aging	5,127.84	-	-	-	5,127.84
Stalgren, Grady	Parks & Recreation	5,054.80	-	-	-	5,054.80
Miller, Jessica	Select Board	5,000.00	-	-	-	5,000.00
Mitchell, Cynthia	Select Board	5,000.00	-	-	-	5,000.00
Fauteux, Madison	Parks & Recreation	4,792.51	-	-	-	4,792.51
Koszuta, Peter	Library	4,717.85	-	-	-	4,717.85
Mastromonaco, Kenneth	Fire	4,675.00	-	-	-	4,675.00
Brust, Callie	Parks & Recreation	4,572.90	-	-	-	4,572.90
Gonsalves, Amanda	Emergency Management	4,516.27	-	-	-	4,516.27
Guiney, Leah	Personnel Board	4,497.48	-	-	-	4,497.48

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			Education	Paid Details	
McDonough, Anne	Library	4,444.46	-	-	4,444.46
Gale, Raymond	Shellfish Warden	4,331.50	-	-	4,331.50
McFarland, Maria	Personnel Board	4,238.61	-	-	4,238.61
Fairstein, Isla	Library	3,950.10	-	-	3,950.10
Emerson, Henry	Parks & Recreation	3,523.80	-	-	3,523.80
Powers, Josephine	Library	3,447.36	-	-	3,447.36
Athearn, Katherine	Library	3,361.69	-	-	3,361.69
Lake, Joshua	Parks & Recreation	3,271.56	-	-	3,271.56
Story, Nathaniel	Parks & Recreation	3,105.76	-	-	3,105.76
Edwards, Kenneth	Fire	3,075.00	-	-	3,075.00
Hoy, John	Herring Warden	3,000.00	-	-	3,000.00
Emin, Joshua	Fire	2,880.00	-	-	2,880.00
Fischer, Lydia	Library	2,824.27	-	-	2,824.27
Napjor, Leo	Parks & Recreation	2,723.88	-	-	2,723.88
Fitzgerald, James Reuben	Library	2,699.94	-	-	2,699.94
Zack, Samson	Parks & Recreation	2,683.32	-	-	2,683.32
Swan-Lawley, Finnora	Parks & Recreation	2,536.14	-	-	2,536.14
Rivers, Marques	Fire	2,530.00	-	-	2,530.00
Ferry, Emerson	Parks & Recreation	2,501.20	-	-	2,501.20
Brown, Jeremiah	Tree Warden	2,500.00	-	-	2,500.00
Olsen, Keith	Highway Supervisor	2,500.00	-	-	2,500.00
Wilbur, Gabrielle M	Library	2,422.01	-	-	2,422.01
Roberts, Allison E.H.	Library	2,289.66	-	-	2,289.66
Schwab, David	Inspector	2,200.00	-	-	2,200.00
Ebby, Samuel	Parks & Recreation	2,192.28	-	-	2,192.28

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			Education	Paid Details	
Luskin, Charles	Municipal Hearing Officer	2,078.75	-	-	2,078.75
Serusa, Stephen	Fire	2,075.00	-	-	2,075.00
Bettencourt, Mark	Fire	2,055.00	-	-	2,055.00
Zaklukiewicz, Francis	Parks & Recreation	2,046.40	-	-	2,046.40
Logue, Katherine	Data Processing	2,000.00	-	-	2,000.00
DeBlase, Glenn	Fire	1,960.00	-	-	1,960.00
Malik, Rizwan	Library	1,917.51	-	-	1,917.51
Forrester, Aeneas	Parks & Recreation	1,839.58	-	-	1,839.58
McCarthy, John	Fire	1,700.00	-	-	1,700.00
Bennett-Rock, Madison	Library	1,691.76	-	-	1,691.76
Hartmann, Ethan	Parks & Recreation	1,637.28	-	-	1,637.28
Haynes, Bruce	Fire	1,585.00	-	-	1,585.00
Schofield, Shivonne	Library	1,508.79	-	-	1,508.79
Roy, Richard	Fire	1,480.00	-	-	1,480.00
Haynes, Nathaniel	Fire	1,430.00	-	-	1,430.00
Hennessey, Robert	Fire	1,230.00	-	-	1,230.00
Slavin, Corrick	Parks & Recreation	1,216.80	-	-	1,216.80
Norton, Ginger	Library	1,191.68	-	-	1,191.68
Hedin, Cyrus	Parks & Recreation	1,183.00	-	-	1,183.00
Swan-Lawley, Eamon	Parks & Recreation	1,115.50	-	-	1,115.50
West, Christopher	Fire	1,115.00	-	-	1,115.00
Marzbanian, Peter	Fire	1,080.00	-	-	1,080.00
Harding, Shane	Parks & Recreation	1,030.90	-	-	1,030.90
Melyawati, Dewa	Library	1,017.74	-	-	1,017.74
Colaneri, Michael	Assessors	1,000.00	-	-	1,000.00

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			Education	Paid Details	
Lowe, Erik	Board of Health	1,000.00	-	-	1,000.00
McFarland, Maria	Assessors	1,000.00	-	-	1,000.00
Merry, Matthew	Planning Board	1,000.00	-	-	1,000.00
Schubert, Lawrence	Assessors	1,000.00	-	-	1,000.00
Smith, Leah	Planning Board	1,000.00	-	-	1,000.00
Soikkeli, Heikki	Planning Board	1,000.00	-	-	1,000.00
Upton, Amy	Planning Board	1,000.00	-	-	1,000.00
Vincent, Kenneth	Board of Health	1,000.00	-	-	1,000.00
Mincone, Matthew	Fire	900.00	-	-	900.00
Hathaway, Christopher	Fire	892.98	-	-	892.98
Tebo, Riley	Fire	880.00	-	-	880.00
Estrella, Manuel	Fire	850.00	-	-	850.00
Miller, Jessica	Board of Health	775.00	-	-	775.00
Sebesta, Ellen	Parks & Recreation	726.70	-	-	726.70
Sebesta, Lauren	Parks & Recreation	726.70	-	-	726.70
Chavez, Jose	Parks & Recreation	710.64	-	-	710.64
Stalgren, Griffin	Parks & Recreation	709.80	-	-	709.80
Montrowl, Dionis	Elections	656.00	-	-	656.00
Smith, Willoughby	Library	635.28	-	-	635.28
Drogin, Caroline	Library	608.81	-	-	608.81
Oliver, Jesse	Fire	590.00	-	-	590.00
Guiney, Leah	Finance Committee	509.60	-	-	509.60
White, Granville	Fire	460.00	-	-	460.00
Hartenstine, Russell	Fire	455.00	-	-	455.00

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			Education	Paid Details	
Lowe, Erik	Fire	420.00	-	-	420.00
Flanders, Caroline	Moderator	370.00	-	-	370.00
Jones, Virginia	Planning Board	368.85	-	-	368.85
Bortolotto, Alexandre	Fire	350.00	-	-	350.00
Forrester, Otis	Parks & Recreation	321.30	-	-	321.30
Dutton, Patrick	Fire	290.00	-	-	290.00
Pearson, Theodore	Fire	260.00	-	-	260.00
Mayhew, Emma	Fire	210.00	-	-	210.00
Panora Vento, Mayu	Parks & Recreation	202.80	-	-	202.80
Fielder, Evan	Elections	192.00	-	-	192.00
Bernard, Mark	Parks & Recreation	166.00	-	-	166.00
Small, David	Parks & Recreation	166.00	-	-	166.00
Whiting-Wells, Tara	Board of Registrars	150.00	-	-	150.00
Blakesley, Barbara	Elections	135.00	-	-	135.00
Fletcher, Zach	Parks & Recreation	90.96	-	-	90.96
Lepine, Leo	Parks & Recreation	90.96	-	-	90.96
Bradley, Emma-Jane	Parks & Recreation	89.25	-	-	89.25
Accinno, Michael	Elections	82.50	-	-	82.50
Hull, Hermine	Board of Registrars	75.00	-	-	75.00
Kirby, Bernice	Board of Registrars	75.00	-	-	75.00
Powers, John	Elections	60.00	-	-	60.00
Shannon, John	Fire	45.00	-	-	45.00
Brennan, Catherine	Elections	37.50	-	-	37.50

**TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
APPROPRIATION ANALYSIS FY 2025**

	Balance Forward as of 07/01/2024	Appropriations/ Transfers/	Revised Total Appropriations	Expenditures/ Charges	Forward 06/30/2025	Surplus Revenue 06/30/2025
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
FFY 2024 BUDGET						
General Government						
114-5110 Moderator Salary	370.00		370.00	370.00		0.00
114-5305 Moderator Legal	500.00		500.00	0.00		500.00
114-5700 Moderator Expenses	6,540.00		6,540.00	955.32		5,584.68
122-5110 A	15,000.00		15,000.00	10,000.00		5,000.00
122-5120 Select Board Pers Serv	314,895.00		314,895.00	243,831.98		71,063.02
122-5700 Select Board Expenses	35,150.00		35,150.00	24,937.85		10,212.15
124-5120 Municipal Hearing Officer	2,500.00		2,500.00	2,078.75		421.25
131-5120 FinCom Pers Serv	2,342.00		2,342.40	509.60		1,832.80
131-5700 FinCom Expenses	1,575.00		1,575.00	168.00		1,407.00
132-5700 Reserve Fund	75,000.00	(25,090.55)	49,909.45	0.00		49,909.45
133-5300 Annual Audit	22,000.00		22,000.00	22,000.00		0.00
135-5120 Accountant Pers Serv	124,141.00		124,141.00	112,564.19		11,576.81
135-5700 Accountant Expenses	4,670.00		4,670.00	1,957.60		2,712.40
141-5110 Assessors Salaries	3,000.00		3,000.00	3,000.00		0.00
141-5120 Assessors Pers Serv	231,830.00		231,830.00	210,283.85		21,546.15
141-5305 Assessors Legal	20,000.00		20,000.00	3,000.00		17,000.00
141-5700 Assessors Expenses	34,950.00		34,950.00	26,257.19		8,692.81
145-5120 Treasurer Pers Serv	214,445.00		214,445.00	214,445.29		(0.29)
145-5700 Treasurer Expenses	31,650.00	11,600.00	43,250.00	40,458.42		2,791.58
151-5305 Legal	75,000.00	16,000.00	91,000.00	89,090.40		1,909.60
152-5120 Personnel Bd Pers Serv	16,127.00		16,127.00	8,736.09		7,390.91
152-5700 Personnel Bd Expenses	800.00		800.00	439.90		360.10
155-5120 Data Proc Pers Serv	4,000.00		4,000.00	2,000.00		2,000.00
155-5700 Data Proc Expenses	115,640.00		115,640.00	115,640.00		0.00

	Balance Forward as of 07/01/2024	Appropriations/ Transfers/	Revised Total Appropriations	Expenditures/ Charges	Forward 06/30/2025	Surplus Revenue 06/30/2025
158-5305	4,000.00		4,000.00	2,125.58		1,874.42
158-5700	150.00		150.00	0.00		150.00
161-5110	79,853.00		79,853.00	79,852.69		0.31
161-5700	1,285.00		1,285.00	1,080.54		204.46
162-5120	9,912.00		9,912.00	1,163.00		8,749.00
162-5700	13,700.00		13,700.00	8,582.40		5,117.60
163-5120	375.00		375.00	300.00		75.00
163-5700	3,000.00		3,000.00	0.00		3,000.00
171-5120	69,347.00		69,347.00	67,415.87		1,931.13
171-5700	3,180.00		3,180.00	2,139.87		1,040.13
175-5110	5,000.00		5,000.00	4,368.85		631.15
175-5120	85,395.00		85,395.00	83,472.09		1,922.91
175-5700	7,845.00		7,845.00	4,461.72		3,383.28
176-5120	94,675.00		94,675.00	94,588.69		86.31
176-5305	5,000.00		5,000.00	2,301.00		2,699.00
176-5700	9,700.00		9,700.00	4,957.96		4,742.04
177-5600	209,638.00		209,638.00	209,638.00		0.00
179-5120	29,419.00		29,419.00	28,694.42		724.58
179-5305	6,000.00		6,000.00	3,770.80		2,229.20
179-5700	4,050.00		4,050.00	235.00		3,815.00
182-5120	16,761.00		16,761.00	12,823.78		3,937.22
182-5700	1,125.00		1,125.00	6,585.30		0.00
192-5700	143,500.00	5,460.30	137,500.00	135,068.96	1,317.50	1,113.54
193-5700	179,000.00	(6,000.00)	179,000.00	172,116.78		6,883.22
194-5700	51,760.00		51,760.00	43,467.53		8,292.47
195-5700	11,500.00		11,500.00	9,625.00		1,875.00
196-5120	250.00		250.00	0.00		250.00
197-5600	61,763.00		61,763.00	61,763.00		0.00
Sub-total : General Government	2,459,308.00	1,969.75	2,461,278.15	2,173,323.26	1,317.50	286,637.39

	Balance Forward as of 07/01/2024	Appropriations/ Transfers/	Revised Total Appropriations	Expenditures/ Charges	Forward 06/30/2025	Surplus Revenue 06/30/2025
Public Safety						
210-5120	1,524,697.00		1,524,697.00	1,338,736.46		185,960.54
210-5700	154,445.00		154,445.00	154,385.30		59.70
220-5120	293,799.00		293,799.00	256,780.54		37,018.46
220-5700	205,400.00		205,400.00	202,326.23		3,073.77
231-5600	860,408.00		860,408.00	860,407.58		0.42
235-5600	33,658.00		33,658.00	33,599.85		58.15
241-5120	380,971.00		380,971.00	361,985.91		18,985.09
241-5700	16,035.00		16,035.00	8,912.09		7,122.91
291-5120	38,000.00		38,000.00	29,516.27		8,483.73
291-5700	17,360.00		17,360.00	15,048.45		2,311.55
292-5120	105,269.00		105,269.00	96,186.42		9,082.58
292-5700	8,355.00	4,963.28	13,318.28	10,398.84		2,919.44
293-5120	3,000.00		3,000.00	3,000.00		0.00
293-5700	1,200.00		1,200.00	0.00		1,200.00
294-5110	2,500.00		2,500.00	2,500.00		0.00
294-5120	1,000.00		1,000.00	0.00		1,000.00
294-5700	13,000.00		13,000.00	3,375.00		9,625.00
298-5120	35,934.00		35,934.00	21,330.37		14,603.63
298-5700	12,400.00		12,400.00	10,893.67	620.00	886.33
299-5700	40,000.00		40,000.00	40,000.00		0.00
Sub-total : Public Safety	3,747,431.00	4,963.28	3,752,394.28	3,449,382.98	620.00	302,391.30
Education						
311-5600	10,684,672.00		10,684,672.00	10,684,671.59		0.41
313-5600	3,200,651.00		3,200,651.00	3,140,784.81		59,866.19
Sub-total : Education	13,885,323.00	0.00	13,885,323.00	13,825,456.40	0.00	59,866.60
Public Works						
421-5120	270,974.00	2,009.58	272,984.00	272,967.94		16.06
422-5700	90,595.00		90,595.00	90,121.69		473.31

	Balance Forward as of 07/01/2024	Appropriations/ Transfers/	Revised Total Appropriations	Expenditures/ Charges	Forward 06/30/2025	Surplus Revenue 06/30/2025
423-5700 Snow & Ice	90,000.00		90,000.00	71,149.42		18,850.58
424-5700 Street Lights	3,200.00		3,200.00	573.60		2,626.40
491-5120 Cemeteries Pers Serv	3,272.00		3,272.00	2,923.52		348.48
491-5700 Cemeteries Expenses	26,500.00		26,500.00	21,324.40		5,175.60
Sub-total : Public Works	566,541.00	2,009.58	568,551.00	541,060.57	0.00	27,490.43
Sanitation						
433-5120 Town LDO Pers Serv	50.00		50.00	0.00		50.00
433-5600 Town LDO Intergov	11,000.00		11,000.00	8,630.78		2,369.22
433-5700 Town LDO Expenses	5,520.00		5,520.00	2,687.29		2,832.71
439-5600 MVRDRRD Intergov	126,657.00		126,657.00	126,657.10		(0.10)
Sub-total : Sanitation	143,227.00	0.00	143,227.00	137,975.17	0.00	5,251.83
Human Services						
510-5110 BOH Salaries	3,000.00		3,000.00	2,775.00		225.00
510-5120 BOH Pers Serv	176,054.00	2,384.62	178,438.62	178,438.62		0.00
510-5700 BOH Expenses	22,725.00		22,725.00	21,581.55		1,143.45
522-5700 Health Services	20,000.00		20,000.00	9,507.63		10,492.37
525-5600 Vineyard Health Care Access	79,303.00		79,303.00	79,303.00		0.00
526-5600 Dukess County Social Services	7,326.00		7,326.00	7,326.00		0.00
541-5120 Uplisland COA Per Serv	319,769.00		319,769.00	281,384.55		38,384.45
541-5700 Uplisland COA Expense	36,450.00		36,450.00	23,621.86		12,828.14
543-5700 Veterans Benefits	21,000.00		21,000.00	4,000.00		17,000.00
Sub-total : Human Services	685,627.00	2,384.62	688,011.62	607,938.21	0.00	80,073.41
Culture & Recreation						
610-5120 Library Pers Serv	830,828.00		830,828.00	801,045.58		29,782.42
610-5700 Library Expenses	289,100.00		289,100.00	289,086.20		13.80
620-5110 P&R Com Salaries	830.00		830.00	332.00		498.00
620-5120 P&R Pers Serv	50,104.00	273.00	50,376.65	50,376.65		0.00
620-5700 P&R Expenses	1,950.00		1,950.00	1,641.20		308.80
632-5120 Beaches Pers Serv	96,087.00		96,087.00	81,191.51		14,895.49

	Balance Forward as of 07/01/2024	Appropriations/ Transfers/	Revised Total Appropriations	Expenditures/ Charges	Forward 06/30/2025	Surplus Revenue 06/30/2025
632-5700 Beaches Expenses	23,925.00		23,925.00	22,556.13		1,368.87
640-5120 Rec Programs Pers Serv	21,536.00		21,536.00	12,677.08		8,858.92
640-5700 Rec Programs Expenses	20,400.00		20,400.00	18,052.93		2,347.07
650-5700 Town Grounds	10,250.00		10,250.00	5,315.00	884.00	4,051.00
690-5700 Historic District	600.00		600.00	0.00		600.00
691-5700 Historical Commission	350.00		350.00	0.00		350.00
692-5600 MV Cultural Council	5,000.00		5,000.00	5,000.00		0.00
Sub-total : Culture & Recreation	1,350,960.00	273.00	1,351,232.65	1,287,274.28	884.00	63,074.37
Debt Service						
710-5910 Principal-Long Term	740,000.00		740,000.00	740,000.00		0.00
751-5915 Interest-Long Term	103,680.00		103,680.00	103,676.25		3.75
752-7925 Interest-Short Term	121,250.00		121,250.00	23,663.03		97,586.97
Sub-total : Debt Service	964,930.00	0.00	964,930.00	867,339.28	0.00	97,590.72
Benefits						
911-5170 County Retirement	690,785.00		690,785.00	690,785.00		0.00
912-5170 Workers Comp Ins	21,280.00		21,280.00	19,785.00		1,495.00
914-5170 Health Insurance	1,090,800.00	(11,600.00)	1,079,200.00	999,615.23		79,584.77
915-5170 Life Insurance	5,500.00		5,500.00	5,358.09		141.91
916-5170 Employers Medicare	78,000.00		78,000.00	73,276.02		4,723.98
945-5740 Public Official Liability	14,685.00		14,685.00	13,021.00		1,664.00
Sub-total : Benefits	1,901,050.00	(11,600.00)	1,889,450.00	1,801,840.34	2,821.50	87,609.66
TOTAL BUDGET ITEMS	25,704,397.00	0.23	25,704,397.70	24,691,590.49	2,821.50	1,009,985.71
FY 2025 WARRANT ARTICLES						
ATM24 10 Assessors Revaluation	24,000.00		24,000.00	0.00	24,000.00	0.00
ATM24 24 Adult Continuing Ed (MVCERT)	14,240.00		14,240.00	14,240.00		0.00
ATM24 26 Police Cruiser	30,000.00		30,000.00	29,081.47	918.53	0.00
ATM24 27 Highway Truck	46,500.00		46,500.00	44,975.00	1,525.00	0.00
ATM24 28 County-MV Senior Services	94,843.00		94,843.00	94,843.00	0.00	0.00

	Balance Forward as of 07/01/2024	Appropriations/ Transfers/	Revised Total Appropriations	Expenditures/ Charges	Forward 06/30/2025	Surplus Revenue 06/30/2025
ATM24 29 County-Homelessness Prevention	9,963.00		9,963.00	9,963.00	0.00	0.00
ATM24 30 County-CORE	14,437.00		14,437.00	14,437.00	0.00	0.00
ATM24 31 County-Healthy Aging MV	16,994.00		16,994.00	16,994.00	0.00	0.00
ATM24 32 County-SUD Prevention	6,969.00		6,969.00	6,969.00	0.00	0.00
ATM24 33 County-Supplemental Inc	11,679.00		11,679.00	11,679.00	0.00	0.00
ATM24 34 MV Commission Engineering	15,000.00		15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00	0.00
ATM24 36 Oak Bluffs' Hospital Rds Proj	8,648.86		8,648.86	0.00	8,648.86	0.00
ATM24 37 Unemployment Insurance	3,000.00		3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	0.00
ATM24 39 Building Maintenance	100,000.00		100,000.00	0.00	100,000.00	0.00
ATM24 41 Employee Comp Abs Reserve	30,000.00		30,000.00	30,000.00	0.00	0.00
ATM24 42 County Building Debt	25,240.40		25,240.40	25,240.40	0.00	0.00
ATM25 23 PFAS Professional Services	60,000.00		60,000.00	26,427.47	33,572.53	0.00
ATM25 12 LCB Hydrant Lot	255,000.00		255,000.00	0.00	255,000.00	0.00
ATM25 14 Water Rescue Truck	298,000.00		298,000.00	0.00	298,000.00	0.00
ATM25 37 Firefighter Equipment/Truck	96,265.00		96,265.00	0.00	96,265.00	0.00
ATM25 59 Recreation Court Renovation	150,000.00		150,000.00	0.00	150,000.00	0.00
TOTAL FY 2025 WARRANT ARTICLES	1,310,779.26	0.00	1,310,779.26	327,849.34	982,929.92	0.00
PRIOR YEAR BALANCE FORWARDS						
FY2024 Encumbrances						
FY24 Encumbered DaRosa's	600.00		600.00	0.00	600.00	0.00
FY24 Encumbered Associated Elevator	1,725.00		1,725.00	1,725.00	0.00	0.00
FY24 Encumbered Wells Fargo Financial Leasing	1,198.29		1,198.29	1,198.29	0.00	0.00
FY24 Encumbered Don Sexton	1,880.00		1,880.00	1,880.00	0.00	0.00
FY24 Encumbered CVEC	8,639.21		8,639.21	8,639.23	0.00	(0.02)
Sub-total : FY2024 Encumbrances	14,042.50	0.00	14,042.50	8,639.23	600.00	(0.02)

	Balance Forward as of 07/01/2024	Appropriations/ Transfers/ Appropriations	Revised Total Appropriations	Expenditures/ Charges	Forward 06/30/2025	Surplus Revenue 06/30/2025
FY2023 Encumbrances						
FY23 Permitting Module	1,542.40		1,542.40	0.00	1,542.40	0.00
Sub-total : FY2023 Encumbrances	1,542.40	0.00	1,542.40	0.00	1,542.40	0.00
Prior Year Warrant Articles						
2012 Capital Outlay						
ATM2020 10 LDO Improvements (+)	10,201.85		10,201.85	0.00	0.00	10,201.85
ATM2020 13 TNC Transportation (+)	1,526.00		1,526.00	0.00	1,526.00	0.00
STM 10-2020 09 Town Events (+)	131.00		131.00	0.00	131.00	0.00
STM 10-2020 13 School Speed Sign	3,566.80		3,566.80	0.00	3,566.80	0.00
ATM2021 11 TNC Transportation (+)	1,330.60		1,330.60	0.00	1,330.60	0.00
ATM2022 22 Shellfish Dept	9,139.50		9,139.50	9,139.50	0.00	0.00
ATM2022 26 Tax Billing Conversion	4,910.00		4,910.00	1,990.00	2,920.00	0.00
ATM2022 30 TNC Complete St (+)	470.00		470.00	0.00	470.00	0.00
ATM2022 31 Hatchery Seawater	36,000.00		36,000.00	0.00	36,000.00	0.00
ATM2022 19 Howes House Design	240,711.68		240,711.68	0.00	240,711.68	0.00
ATM2023 08 Tree Planting (+)	14,462.00		14,462.00	0.00	14,462.00	0.00
ATM2023 11 Building Maintenance	134,463.71		134,463.71	7,606.00	126,857.71	0.00
ATM2023 16 Visioning (+)	9,666.30		9,666.30	9,625.50	40.80	0.00
ATM2023 21 WT School Chargers	35,858.00		35,858.00	35,858.00	0.00	0.00
ATM2023 23 Police Cruiser (+)	25,161.23		25,161.23	25,161.23	0.00	0.00
ATM2023 24 Highway Dump Truck	3,739.36		3,739.36	0.00	3,739.36	0.00
ATM2023 25 Beach Dune lowering	3,000.00		3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	0.00
ATM2023 46 Transportation Projects	965.00		965.00	0.00	965.00	0.00
ATM2023 10 Assessors Revaluation	23,695.51		23,695.51	9,900.00	13,795.51	0.00
ATM2023 28 MVC Engineering (+)	15,000.00		15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00	0.00
Sub-total : Prior Year Warrant Articles	573,998.54		573,998.54	99,280.23	464,516.46	10,201.85
TOTAL PRIOR YEAR BALANCE FORWARDS	589,583.44	0.00	589,583.44	99,280.23	929,032.92	10,201.85

	Balance Forward as of 07/01/2024	Appropriations/ Transfers/	Revised Total Appropriations	Expenditures/ Charges	Forward 06/30/2025	Surplus Revenue 06/30/2025
FY 2025 STATE CHERRY SHEET ASSESSMENTS						
820-5600 State-Air Pollution	3,456.00		3,456.00	3,456.00		0.00
821-5600 State-RTA	143,237.00		143,237.00	143,237.00		0.00
824-5600 State Non-Renew MVE	9,380.00		9,380.00	9,380.00		0.00
830-5600 County Assessment	68,643.00		68,643.00	68,660.00		(17.00)
TOTAL FY 2025 CHERRY SHEET ASSESSMENTS	224,716.00	0.00	224,716.00	224,733.00	0.00	(17.00)

**Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups
as of 30 June 2025
(Unaudited)**

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Types	Account Groups	Totals			
	Special Revenue		Capital Projects				Trust & Agency	Long-term Debt	(Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects						
ASSETS									
Cash and cash equivalents	4,269,499.25	3,064,903.52	819,632.49	2,076,400.99		10,230,436.25			
Investments						-			
Receivables:						-			
Personal property taxes	11,431.63					11,431.63			
Real estate taxes	167,520.78	5,595.84				173,116.62			
Allowance for abatements and exemptions	(241,600.02)					((241,600.02)			
Tax liens	12,765.54	519.81				13,285.35			
Motor vehicle excise	189,033.72					189,033.72			
Other receivables		25,979.00				25,979.00			
Foreclosures/Possessions	75,063.66	257.98				75,321.64			
Amounts to be provided - payment of bonds					2,865,000.00	2,865,000.00			
Amounts to be provided -landfill postclosure costs					28,000.00	28,000.00			
	<u>4,483,714.56</u>	<u>3,097,256.15</u>	<u>819,632.49</u>	<u>2,076,400.99</u>	<u>2,893,000.00</u>	<u>13,370,004.19</u>			

LIABILITIES AND FUNDEQUITY

Liabilities:						
Warrants payable	147,467.27	2,054.56		41,376.97		190,898.80
Accounts payable	-					0.00
Accrued payroll	27,744.76			743.51		28,488.27
Withholdings	169,493.51	157.02				169,650.53
Deferred Revenue						0.00

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Types	Account Groups	Totals
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects			
Real and						
personal property taxes	(62,647.61)	5,595.84				(57,051.77)
Tax liens	12,765.54	519.81				13,285.35
Tax foreclosures	75,063.66	257.98				75,321.64
Motor vehicle excise	189,033.72					189,033.72
Other Receivables	(3,987.98)	25,979.00				21,991.02
Prepaid taxes/fees						0.00
Tailings	34,190.27					34,190.27
Agency Funds				93,075.43		93,075.43
Notes payable			2,865,000.00			2,865,000.00
Bonds payable					2,865,000.00	2,865,000.00
Closed landfill future costs					28,000.00	28,000.00
	<u>589,123.14</u>	<u>34,564.21</u>	<u>2,865,000.00</u>	<u>135,195.91</u>	<u>2,893,000.00</u>	<u>6,516,883.26</u>
Fund Equity:						
Reserved for encumbrances	2,821.50					2,821.50
Reserved for expenditures	1,030,676.03					1,030,676.03
Reserved for continuing appropriations	1,482,588.78					1,482,588.78
Reserved for premiums	8,722.25					8,722.25
Undesignated fund balance	1,369,782.86	3,062,691.94	(2,045,367.51)	1,941,205.08		2,519,165.56
	<u>3,894,591.42</u>	<u>3,062,691.94</u>	<u>(2,045,367.51)</u>	<u>1,941,205.08</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,853,120.93</u>
	<u>4,483,714.56</u>	<u>3,097,256.15</u>	<u>819,632.49</u>	<u>2,076,400.99</u>	<u>2,893,000.00</u>	<u>13,370,004.19</u>

**TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
COMBINED BALANCE SHEETS BY FUND
as of June 2025**

GENERAL FUND

Assets/Debit Balances		Liabilities/Fund Equity
Cash	4,269,499.25	Allowance Abatements & Exemptions
Real Estate Tax Receivables	167,520.78	Warrants Payable/Accounts Payable
Personal Property Tax Receivables	11,431.63	Warrants Payable/Payroll
Tax Liens	12,765.54	Payroll Withholdings
MVE Tax Receivables	189,033.72	Unclaimed Checks
Tax Foreclosures	75,063.66	Deferred Revenue/Property Taxes
		Deferred Revenue/Tax Liens
		Deferred Revenue/Tax Foreclosures
		Deferred Revenue/MVE
		Fund Balance/Encumbrances
		Fund Balance/Continuing Appropriations
		Fund Balance/Reserved for Expenditure
		Fund Balance/Reserved for
		Unamort Bond Premium
		Undesignated Fund Balance
	<u>4,725,314.58</u>	241,600.02
		147,467.27
		27,744.76
		169,493.51
		30,202.29
		(62,647.61)
		12,765.54
		75,063.66
		189,033.72
		2,821.50
		1,482,588.78
		1,030,676.03
		8,722.25
		1,369,782.86
		<u>4,725,314.58</u>

SPECIAL REVENUE

Cash on Deposit			
CPA Surcharge Receivables	3,064,903.52	Warrants Payable/Payroll	2,054.56
CPA Surcharge Tax Liens Receivables	5,595.84	Warrants Payable/Accounts Payable	0.00
CPA - Tax Foreclosures	519.81	Warrants Payable/Withholdings	157.02
Septic Loans Receivables	257.98	Deferred Revenue CPA Surcharge	5,595.84
	25,979.00	Deferred Revenue CPA Tax Liens	519.81
		Deferred Revenue CPA Foreclosures	257.98
		Deferred Revenue-Septic Loans	25,979.00
		Fund Balances CPA:	
		Fund Balance/Reserved for Appropriations	2,064,472.53
		Fund Balance/Encumbrances	0.00
		Fund Balance/Reserved for Open Space	46,336.00
		Fund Balance/Reserved for Housing	72,954.00
		Fund Balance/Reserved for Historic Presev	25,000.00
		Fund Balance/Unrestricted	150,119.00
		Fund Balances:	
		MED Project (Police)	8,024.21
		Police Highway Safety Grant	(779.28)
		Police Special Detail	24,950.00
		Police Domestic Violence	1,567.60
		Police Vest Grant	2,948.10
		Fire Hydrant Fund	42,629.97
		State Highway Chapter 90	(5,040.00)
		State Highway WRAP	36.15
		Highway Fair Share	25,279.31
		State Regional Cultural Council	108,378.61

Rural Development Fund	18,049.60
Opioid Settlement Fund	12,272.42
MV Fire Training Council Grant	25,482.67
COVID Mass Assm Health Boards	9,305.00
Federal ARPA CLFRF	0.00
State Veterans Benefits COLA	474.00
State TNC Receipts Reserved	4,660.50
State Elderly Persons	26,207.42
State EPM Grant	14,578.50
State Aid to Libraries	3,137.92
WT Library Foundation Gift	71,448.74
Library Friends Grant	27,837.54
Library Slough Farm Grant	0.00
Sale of Cemetery Plots Reserved	140,535.65
Septic Systems Repair	71,932.16
Wetlands Protection	45,598.21
Revolving Fund/Wetlands By-Law Fees	3,565.00
Insurance < \$150,000	12,914.95
Gift	4,457.46
Gift Fund-Council on Aging Designated	3,358.00
	<u>3,097,256.15</u>

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Cash	819,632.49	66,737.50
Accounts Payable		2,865,000.00
Balance Authorized for Library HVAC		

<u>819,632.49</u>	Library HVAC Payable	(2,112,105.01)
		<u>819,632.49</u>

NON-EXPENDABLE TRUSTS

65,333.45	Fund Balance/Cemetery Funds	59,790.00
	Fund Balance/Library Funds	5,543.45
<u>65,333.45</u>		<u>65,333.45</u>

EXPENDABLE TRUSTS

1,875,871.63	Warrants Payable	
	Fund Balance/Stabilization	601,251.35
	Fund Balance/Stabilization-Ambulance	65,013.69
	Fund Balance/Stabilization-Bldg Maint	17,098.71
	Fund Balance/Stabilization-Fire Department	36,255.99
	Fund Balance/Terminated Emp Reserve	51,634.93
	Fund Balance/Unemployment Compensation	9,389.66
	Fund Balance/Cemeteries	13,989.84
	Fund Balance/Affordable Housing Trust	995,969.19
	Fund Balance/Libraries	13,385.73
	Fund Balance/Conservation	71,882.54
<u>1,875,871.63</u>		<u>1,875,871.63</u>

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	AGENCY		
Cash	135,195.91	Warrants Payable/Payroll Payable	24,104.79
		Warrants Payable/Accounts Payable	18,015.69
		Warrants Payable/Withholdings	0.00
		Agency Balance/Payroll	0.00
		Agency Balance/Police Details	0.00
		Agency Balance/Deputy Collector	31,979.33
		Agency Balance/Licenses Town Clerk	(130.85)
		Agency Balance/Police Firarms to State	37.50
		Agency Balance/Eserow Account	56,620.70
		Agency Balance/Consultants(44-53G)	6,554.66
		Agency Balance/School PPA due CVEC	(1,985.91)
		Agency Balance/Due to Other Libraries	0.00
	<u>135,195.91</u>		<u>135,195.91</u>

	LONG TERM DEBT/OBLIGATIONS		
Bonds Authorized		Bond Authorized and Unissued	0.00
Amts to be Provided for Retirement of Long Term Obligations	2,865,000.00	Bonds Payable	2,865,000.00
Amts to be Provided for Retirement of Short Term Obligations	2,865,000.00	Landfill Closure & Post Closure Costs	48,000.00
Amts to be Provided for Landfill Post Closure Costs	48,000.00	BANS Payable	2,865,000.00

SCHEDULE OF DEBT OUTSTANDING, ISSUED, AND RETIRED
July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

	<u>Balance</u> <u>06/30/2024</u>	<u>Issued</u> <u>FY 2025</u>	<u>Retired</u> <u>FY 2025</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>06/30/2025</u>	<u>Interest Paid</u> <u>FY 2025</u>
<u>Long Term Debt</u>					
Town Hall Renovation	1,150,000.00		230,000.00	920,000.00	36,943.75
Library Renovation	500,000.00		100,000.00	400,000.00	12,775.00
Road Renovation	620,000.00		155,000.00	465,000.00	14,957.50
Police Station Construction	1,200,000.00		120,000.00	1,080,000.00	39,000.00
Total - Long Term Debt	<u>3,470,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>605,000.00</u>	<u>2,865,000.00</u>	<u>103,676.25</u>
<u>Short Term Debt</u>					
Library HVAC System Replacement	500,000.00	2,865,000.00	500,000.00	2,865,000.00	23,663.03
Total - Short Term Debt	<u>500,000.00</u>	<u>2,865,000.00</u>	<u>500,000.00</u>	<u>2,865,000.00</u>	<u>23,663.03</u>
<u>Bonds Authorized and Unissued</u>					
CPC - Affordable Housing	0.00	500,000.00	0.00	500,000.00	
CPC - Recreation Restoration	0.00	250,000.00	0.00	250,000.00	

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS
July 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025

	Appropriation/ Balance Forward	Year To Date	Appropriation Balance
FY 2026 BUDGET			
<u>General Government</u>			
114-5110 Moderator Salary	370.00	185.00	185.00
114-5305 Moderator Legal	500.00	0.00	500.00
114-5700 Moderator Expenses	6,540.00	60.00	6,480.00
122-5110 Select Board Salaries	10,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
122-5120 Select Board Pers Serv	383,910.46	160,291.34	223,619.12
122-5700 Select Board Expenses	38,315.00	14,603.43	23,711.57
124-5120 Municipal Hearing Officer	2,500.00	1,250.00	1,250.00
131-5700 FinCom Expenses	1,615.00	172.00	1,443.00
132-5700 Reserve Fund	75,000.00	27,000.00	48,000.00
133-5300 Annual Audit	22,000.00	0.00	22,000.00
135-5120 Accountant Pers Serv	117,886.44	53,085.90	64,800.54
135-5700 Accountant Expenses	4,170.00	417.53	3,752.47
141-5110 Assessors Salaries	3,000.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
141-5120 Assessors Pers Serv	256,674.92	106,348.68	150,326.24
141-5305 Assessors Legal	20,000.00	4,743.67	15,256.33
141-5700 Assessors Expenses	33,000.00	6,049.84	26,950.16
145-5120 Treasurer Pers Serv	98,985.26	41,830.22	57,155.04
145-5700 Treasurer Expenses	168,040.00	65,128.17	102,911.83
151-5305 Legal	75,000.00	21,523.74	53,476.26
152-5120 Personnel Bd Pers Serv	12,830.76	6,978.36	5,852.40
152-5700 Personnel Bd Expenses	800.00	0.00	800.00
155-5700 Data Proc Expenses	122,300.00	84,782.43	37,517.57
158-5305 Tax Foreclosure Legal	4,000.00	105.00	3,895.00
158-5700 Tax Foreclosure	150.00	0.00	150.00
161-5110 Town Clerk Salaries	83,526.53	38,550.72	44,975.81
161-5700 Town Clerk Expenses	1,290.00	1,050.07	239.93
162-5120 Elections Pers Serv	4,956.00	0.00	4,956.00
162-5700 Elections Expenses	9,700.00	0.00	9,700.00
163-5120 Registrars Salaries	375.00	75.00	300.00
163-5700 Registrars Expenses	2,700.00	0.00	2,700.00
171-5120 ConCom Pers Serv	73,241.30	41,041.21	32,200.09
171-5700 ConCom Expenses	3,180.00	2,145.75	1,034.25
175-5110 Planning Bd Salaries	5,000.00	2,000.00	3,000.00
175-5120 Planning Bd Pers Serv	89,324.25	38,001.04	51,323.21
175-5700 Planning Bd Expenses	7,845.00	479.84	7,365.16
176-5120 ZBA Pers Serv	103,906.81	47,330.15	56,576.66
176-5305 ZBA Legal	5,000.00	4,248.00	752.00
176-5700 ZBA Expenses	9,700.00	2,284.10	7,415.90
177-5600 MV Commission	267,300.00	267,300.00	0.00
179-5120 AH Com Pers Serv	33,376.51	13,874.85	19,501.66
179-5305 AHC Legal	4,050.00	78.00	3,972.00
179-5700 AH Com Expenses	6,000.00	118.00	5,882.00
182-5120 Energy/Climate Pers Serv	17,060.84	6,643.11	10,417.73

	Appropriation/ Balance Forward	Year To Date	Appropriation Balance
182-5700 Energy/Climate Com Exp	1,125.00	0.00	1,125.00
192-5700 Town Hall Expenses	146,900.00	86,744.26	60,155.74
193-5700 Property Insurance	189,329.00	187,586.00	1,743.00
194-5700 Town Electric	53,520.00	13,372.84	40,147.16
195-5700 Town Report Expenses	11,000.00	0.00	11,000.00
196-5120 Town Clock Pers Serv	250.00	0.00	250.00
197-5600 DCRHA Administrative	65,427.00	65,427.00	0.00
Sub-total : General Government	2,652,671.08	1,419,405.25	1,233,265.83
<u>Public Safety</u>			
210-5120 Police Pers Serv	1,376,178.13	617,465.85	758,712.28
210-5700 Police Expenses	159,175.00	111,786.57	47,388.43
220-5120 Fire Pers Serv	366,415.24	142,738.01	223,677.23
220-5700 Fire Expenses	214,602.00	134,229.81	80,372.19
231-5600 Tri-Town Ambulance	842,708.02	842,708.02	0.00
235-5600 Communications MVPCSC	35,405.29	0.00	35,405.29
241-5120 Bldg. Inspect Pers Serv	454,643.56	166,178.85	288,464.71
241-5700 Bldg. Inspect Expenses	16,130.00	5,513.50	10,616.50
291-5120 Emer Mgmt. Pers Serv	39,500.00	12,500.00	27,000.00
291-5700 Emergency Management	25,010.00	6,378.88	18,631.12
292-5120 ACO Pers Serv	112,365.58	46,532.20	65,833.38
292-5700 ACO Expenses	8,875.00	6,097.67	2,777.33
293-5120 Herring Warden Pers Serv	3,000.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
293-5700 Herring Warden Expenses	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00
294-5110 Tree Warden Salaries	2,500.00	1,250.00	1,250.00
294-5120 Tree Warden Expenses	2,160.00	0.00	2,160.00
294-5700 Tree Warden Expenses	12,500.00	2,325.00	10,175.00
298-5120 Shellfish Dept Pers Serv	31,319.37	13,587.44	17,731.93
298-5700 Shellfish Dept Expenses	14,100.00	4,354.69	9,745.31
299-5700 MV Shellfish Group	41,000.00	0.00	41,000.00
Sub-total : Public Safety	3,758,787.19	2,115,146.49	1,643,640.70
<u>Education</u>			
311-5600 Up-Island RSD	11,538,795.47	5,769,397.74	5,769,397.73
313-5600 MVRHS District	3,844,432.28	1,922,216.14	1,922,216.14
Sub-total : Education	15,383,227.75	7,691,613.88	7,691,613.87
<u>Public Works</u>			
421-5120 Super Streets Pers Serv	89,500.00	44,750.00	44,750.00
422-5120 Highway Pers Serv	292,904.00	117,274.89	175,629.11
422-5700 Highway Expenses	95,725.00	29,374.48	66,350.52
423-5700 Snow & Ice	95,000.00	0.00	95,000.00
424-5700 Street Lights	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00
491-5120 Cemeteries Pers Serv	3,422.40	0.00	3,422.40
491-5700 Cemeteries Expenses	28,000.00	15,850.00	12,150.00
Sub-total : Public Works	607,051.40	207,249.37	399,802.03
<u>Sanitation</u>			
433-5120 Town LDO Pers Serv	50.00	0.00	50.00
433-5600 Town LDO Intergovernmental	12,100.00	1,360.00	10,740.00
433-5700 Town LDO Expenses	5,850.00	1,242.67	4,607.33

	Appropriation/ Balance Forward	Year To Date	Appropriation Balance
439-5600 MVRDRRD			
Intergovernmental	129,122.82	64,561.41	64,561.41
Sub-total : Sanitation	147,122.82	67,164.08	79,958.74
<u>Human Services</u>			
510-5110 BOH Salaries	3,000.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
510-5120 BOH Pers Serv	198,572.89	89,907.54	108,665.35
510-5700 BOH Expenses	18,900.00	8,777.01	10,122.99
522-5700 Health Services	15,000.00	2,391.46	12,608.54
525-5600 DC Health Care Access	82,958.56	82,943.00	15.56
526-5600 DC Public Benefits Access	8,384.88	8,383.00	1.88
527-5600 Dukes County			
Supplemental Income	14,533.00	14,533.00	0.00
541-5120 Up Island COA Per Serv	331,597.24	148,465.72	183,131.52
541-5700 Up Island COA Expense	43,130.00	13,830.17	29,299.83
543-5700 Veterans Benefits	12,000.00	0.00	12,000.00
Sub-total : Human Services	728,076.57	370,730.90	357,345.67
<u>Culture & Recreation</u>			
610-5120 Library Pers Serv	909,005.31	406,998.41	502,006.90
610-5700 Library Expenses	299,200.00	161,901.52	137,298.48
620-5110 P&R Com Salaries	830.00	166.00	664.00
620-5120 P&R Pers Serv	52,408.80	27,076.64	25,332.16
620-5700 P&R Expenses	1,950.00	737.10	1,212.90
632-5120 Beaches Pers Serv	102,921.82	83,987.45	18,934.37
632-5700 Beaches Expenses	28,750.00	9,116.38	19,633.62
640-5120 Rec Programs Pers Serv	22,533.04	8,012.46	14,520.58
640-5700 Rec Programs Expenses	20,400.00	6,683.77	13,716.23
650-5700 Town Grounds	12,250.00	3,411.77	8,838.23
690-5700 Historic District	600.00	0.00	600.00
691-5700 Historical Commission	350.00	0.00	350.00
692-5600 MV Cultural Council	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
Sub-total : Culture & Recreation	1,456,198.97	713,091.50	743,107.47
<u>Debt Service</u>			
710-5910 Principal-Long Term	891,500.00	595,000.00	296,500.00
751-5915 Interest-Long Term	85,412.50	16,531.25	68,881.25
752-5925 Interest-Short Term	103,545.00	100,473.57	3,071.43
Sub-total : Debt Service	1,080,457.50	712,004.82	368,452.68
<u>Benefits</u>			
911-5170 County Retirement	719,853.00	719,853.00	0.00
912-5170 Workers Comp Ins	23,500.00	14,551.00	8,949.00
914-5170 Health Insurance	1,234,350.00	552,155.83	682,194.17
915-5170 Life Insurance	6,500.00	2,252.33	4,247.67
916-5170 Employers Medicare	85,000.00	37,636.80	47,363.20
945-5740 Public Official Liability	14,323.10	14,211.00	112.10
Sub-total : Benefits	2,083,526.10	1,340,659.96	742,866.14
TOTAL BUDGET ITEMS	27,897,119.38	14,637,066.25	13,260,053.13

	Appropriation/ Balance Forward	Year To Date	Appropriation Balance
FY 2026 STATE CHERRY SHEET ASSESSMENTS			
820-5600 State-Air Pollution	4,150.00	2,076.00	2,074.00
821-5600 State-RTA	146,818.00	73,410.00	73,408.00
824-5600 State Non-Renew MVE	9,380.00	4,692.00	4,688.00
830-5600 County Assessment	74,689.00	25,748.50	48,940.50
TOTAL FY 2026 CHERRY SHEET ASSESSMENTS	235,037.00	105,926.50	129,110.50
FY 2026 WARRANT ARTICLES			
ATM25 10 County - Healthy Aging MV	18,317.00	18,317.00	0.00
ATM25 12 LCB Hydrant Lot	255,000.00	106,869.33	148,130.67
ATM25 14 Water Rescue Truck	298,000.00	0.00	298,000.00
ATM25 17 - Facilities Manager Truck/Supplies	50,000.00	34,503.41	15,496.59
ATM25 18 Tri-Town Ambulance	76,389.28	76,389.28	0.00
ATM25 19 Tri-Town LifePaks	32,310.77	32,310.77	0.00
ATM25 23 PFAS Professional Services	33,572.53	29,976.25	3,596.28
ATM25 24 PFAS Testing and Removal	190,000.00	37,640.14	152,359.86
ATM25 26 Tiasquam River Testing	15,500.00	0.00	15,500.00
ATM25 35 Building Maintenance	100,000.00	0.00	100,000.00
ATM25 37 Firefighter Equipment/Truck	96,265.00	0.00	96,265.00
ATM25 38 Unemployment Insurance Fund	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
ATM25 42 RE PP Valuation Update	24,000.00	0.00	24,000.00
ATM25 44 County - Building Debt	24,649.00	24,649.20	-0.20
ATM25 45 Employee Comp Abs Reserve	40,000.00	0.00	40,000.00
ATM25 5 Police Cruiser	38,500.00	0.00	38,500.00
ATM25 59 Recreation Court Renovation	150,000.00	0.00	150,000.00
ATM25 6 Adult Continuing Ed (MVCERT)	14,240.00	0.00	14,240.00
ATM25 7 County - Homelessness Prevention	10,522.00	10,522.00	0.00
ATM25 8 County - MV Senior Services	93,738.00	93,738.00	0.00
ATM25 9 County - CORE	14,211.00	14,211.00	0.00
STM25 3 Mill Pond Willow Removal	40,425.00	9,540.00	30,885.00
TOTAL FY 2026 WARRANT ARTICLES	1,618,639.58	488,666.38	1,129,973.20
PRIOR YEAR BALANCE FORWARDS			
<u>FY2023 Encumbrances</u>			
FY23 Permitting Modules	1,542.40	0.00	1,542.40
Sub-total : FY2023 Encumbrances	1,542.40	0.00	1,542.40
<u>FY2024 Encumbrances</u>			
FY24 Encumbered daRosa's	600.00	0.00	600.00
Sub-total : FY2024 Encumbrances	600.00	0.00	600.00

	Appropriation/ Balance Forward	Year To Date	Appropriation Balance
<u>FY2025 Encumbrances</u>			
FY25 Encumbered TDR Landscaping	1,317.50	0.00	1,317.50
FY25 Encumbered ePaint Company	620.00	0.00	620.00
FY25 Encumbered John Keene Excavating	884.00	0.00	884.00
Sub-total : FY2025 Encumbrances	2,821.50	0.00	2,821.50
Prior Year Warrant Articles			
ATM2020 13 TNC Transportation	1,526.00	0.00	1,526.00
STM 10-2020 09 Town Events	131.00	0.00	131.00
STM 10-2020 13 School Speed Sign	3,566.80	0.00	3,566.80
ATM2021 11 TNC Transportation	1,330.60	0.00	1,330.60
ATM2022 26 Tax Billing Conversion	2,920.00	0.00	2,920.00
ATM2022 30 TNC Complete St	470.00	0.00	470.00
ATM2022 31 Hatchery Seawater Lines	36,000.00	0.00	36,000.00
ATM2022 19 Howes House Design	200,286.68	0.00	200,286.68
ATM2023 08 Tree Planting	14,462.00	2,532.75	11,929.25
ATM2023 11 Building Maintenance	126,857.71	0.00	126,857.71
ATM2023 16 Visioning	40.80	0.00	40.80
ATM2023 24 Highway Dump Truck	3,739.36	0.00	3,739.36
ATM2023 25 Beach Dune lowering	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
ATM2023 46 Transportation Projects	965.00	0.00	965.00
ATM2023 10 Assessors Revaluation	13,795.51	0.00	13,795.51
ATM2023 28 MVC Engineering	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00
ATM24 10 Assessors Revaluation	24,000.00	0.00	24,000.00
ATM24 26 Police Cruiser	918.53	0.00	918.53
ATM24 27 Highway Truck	1,525.00	0.00	1,525.00
ATM24 34 MV Commission Engineering	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00
ATM24 36 Oak Bluffs' Hospital Rds. Project	8,648.86	0.00	8,648.86
ATM24 37 Unemployment Insurance Fund	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
ATM24 39 Building Maintenance	100,000.00	0.00	100,000.00
ATM24 41 Employee Comp Abs Reserve	30,000.00	0.00	30,000.00
Sub-total : Prior Year Warrant Articles	607,183.85	2,532.75	604,651.10
TOTAL PRIOR YEAR BALANCE			
FORWARDS	612,147.75	2,532.75	609,615.00

**REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025**

REAL ESTATE TAXES

Tax Receivables Balance at 6/30/2024	\$160,739.18
Tax Commitments Added	21,701,381.31
Tax Payments Received	(21,609,786.11)
Abatements/Exemptions/Refunds/Transfers to Tax Title	(84,559.51)
Tax Receivables Balance at 6/30/2025	167,774.87

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

Tax Receivables Balance at 6/30/2024	1,768.01
Tax Commitments Added	248,127.01
Tax Payments Received	(237,372.39)
Abatements/Exemptions/Refunds	(1,091.00)
Tax Receivables Balance at 6/30/2025	11,431.63

MOTOR VEHICLE/EXCISE TAXES

Tax Receivables Balance at 6/30/2024	127,156.59
Tax Commitments Added	970,513.49
Tax Payments Received	(902,948.73)
Abatements/Exemptions/Refunds	(5,687.63)
Tax Receivables Balance at 6/30/2025	189,033.72

TAX TITLE/LIEN PAYMENTS

Tax Receivables Balance at 6/30/2024	17,481.10
Taxes Transferred to Tax Title	33,930.20
Tax Lien Payments Received	(38,645.76)
Disclaimed/Foreclosed/Other	0.00
Tax Receivables Balance at 6/30/2025	12,765.54

TOTAL RECEIVABLES at 6/30/2025: \$381,005.76

INTEREST AND FEE REVENUE RECEIVED

Real Estate Interest/Fees	53,834.84
Personal Property Interest/Fees	1,316.26
Excise Interest/Fees	20,717.23
Tax Title/Lien Interest/Fees	4,611.69
TOTAL INTEREST/FEES:	\$80,480.02

BALANCE IN CASH AND INVESTMENT		
ACCOUNTS AS OF JUNE 30, 2024:		\$ \$9,749,914.74
RECEIPTS:		
Total Receipts		29,408,769.48
(including taxes, interest and other investment income, bond proceeds, and departmental and miscellaneous receipts)		
EXPENDITURES:		
Orders of Select Board	(29,889,290.99)	
Net Expenditures:		(29,889,290.99)
BALANCE IN CASH AND INVESTMENT		
ACCOUNTS AS OF JUNE 30, 2025:		\$10,230,436.25

**REPORT OF ASSETS
JUNE 30, 2025**

CASH/CHECKS IN OFFICE:		\$300.00
CHECKING ACCOUNT:	* Sweep account	\$(493,679.09)
SAVINGS/NOW ACCOUNTS:		
Deputy Collector	\$32,035.35	
Permitting/Licensing	9,060.41	
Library Online Purchases	239.20	
Library Postage	-	
Tax Revenue Lockbox	32,391.01	
Town Hall Online Purchases	3,393.73	
SUBTOTAL, SAVINGS ACCOUNTS:		\$77,119.70
MONEY MARKET AND OTHER INVESTMENTS:		
Affordable Housing Trust Fund	\$995,969.19	
Ambulance Stabilization Fund	65,013.69	
Bond Proceeds	838,933.87	
Building Maintenance Stabilization Fund	17,098.71	
EV Charger	227.67	
Community Preservation Fund	1,511,161.19	
Conservation Fund	71,882.54	
Escrow Account (Projects)	56,611.68	
Fire Equipment Stabilization Fund	334,255.99	
Floss E. Mayhew Fund (Cemetery)	1,321.48	
ICS Investment	5,438,114.98	
Investment Money Market	415,725.88	
Jessie C. Martin Fund (Library)	309.78	
Library Gift Fund	10,987.17	
M. V. Regional Cultural Council	116,054.38	
Perpetual Care (Cemetery)	67,190.97	
Priscilla Hancock Fund (Library)	7,632.23	
Project Review/53G Account	6,554.66	
Stabilization Fund (Undesignated)	601,251.35	
Terminated Employees Compensated Absence	78,741.18	
Unemployment Compensation Fund	6,389.66	
William T. Rotch Fund (Cemetery)	5,267.39	
SUBTOTAL, INVESTMENTS:		\$10,646,695.64
TOTAL CASH AND INVESTMENTS:		\$10,230,436.25

REPORT OF THE TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The West Tisbury Tree Advisory Committee was formed in 2022 and aims to protect and promote the Town’s tree resources for others to enjoy now and into the future.

To mitigate the loss of trees from storms and beautify the landscape, the committee used town approved funds from 2023 to plant six trees in various locations within the Historic District 2025 (Table 1). The committee also mapped all trees planted in the Historic District (Image 1) in the last two years, including those commissioned by the landscape architect and Island resident, Michael VanValkenburgh. The total number of trees planted in the last two years is 29, 20 of which were planted by the committee.

The committee continues to monitor the health of trees and maintain trees by weeding tree rings, pruning, protecting trees from deer in the winter months, and watering.

As of January 5, 2026, the committee has \$11,929.25 remaining in the fund. The committee intends to use these funds and other resources to continue to plant, map, and maintain trees.

Committee Members:

- Jeremiah Brown (Tree Warden) (WT)
- Tim Boland (WT)
- Emily Ellingson (WT)
- David Fielder (WT)
- JT Hunt (OB)

Table 1. West Tisbury Historic District Tree Plantings by WT Tree Committee			
Common Name	Quantity	Location	Year
Oriental Spruce	1	Field Gallery	2025
Carolina Silverbell	1	Field Gallery	2025
Dawn Redwood	1	Field Gallery	2025
Redbud	1	Field Gallery	2025
Sweetgum ‘Slender Silhouette’	1	West Tisbury Library	2025
Sweetbay Magnolia ‘Green Mile’	1	West Tisbury Town Hall	2025
Blue Atlas Cedar ‘Glauca’	1	West Tisbury Town Hall	2024
Princeton Elm	2	West Tisbury Town Hall & Music Street	2024

Common Name	Quantity	Location	Year
Basswood	1	West Tisbury Town Hall	2024
Okame Cherry	1	West Tisbury Town Hall	2024
Beetlebung*	1	Mill Pond	2024
Shadbush ‘Autumn Brilliance’	4	Brandy Brow Hilltop	2024
Flowering Dogwood ‘Appalachian Snow’	4	Brandy Brow Hilltop	2024

*Did not survive transplant

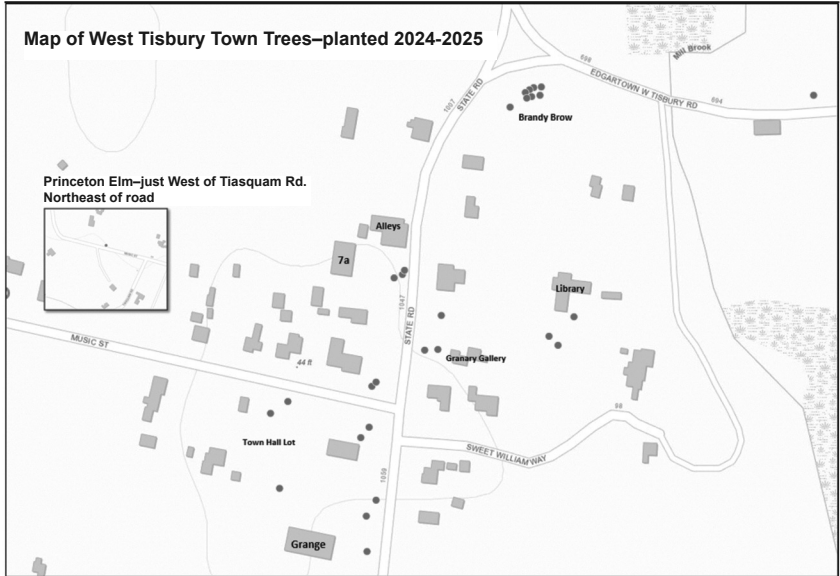


Image 1: Locations of trees planted in the West Tisbury Historic District in 2024-25 by the West Tisbury Tree Committee and Michael VanValkenburgh.

REPORT OF THE TRI-TOWN AMBULANCE

To the Honorable Select Board
and Residents of the Town of West Tisbury:

Tri-Town Ambulance is proudly staffed by a team of dedicated and well trained Emergency Medical Technicians (at the Basic, Advanced, and Paramedic levels) who are committed to serving their island community. Tri-Town Ambulance continues to change and adapt to the changing needs of its community, as well as its residents. The volunteers, that make up the majority of Tri-Town Ambulance, are dedicated to providing top notch care to both summer and year round residents, and without them Tri-Town Ambulance would not be able to function.

Below are some changes that have occurred over the past year.

- We are happy to welcome Matthew Bradley as a new Full Time Paramedic and Jennelle Gadowski as an EMT to our squad. Matthew has been an off and on member of our service for over 25 years, has served as a Navy Corpsman, and brings a wealth of knowledge and experience, and Jenelle is a new EMT, who also serves as the West Tisbury Emergency Manager. They are both wonderful additions to our service.
- We took ownership of a brand-new ambulance, and have put it into service. The Squad is very happy with it.
- During October, Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Tri-Town Ambulance Benevolent Association supported the fight for breast cancer by modifying our uniforms to include the breast cancer ribbon.

This year was a more traditional year for our call volume, below are the reported runs for the year ending December 31, 2025:

Total Ambulance Runs: 536

- West Tisbury: **305** Ambulance Runs (56.90% of total ambulance runs)
 - Medical Emergencies: **283**
 - Motor Vehicle Accidents: **18**
 - Fire Standby: **4**
- Chilmark: **157** Ambulance Runs (29.29% of total ambulance runs)
 - Medical Emergencies: **145**
 - Motor Vehicle Accidents: **6**
 - Fire Standby: **6**
- Aquinnah: **64** Ambulance runs (11.94% of the total ambulance runs)
 - Medical Emergencies: **59**
 - Motor Vehicle Accidents: **4**
 - Fire Standby: **1**
- Mutual Aid and Non Emergent Transport calls: **9** Ambulance Runs (1.68% of the total ambulance runs)

Tri-Town Ambulance would like to thank its Committee members for their continued service and guidance. The committee is comprised of one selectman

from each of the three towns as well the medical director from MVH. The committee members are as follows:

- West Tisbury- Selectman Cynthia E. Mitchell
- Chilmark- Selectman Marie Larsen
- Aquinnah- Selectman James Newman, (Chairperson)
- Medical Control- Dr. Karen Casper

We would like to thank the following organizations/people for their continued support over the past year. Without these organizations, we would not be able to provide the highest level of patient care to the people of Tri-Town.

- West Tisbury, Chilmark and Aquinnah Fire Departments
- West Tisbury, Chilmark and Aquinnah Police Departments
- The Dukes County Sheriff's Department:
Communication Center Dispatchers
- Tisbury, Oak Bluffs and Edgartown Ambulance Services
- Martha's Vineyard Hospital –
Emergency Department Personnel, Pharmacy Personnel
- The Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah)

Without the members of the squad, Tri-Town Ambulance would not function. These EMTs make themselves available year-round to ensure that the people of their community receive high quality medical care in a timely manner. Please join us in our deep admiration and gratitude for the following:

Full Time Staff:

Benjamin Retmier-Chief
Matthew Montanile-Deputy Chief
Jason Blandini
Eamon Solway
Belinda Booker
Matthew Bradley
Samantha Bunker

EMT-Paramedics:

Tracey Jones
Haley Krauss
Heather McElhinney
Bradley Carroll
Nisa Webster
Traci Cooney

EMT Basics:

Meg Athearn
Randhi Belain
California Godfrey
Simon Bollin
Jonathan Brudnick
Adele Anderson
Jim Davin
Diane Demoe
Jason Davey
Dawn Gompert
Amanda Gonsalves
Bruce Haynes
Jennifer Haynes
Phil Hollinger
Jeffrey "Skipper" Manter
Paul Manning
David Marinelli
Emma Mayhew
Yuliya Bilzerian
Jim Osmundsen
Farley Pedler
Katherine Smith
Samantha Smith
Garrison Vieira
Ashley Wood
Ashley Moreis
Jennelle Gadowski

Respectfully submitted,

Benjamin Retmier
Ambulance Chief

REPORT OF THE UP-ISLAND COUNCIL ON AGING

To the Select Board:

The Up-Island Council on Aging (UICOA), operating out of the Howes House in West Tisbury, serves adults 60 years of age and older residing in the towns of Aquinnah, Chilmark and West Tisbury. The UICOA is responsible for the administration, development, and coordination of programs and services aimed at supporting older adults in the community. The UICOA is committed to evaluating and expanding services to meet the dynamic interests and needs of our patrons. Further, the UICOA proudly advocates for older adults' independence and well-being.

Demographics (based on town resident lists)

Aquinnah: 44.1% (257 individuals) of the adult population is 60 years of age and older.

Chilmark: 50.9% (638 individuals) of the adult population is 60 years of age and older.

West Tisbury: 44.8% (1,411 individuals) of the adult population is 60 years of age and older.

Programs and Services

During calendar year 2025, the UICOA provided services to approximately 843 Up-Island residents. Of that total, 76 represent Aquinnah, 122 represent Chilmark, and 587 represent West Tisbury. The remaining 58 reflect participants from the surrounding towns of Edgartown, Oak Bluffs, and Tisbury.

2025 has been a year of collaboration. Through expanding relationships with other Island organizations, the UICOA has provided more vital services and programs to the Up-Island community. More specifically, the UICOA expanded transportation services, meal/food offerings, and opportunities for residents to connect both at the Howes House and other public settings/events.

Earlier this year, the UICOA concluded a project with UMASS Boston's Center for Social and Demographic Research on Aging. The report generated from the project highlighted the areas of success and areas that would benefit from more attention and/or resources. The report has also been instrumental in supporting a number of UICOA initiatives including planning ahead to future needs of the community. With assistance from the Board, the strategic planning subcommittee and related working groups, UICOA staff, and grant-funded consulting by David Chase of DRC Consulting the UICOA is drafting a strategic plan to guide us as we strive to meet the unique needs of the community in the coming years.

Program Participation

- Direct/Outreach Services: 251 individuals, 437 interactions

- Nutrition Programming: 195 individuals, 1,483 interactions
- Wellness/Fitness Programming: 108 individuals, 3,342 interactions
- Social/Educational Programming: 170 individuals, 1,013 interactions
- Durable Medical Equipment Loans: 168

Staffing

In July 2025, UICOA Aging welcomed Rocy G. Turner to the position of Outreach Coordinator. Rocy brings her extensive knowledge of health and public benefits, her compassion for helping support older adults and their families, and a warm presence to the UICOA and the communities we serve..

Board

The UICOA Board consists of three voting members from each participating town. The Board advises the Director and supports the work of the UICOA across Aquinnah, Chilmark, and West Tisbury. In 2025, the Board updated the Memorandum of Understanding which outlines the membership and financial agreement between the three member towns. The current Board members are as follows:.

- Aquinnah: Jay Macleod, Chris Manning, Paul Manning,
- Chilmark: Paul Bailey, Peter Cook, Randy Weiss
- West Tisbury: Anna Alley, Beth Kramer, Cynthia Mitchell

A special thank you goes to Betty Farrow, Gary Haley, Marie Larsen, and Kathie Olsen, who departed from the Board this year.

Funding

The UICOA receives funding from several sources including local tax dollars, grants from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Aging and Independence and the Massachusetts Councils on Aging, and the Friends of the Up-Island Council on Aging.

Formula Grant- Funding is provided by the Executive Office of Aging and Independence. UICOA was awarded \$37,392 for FY2026 to assist with defraying costs of utilities, program development/support, transportation costs (staff and client), office supplies/equipment, and professional development.

Friends of The Up-Island Council on Aging (Friends)- A non-profit agency formed in 1987 to raise funds for the benefit of the UICOA. The Friends enable the COA to provide needed services and programs beyond those that can be afforded through tax and grant income. In 2025, the Friends generously contributed \$9,618.91 to offset program costs and provide additional support. .

The Friends also generously support the Gift Fund, a program that focuses on alleviating the increased cost of living on Martha's Vineyard. The Gift Fund aids residents most in need. During 2025, the Friends' Gift Fund provided over \$16,119 in financial support to 26 up-island households with support distribution as follows: \$9,144 for utilities, \$54,75 for food assistance, and \$1,500 for pharmacy.

Lastly, I wish to extend my sincere gratitude to our volunteers who provided over 200 hours of assistance during 2025. Their support allowed the UICOA to

continue to provide meaningful programs and services to the community without incurring additional costs. I would also like to thank our program leaders, partner agencies, and taxpayers for their continued support.

We will continue to be committed to being a welcoming place of support where our seniors can turn to for assistance and connection.

Respectfully submitted,

Bethany Hammond
Director

REPORT OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

To the Select Board:

The Zoning Board of Appeals held 51 hearings and acted on 35 applications in 2025.

Case File 2025-01 *Marilyn Lyng O'Connell, 274 Indian Hill Rd., Map 15 Lot*
On January 16, 2025, the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) voted to DENY an APPEAL seeking a review of the lack of zoning enforcement regarding the intensity of activity and construction on property owned by Christopher, finding that 1) no specific relief was sought; 2) the many issues raised by the Appellant were not timely filed within thirty days; and 3) the Zoning Board of Appeals does not have jurisdiction.

Case File 2025-02 *Seniel Hannagan, 23 Pin Oak Circle, Map 11 Lot 900*
On February 13, 2025, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit with Conditions to allow the operation of a service business (hair salon) in a mobile unit with its own water source and required permits.

Case File 2025-03 *Joanne Borsh and Joseph Ostoyich, 23 Indian Hollow Rd., Map 15 Lot 26.13*

On March 13, 2025, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit with Conditions to allow for the construction of an 18'x45' inground swimming pool and allowed the location of pool equipment in an existing shed within the rear yard setback.

Case File 2025-04 *Carter Payne, 55 Fishhook Rd., Map 13 Lot 6.3*

On March 13, 2025, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit to allow the operation of a home occupation (metal fabrication and mobile welding).

Case File 2025-05 *Robert K. Decelles and Mary L. Dupont, 35 Pond Rd., Map 30 Lot 2.81*

On March 13, 2025, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit with Conditions to allow the construction of an 18'x36' inground swimming pool.

Case File 2025-06 *Peter and Rachel Sorrentino, 71 Carls Way, Map 35 Lot 7*

On March 13, 2025, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit to allow the construction of an 1,140 sq. ft. garage and utility corral as well as a 119 sq. ft. pool cabana.

Case File 2025-07 *Andrea Angera, Jr., 1 Lamberts Cove Rd., Map 30 Lot 2.81*

On March 13, 2025, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit with Conditions to allow the repair/ replacement of an existing 5'x12' woodshed built in 1994 on the property line with an 8'x12' shed in the same footprint.

Case File 2025-08 *Stoney Hill Farms Homeowners Trust, 28 Stoney Hill Ln., Map 10 Lot 261*

On April 3, 2025, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit with Conditions

to allow the replacement of an existing vinyl-liner, community pool with the construction of a new 28'x58' inground community swimming pool in the same footprint.

Case File 2025-09 *Ryan Rossi, 39 Rustling Oaks Rd., Map 37 Lot 85.7*

On April 17, 2025, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit with Conditions to allow a 12'x24' above ground pool.

Case File 2025-10 *Wanda Higgins, 251 Great Plains Rd., Map 17 Lot 142*

On April 17, 2025, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit with Conditions to allow the construction of a 16'x12' shed, a second accessory structure requiring 9 ft of side yard setback relief on a non-conforming lot.

Case File 2025-11 *Paul Buckley, 1195 State Rd., Map 34 Lot 7*

On May 8, 2025, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit with Conditions to allow the construction of a 16'x30' inground swimming pool.

Case File 2025-12 *Charles Wiley, 42 Old Stage Rd., Map 16 Lot 235.3*

On May 8, 2025, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit to allow the relocation and placement of an existing 22'x25' garage on a pre-existing non-conforming lot requiring 20 feet of rear yard setback relief.

Case File 2025-13 *Debra Cedeno, 182 Otis Bassett Rd., Map 17 Lot 45*

On May 8, 2025, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit to allow the construction of a detached 200 sq. ft. studio/craft workshop on a pre-existing, non-conforming lot requiring 35 feet of rear yard setback relief and to amend existing Special Permit 2019-52.

Case File 2025-14 *Robert JC Murphy, 14 Pine Ln., Map 10 Lot 45*

On May 8, 2025, the ZBA voted 5-0 that per the requirements of M.G.L c.41 §81Z, the Town of West Tisbury, in which the subdivision control law is in effect, has not provided a subdivision board of appeals and therefore the Board has no jurisdiction to issue a permit for the erection of a building under §81Y. The Appeal of the Building Inspector's denial of a building permit was DENIED and not overturned.

Case File 2025-15 *Christopher and Elizabeth Bowden, 59 Hidden Village Rd., Map 11 Lot 6*

On May 22, 2025, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit to allow the installation of a 7'x13' inground Soake pool.

Case File 2025-16 *Tom Trimble, 42 Naushon Rd., Map 1 Lot 39.1*

On May 22, 2025, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit to allow the extension-alteration of a pre-existing non-conforming structure by replacing a trellis with an overhang to match the existing roof and moving an interior staircase to the outside, necessitating an additional three (3) feet of side yard setback relief (for a total of 12 feet of side yard setback relief).

Case File 2025-17 *Verizon, 0 Airport (Rear), Map 28 Lot 1.25*

On July 10, 2025, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit with Conditions to amend Special Permit #2022-50 granted on October 20, 2022, to allow the addition of nine antennas, ancillary equipment and mount to an existing tower.

Case File 2025-18 *Middle Point Bend, LLC, 216 Middle Point Rd., Map 39 Lots 7 and 8*

On July 24, 2025, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit with Conditions to amend Special Permit #2023-12 and allow the removal of the pool fence, as the pool is equipped with a powered safety cover and complies with the requirements of Section 305.1 of the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code (ISPSC).

Case File 2025-19 *Christina Davidson, 201 Thumb Point Rd., Map 39 Lot 12*

On July 24, 2025, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit with Conditions to allow the demolition and removal of an existing dwelling and the construction of a new dwelling within the same general footprint.

Case File 2025-20 *Deborah Porter, 39 Sarita Walker Rd., Map 38 Lot 7.2*

On August 7, 2025, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit with Conditions to allow the construction of a 15'x38' inground swimming pool.

Case File 2025-21 *Stephen J. Hart, 6 Pine Ln., Map 10 Lot 53*

On August 7, 2025, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit with Conditions to allow a home occupation for a woodworking shop and showroom.

Case File 2025-22 *Landmasters MV, Inc., 5 Vincent Rd., Map 31 Lot 102.11*

On August 28, 2025, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit with Conditions to allow the operation of a landscaping service business.

Case File 2025-23 *Tom Cowles and Pamela Morrow, 3 Stoney Hill Ln., Map 17 Lot 148*

On September 11, 2025, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit to the addition of a 6'x10' mud room with a 3'x10' porch and the addition of a 16'x18' living room with an 8'x8' connector requiring an additional 6.5' of side yard setback relief on a pre-existing non-conforming lot.

Case File 2025-24 *Peter and Anne Standish, 26 Bea Ln., Map 11 Lot 124*

On September 25, 2025, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit with Conditions to allow the construction of a 17'x38' shotcrete swimming pool.

Case File 2025-25 *Jevon Rego and Sherry Sidoti, 690 Old County Rd., Map 31 Lot 17.1*

On September 25, 2025, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit with Conditions to allow the construction of a 16'x28' in-ground swimming pool.

Case File 2025-26 *Rocco Bellebuono, 269 Great Plains Rd., Map 17 Lot 146*

On October 9, 2025, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit to allow the reconstruction and addition to a pre-existing, non-conforming storage shed over 676 sf. requiring 34 feet of west side yard setback relief on a pre-existing non-conforming lot.

Case File 2025-27 *Colin and Paige Kelton, 70 Capawock Rd., Map 3 Lot 26*

On October 9, 2025, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit to allow the removal of a pre-existing non-conforming structure that exceeds the zoning height limit by 4.7 ft. and re-construct a house in the same general area that will exceed the height limit by 2.4 ft.

Case File 2025-28 *David and Kathy Foulser, 41 Vineyard Meadow Farms Rd., Map 29 Lot 6*

On October 23, 2025, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit to allow the repair and replacement of two separate decks and an outdoor shower with one 14' x 25' combined deck requiring an extra 2 feet of setback relief, for a total of 5 feet of side yard setback relief, on a pre-existing, non-conforming lot.

Case File 2025-29 *Susan Marie Huck, 170 Oak Ln., Map 17 Lot 99*

On November 6, 2025, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit to allow the installation of a 16'x35' solar array requiring 25 ft. of side yard setback relief and 25 ft. of rear yard setback relief.

Case File 2025-30 *160 Plum Bush Point Road LLC, 160 Plum Bush Point Rd., Map 35 Lot 6.15*

On November 6, 2025, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit with Conditions to allow the construction of a 20'x40' inground swimming pool and a non-habitable structure (open-air pool cabana) in the Inland Zone.

Case File 2025-31 *Bradley C. Cortez, 28 Bramble Path, Map 16 Lot 213*

On December 4, 2025, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit to allow the construction of a 30'x30' two-car garage with a 900 sq. ft. Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) above, requiring 19 ft. of side yard setback relief.

Case File 2025-32 *Joshua Dunn, 11 Runaway Ln., Map 31 Lot 123*

On December 4, 2025, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit to allow the applicant to locate a 900 sq. ft. Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) and a 400 sq. ft. detached bedroom in an existing barn standing since 1992 with 23 ft. of existing side yard setback relief.

Case File 2025-33 *Martha's Vineyard Hospital, 20 Indian Hill Rd., Map 16 Lot 86*

On December 4, 2025, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit to amend Special Permit 2014-29 to again allow a Mixed-Use building (1st floor physician offices; 2nd floor physician housing).

Case File 2025-34 *Katherine Wilson and Casey Decker, 625 Edgartown Rd., Map 31 Lot 28*

On December 18, 2025, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit with Conditions for the installation of a 480 sq. ft. fiberglass swimming pool requiring 4'5" ft. of side yard setback relief; a 792 sq. ft. wood deck/stone patio requiring 16'8" of side yard setback relief; and an 80 sq. ft. shed to house pool equipment requiring 20 ft. of side yard setback relief.

Case File 2025-35 *Rusty Gordon, Ghost Island Farm, 27 Davis Look Rd., Map 11 Lot 46.1*

On December 18, 2025, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit with Conditions to allow a mobile commercial kitchen at Ghost Island Farm.

The West Tisbury ZBA consists of five (5) standing members and two (2) associate members appointed by the Select Board, with duties and powers set forth in M.G.L. ch.40A §14:

Section 14. A board of appeals shall have the following powers:

(1) To hear and decide appeals in accordance with M.G.L. ch.40A §8.

(2) To hear and decide applications for special permits upon which the board is empowered to act under said ordinance or by-laws.

(3) To hear and decide petitions for variances as set forth in M.G.L. ch.40A §10.

...

In exercising the powers granted by this section, a board of appeals may, in conformity with the provisions of this chapter, make orders or decisions, reverse or affirm in whole or in part, or modify any order or decision, and to that end shall have all the powers of the officer from whom the appeal is taken and may issue or direct the issuance of a permit.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence Schubert, Chair

Julius B. Lowe, Vice Chair

Deborah Wells

Andrew Zaikis

Casey Decker

Patrick Barrett – Associate Member

Sebastian Hiatt – Associate Member

Kim Leaird – Board Administrator

TOWN OF WEST TISBURY TOWN MEETING PROCEDURES

The Moderator regulates the conduct of the Town Meetings, decides all questions of order, and declares the result of all votes. No one may address the meeting without recognition by the Moderator and all statements are to be addressed to the Moderator; the purpose of this is to eliminate personal debate across the arena of the meeting.

The Moderator may alter the order in which articles are brought to the floor, may reword an article for purposes of clarity, and has the duty of maintaining order by any or all of the means provided by the statutes. It is the duty of the Moderator to assist any citizen of the Town before or during the meeting as to procedure, the writing of articles to be submitted by petition, the writing of amendments to articles in the warrant, or on any other matter pertaining to the meeting.

Motions

An article is brought to the floor by a motion and a second. The motion is best made for the passage of the article since negative motions often lead to great misunderstanding during the voting process. If a negative motion is made which is likely to lead to such misunderstanding, the Moderator may decline to accept it.

Amendments to Motions

Any voter may offer an amendment to the motion under discussion provided the amendment does not enlarge or significantly alter the scope of the original motion. This also holds for line items in the budget article. The amendments are required to be seconded and require a majority to be carried. Only one amendment will be considered at a time, and in the interest of clarity, voters are encouraged to submit amendments in writing. Assistance in framing amendments may be secured before the meeting from the Moderator or the Selectmen; if the issue is of importance, the meeting may be recessed briefly for this purpose.

Postponement

There are various means of interrupting or deferring consideration of an article. Motions "to table" or to "limit debate" require a two-thirds plurality. A motion "to postpone indefinitely" requires a majority and is best used not as a means of keeping the meeting from voting on an article but where it is evident that the article has not addressed itself to the complexities of the issue and should be rewritten for presentation at another town meeting.

Points of Order

If a voter wishes to question the legality or propriety of the proceedings, he may rise, interrupt the speaker and declare that he is rising to a point of order. He must then declare what his point is. If a voter questions the declaration of the Moderator's ruling on a vote taken, he may rise and so state and if six additional citizens also rise, the vote will be repeated.

Process of Voting

The process of voting, whether by voice, by raised hand, by rising, or by written ballot, is determined by the Moderator. But if a fair number of citizens indicate a desire for a written ballot, there is little doubt that the Moderator will so rule even though they are fewer than a majority.

Reconsideration

An article once voted upon does not become the final decision of the meeting until the meeting is dissolved. This means that there may be a motion to reconsider the article at a later period in the meeting, and such reconsideration requires a majority vote. A move to reconsider may not be made simply to have another chance at winning one's point, and therefore can only be made by one who has voted on the winning side of a motion but who later as a result of additional information or further consideration believes that the meeting may change its decision. In meetings which take more than one meeting, an announcement must be made before the meeting is adjourned to another night that a motion to reconsider one or another article will be made. In unusual circumstances when new and substantive information is brought to the attention of the Moderator between meetings, he may make an exception to this rule.

**TOWN OF WEST TISBURY - ANNUAL TOWN MEETING 2026
EXPENDITURES - FY 2025; APPROPRIATIONS - FY 2026;
BUDGET PROPOSAL - FY 2027**

Line Item	Account	Expenditures FY 2025	Appropriations FY 2026	Requested Appropriations FY 2027	Recommended by Finance Committee FY 2027
		\$	\$	\$	\$
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
MODERATOR					
114-5110	Elected Official, Salary	370.00	370.00	370.00	370.00
114-5305	Legal	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00
114-5700	Expenses	955.32	6,540.00	6,540.00	6,540.00
	Total Moderator	<u>1,325.32</u>	<u>7,410.00</u>	6,910.00	6,910.00
SELECT BOARD					
122-5110	Elected Officials, Salaries 3 @ \$5,000	10,000.00	10,000.00	12,164.38	12,164.38
122-5120	Personal Services	243,831.98	383,910.46	396,972.44	396,972.44
122-5700	Expenses	24,937.85	38,315.00	42,000.00	42,000.00
122-5780	Miscellaneous/Consultant Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total Board of Selectmen	<u>278,769.83</u>	<u>432,225.46</u>	451,136.82	451,136.82
MUNICIPAL HEARING OFFICER					
124-5120	Personal Services	2,078.75	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
	Total Municipal Hearing Officer	<u>2,078.75</u>	<u>2,500.00</u>	2,500.00	2,500.00
FINANCE COMMITTEE					
131-5120	Personal Services	509.60	0.00	0.00	0.00
131-5700	Expenses	168.00	1,615.00	1,415.00	1,415.00
	Total Finance Committee	<u>677.60</u>	<u>1,615.00</u>	1,415.00	1,415.00
RESERVE FUND					
132-5700	Expenses (Transfers)	25,090.55	75,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00
	Total Reserve Fund	<u>25,090.55</u>	<u>75,000.00</u>	100,000.00	100,000.00
ANNUAL AUDIT					
133-5700	Expenses	22,000.00	22,000.00	22,000.00	22,000.00
	Total Annual Audit	<u>22,000.00</u>	<u>22,000.00</u>	22,000.00	22,000.00
TOWN ACCOUNTANT					
135-5120	Personal Services	112,564.19	117,886.44	133,917.83	133,917.83
135-5700	Expenses	1,957.60	4,170.00	4,150.00	4,150.00
	Total Town Accountant	<u>114,521.79</u>	<u>122,056.44</u>	138,067.83	138,067.83
BOARD OF ASSESSORS					
141-5110	Elected Officials, Salaries 3 @ \$1,000	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
141-5120	Personal Services	197,004.68	256,674.92	265,354.62	265,354.62
141-5305	Legal Services	3,000.00	20,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00
141-5700	Expenses	26,257.19	33,000.00	38,000.00	38,000.00
	Total Board of Assessors	<u>229,261.87</u>	<u>312,674.92</u>	336,354.62	336,354.62
TREASURER/COLLECTOR					
145-5120	Personal Services	214,445.29	206,985.26	187,551.10	187,551.10
145-5700	Expenses	40,458.42	33,040.00	149,790.00	149,790.00
	Total Town Treasurer	<u>254,903.71</u>	<u>240,025.26</u>	337,341.10	337,341.10
LEGAL SERVICES					
151-5305	Expenses	89,090.40	75,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00
	Total Legal Services	<u>89,090.40</u>	<u>75,000.00</u>	100,000.00	100,000.00

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PERSONNEL BOARD					
152-5120	Personal Services	8,736.09	12,830.76	6,022.66	6,022.66
152-5700	Expenses	439.90	800.00	800.00	800.00
	Total Personnel Board	<u>9,175.99</u>	<u>13,630.76</u>	<u>6,822.66</u>	<u>6,822.66</u>
DATA PROCESSING					
155-5120	Personal Services	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
155-5700	Expenses	115,640.00	122,300.00	146,100.00	146,100.00
	Total Data Processing	<u>117,640.00</u>	<u>122,300.00</u>	<u>146,100.00</u>	<u>146,100.00</u>
TAX TITLE FORECLOSURE					
158-5305	Legal Services	2,125.58	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
158-5700	Expenses	0.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
	Total Tax Title Foreclosure	<u>2,125.58</u>	<u>4,150.00</u>	<u>4,150.00</u>	<u>4,150.00</u>
TOWN CLERK					
161-5110	Elected Official, Salary	79,852.69	83,526.53	86,441.63	86,441.63
161-5700	Expenses	1,080.54	1,290.00	1,290.00	1,290.00
	Total Town Clerk	<u>80,933.23</u>	<u>84,816.53</u>	<u>87,731.63</u>	<u>87,731.63</u>
ELECTIONS					
162-5120	Personal Services	1,163.00	4,956.00	4,956.00	4,956.00
162-5700	Expenses	8,582.40	9,700.00	13,700.00	13,700.00
	Total Elections	<u>9,745.40</u>	<u>14,656.00</u>	<u>18,656.00</u>	<u>18,656.00</u>
BOARD OF REGISTRARS					
163-5120	Personal Services	300.00	375.00	375.00	375.00
163-5700	Expenses	0.00	2,700.00	2,700.00	2,700.00
	Total Board of Registrars	<u>300.00</u>	<u>3,075.00</u>	<u>3,075.00</u>	<u>3,075.00</u>
CONSERVATION COMMISSION					
171-5120	Personal Services	67,415.87	73,241.30	77,527.71	77,527.71
171-5700	Expenses	2,139.87	3,180.00	3,690.00	3,690.00
	Total Conservation Commission	<u>69,555.74</u>	<u>76,421.30</u>	<u>81,217.71</u>	<u>81,217.71</u>
PLANNING BOARD					
175-5110	Elected Officials, Salaries 5 @ \$1,000	4,368.85	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
175-5120	Personal Services	83,472.09	89,324.25	92,448.82	92,448.82
175-5700	Expenses	4,461.72	7,845.00	7,845.00	7,845.00
	Total Planning Board	<u>92,302.66</u>	<u>102,169.25</u>	<u>105,293.82</u>	<u>105,293.82</u>
BOARD OF APPEALS					
176-5120	Personal Services	94,588.69	103,906.82	112,926.12	112,926.12
176-5305	Legal Services	2,301.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
176-5700	Expenses	4,957.96	9,700.00	9,700.00	9,700.00
	Total Board of Appeals	<u>101,847.65</u>	<u>118,606.82</u>	<u>127,626.12</u>	<u>127,626.12</u>
MARTHA'S VINEYARD COMMISSION					
177-5600	Intergovernmental	209,638.00	267,300.00	312,424.00	312,424.00
	Total Martha's Vineyard Comm.	<u>209,638.00</u>	<u>267,300.00</u>	<u>312,424.00</u>	<u>312,424.00</u>
AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE					
179-5120	Personal Services	28,694.42	33,376.51	34,543.30	34,543.30
179-5305	Legal Services	3,770.80	6,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
179-5700	Expenses	235.00	4,050.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
	Total Affordable Housing Comm.	<u>32,700.22</u>	<u>43,426.51</u>	<u>47,543.30</u>	<u>47,543.30</u>

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CLIMATE & ENERGY COMMITTEES					
182-5120	Personal Services	12,823.78	17,060.84	18,532.67	18,532.67
182-5700	Expenses	6,585.30	1,125.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
	Total Town Buildings	19,409.08	18,185.84	19,532.67	19,532.67
TOWN BUILDINGS					
192-5700	Expenses	135,068.96	146,900.00	149,100.00	149,100.00
	Total Town Buildings	135,068.96	146,900.00	149,100.00	149,100.00
TOWN PROPERTY INSURANCE					
193-5700	Expenses	172,116.78	189,329.00	203,528.68	203,528.68
	Total Property Insurance	172,116.78	189,329.00	203,528.68	203,528.68
TOWN ELECTRIC					
194-5700	Expenses	43,467.53	53,520.00	54,858.00	54,858.00
	Total Town Electric	43,467.53	53,520.00	54,858.00	54,858.00
TOWN REPORTS					
195-5700	Expenses	9,625.00	11,000.00	11,000.00	11,000.00
	Total Town Reports	9,625.00	11,000.00	11,000.00	11,000.00
TOWN CLOCK					
196-5120	Personal Services	0.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
	Total Town Clock	0.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
DUKES COUNTY REGIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY					
197-5600	Expenses	61,763.00	65,427.00	81,779.00	81,779.00
	Total DCRHA	61,763.00	65,427.00	81,779.00	81,779.00
	PFAS Compliance & Remediation				
198-5700	Expenses	0.00	0.00	475,000.00	475,000.00
TOTAL					
GENERAL GOVERNMENT		2,185,134.64	2,625,671.08	3,431,413.96	3,431,413.96
PUBLIC SAFETY					
POLICE DEPARTMENT					
210-5120	Personal Services	1,352,148.22	1,376,178.13	1,644,789.91	1,644,789.91
210-5700	Expenses	154,385.30	159,175.00	224,075.00	224,075.00
	Total Police Department	1,506,533.52	1,535,353.13	1,868,864.91	1,868,864.91
FIRE DEPARTMENT					
220-5120	Personal Services	256,607.56	366,415.24	451,746.87	451,746.87
220-5700	Expenses	202,326.23	214,602.00	238,402.00	238,402.00
	Total Fire Department	458,933.79	581,017.24	690,148.87	690,148.87
TRI-TOWN AMBULANCE					
231-5600	Intergovernmental	860,407.58	842,708.02	928,491.76	928,491.76
	Total Tri-Town Ambulance	860,407.58	842,708.02	928,491.76	928,491.76
DUKES COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS					
235-5600	Intergovernmental--				
	MVPSCS	33,599.85	35,405.29	37,201.24	37,201.24
	Total Tri-Town Ambulance	33,599.85	35,405.29	37,201.24	37,201.24
INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS					
241-5120	Personal Services	361,745.91	454,643.56	470,858.01	470,858.01
241-5700	Expenses	8,988.22	16,130.00	14,235.00	14,235.00
	Total Inspector of Buildings	370,734.13	470,773.56	485,093.01	485,093.01

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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT					
291-5120	Personal Services	29,516.27	39,500.00	41,135.45	41,135.45
291-5700	Expenses	15,048.45	25,010.00	30,010.00	30,010.00
	Total				
	Emergency Management	44,564.72	64,510.00	71,145.45	71,145.45
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER					
292-5120	Personal Services	96,186.42	112,365.58	136,745.89	136,745.89
292-5700	Expenses	10,398.84	8,875.00	8,875.00	8,875.00
	Total Animal Control Officer	106,585.26	121,240.58	145,620.89	145,620.89
HERRING WARDEN					
293-5120	Personal Services	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
293-5700	Expenses	0.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
	Total Animal Control Officer	3,000.00	4,200.00	4,200.00	4,200.00
TREE WARDEN					
294-5110	Elected Official, Salary	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
294-5120	Personal Services	0.00	2,160.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
294-5700	Expenses	3,375.00	12,500.00	12,000.00	12,000.00
	Total Tree Warden	5,875.00	17,160.00	16,300.00	16,300.00
SHELLFISH DEPARTMENT					
298-5120	Personal Services	21,330.37	31,319.37	33,592.79	33,592.79
298-5700	Expenses	10,893.67	14,100.00	14,170.00	14,170.00
	Total Shellfish Department	32,224.04	45,419.37	47,762.79	47,762.79
MV SHELLFISH GROUP					
299-5700	Expenses	40,000.00	41,000.00	42,000.00	42,000.00
	Total M.V. Shellfish Group	40,000.00	41,000.00	42,000.00	42,000.00
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY		3,462,457.89	3,758,787.19	4,336,828.91	4,336,828.92
EDUCATION					
UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT					
311-5600	Intergovernmental	10,684,671.59	11,538,795.47	12,774,962.53	12,774,962.53
	Total Up-Island				
	Reg. School Dist.	10,684,671.59	11,538,795.47	12,774,962.53	12,774,962.53
MV REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL					
313-5600	Intergovernmental	3,140,784.81	3,844,432.28	4,308,731.16	4,308,731.16
	Total M.V.				
	Regional High School	3,140,784.81	3,844,432.28	4,308,731.16	4,308,731.16
TOTAL EDUCATION		13,825,456.40	15,383,227.75	17,083,693.69	17,083,693.69
HIGHWAY & CEMETERY					
SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS					
421-5120	Personal Services	82,000.00	89,500.00	97,000.00	97,000.00
	Total Superintendent of Streets	82,000.00	89,500.00	97,000.00	97,000.00
GENERAL HIGHWAY FUND					
422-5120	Personal Services	272,967.94	292,904.00	281,615.00	281,615.00
422-5700	Expenses	90,121.69	95,725.00	104,025.00	104,025.00
	Total General Highway Fund	363,089.63	388,629.00	385,640.00	385,640.00
SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL					
423-5700	Expenses	71,149.42	95,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00
	Total Snow and Ice Removal	71,149.42	95,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00

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STREET LIGHTS					
424-5700	Expenses	573.60	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
	Total Street Lights	573.60	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
CEMETERIES					
491-5120	Personal Services	2,923.52	3,422.40	3,542.40	3,542.40
491-5700	Expenses	21,324.40	28,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00
	Total Cemeteries	24,247.92	31,422.40	33,542.40	33,542.40
TOTAL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT		541,060.57	607,051.40	618,682.40	618,682.40
SANITATION					
TOWN LOCAL DROP-OFF/LANDFILL					
433-5120	Personal Services	0.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
433-5600	Intergovernmental	8,630.78	12,100.00	12,950.00	12,950.00
433-5700	Expenses	2,687.29	5,850.00	6,100.00	6,100.00
	Total Town Local Drop-Off	11,318.07	18,000.00	19,100.00	19,100.00
MARTHA'S VINEYARD REFUSE DISPOSAL AND RESOURCE RECOVERY DISTRICT (MVRDRRD)					
439-5600	Intergovernmental	126,657.10	129,122.82	131,714.97	131,714.97
	Total MVRDRRD	126,657.10	129,122.82	131,714.97	131,714.97
TOTAL SANITATION		137,975.17	147,122.82	150,814.97	150,814.97
HUMAN SERVICES					
BOARD OF HEALTH					
510-5110	Elected Officials, Salaries 3 @ \$1,000	2,775.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
510-5120	Personal Services	178,438.62	198,572.89	215,839.76	215,839.76
510-5700	Expenses	21,581.55	18,900.00	20,850.00	20,850.00
	Total Board of Health	202,795.17	220,472.89	239,689.76	239,689.76
HEALTH SERVICES					
522-5700	Expenses	9,507.63	15,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00
	Total Health Services	9,507.63	15,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00
DUKES COUNTY PROGRAMS					
525-5600	Dukes County Health Care Access	86,629.00	91,343.44	108,772.00	108,772.00
526-5600	Dukes County Veterans Services	0.00	0.00	19,641.01	19,641.01
527-5600	Dukes County Supplemental Income	0.00	14,533.00	6,380.00	6,380.00
	Total Dukes County Programs	86,629.00	105,876.44	134,793.01	134,793.01
UP-ISLAND COUNCIL ON AGING					
541-5120	Personal Services	281,384.55	331,597.24	385,207.50	385,207.50
541-5700	Expenses	23,621.86	43,130.00	43,130.00	43,130.00
	Total Up-Island Council on Aging	305,006.41	374,727.24	428,337.50	428,337.50
VETERANS' BENEFITS					
543-5700	Expenses	4,000.00	12,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
	Total Veterans' Benefits	4,000.00	12,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES		607,938.21	728,076.57	836,820.27	836,820.27
CULTURE AND RECREATON					
PUBLIC LIBRARY					
610-5120	Personal Services	801,045.58	909,005.31	1,079,810.39	1,079,810.39

Line Item	Account	Expenditures FY 2025	Appropriations FY 2026	Requested Appropriations FY 2027	Recommended by Finance Committee FY 2027
610-5700	Expenses	289,086.20	299,200.00	303,884.98	303,884.98
	Total Public Library	1,090,131.78	1,208,205.31	1,383,695.37	1,383,695.37
PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE					
620-5110	Elected Officials, Salaries 5 @ \$166	332.00	830.00	830.00	830.00
620-5120	Personal Services	50,376.65	52,408.80	67,797.36	67,797.36
620-5700	Expenses	1,641.20	1,950.00	1,950.00	1,950.00
	Total Park and Rec. Committee	52,349.85	55,188.80	70,577.36	70,577.36
LAMBERT'S COVE BEACH AND UNCLE SETH'S POND					
632-5120	Personal Services	81,191.51	102,921.82	106,524.08	106,524.08
632-5700	Expenses	22,556.13	28,750.00	28,750.00	28,750.00
	Total Lambert's Cove Beach and Uncle Seth's Pond	103,747.64	131,671.82	135,274.08	135,274.08
RECREATION PROGRAMS					
640-5120	Personal Services	12,677.08	22,533.04	12,163.07	12,163.07
640-5700	Expenses	18,052.93	20,400.00	20,400.00	20,400.00
	Total Recreation Programs	30,730.01	42,933.04	32,563.07	32,563.07
TOWN GROUNDS					
650-5700	Expenses	5,315.00	12,250.00	15,250.00	15,250.00
	Total Town Grounds	5,315.00	12,250.00	15,250.00	15,250.00
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION					
690-5700	Expenses	0.00	600.00	600.00	600.00
	Total Historic District Comm.	0.00	600.00	600.00	600.00
LOCAL HISTORICAL COMMISSION					
691-5700	Expenses	0.00	350.00	350.00	350.00
	Total Local Historical Comm.	0.00	350.00	350.00	350.00
MARTHA'S VINEYARD CULTURAL COUNCIL					
692-5700	Expenses	5,000.00	5,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
	Total MV Cultural Council	5,000.00	5,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
TOTAL CULTURE AND RECREATION					
		1,287,274.28	1,456,198.97	1,644,309.88	1,644,309.88
DEBT SERVICE					
710-5910	Principal, Long-Term Debt	740,000.00	891,500.00	966,500.00	966,500.00
751-5915	Interest, Long-Term Debt	103,676.25	85,412.50	66,622.50	66,622.50
752-5925	Interest, Short-Term Debt	23,663.03	103,545.00	109,779.06	109,779.06
	TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	867,339.28	1,080,457.50	1,142,901.56	1,142,901.56
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS					
911-5170	County Retirement	690,785.00	719,853.00	777,758.00	777,758.00
912-5170	Workers' Compensation	19,785.00	23,500.00	25,380.00	25,380.00
914-5170	Health Insurance	999,615.23	1,234,350.00	1,458,900.00	1,458,900.00
917-5170	Life Insurance	5,358.09	6,500.00	6,600.00	6,600.00
916-5170	Medicare Tax	73,276.02	85,000.00	92,500.00	92,500.00
945-5170	Public Officials Liability Ins.	13,021.00	14,323.10	15,397.33	15,397.33
	TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	1,801,840.34	2,083,526.10	2,376,535.33	2,376,535.33
GRAND TOTALS		24,716,476.78	27,870,119.38	31,622,000.97	31,622,000.97

WEST TISBURY
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

**WARRANT FOR
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

County of Dukes County, SS
To Either of the Constables of the Town of West Tisbury,

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of West Tisbury qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs to meet in the **West Tisbury School**, Old County Road, in said Town on **Tuesday the Fourteenth day of April, Two Thousand Twenty-Six**, at **Six O’Clock** in the evening; then and there to act on the articles of this Warrant.

And to meet again in the West Tisbury Public Safety Building (North Tisbury Fire Station) in said West Tisbury on **Thursday, the Sixteenth Day of April, at Seven O’Clock** in the Morning at the Polling Place, then and there to act on Article 1 of the Warrant by the election of Officers on the Official Ballot.

The polls for voting on the Official Ballot will be **opened at Seven O’Clock in the Morning** and shall be closed **at Eight O’Clock in the Evening**.

QUESTION 1: Shall the Town of West Tisbury be allowed to assess an additional Three Million, Four Hundred Ninety-One Thousand and Ninety Dollars (\$3,491,090) in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding the Town’s Annual Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning July First, Two Thousand Twenty-Six (2026).

QUESTION 2: Shall the Town of West Tisbury be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition Two and One-Half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to pay additional costs of repairing and/or replacing the HVAC system in the West Tisbury Police Department, including removal of failed system components, installation of new components, and related repairs to the building and grounds (i.e., interior walls and ceilings, utilities, paving and landscaping, or any site improvements) incidental or directly related thereto, and all related borrowing costs?

ARTICLE 1: To elect the following Officers on the Official Ballot:

- Assessors (vote for 1) (Three year term)
- Board of Health (vote for 1) (Three year term)
- Constable (vote for 1) (Three year Term)
- Finance Committee (vote for 2) (Three year term)
- Library Trustee (vote for 2) (Three year term)
- Martha’s Vineyard Land Bank (vote for 1) (Three year term)
- Moderator (vote for 1) (One year term)
- Parks and Recreation (vote for 2) (Three year term)

Select Board (vote for 1) (Three year term)
Town Clerk (vote for 1) (One year term)
Tree Warden (vote for 1) (One year term)

ARTICLE 2: To hear reports of the Town Officers and Committees and act thereon.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town Charges and Expenses for Fiscal Year 2027, provided, however, that the amount to be Raised and Appropriated is contingent upon a majority of voters casting a Ballot on Question 1 at the Annual Town Election, to be held April 16, 2026 voting in the affirmative to allow the Town to exceed its Proposition 2 ½ spending cap by Three Million, Four Hundred Ninety-One Thousand and Ninety Dollars (\$3,491,090) (See the Budget published in the Town Report) **(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Personnel By-law at Section 27.3 (Year-Round Pay Schedule) and Section 27.4 (Seasonal Pay Schedule) to reflect a wage adjustment of 3.5% effective July 1, 2026.

(RECOMMENDED 5-0)

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 27-1 of the Personnel Bylaw to add the following positions and grade changes to the Year-Round Classification Plan

New positions:

Library Collections Specialist at Grade 4
Library Assistant Director, stipended
Shellfish Constable at Grade 6
Payroll & Human Resources Admin at Grade 8

Grade changes:

Finance Director from Grade 9 to Grade 11
Assistant Treasurer from Grade 7 to Grade 6

(RECOMMENDED 5-0)

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to adopt M.G.L. c. 175M, Section 10, pertaining to the Massachusetts Paid Family and Medical Leave (PFML) program, and authorize the West Tisbury Select Board to take all necessary steps to implement PFML coverage, including the submission of required notices to the Department of Family and Medical Leave (DFML) and registration on Mass Tax Connect for contributions. By adopting M.G.L. c. 175M, Section 10, the Town is extending PFML benefits to town of West Tisbury employees. PFML is funded through employee and employer payroll tax contributions and benefits are paid from the state fund. Further, Section 17 of the Personnel Bylaw will be amended to add the following:

The following is a summary of the Massachusetts Paid Family and Medical Leave (PFML) law. It is provided for informational purposes and may not reflect any changes from time to time.

17.8 The PFML provides eligible workers up to 26 weeks of job-protected, paid time off for specific health or family reasons, with a maximum weekly benefit of \$1,230.39 in 2026. The amount may change annually. It covers medical leave for the employee's own serious health condition and family leave to care for family members or bond with a new child.

Key Aspects of the MA PFML Law:

- **Maximum Benefit & Duration:** Up to 26 weeks total per benefit year (20 weeks for medical, 12 weeks for family, with 26 weeks max for family member military service).
- **Weekly Payout:** The maximum weekly benefit for 2026 is \$1,230.39.
- **Job Protection:** Employers cannot fire, demote, or discriminate against employees for taking approved leave.
- **Funding:** Primarily funded through payroll contributions from employees and, in some cases, employers.
- **Usage:** Can be used for:
 - o An employee's own serious health condition.
 - o Bonding with a new child (birth, adoption, or foster).
 - o Caring for a family member with a serious health condition.
 - o Managing family affairs while a family member is on active duty.

Twenty-Seven Thousand Dollars (\$27,000) will be put into the town budget under employee benefits to cover the town's required contributions in FY 2027)

(RECOMMENDED 5-0)

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of M.G.L. c. 43C, Section 11, which authorizes the Town to provide, by bylaw, for a consolidated Department of Municipal Finance which may include the offices of accountant, treasurer collector and human resources/payroll, and further, vote to add the following bylaw shall be added to the General Bylaws, "Department of Municipal Finance" as follows. In summary, this authorizes the Town to add a Director of Municipal Finance who shall be appointed by and shall report to the Select Board :

Department of Municipal Finance

X.1 Department of Municipal Finance. There shall be a Department of Municipal Finance that shall be responsible for the (i) coordination of all financial services and activities of the Town; (ii) maintenance of all accounting records and other financial statements; (iii) payment of all obligations; (iv) receipt of all funds due; (v) monitoring of and reporting on all fiscal and financial activities of the town; and (vi) supervision of all purchases of goods, materials and supplies and maintenance of inventory controls. The department shall include the offices and functions of the Town Accountant, Treasurer/Collector, and Human Resources/Payroll;

X.2 Director of Municipal Finance, Appointment. The Department of Municipal Finance shall be under the direct control and supervision of a Director of Municipal Finance, also known as the Finance Director, who shall be appointed by the Select Board for a term of three (3) years, and whose salary shall be fixed

annually within the amount appropriated by the Town. The Director of Municipal Finance may be removed by the Select Board for cause.

X.3 Director of Municipal Finance, Duties and Responsibilities. The Director of Municipal Finance shall be responsible for the supervision and coordination of all financial personnel, tasks and activities of the department under the General Laws, the Town Bylaws and any applicable rules and regulations. The Finance Director shall hire all other personnel necessary to staff the Department of Municipal Finance, subject to approval by the Select Board. The Director of Municipal Finance may serve, ex-officio, as the accountant, auditor, comptroller, treasurer, collector or treasurer-collector of the Town; provided, however, that no Director of Municipal Finance shall serve, ex-officio, as both accountant, auditor or comptroller and treasurer, collector or treasurer-collector. The Director of Municipal Finance shall be responsible for coordinating the fiscal management procedures of the offices of the Treasurer/Collector, and Human Resources/Payroll and shall be the administrator of budgeting, including financial reporting, accountability and control, as well as an advisor to the Select Board, Finance Committee and all other Town departments, concerning financial and programmatic implications of current and future financial policies. The Director of Municipal Finance shall provide such assistance to the Select Board as shall request with regard to the preparation of the Town budget and capital plan. **(RECOMMENDED 4-0)**

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to Appropriate from Free Cash the sum of Twenty Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$23,500) to hire a Payroll & Human Resources Administrator. This position will be funded by budget line 145-5120 in Fiscal Year 2027. **(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of Seventy-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$78,000) to be used toward the purchase and equipping of one (1) four-wheel drive police TRUCK/SUV in FY 2027. **(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) for the purchase and replacement of duty firearms for the West Tisbury Police Department, including service pistols, patrol rifles, and less lethal, along with any necessary accessories, ammunition, training, and equipment, or to take any other action relative thereto. **(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will Appropriate from Free Cash Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) for the purchase, installation and maintenance of Mobi-mats for the path at Lambert's Cove Beach. **(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to Appropriate from Free Cash the sum of One Hundred Four Thousand Dollars (\$104,000) to contract with a Licensed Site Professional to address the State mandated PFAS tracking and removal project in Town. **(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to redirect the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) from Article 19 of the April 2022 Town Meeting,

which remains unspent, which was to pay for the Howes House renovation that is not proceeding at this time. These funds will be used to pay for several small renovations to improve accessibility to the Howes House.

(RECOMMENDED 5-0)

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to Appropriate from Free Cash the sum of Eighteen Thousand Two Hundred Forty Five Dollars and Thirty Three Cents (\$18,245.33) to add to budget line 135-5120 Town Accountant Personal Services for the purpose of funding accumulated overtime.

(RECOMMENDED 5-0)

ARTICLE 15: To see if the town will vote to Appropriate from Free Cash the sum of Eighty Five Thousand Dollars (\$85,000) for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a truck for the Animal Control Officer.

(RECOMMENDED 5-0)

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to amend the zoning bylaws by adding “Section 8.5-2 (H) Temporary Moratorium on Service Businesses in RU District” to provide for a moratorium of six (6) months on the issuance of special permits for Service Businesses in RU District, as follows:

Section 8.5-2 (H) Temporary Moratorium on Service Businesses in RU District

1. **Purpose:** *There is a community need to establish a working group to comprehensively review Service Businesses in the RU district, and redraft Section 8.5-2 Non-Residential Uses in the RU and VR Districts, and related provisions, as they relate to Service Businesses. The Town has experienced an increase in the number of Service Businesses in the RU district, which has adversely affected the residential character of the RU district, and a result, the Town is conducting an analysis and/or comprehensive study to determine the impact of said activity on the general safety and welfare of the public, roadway infrastructure, water supplies, sewage disposals, and police, fire and emergency public safety.*
2. **Moratorium:** *No new special permits for Service Businesses shall be issued in the RU district for a period of six (6) months, except for applications already deemed complete, and renewals or modifications of existing special permits.*
3. **Working Group:** *The Working Group shall consist of five (5) to seven (7) West Tisbury residents appointed by the Select Board, with consideration given to including representation from the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, and residents who operate Service Businesses. The Working Group is charged with reviewing existing zoning bylaws and drafting comprehensive Service Business regulations that balance the preservation of residential character in the RU district with support for appropriate low-impact home-based Service Businesses. The Working Group shall submit recommended zoning bylaw amendments to the Select Board within six (6) months for inclusion in the warrant for the next Town Meeting.*

(NO ACTION, 2/3 VOTE REQUIRED)

ARTICLE 17: To see if the town will vote to amend Section 3.1, Section 14.2, and Section 8.5-2D by adding the following language in *bold italic* print:

●Section 3.1 Use Table:

	RU	VR	MB	LI
<i>Pool House</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>PR</i>	<i>--</i>

●Section 8.5-4D:

POOL HOUSE:

(a) *Location. A pool house shall be sited within seventy-five (75) feet of the swimming pool it serves and shall comply with all setback requirements applicable to accessory structures in the zoning district.*

(b) *Prohibited Features. A pool house shall not contain:*

- *Cooking facilities, including but not limited to stoves, ovens, cooktops, or permanently installed cooking appliances (exterior grills and refrigeration are permitted);*
- *Sleeping quarters or bedrooms.*
- *Interior dimensions or configurations suitable for use as an independent dwelling unit.*

(c) *Permitted Fixtures. A pool house may include not more than one (1) water closet, one (1) hand sink or lavatory, and one (1) outdoor shower, provided all plumbing is connected to an approved septic disposal system.*

(d) *Distinction from Other Structures. A pool house is distinguished from a cabana, pergola, pavilion, or similar open-air structure by the presence of permanent walls enclosing at least fifty percent (50%) of the structure's perimeter.*

●Section 14.2 Definitions In The Bylaw:

POOL HOUSE — *A permanent, roofed accessory structure with enclosed or partially enclosed walls, located on the same lot as and designed to serve a swimming pool. A pool house provides ancillary functions such as changing areas, storage of pool equipment and supplies, shelter, and sanitary facilities for swimmers, but shall not constitute a dwelling unit or habitable living space.*

(NO ACTION, 2/3 VOTE REQUIRED)

ARTICLE 18: To see if the town will vote to amend Section 10.1-2 of the zoning bylaws by adding the text in *bold, italic* and deleting the ~~stricken~~ text.

10.1-2 Demolition Delay for Residential Buildings

A. Purpose

The purpose of Section 10.1-2 is to conserve existing residential buildings and provide opportunities for their reuse. *The purpose of this Section is to establish a predictable process for reviewing requests to demolish residential structures in order to:*

1. *Establish an appropriate waiting period during which the Town and the applicant can propose and consider alternatives to the demolition of a building of residential value;*

2. *Minimize the quantity of demolition debris ending up in the landfill;*
3. *Create an incentive for reuse of residential structures;*
4. *Give interested parties an opportunity to acquire reusable residential structures.*

B. ~~Buildings~~ Residential Structures Subject To Demolition Delay

All ~~buildings~~ proposed for demolition which contain residential uses *residential structures proposed for demolition* shall be reviewed by the Zoning Inspector to determine whether they can be reused at another location. No demolition permit shall be issued for such ~~buildings~~ *residential structures, unless:*

1. The Zoning Inspector or Building Inspector determines that demolition is necessary to protect public health and safety or that the ~~building~~ *residential structure* cannot be reused due either to its condition or to physical barriers to movement, such as trees or narrow bridges or roadways; or
2. The applicant complies with the demolition delay procedure in Subsection ~~10.1-2(C)~~ *C.*

C. Demolition Delay Procedure

1. An application for a demolition permit shall be made to the Zoning Inspector and signed by the owner of record of the ~~building~~ *residential structure*. The demolition delay periods required by this Section shall run concurrently with any other required reviews.
2. Upon receipt of an application for a demolition permit, the Zoning Inspector shall determine whether the ~~building~~ *residential structure* can be moved and reused and shall notify the applicant within ~~fourteen (14)~~ *twenty (20)* days after the application filing date. *The Zoning Inspector's determination shall also identify any potential physical barriers along likely routes of travel from the site, including but not limited to narrow roadways, low-clearance bridges, bridges with weight restrictions, overhead utility lines, or significant trees. Such identification shall be included in the written notification to the applicant and shall be made available to any person requesting information about the property.*
3. If the Zoning Inspector determines that the ~~building~~ *residential structure* can be reused, the applicant shall place a public notice in a local newspaper, ~~as follows:~~ *Public notice shall take place only after the Zoning Inspector determines whether the residential structure can be moved and reused in accordance with Subsection C.2 above. The notice shall read substantially as follows:*

INVITATION FOR LETTERS OF INTEREST REGARDING AVAILABILITY OF HOUSE WHICH MUST BE MOVED FROM CURRENT LOCATION: A house at [street address], intended for demolition, is being made available to any interested parties subject to the owner's conditions. The Zoning Inspector is accepting Letters

of Interest for ~~20~~ 30 days from the date of this publication. All interested parties should submit a letter of interest to the Zoning Inspector. The house must be moved within ~~50~~ 150 days of this publication.

4. Notification to Martha's Vineyard Affordable Housing Organizations

- (a) By certified mail and email, the applicant shall send a copy of the published notice to the Dukes County Regional Housing Authority (DCRHA) and the Affordable Housing Committee in each town on Martha's Vineyard, and notify the Zoning Inspector of having done so.*
- (b) The DCRHA and the Town Affordable Housing Committees shall have thirty (30) days from the date the applicant's notification was e-mailed or postmarked, whichever is earlier, to determine whether it or its assigns want the residential structure, and to so notify the Zoning Inspector. Such arrangements shall include a commitment to remove the residential structure within one hundred and fifty (150) days or such other time as is mutually agreeable.*

4.5. Public Response Period

A published copy of this notice shall be presented to the Zoning Inspector. Interested parties shall have ~~20~~ 30 days from the date of publication of the notice to respond in writing to the Zoning Inspector. If any bona fide letters of interest, as determined by the Zoning Inspector *in accordance with the criteria set forth in Subsection C.6*, are received within the first ~~20~~ 30-day period, no demolition permit shall be issued for another ~~30~~ 150 days, *subject to earlier termination as provided in Subsection C.7*. If no bona fide letters of interest are received within the ~~first~~ ~~20~~ 30-day period, a demolition permit may be issued.

6. Criteria for Bona Fide Letters of Interest

A letter of interest shall be deemed bona fide by the Zoning Inspector only if it contains all of the following:

- (a) The respondent's name, address, telephone number, and email address;*
- (b) Identification of a proposed relocation site for the building, including the street address or assessor's parcel number, and a statement as to whether the respondent holds legal title to the site, holds an option to purchase or is a party to an offer to purchase or purchase and sale agreement for the site, or has received written permission from the site owner to relocate the building thereto;*
- (c) A preliminary timeline for removal of the building from the applicant's property, which timeline shall not exceed the period specified in Subsection C.3;*
- (d) If the Zoning Inspector's determination under Subsection C.2 identifies potential physical barriers along routes of travel from*

the site, evidence demonstrating that the residential structure can feasibly be moved along the proposed transit path notwithstanding such barriers. Such evidence may include a written assessment from a licensed house mover confirming feasibility and describing how identified barriers will be addressed, documentation of required permits or approvals for temporary road closures, utility line adjustments, or tree removal, or other evidence satisfactory to the Zoning Inspector demonstrating that identified barriers can be overcome.

The Zoning Inspector shall evaluate letters of interest based solely on the completeness of the submission and the facial plausibility of the respondent's capacity to complete the relocation. The Zoning Inspector shall not evaluate the architectural merit of the respondent's plans or the desirability of the proposed relocation site. If the Zoning Inspector receives more than one letter of interest which meets the criteria of this Subsection C.6, the Zoning Inspector shall award the opportunity to the respondent who submits the bona fide letter of interest first.

7. Termination of Demolition Delay; Release of Applicant

- (a) Milestone Requirements. Any respondent who has submitted a bona fide letter of interest shall, within ninety (90) days of the date of publication of the notice required by Subsection C.3:*

 - (i) Provide the Zoning Inspector with a copy of an executed contract with a licensed house mover; and*
 - (ii) Demonstrate that all permits required for the receiving site, including but not limited to a building permit, septic system permit, and any required zoning relief, have been applied for or obtained.*
- (b) Failure to Meet Milestones. If the respondent fails to satisfy the requirements of Subsection C.7(a) within ninety (90) days, the Zoning Inspector shall issue written notice to the respondent and the applicant that the respondent's rights are terminated. The Zoning Inspector may thereafter award the opportunity to the next respondent who submitted a qualifying bona fide letter of interest, however in no event shall the relocation period extend beyond one hundred fifty (150) days from the date of the publication, unless otherwise agreed upon by the applicant and respondent. If there are no other bona fide letters of interest, a demolition permit may thereafter be issued to the applicant, provided all other requirements of this Section have been satisfied.*
- (c) Voluntary Withdrawal. A respondent may withdraw a letter of interest at any time by providing written notice to the Zoning Inspector. Upon receipt of such notice, and upon the Zoning Inspector's determination that no other bona fide letters of*

interest remain pending, the demolition delay period shall terminate and a demolition permit may be issued to the applicant.

- (d) Extension by Agreement. The applicant and a respondent may, by written agreement filed with the Zoning Inspector, extend the relocation period beyond one hundred fifty (150) days. Such extension shall not require further public notice but shall be recorded by the Zoning Inspector and made available for public inspection.*
- (e) Liability and Maintenance During Delay Period. The applicant or owner of record shall remain responsible for securing, maintaining, and insuring the building throughout the demolition delay period. No respondent shall acquire any property interest in the building by virtue of submitting a letter of interest. The respondent shall indemnify and hold harmless the applicant, the owner of record, and the Town from any claims arising out of the respondent's inspection of, entry upon, removal, or subsequent use of the building.*
- (f) If the Zoning Inspector's determination under Subsection C.2 identifies potential physical barriers along routes of travel from the site, respondent must provide evidence demonstrating that the residential structure can feasibly be moved along the proposed transit path notwithstanding such barriers. Such evidence may include a written assessment from a licensed house mover confirming feasibility and describing how identified barriers will be addressed, documentation of required permits or approvals for temporary road closures, utility line adjustments, or tree removal, or other evidence satisfactory to the Zoning Inspector demonstrating that identified barriers can be overcome.*

D. Issuance of Building, Use, or Occupancy Permit

1. If a building is subject to the demolition delay procedures of Subsection ~~10.1-2(C)~~ C, no building permit shall be issued for the erection of a new building on the same site unless a demolition permit has been granted in compliance with this Section 10.1-2.
2. If a building subject to demolition delay requirements is voluntarily demolished in violation of this Section, no building permit shall be issued for new construction, and no use or occupancy permit shall be issued for any use other than as a park or recreational open space for a period of two years after the date of the demolition. This Subsection ~~(b)~~ **D.2** applies to the entire parcel of land upon which the demolished building was located and all abutting parcels under common ownership or control. ~~Owner could also be subject fines.~~ **The owner may also be subject to fines as provided by law.**
3. The applicant (or the owner of record, if different from the applicant) shall be responsible for properly securing the building during the time that it is subject to review under this Section. If a building is subject to

demolition delay and the applicant fails to secure the building, the loss of the building to fire or other causes shall be considered voluntary demolition for the purposes of this Section if the loss was caused at least in part by the applicant's failure to secure the building.

E. Required Demolition or Repair

Nothing in this Section shall restrict any authority in the general laws for the Zoning Inspector or Building Inspector to:

1. Order the building owner or Town to demolish a building at any time if it is determined that the condition of a building presents an imminent and substantial danger to the public health or safety; or
2. Require the building owner to take reasonable action to repair or protect a building to maintain its structural integrity. Such action may include securing the building and making it safe so that it does not present an imminent and substantial danger to the public.

F. Severability

The provisions of this Section 10.1-2 are severable. If any provision of this Section, or the application of any provision to any person or circumstance, is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Section, and the application of its provisions to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected thereby. The invalidity of any portion of this Section shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other portion.

(NO ACTION, 2/3 VOTE REQUIRED)

ARTICLE 19: To see if the town will vote to amend the following sections of the zoning bylaws by adding the language in ***bold italic***, and deleting the ~~stricken~~ language:

Section 14.2 Definitions In The Bylaw

SPORT COURT — *A paved, synthetic, or otherwise improved outdoor surface of defined dimensions, designed or used for recreational or competitive play of racket sports, paddle sports, ball-and-goal sports, or other athletic activities requiring a delineated playing area, boundary markings, or fixed equipment such as nets, hoops, goals, walls, or backboards. This definition encompasses courts for tennis, pickleball, basketball, badminton, volleyball, handball, paddleball, padel, bocce, shuffleboard, and functionally similar activities, whether configured for single-sport or multi-sport use.*

Section 3.1 Use Table:

<i>Sport Court</i>	RU	VR	MB	LI	
	<i>S</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>—</i>

—No sport court can be located within 50 feet of a property line abutting a residential use or residential zoning district. Any sport court located between 50 and 100 feet ~~but not less than 50 feet~~ of a property line abutting a residential use or residential zoning district shall incorporate sound attenuation measures approved by the Planning Board. Such measures may include solid perimeter fencing of not less than eight (8) feet in height constructed of acoustically absorptive or sound-deflecting materials, dense vegetative screening consisting

of evergreen plantings capable of achieving a continuous visual and acoustic buffer within three (3) growing seasons, earthen berms, or a combination thereof sufficient to reduce sound transmission to abutting properties. The Board may require a noise impact assessment prepared by a qualified acoustical consultant for any sport court involving paddle sports or other uses the Board determines to generate elevated sound levels. All sport court lighting shall comply with section 8.6 of the Zoning Bylaw.
Sections 4.4-2D1, 4.4-2D3, 8.6-3A and 14.2

(NO ACTION, 2/3 VOTE REQUIRED)

ARTICLE 20: To see if the town will vote to amend Section 8.5-4 Swimming Pools

A. Pools, General

4. In order to minimize noise impacts on neighbors, associated noise-producing pool equipment shall be located as far as possible from abutting properties, and at least the minimum required setback and shall be installed in a sound insulated enclosure. *The enclosure does not require a roof as long as the walls are at least five (5) feet high and are made of solid materials with no spacing (gapless). Additional sound insulation is not required if the walls meet the above requirements. [As an example—vertical 1" x 4" wood boards, gapless, are an acceptable sound insulation barrier.]*

(NO ACTION, 2/3 VOTE REQUIRED)

ARTICLE 21:

4.4-5 :EMPLOYEE DORMITORIES:

To see if the town will vote to amend Section 4.4-5, EMPLOYEE DORMITORIES, by adding the language in *bold italic and removing the language shown as struck through:*

Single-family and two-family dwellings and mixed-use buildings may be used as employee dormitories for up to eight ~~seasonal~~ residents *employed by a locally operated business or public sector employer* ~~satisfy the requirements of Section 4.4-4(A)-(2)~~, provided that such dwellings are either owner-occupied or managed by a resident manager employed by one or more of the businesses or *public sector employers* which employ the residents, that adequate provision is made to monitor and enforce restrictions on noise, parking and other conditions that may be imposed through the Special Permit process and that the Board of Health approves of such use of the premises. (2/3 VOTE REQUIRED)

ARTICLE 22:

4.4-7 C 1: HOMESITE LOTS:

To see if the town will vote to amend Section 4.4-7.C.1 – Initial Conditions for Homesite Lots, Size of a Homesite Lot, by adding the language in *bold italic and removing the language shown as struck through:*

C. Initial Conditions for Homesite Lots:

1. Size of a Homesite Lot: A newly created Homesite Lot (created under Section 4.4-7A 1. and 2.

above) may be less than three (3) acres in size but not less than ~~one (1) acre~~ **one half (1/2) acre** and must have the approval of the Planning Board as a Homesite Lot. A Homesite Lot on an existing lot which does not satisfy minimum lot size requirements of the zoning bylaw and is not protected as a non-conforming lot (Section 4.4-7A 3., above) shall ~~contain at least 10,000 square feet of buildable land area per bedroom and~~ satisfy **other all applicable Zoning and Board of Health requirements.**

(NO ACTION, 2/3 VOTE REQUIRED)

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) to pay costs of repairing and/or replacing the HVAC system in the West Tisbury Police Department, including removal of failed system components, installation of new components, and related repairs to the building and grounds (i.e., interior walls and ceilings, utilities, paving and landscaping, or any site improvements) incidental or directly related thereto, and all related borrowing costs. To meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) as permitted by M.G.L. Chapter 44, § 7(1) or any other enabling authority; provided, however, that this vote shall not take effect until the Town votes to exempt from the limitation of total taxes imposed by M.G.L. Chapter 59, § 21C (Proposition 2 ½) the amounts required to pay the principal of and interest on the borrowing authorized by this vote, or take any other action relative thereto.

(RECOMMENDED 5-0, 2/3 VOTE REQUIRED)

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) to fund a Lease to Locals pilot program, including all costs incidental and related thereto, or take any other action relative thereto.

This program offers incentive payments to property owners who agree to convert their housing units away from short-term renting or sitting largely vacant, into year-round rentals for Provincetown West Tisbury residents.

(RECOMMENDED 5-0)

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to create a special purpose Housing Stabilization Fund under MGL c.40, §5B, with a purpose of supporting affordable housing in the Town, and vote to dedicate Fifty Percent (50%) of Rooms Excise Tax revenues to the Housing Stabilization Fund effective for fiscal year 2027 beginning on July 1, 2026, or take any other action relative thereto. Said funds in the Housing Stabilization Fund shall be expended by Town Meeting appropriation for housing-related purposes, including Lease to Locals,.

(RECOMMENDED 5-0, 2/3 VOTE REQUIRED)

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and appropriate, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2027, the sum of Fourteen Thousand Six Hundred Eighty One Dollars (\$14,681) to support the CORE program to provide coordinated counseling, outreach, and referral services to our residents who are 55 years and older. Upon execution of the Inter-municipal Agreement with Dukes County, the County will serve as the fiscal agent on behalf of the Town, provided all six towns vote in the affirmative to pay their share.

(RECOMMENDED 5-0)

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2027, the sum of Twenty Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Five Dollars (\$20,325) to support the planning, advocacy and education of Healthy Aging Martha's Vineyard. Upon execution of the Inter-municipal Agreement with Dukes County, the County will serve as the fiscal agent on behalf of the Town, provided all six towns vote in the affirmative to pay their share. **(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2027, the sum of Fourteen Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Three Dollars (\$14,393) to support the Harbor Homes MV Homelessness Prevention Programs on Martha's Vineyard. Upon execution of the Inter-municipal Agreement with Dukes County, the County will serve as the fiscal agent on behalf of the Town, provided all six towns vote in the affirmative to pay their share **(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2027 the sum of Ninety Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Seven Dollars (\$98,987) to support the Martha's Vineyard Center for Living Programs. Upon execution of the Inter-municipal Agreement with Dukes County, the County will serve as the fiscal agent on behalf of the Town, provided all six towns vote in the affirmative to pay their share. **(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

ARTICLE 30: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of Fourteen Thousand Two Hundred Forty Dollars (\$14,240) to fund the Town of West Tisbury's share of the expenses of the All-Island School Committee's contract for continuing and community education in Fiscal Year 2027, provided all six towns vote in the affirmative to pay their share. **(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

ARTICLE 31: To see if the town will vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000) for the acquisition and installation of a rapid food waste recycler for use by town residents at the West Tisbury Local Drop-Off (LDO) which will process organic waste on-site into safe, soil-ready byproduct, including the payment of costs incidental and relevant thereto, or take any other action relative thereto in the interest of environmental sustainability. **(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

ARTICLE 32: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) which is a one third share of \$45,000 to purchase one (1) new Life Pak 15 Cardiac Monitor and any other costs relative thereto. **(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

ARTICLE 33: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) which is a one third share of \$45,000 to purchase one new response vehicle for TriTown Ambulance and any other costs relative thereto. **(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

ARTICLE 34: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of Eighty Three Thousand Three Hundred Thirty Three Dollars and Thirty Three Cents (\$83,333.33) to be placed in the "Ambulance Stabilization Fund" which

is to pay for the Town's one third share of the cost of purchasing and equipping a new ambulance. **(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

ARTICLE 35: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) for repairs and upgrades to town buildings as prioritized by the Facilities Maintenance Committee and the Select Board. **(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

ARTICLE 36: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) in FY 2027 for the Unemployment Compensation Fund. **(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

ARTICLE 37: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of Twenty-Four Thousand Dollars (\$24,000) to be used by the Board of Assessors for the valuation update of real and personal property to meet the certification of values as required by Massachusetts State Law. **(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

ARTICLE 38: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the expenditure in Fiscal Year 2027 from revolving funds previously established by vote of the Town pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c. 44, § 53E1/2, and the Town's Revolving Fund Bylaw, for Fiscal Year 2027 to be credited with receipts from the following revenue sources, to be expended under the authority and direction of the following agencies or officials, for the following stated purposes, not to exceed the following spending limits respectively:

Fund	Revenue Source	Authority to Spend Funds	Use of Funds	Spending Limits
Wetlands Protection Bylaw	Filing fees	Conservation Commission	to pay for expenses of the Commission related to the administration of the Bylaw	\$3,000

(RECOMMENDED 5-0))

ARTICLE 39: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) to transfer to the Retired/Separating Employees Compensated Absences Reserve Fund as provided for by M.G.L. c. 40, § 13D. **(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

ARTICLE 40: To see if the Town will vote to act upon the recommendations of the Community Preservation Committee to appropriate and set aside for later expenditure from the Community Preservation Fund established pursuant to Chapter 44B of the Mass. General Laws, FY 2027 revenues, in the following amounts:

- a. Open Space reserve \$75,000 (10% of estimated FY 2027 Community Preservation Fund revenues)
- b. Historical Resources reserve \$75,000 (10% of estimated FY 2027 Community Preservation Fund revenues)

- c. Community Housing reserve \$75,000 (10% of estimated FY 2027 Community Preservation Fund revenues)
- d. Undesignated reserve \$487,500 (65% of estimated FY 2027 Community Preservation Fund revenues) **(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

And to appropriate for administrative expenditures the sum of Thirty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$37,500) from the FY 2027 Community Preservation Fund revenues. **(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

ARTICLE 41: To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000) from the Community Preservation Community Housing Reserve Fund to Dukes County Regional Housing Authority to support the rental assistance program for West Tisbury residents.

(RECOMMENDED 5-0)

ARTICLE 42: To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) from the Community Preservation Undesignated Reserve Fund as West Tisbury's share for the Island Autism Center and Neighborhood projects funding of this affordable housing project for construction of two four-bedroom residential units to house eight autistic Island residents. The development of this affordable housing is permanently deed restricted as affordable housing with a preference for Island residents with autism or autism related disorders, located at 515 Lamberts Cove Road in West Tisbury.

(RECOMMENDED 5-0)

ARTICLE 43: To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) from the Community Preservation Undesignated Reserve Fund as West Tisbury's share for the Island Housing Trust's new construction of a neighborhood of 4 one-bedroom and 4 two-bedroom apartments for the purpose of providing housing for public school employees. The development of this affordable housing will be permanently deed restricted as affordable housing to be located at 40 & 48 Old Courthouse Road in West Tisbury.

(RECOMMENDED 5-0)

ARTICLE 44: To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) from the Community Preservation Undesignated Reserve Fund as West Tisbury's share for Harbor Homes of Martha's Vineyard's creation/renovation of congregate housing for unhoused Islanders. The development of this affordable housing will be permanently deed restricted as affordable housing to be located at 111 New York Avenue, Oak Bluffs, 103 Tashmoo Avenue, Vineyard Haven and 515 Edgartown Road, Vineyard Haven.

(RECOMMENDED 5-0)

ARTICLE 45: To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) from the Community Preservation Undesignated Reserve Fund to be transferred to the West Tisbury Affordable Housing Trust for future use toward affordable housing opportunities including search, predevelopment and legal fees associated with various other affordable housing projects that meet CPA guidelines.

(RECOMMENDED 5-0)

ARTICLE 46: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate Ninety-Four Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-Four Dollars (\$94,584) from the Community Preservation Open Space – Recreation Reserve Fund to the MV Sharks Baseball Foundation, Inc. for renovation of the Vineyard Baseball Park field located at the Martha’s Vineyard Regional High School.

(RECOMMENDED 5-0)

ARTICLE 47: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate Sixty-Six Thousand Forty-One Dollars (\$66,041) from the Community Preservation Housing Reserve Fund to pay down principal and interest on the borrowing for the 401 State Road affordable housing development approved in Article 52 of the April 2025 Annual Town Meeting. Note: This is the second of a maximum of ten installments.

(RECOMMENDED 5-0)

ARTICLE 48: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate Thirty-Three Thousand Twenty-One Dollars (\$33,021) from the Community Preservation Open Space – Recreation Reserve Fund, to pay down principal and interest on the borrowing for the West Tisbury Tennis/Basketball court restoration project approved in Article 54 of the April 2025 Annual Town Meeting. Note: This is the second of a maximum of ten installments.

(RECOMMENDED 5-0)

ARTICLE 49: To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 34 of the April 2023 Annual Town Meeting to allow the remaining Fifty-One Thousand and Forty Dollars (\$51,040) appropriated for replacement of the Grange Hall roof to be used for Grange Hall window restoration.

(RECOMMENDED 5-0)

ARTICLE 50: To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 51 of the April 2025 Annual Town Meeting to add the lot located at 40 Old Courthouse Road to the development as noted below:

To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$354,750) from the Community Preservation Undesignated Reserve Fund as West Tisbury’s share for the Island Housing Trust’s new construction of a neighborhood of 4 one-bedroom and 4 two-bedroom apartments for the purpose of providing housing for school employees. The development of this affordable housing will be permanently deed restricted as affordable housing to be located at 40 & 48 Old Courthouse Road in West Tisbury.

(RECOMMENDED 5-0)

ARTICLE 51: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000) to be placed in the “Fire Truck Stabilization Fund” which is to pay for the Town’s next purchase of a fire truck.

(RECOMMENDED 5-0)

ARTICLE 52: To see if the Town will vote to Transfer the sum of Twenty Seven Thousand Dollars (\$27,000) from Line 145-5120 “Treasurer Personal Services” to Line 132-5799 “Reserve Fund”.

ARTICLE 53: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of Sixty Four Thousand Dollars (\$64,000) to be paid to the Up Island Regional School District as the Town’s share of the costs of the District’s capital project to undertake an Educational Space Needs Study for the West Tisbury School

building, including any other costs incidental and relative thereto; provided, however, that this appropriation shall not be effective unless each of the other member Towns of the District approve a corresponding appropriation for their respective share of the total project costs; or to take any other action relative thereto.

***Article Information:** The estimated total cost of the UIRSD West Tisbury School Educational Space Needs Study project is \$80,000.*

(RECOMMENDED 5-0)

ARTICLE 54: To see if the Town will vote to instruct its senator and representative in the General Court to file a Home Rule Petition to the Massachusetts Legislature to read as follows:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND OF THE TOWN OF WEST TISBURY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows: West Tisbury Affordable Housing Trust Warrant Article 55, April 14, 2026. Notwithstanding any general or special law, or by-law, to the contrary, the West Tisbury Affordable Housing Trust, established pursuant to G. L. c. 44, sec. 55 C, may expend funds for community housing for households earning up to 180 percent of the County of Dukes median household income as reported from time to time by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, except for any Community Preservation Act funds which will be subject to the income limits set forth in the Community Preservation Act. **(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

ARTICLE 55: To see if the Town will vote to amend the West Tisbury Affordable Housing Trust Fund, codified in West Tisbury General Bylaw, adopted at the West Tisbury Town Meeting on April 11, 2006, to increase the West Tisbury Affordable Housing Trust's maximum allowable expenditure on projects serving households whose income is at or below 180% of the Area Mean Income for Dukes County, as established annually by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). **(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

ARTICLE 56: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of Six Hundred Thirteen Thousand Three Hundred Forty Dollars (\$613,340) to reduce the tax levy in Fiscal Year 2027. **(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof in not less than six (6) public places in West Tisbury at least seven days before the holding of such meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands 11th Day of March in the Year Two Thousand Twenty Six.

Cynthia E. Mitchell

Chair

J. Skipper Manter

Jessica D. Miller

WEST TISBURY SELECT BOARD

DATE:

I have posted attested copies of the above Warrant in not less than six (6) public places in West Tisbury seven (7) days before such meeting.

Timothy A. Barnett

Constable

A true copy, attest:

Tara J. Whiting-Wells

Town Clerk



**EARLY / ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
WEST TISBURY, MASSACHUSETTS
APRIL 16, 2026**

Ann J. McKeown
TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ●
 B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
 C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name and address on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

<p align="center">FOR MODERATOR</p> <p>One Year Vote for ONE</p> <p>CAROLINE R. FLANDERS <input type="radio"/></p> <p>13 Rock Pond Road Candidate for Re-election</p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center">FOR TREE WARDEN</p> <p>One Year Vote for ONE</p> <p>JEREMIAH BROWN <input type="radio"/></p> <p>2 Holly Lane Candidate for Re-election</p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center">FOR PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE</p> <p>Three Years Vote for TWO</p> <p>MATTHEW D. GEBO <input type="radio"/></p> <p>22 Stoney Hill Lane Candidate for Re-election</p> <p>DAVID L. SMALL <input type="radio"/></p> <p>32 Hoppers Farm Road Candidate for Re-election</p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>
<p align="center">FOR SELECT BOARD</p> <p>Three Years Vote for ONE</p> <p>JESSICA D. MILLER <input type="radio"/></p> <p>30 Lottens Lane Candidate for Re-election</p> <p>GARRISON G. VIEIRA <input type="radio"/></p> <p>30 BP Hayden Way Candidate for Re-election</p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center">FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEE</p> <p>Three Years Vote for TWO</p> <p>EMILY FERN FISCHER <input type="radio"/></p> <p>1202 Route 10 Great Neck Candidate for Re-election</p> <p>KATHARINE JOY LEAIRD <input type="radio"/></p> <p>50 Norton Farm Road Candidate for Re-election</p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center">FOR LAND BANK COMMISSIONER</p> <p>Three Years Vote for ONE</p> <p>JAMES A. GRAHAM <input type="radio"/></p> <p>194 Pond Road Candidate for Re-election</p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>
<p align="center">FOR BOARD OF HEALTH</p> <p>Three Years Vote for ONE</p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center">FOR FINANCE COMMITTEE</p> <p>Three Years Vote for TWO</p> <p>KIMBERLY A. ANGELL <input type="radio"/></p> <p>54 Hoppers Farm Road Candidate for Re-election</p> <p>JOHN R. CHRISTENSEN <input type="radio"/></p> <p>56 Mayhew Norton Road Candidate for Re-election</p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	
<p align="center">FOR BOARD OF ASSESSORS</p> <p>Three Years Vote for ONE</p> <p>MARIA G. MCFARLAND <input type="radio"/></p> <p>45 South Vine Lane Candidate for Re-election</p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>		
<p align="center">FOR TOWN CLERK</p> <p>One Year Vote for ONE</p> <p>TARA J. WHITING-WELLS <input type="radio"/></p> <p>488 Edgartown Road Candidate for Re-election</p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center">FOR CONSTABLE</p> <p>Three Years Vote for ONE</p> <p>JOHN J. POWERS <input type="radio"/></p> <p>20 Oak Knoll Road Candidate for Re-election</p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	
QUESTIONS		
<p>QUESTION 1: Shall the Town of West Tisbury be allowed to assess an additional Three Million, Four Hundred Ninety-One Thousand and Ninety Dollars (\$3,491,090) in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding the Town's Annual Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning July First, Two Thousand Twenty-Six (2026).</p> <p align="right">YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="right">NO <input type="radio"/></p>		
<p>QUESTION 2: Shall the Town of West Tisbury be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition Two and One-Half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to pay additional costs of repairing and/or replacing the HVAC system in the West Tisbury Police Department, including removal of failed system components, installation of new components, and related repairs to the building and grounds (i.e., interior walls and ceilings, utilities, paving and landscaping, or any site improvements) incidental or directly related thereto, and all related borrowing costs?</p> <p align="right">YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="right">NO <input type="radio"/></p>		

