

South

Streak
across the skies,
brown against the
deepest blue!

An arrow punching
through the winds;
the rain, icy sleet,
and scorching sun.

Banking and diving,
fog in eyes,
tumbling like a stone as
you take a respite
from the air.
But even if the waters
and the meals to be found
in a sweet, restful swamp,
are tempting
so tempting;
the air calls again.

The sun shines brighter,
and the air seethes with heat,
pines give way to palms,
and snow finally
gives way to sand!

It's over,
for now.
Another stop,
on the endless journey.

- Tam Leonard-Peck

DEDICATION KATHY LOGUE



Kathy Logue has been our Town Treasurer for more than 20 years. But she has been so much more than that. She has willingly jumped in to join numerous building committees, acting as a guidepost for well designed projects that will serve the town into the future. Kathy also has been integral to creating and maintaining the Town's Capital Improvement Plan, keeping the town on a strong financial path. She also has served on the Committee for health insurance for the island, working hard to assure the benefits package is both fiscally prudent and responsive to employees' needs. In town hall, Kathy has been absolutely essential in keeping the town's IT systems running, as well as many other systems as she has the institutional memory of when buildings were renovated and what was done. Kathy also spent years as an EMT with Tri-Town Ambulance.

But Kathy is more than just a great employee... She is a sailor – often coming in to work covered in bruises from yet another hard sail, an inspiration for folks to continue doing what they love. She also has been a mentor to other treasurers on the island (and off) over the years guiding them as they learn the job.

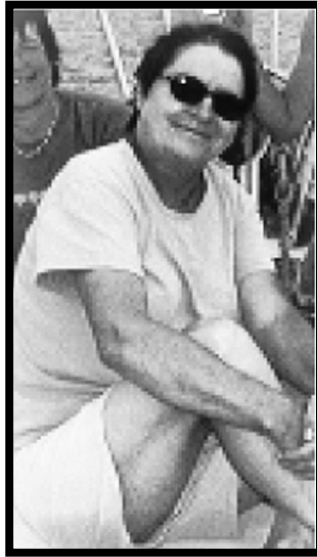
One member of the staff said: As Kathy prepares to retire after an extraordinary 21 years of service to West Tisbury, it is hard to capture just how much she means to this community. In the short time that I have been here, it has become clear that Kathy Logue is a cornerstone of this town. She doesn't just know the names of taxpayers who walk through the door; she knows their

stories, their families and their needs. She remembers the details that others might forget, and with each interaction, she makes people feel seen, valued, and like they have someone in their corner.

Whether its helping someone understand their benefits, answering questions with patience, or simply offering a kind word when it is needed most, Kathy has been a constant source of guidance and support for the taxpayers of this community.

Kathy is undoubtedly leaving behind a legacy of kindness, service, and unwavering dedication to the Town of West Tisbury. So on behalf of the “3rd Floor Employees” (really all the employees), I would like to say thank you.

IN MEMORIAM
PRUDENCE WHITING



Prudence Mayhew Whiting was a daughter of West Tisbury. Born in April 1948 as the youngest to Everett and Jane Whiting, she was 4th generation on the family farm. Prudy had two older brothers, Danny and Allen, whom she adored and they loved her in return. They grew up helping with chores on the farm filled with cows, sheep, chickens, pigs and dogs and cats. Time was spent on the shores of the Great Pond shell fishing and sailing with aunts, uncles and cousins.

Prudy attended elementary school in the old town hall building and then the regional high school followed by college in New Hampshire.

When Danny was drafted and Allen was at college she had to step up her work load on the farm. Her father and brothers gave her a deep love of the land and she delighted in being her father's right-hand gal.

Prudy's great grandfather, Henry L. Whiting, was one of the founders of the Martha's Vineyard Agricultural Society. She spent many years volunteering at the fair and she was one of the original organizers of the West Tisbury Farmers Market.

Her son Davis was a source of huge love and joy as were his wife and daughters.

Prudy was elected as town clerk in April of 1996. She approached this with her normal work ethic, quick wit and quiet one-liners. Prudy, who disdained technology, brought forward the first electronic voting machine for West Tisbury.

After retiring in 2009, she worked over at Alley's store. This allowed her to keep up with town news and keep spreading her very special sense of humor. Prudy's heart and soul were imbedded in the sand and soil and waters of this Island, and she will be forever missed.

The Sheep Fold

Emma Mayhew Whiting

**Where are the sheep paths leading-
Worn and narrow ways;
Crooked paths and winding,
Where flocks go forth to graze?
Now that the days grow cold;
Food and shelter seeking,
Within the old sheep fold?
The door stands widely open,
While sheep in pastures roam;
At dusk the paths go winding
To warmth and comfort-Home.**

IN MEMORIAM
VIRGINIA (GINNY) JONES



Virginia (Ginny) Jones' life and service were centered on the Town of West Tisbury, where she grew up. As a young girl she kept her horse in her grandfather's field across from Alleys, where the Town Library and the Howes House Senior Center now stand. Her life reflected her steadfast commitment to preserving and protecting our precious town.

We were fortunate to have had Ginny looking out for the town's best interests, always reminding people to be mindful of our single source aquifer, keeping us posted when the cut to the pond had been opened, or providing us with a heads-up that the pond was closed to shell fishing due to bacteria. She kept a close eye on things because she cared.

Ginny could regularly be seen volunteering at the polls, checking voters in at Town Meeting, or planting daffodil bulbs at the town cemetery. She was a member of the Planning Board for almost 40 years and served on the Shellfish Advisory Committee. She kept herself educated on town issues and was quick to help where needed. Stuffing envelopes was a regular task she would gladly do, not only to help, but to share in the latest local topics of the day. She was an avid reader and could knit a sweater in record time. Ginny was also a strong sailor, having travelled far and wide during her younger years. People say she was quite the chef, creating hearty and delicious meals for the sailing crew on

long voyages. She was a voracious reader; the books lining the walls of her home attest to that. And Ginny could write extremely well.

Ginny had a way with words, often greeting friends with a “good afternoon” or a “how do you do”. She was an honest woman, some might say sometimes too honest. To her, the truth was truth and facts were facts. She was not one to sugar-coat anything. Sometimes salty in demeanor, she said it as she saw it and that was who she was. She was a fact-checker and would research whatever needed to be studied. Her ability to remember the past was most helpful to the Planning Board. She was great at recalling an old application that might benefit a current plan before the board. She knew roads and properties and past and present property owners. She was a wealth of information and was the person to ask when someone needed a refresher on years gone by.

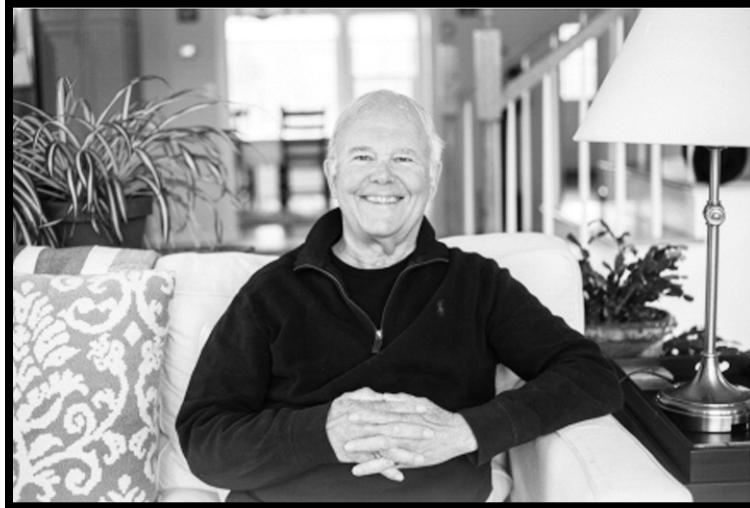
Ginny lived and died her way; she adored her family and admired and appreciated her friends, co-workers and town staff and officials. We will miss her dedication to the town and her presence in it.

IN MEMORIAM
JANICE HAYNES



In June, the town lost one of its brightest stars. Janice worked in Town Hall for about six years. In that time, we all came to rely on her for everything. Not least of all we relied on her for color. Janice was both in spirit, and appearance, a rainbow. She made sure her hair matched her tights at all times, and she created amazing drawings to spark up the space when Plexiglas shields became a thing. While we were all navigating Covid, Janice was also navigating her health challenges. But every day she could work, she worked. She never complained, she never sat back, she was always present in some way. At the end, the staff, with the help from Vineyard Gardens and Janice's amazing husband Jeremiah (the Town's Tree Warden), planted a garden in the hopes that each year when the flowers bloom we'll feel Janice with us, right outside her office.

IN MEMORIAM
HUNTER MOORMAN



The community was saddened to learn of the passing of Hunter Moorman in June. For many, Hunter was synonymous with the historic expansion and renovation of the West Tisbury Library a decade ago. The fund-raising for this project would not have happened without him.

As with so many residents of our town, Hunter arrived on Martha's Vineyard with a lifetime of skills and experience earned on the Mainland. When Hunter and his beloved wife Leslie settled on Martha's Vineyard, he turned his attention to the town's efforts to raise funds for the major renovation and expansion of the library facility in 2010.

The West Tisbury Library Foundation's capital campaign was the largest such effort ever attempted in West Tisbury. Some doubted that the library could raise the \$2 million required to match the state's construction grant. Indeed, as the deadline approached, the Foundation appeared in danger of falling short by a significant sum of money. Undaunted, Hunter bridged the gap by offering his and Leslie's home as security to obtain a bank line of credit until the remaining funds could be raised.

The word "service" best illustrates the unifying principle in all of Hunter's efforts — service aimed at making things better. He was a quietly brilliant man, a humble man, who never quite took in the high regard in which he was held, or his power to forge strong, lasting friendships. He was deeply introspective, and believed that self-understanding was crucial to the life well-lived. The West Tisbury Library was fortunate to have been taken under his wing.

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**TOWN OFFICERS
2024
(ELECTED BY BALLOT)**

MODERATOR

Caroline R. Flanders Term 1 Year, Expires 2025

SELECT BOARD

Cynthia E. Mitchell Term 3 Years, Expires 2025
Jessica Miller Term 3 Years, Expires 2026
J. Skipper Manter Term 3 Years, Expires 2027

BOARD OF HEALTH

Jessica Miller Term 3 Years, Expires 2025
Eric Lowe Term 3 Years, Expires 2026
Kenneth Vincent Term 3 Years, Expires 2027

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 2025

TREE WARDEN

Jeremiah Brown Term 1 Year, Expires 2025

CONSTABLES

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Clark Rattet Term 3 Years, Expires 2025
Skipper Manter Term 3 Years, Expires 2025
John Christensen Term 3 Years, Expires 2026
Kim Angell Term 3 Years, Expires 2026
Greg Orcutt Term 3 Years, Expires 2027

PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Micah Thanhauser Term 3 Years, Expires 2025
Fran Finnigan Term 3 Years, Expires 2025
Wendy Nierenberg Term 1 Years, Expires 2026
Emily Fischer Term 1 Years, Expires 2026
Lynne Hoeft Term 3 Years, Expires 2027
Indaia Whitcombe Term 3 Years, Expires 2027

PLANNING BOARD

Leah Smith	Term 5 Years, Expires 2025
Amy Upton	Term 1 Years, Expires 2025
Matthew Merry	Term 5 Years, Expires 2027
Heikki Soikkeli	Term 5 Years, Expires 2027
Virginia Jones**	Term 5 Years, Expires 2027

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Mark Bernard	Term 3 Years, Expires 2025
Matt Gebo	Term 3 Years, Expires 2026
David Small	Term 3 Years, Expires 2026
J. Skipper Manter	Term 3 Years, Expires 2027
Lisa Amols	Term 3 Years, Expires 2027

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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**Deceased

**TOWN OFFICERS
2024
(Appointed by Select Board unless otherwise noted)**

AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE

(Members appointed by various town boards)

Michael Colaneri	Jessica Miller
Jefrey Dubard	Kim Angell
Sebastian Hiatt	Kanta Lipsky
Ivory Littlefield	Julius Lowe
Matt Merry	Amy Upton*
Simon Bollin*	

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT COORDINATOR

Jennifer Rand

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER/DOG OFFICER

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

BYWAYS COMMITTEE

Katy Upson	Ivory Littlefield
Cynthia Aguilar	Kanta Lipsky

CABLE TV ADVISORY BOARD

Leon Brathwaite

CAPE & VINEYARD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

John Christensen*

CAPE LIGHT COMPACT

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

(Members appointed by various town boards)

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

CARE OF TOWN CLOCK

Malcolm W. Young	Term 1 Year
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CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Cynthia E. Mitchell	Term 3 Years, Expires 2025
Jessica Miller	Term 3 Years, Expires 2026
J. Skipper Manter	Term 3 Years, Expires 2027

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
Russell Hartenstein*	Donna Paulnock*
Virginia Jones**	Kate Warner*

COALITION TO CREATE A MV HOUSING BANK

J. Skipper Manter	Term 1 Year
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COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

(Members appointed by various town boards)

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

COMPLETE STREETS COMMITTEE

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

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Whit Griswold - Chair	Term 3 Years, Expires 2027
Chris Lyons	Term 1 Years, Expires 2027
Fred Barron	Term 3 Years, Expires 2027
Angela Luckey	Term 3 Years, Expires 2026
Ernie Thomas	Term 3 Years, Expires 2026
Peter Rodegast	Term 3 Years, Expires 2026
Michael Turnell*	Term 3 Years, Expires 2026
Geraldine Brooks*	Term 3 Years, Expires 2025

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
Kathy Logue	Term 1 Year

DUKES COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD

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

Rise Terney	Term 1 Year
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DUTCH ELM DISEASE WARDEN

Jeremiah Brown	Term 1 Year
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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Jennelle Gadowski, Director	Term 1 Year
Amanda Gonsalves, Deputy Director	Term 1 Year

ENERGY COMMITTEE

John Christensen	Richard Andre
Nicola Blake	Michael Gately
Sue Hruby*	Kate Warner*

FACILITIES MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

Gregory Pachico	Term 1 Year
Patrick Mitchell	Term 1 Year
Malcolm W. Young	Term 1 Year
Kate Warner	Term 1 Year

FENCE VIEWERS

Joanie Ames	Term 1 Year
Richard Hammond	Term 1 Year

FIRE CHIEF/FOREST WARDEN

Gregory Pachico	Term 1 Year
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HEALTHY AGING TASK FORCE

Skipper Manter	Term 1 Year
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HERRING WARDEN

John Hoy	Term 1 Year
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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 2025
Josh Gothard	Term 3 Years, Expires 2025
Mark Mazer*	Term 3 Years, Expires 2024

INSECT CONTROL WARDEN

Jeremiah Brown	Term 1 Year
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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
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IMPROVING GOVERNANCE TASK FORCE

John Christensen	Cynthia Mitchell
Chelsea Joiner	Susan Wasserman
Andy Zaikis*	Susan Silk*

JOINT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Matthew Sudarsky	Term 1 Year
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KEEPER OF THE DAM

David Bouck	Term 1 Year
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LAND BANK ADVISORY BOARD

(Members appointed by various town boards)

Andrew Woodruff	Maria McFarland
David Bouck	Peter Rodegast
Leah Smith	David Small
Lisa Amols*	

LOCAL HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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

MARTHA'S VINEYARD COMMISSION

SELECTMEN'S REPRESENTATIVE

Ernest Thomas	Term 1 Year
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MARTHA'S VINEYARD CULTURAL COUNCIL

Walker Roman	Term 3 Years, Expires 2027
Andy Herr	Term 3 Years, Expires 2027
Paul Doherty	Term 3 Years, Expires 2026
Hal Garneau	Term 3 Years, Expires 2025
Irene Tewksbury	Term 3 Years, Expires 2025
Harriet Bernstein*	Term 3 Years, Expires 2024

**MARTHA'S VINEYARD TV
SELECTMEN'S REPRESENTATIVE**

Alan Look**	Term 3 Years, Expires 2025
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**MILL POND WATERSHED
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

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

MUNICIPAL HEARING OFFICER

Cass Luskin	Term 1 Year
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PARKING CLERK

Beth Kaeka	Term 1 Year
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PERSONNEL BOARD

Leon Braithwaite	Term 3 Years, Expires 2027
Hunter Morman**	Term 3 Years, Expires 2027
Larry Schilmeister	Term 3 Years, Expires 2026
Brian Smith*	Term 3 Years, Expires 2025
Samantha Hollinger (employee rep.)	Term 3 Years, Expires 2027
Janice Haynes (employee rep.)**	Term 3 Years, Expires 2024

POET LAUREATE

Tam Leonard-Peck	Term 3 Years
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POLICE DEPARTMENT

Matthew Mincone, Chief	Term 3 Years, Expires 2027
Mathew Gebo, Lieutenant	Term 3 Years, Expires 2025
Bradley Cortez, Sergeant	Term 3 Years, Expires 2025
Jeremie Rogers, Sergeant	Term 3 Years, Expires 2025
Nickolaj Wojkielo, Detective	Term 3 Years, Expires 2026
Mark Nickowal, Officer	Term 3 Years, Expires 2025
Bradley Fiedler, Officer	Term 3 Years, Expires 2025
Noah Stobie, Officer	Term 3 Years, Expires 2026

COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICERS

Samantha Hollinger	Term 3 Years, Expires 2025
Heidi Pachico	Term 3 Years, Expires 2027
Jeffrey Stone	Term 3 Years, Expires 2027
Shernan Bowlin	Term 3 Years, Expires 2027
Diane Demoe*	Term 3 Years, Expires 2025

SPECIAL OFFICERS

Nathan Vieira Term 3 Years, Expires 2025
Leomar De Oliveira* Term 3 Years, Expires 2025

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

Jen Rand Term 1 Year

RECORDS ACCESS OFFICER

Tara J. Whiting-Wells Term 1 Year

REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY (VTA)

Robert Wasserman Term 3 Years, Expires 2024

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Bernice H. Kirby Term 3 Years, Expires 2027
Jonathan Klaren Term 3 Years, Expires 2026
Hermine Hull Term 3 Years, Expires 2025

SHELLFISH CONSTABLE

Ray Gale Term 3 Years, Expires 2027
Kenneth Jones, Deputy Constable 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 Virginia Jones**

SHORT TERM RENTAL COMMITTEE

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

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

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

TASK FORCE AGAINST DISCRIMINATION

Terry Kreidman Susanna Sturgis
Loren Ghiglioni Elaine Cawley Weintraub
Ted Jochsberger

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Chelsea Joiner Term 3 Years, Expires 2028
Bruce Stone* Term 3 Years, Expires 2024

TREASURER / TAX COLLECTOR

Monica Burke Term 3 Years, Expires 2028
Katherine Logue Term 3 Years, Expires 2025

TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tim Boland Jeremiah Brown
Emily Ellingson Oliver Osnoss
David Fielder

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Jennifer Rand Term 3 Years

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 Term 5 Years, Expires 2025
Julius Lowe Term 5 Years, Expires 2027
Deborah V.B. Wells Term 5 Years, Expires 2029
Jeffrey Kaye Term 5 Years, Expires 2025
Andrew Zaikis Term 5 Years, Expires 2025
Patrick Barrett – Associate Term 2 Years, Expires 2026
Casey Decker – Associate Term 2 Years, Expires 2025

*Resigned/Retired

**Deceased

REPORT OF THE SELECT BOARD

The Select Board would like to take a moment to acknowledge the passing of their assistant Janice Haynes. Janice was, by every measure, amazing. She brought her good cheer and wit to work with her every day, and rose to meet every challenge including her illness. She is deeply missed by all.

The Board (Jessica Miller, Cynthia Mitchell, & Jeffrey “Skipper” Manter) came together, with other Boards and Committees in the Town of West Tisbury to steer their community through a year of challenges, opportunities, and growth. The year 2024 unfolded like chapters in a well-worn book, each month revealing new stories of commitment and collaboration.

The year of 2024 began with hope and purpose. Kate Hoffman was reappointed as the Animal Control Officer, ensuring the town's furry residents were well looked after. Discussions buzzed about two new electric vehicle chargers at the West Tisbury school, a step towards a greener tomorrow. By mid-month, the Select Board endorsed the Affordable Homes Act, bringing fresh momentum to housing initiatives.

Phoebe Bates joined as the Assistant Animal Control Officer, while Jessica Miller and Kim Angell became members of the Affordable Housing Committee. Together, they tackled the committee's challenges with renewed vigor.

As winter winds swept through February, the board welcomed Chris Lyons to the Conservation Commission. They also debated the future of the Task Force Against Discrimination, planting seeds of change. Translation services became a priority to make the town's governance more accessible to all.

March brought new energy with the official hiring of Chelsea Joiner as the Town Accountant. After many years of service, Bruce Stone retired as the Town Accountant. A bright new hire, Chelsea Joiner, stepped into his shoes, and the board helped her settle in with flexible hours. With careful planning, the board finalized plans for short-term rental regulations, paving the way for sustainable tourism. Conservation efforts flourished as they protected land off Watcha Path and pooled opioid settlement funds for public health.

The board granted permits for a Climate Action Fair and supported grants for renewable energy projects and a food forest. The town felt alive with new ideas and budding possibilities.

In May, the Select Board focused on big projects. They planned septic system upgrades for the Public Safety Building and continued work on installing more EV chargers. Every project, from septic upgrades to composting education, brought the town closer to a greener future.

As the summer sun warmed the town and brought sunny skies and new beginnings, discussions turned to infrastructure and sustainability. In June, the town

welcomed Jade Bennett as the new Assistant Tax Collector to replace Joan Chaves who retired at the end of June 2024. Shawn Ramoutar was hired as the new Administrative Assistant to the Board of Assessors and would go on to become the new IT/ Board Administrator in mid-September. The board discussed housing challenges and began exploring a residential tax exemption to support local homeowners.

With the arrival of fall, October was a month of dreams and plans; the Select Board gathered for visioning sessions and discussed composting and waste separation programs to create a cleaner, greener West Tisbury, shaping the town's priorities. Collaboration with regional partners ensured the town wasn't tackling these challenges alone.

They explored walkability, affordable housing, and communication improvements—threads that would weave the fabric of their Master Plan. The board advanced important climate resilience projects and renewable energy initiatives, ensuring the town would be prepared for tomorrow's challenges.

In October, energy efficiency projects took center stage, with library HVAC upgrades and Public Safety Building enhancements leading the charge. Will Diamond was appointed Shellfish Agent and was very eager to contribute to the community. The board also appointed Kathy Logue, Pat Mitchell, Ben Retmier, and Alex Lam to a team focused on improving the Public Safety Building, including updates for gender-specific EMT housing.

November brought a spirit of teamwork. The residential tax exemption of 5% was officially approved, giving relief to homeowners and supporting local families. The board strengthened ties with the Martha's Vineyard Commission, working on island-wide housing and environmental projects.

Monica Burke was hired to replace Kathy Logue as Treasurer when she retires at the end of January 2025.

As the Select Board prepares for 2025, the town's story will continue to be one of resilience, care for every resident, and hope for the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Miller, Chair
Cynthia Mitchell
J. Skipper Manter,

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

MARRIAGES

DATE	NAME	Surname after Marriage	Residence
February			
3	Diego Benavente Sian Rebecca Williams	Benavente Benavente	West Tisbury
April			
1	Marcos V. B. Liberato Raquel C. Soares	Liberato Liberato	West Tisbury
7	Alvaro M. E. Dalcin Magda D. Pereira	Dalcin Pereira	Oak Bluffs Franklin, MA
8	Alexandre S. Bortolotto Aline N. Zunchetta	Bortolotta Bortolotta	West Tisbury, MA
16	Michael A. Schweikert Suzanne C. Y. Furst	Schweikert Schweikert	West Tisbury
May			
4	Haru Zenda Oona T. Post	Zenda Zenda	West Tisbury
11	Samuel R. Russell Paige L. Tippet	Russell Russell	Venice, CA
June			
1	Jeffrey J. Gendreau Patricia L. D. Roads	Gendreau Roads	West Tisbury
26	Rory D. Gibson Rhiannon L. Pearman	Gibson Gibson	Enfield, UK
August			
12	Zackary David Johnson Nichole Lea Racelis	Johnson Racelis	Savannah, GA
September			
1	Benjamin Seth Huebscher Aron Leah Wolfson	Huebscher Huebscher	Sherman Oaks, CA
7	Luiz Macol Oliveira Brittany M. Czerniawsk	Oliveira	West Tisbury, MA

MARRIAGES- Continued

DATE	NAME	Surname after Marriage	Residence
September			
14	Benjamin A. Velazquez Jessica Ann Lyons	Velazquez Lyons	Lexington, MA
21	Ryan William Janes Julia K. Friedman	Janes Janes	Monrovia, MD
27	Bruce A. Riseborough Lucinea D. S Fonseca	Riseborough Riseborough	Tisbury, MA West Tisbury, MA
October			
3	John Robert Matthews Olivia D. Dilorati	Matthews Matthews	New York, NY
12	Elias Ray Brown Lydia Horn Ferber	Brown Ferber	West Tisbury, MA Erdenheim, PA
November			
30	Douglas Philip Jones Debra Ann Dominici	Jones Dominici	Port Townsend, WA
December			
	Eduardo E. M. Pereira Rosilene De Souza	Pereira Pereira	West Tisbury, MA

DEATHS

DATE	NAME	DATE	NAME
January		April	
4	Joan Elizabeth Houston	2	Gaston Vadasz
10	Ralph K. Safford III	30	Deuward Lyeman Hughes
12	Daniel L. Donaldson	May	
18	Christopher Jaret Aring	2	Marilyn C. Fish
26	Peter James Eldredge	June	
February		3	Janice Elizabeth Haynes
2	Daniel R. Creato	29	Hunter Nelson Moorman
3	Mary F. Sisco	July	
4	Resolvert W Williams	7	Terrence E. McCracken
15	William Daniel Bennett	8	Prudence Mayhew Whiting
27	Isaac D. Russell	19	Carlo Jack D'Antonio
March		22	Pamela Brooks Speir
5	Robert E. L. Knight III		

DEATHS

DATE	NAME	DATE	NAME
August			
6	Daniel B. Cabot	November	
September			
1	Tracy Keith Benware	8	Allen M. Look
October			
12		12	Virginia C. Jones
15	Ellen Barbara Weiss	20	James F. Paul
20	Geoffrey Chandler Currier	27	Charles H. Lewis
21	Stefan Michael Knight	December	
22	Linda R. Bassett-Benoit	25	Richard N. Cohen
29	John Edward Devine		

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 2024, this number was 19.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

April 9, 2024

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator at 6:20pm who declared a quorum of 5% with 224 qualified voters present. All articles were duly moved, seconded and voted upon. There were three floor amendments. The meeting was adjourned at 9:55pm.

QUESTION 1: Prop 2 ½ override for additional costs of HVAC at the library.

QUESTION 2: Assess an additional \$720,000 for UIRSD assessment in the Annual Operating Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1st, 2024?

QUESTION 3: THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING

Athletic field surface...made of artificial/synthetic turf?

QUESTION 4: THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING

Athletic field surface...made of natural grass?

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.

Skipper Manter spoke about Joyce Albertine and Dan Waters as both are retiring.

Cindy Mitchell spoke about Bruce Stone who is also retiring.

ARTICLE 3: Vote to Raise and Appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town Charges and Expenses for Fiscal Year 2025, provided, however, that the amount to be Raised and Appropriated to pay a portion of the Town' share of the Up Island Regional School District's assessment for Fiscal Year 2025, line item 311, is contingent upon a majority of voters casting a Ballot on Question 2 at the Annual Town Election, to be held April 11, 2024 voting in the affirmative to allow the Town to exceed its Proposition 2 ½ spending cap by Seven Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$720,000.00).

(See the Budget published in the Town Report) PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 4: Vote to amend Section 27.3 of the Personnel Bylaw (Year-Round Pay Schedule) and Section 27.4 of the Personnel Bylaw (Seasonal Pay Schedule) to reflect a wage adjustment of 4.8% effective July 1, 2024. **PASSED**

ARTICLE 5: Vote to amend Section 27-1 of the Personnel Bylaw to add the position of Administrative Assistant I to the Board of Assessors at Grade 3, and the position of Department Administrator at Grade 7 on the Year- Round Classification Plan to be effective immediately. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

ARTICLE 6: Vote to Raise and Appropriate \$90,000 to add to the FY 2025 Budget Line 122-5120 (Select Board Personal Services) for the purpose of hiring a Department Administrator. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

ARTICLE 7: Vote to Appropriate from Free Cash \$14,000 to add to the FY 2024 budget line 122-5120 (Select Board Personal Services) for the purpose of hiring a Department Administrator. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

ARTICLE 8: Vote to enact a bylaw entitled "Specialized Energy Code," for the purpose of regulating the design and construction of buildings for the effective

use of energy and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, pursuant to the entirety of 225 CMR 22 and 23 including Appendices RC and CC, including future editions, amendments, or modifications thereto, with an effective date of January 1, 2025, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk, or take any other action relative thereto.

SPECIALIZED ENERGY CODE

§ 1 Definitions

§ 2 Purpose

§ 3 Applicability

§ 4 Specialized Code

§ 1 Definitions

International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) – The International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) is a building energy code created by the International Code Council. It is a model code adopted by many state and municipal governments in the United States for the establishment of minimum design and construction requirements for energy efficiency, and is updated on a three-year cycle. The baseline energy conservation requirements of the MA State Building Code are the IECC with Massachusetts amendments, as approved by the Board of Building Regulations and Standards and published in state regulations as part of 780 CMR.

Specialized Energy Code – Codified by the entirety of 225 CMR 22 and 23 including Appendices RC and CC, the Specialized Energy Code adds residential and commercial appendices to the Massachusetts Stretch Energy Code, based on amendments to the respective net-zero appendices of the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) to incorporate the energy efficiency of the Stretch Energy Code and further reduce the climate impacts of buildings built to this code, with the goal of achieving net-zero greenhouse gas emissions from the buildings sector no later than 2050.

Stretch Energy Code - Codified by the combination of 225 CMR 22 and 23, not including Appendices RC and CC, the Stretch Energy Code is a comprehensive set of amendments to the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) seeking to achieve all lifecycle cost-effective energy efficiency in accordance with the Green Communities Act of 2008, as well as to reduce the climate impacts of buildings built to this code.

§ 2 Purpose

The purpose of 225 CMR 22 and 23 including Appendices RC and CC, also referred to as the Specialized Energy Code, is to provide a more energy efficient and low greenhouse gas emissions alternative to the Stretch Energy Code or the baseline Massachusetts Energy Code, applicable to the relevant sections of the building code for both new construction and existing buildings.

§ 3 Applicability

This energy code applies to residential and commercial buildings.

§ 4 Specialized Code

The Specialized Code, as codified by the entirety of 225 CMR 22 and 23

including Appendices RC and CC, including any future editions, amendments, or modifications, is herein incorporated by reference into the Town of West Tisbury General Bylaws.

The Specialized Code is enforceable by the inspector of buildings. **PASSED**

ARTICLE 9: Vote to Raise and Appropriate \$75,358.75 for the installation of a dry hydrant and a 10,000-gallon water storage tank to be placed at 58 Tiah's Cove Road Hydrant lot for public safety. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

ARTICLE 10: 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 11: : Vote to amend Article 22 of the Annual Town Meeting held on April 12, 2022 to add "professional services" to the permitted uses for expenditures such that the article as amended would read as follows (new language underlined):

To see if the Town will vote to Appropriate \$15,562.50 from the Reserved for Appropriation funds received from the County of Dukes County for the purpose to promote tourism and economic development to be expended by the West Tisbury Shellfish Department for professional services, equipment and supplies.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 12: Vote to appropriate \$1,800,000 to pay costs of repairing/replacing the HVAC system in the West Tisbury Public Library, which amount shall be expended in addition to the previously approved \$1,200,000 authorized at the ATM and ATE in April of 2023. Question One as well

(2/3 VOTE REQUIRED) PASSED YES 212 NO 2

ARTICLE 13: Vote to amend the Personnel By-law Section 11-2 as follows by changing the name of Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples' Day as shown below (see bold):

11-2. Recognized Holidays. The following holidays (***)

New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day, Presidents' Day, Patriots' Day, Memorial Day, Juneteenth Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, ~~Columbus Day~~ **Indigenous Peoples' Day**, Veterans' Day, Thanksgiving Day, Day after Thanksgiving, Half day last work day before Christmas, Christmas Day.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 14: 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 2025 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 15: Vote to Appropriate \$50,000 from the Community Preservation Undesignated Reserve Fund to Dukes County Regional Housing Authority to support the rental assistance program for West Tisbury residents.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 16: Vote to Appropriate \$82,689 from the Community Preservation Open Space – Recreation Reserve Fund to the Field Fund for West Tisbury School playground resurfacing.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 17: Vote to Appropriate \$104,081 from the Community Preservation Community Housing 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.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 18: VVote to Appropriate \$70,000 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 19: 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.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 20: Vote to Appropriate \$340,000 from the Community Preservation Undesignated Reserve Fund to fund one affordable unit for the Red Arrow project proposed by Habitat for Humanity.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 21: Vote to Appropriate \$10,000 from the Community Preservation Historic Resources Reserve Fund to fund safety improvements of the Martha’s Vineyard Garden Club Old Mill building.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 22: Vote to Appropriate \$60,000 from the Community Preservation Historic Resources Reserve Fund to the Vineyard Preservation Trust for repairs to the Grange Hall foundation.

PASSED

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to amend the language of Article 32 of the April 2023 Annual Town Meeting as follows (new language in **bold**):

Vote to Appropriate \$9,000 from the Community Preservation Housing Reserve Fund and \$71,000 from the Community Preservation Undesignated Reserve Fund to Harbor Homes of Martha’s Vineyard as West Tisbury’s share of ~~Permanent Supportive Housing project for residents who may need medication supervision~~ **housing for the Island wide homeless shelter program.** Bluffs and the Cape and Islands Veteran’s Outreach Center (CIVOC).

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 24: 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 2025 provided all six towns vote to approve their share.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 25: Vote to Appropriate from Free Cash \$100,000 to be placed in the Fire Equipment Stabilization Fund. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

ARTICLE 26: Vote to Raise and Appropriate \$30,000 to put towards the purchase and equipping of one all-wheel drive police cruiser in FY 2025.

PASSED

ARTICLE 27: Vote to Raise and Appropriate \$46,500 for the purchase of a pickup truck and associated equipment for the highway department. **PASSED**

ARTICLE 28: Vote to Raise and Appropriate, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2025, \$94,843, to support the Martha's Vineyard Center for Living Programs through Dukes County in accordance with the Inter-municipal Agreement.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 29: Vote to Raise and Appropriate, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2025, \$9,963, to support the Homelessness Prevention Programs on Martha's Vineyard through Dukes County in accordance with the Inter-municipal Agreement.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 30: Vote to Raise and Appropriate, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2025, \$14,437, to support the CORE program to provide coordinated counseling, outreach, and referral services to our residents who are 55 years and older through Dukes County.

PASSED

ARTICLE 31: Vote to Raise and Appropriate, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2025, \$16,994, to support the planning, advocacy, and education for Healthy Aging on Martha's Vineyard through Dukes County in accordance with the Inter-municipal Agreement.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 32: Vote to Raise and Appropriate, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2025, \$6,969, to support the Substance Use Disorder Coalition in addressing needs related to substance use prevention, treatment, recovery support and harm reduction on Martha's Vineyard through Dukes County in accordance with the Inter-municipal Agreement. **C**

ARTICLE 33: Vote to Raise and Appropriate, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2025 \$20,709 as the apportioned share of the county budget supplemental income.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY AS AMENDED Amend amount to \$11,679.

ARTICLE 34: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate \$15,000 to be used towards Transportation Engineering services for design work and/or technical analyses on Town projects, with funds administered by the Martha's Vineyard Commission, for Fiscal Year 2025. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

ARTICLE 35: Vote to adopt the following general bylaw:

West Tisbury Short-term Rental By-Law

Short-term rentals are a permissible ~~commercial~~ 'accessory' use of residential properties in West Tisbury within the parameters of this bylaw.

PURPOSE AND INTENT

1. Provide a process through which West Tisbury can continue the historic tradition of a vibrant vacation rental market, such that they may be permitted and registered with the town of West Tisbury for lawful use as short-term rentals.

2. Enable residents to earn extra money from their properties to better afford to live here, maintain their properties, and contribute to the community.
3. Ensure that short-term rentals will not be detrimental to the character and livability of the town and the residential neighborhoods surrounding such short-term rentals.
4. Ensure the proper regulation of commercial uses of homes in West Tisbury residential areas.
5. Deter commercial interests from buying housing to use as short-term rental businesses in order to help ensure equity and sufficiency of housing stock for year-round residents.
6. Protect the health and safety of renters and residents for those lawful short-term rentals.
7. Enable the Town to enforce state and local health and safety laws and regulations, and to provide a method for correcting violations when conditions require immediate attention.

DEFINITION

A short-term rental is a rental that is 30 days or fewer. Seasonal rentals of 31 days or longer, year-round rentals, hotels, motels, lodging houses, and B&Bs are excluded.

REGULATIONS

1. An owner is permitted to rent only one property as a short-term rental. The property may contain several units in a single registration, as long as all dwelling units covered by the registration are located on the same lot and rented to the same person or legal entity.

One structure may be rented short-term and another long-term.

If an owner owns more than one property in the town of West Tisbury, the owner must choose which one to rent as a short-term rental. No owner shall have more than one short-term rental in the town.

2. Short-term rentals may be a primary or a secondary unit.

3. The owner **'or immediate family'** must reside at least 30 days per year (not necessarily consecutively) in the property.

4. A short-term rental may not be rented as separate bedrooms or spaces to separate parties unless the owner is in residence.

5. No short-term rentals will have a rental period fewer than ~~seven~~ **'two' days nights.**

6. A tenant in a long-term rental may not offer their rental as a short-term rental, (i.e. no sub leasing).

7. Short term rentals are permitted if owned by an LLC, S-Corp., partnership, trust, or other legal entity if every owner/member is a natural person, confirmed by documentation. One person must be designated as the "owner" at each annual registration.

REGISTRATION

All short-term rentals must be registered with the town annually.

The Select Board shall have the authority to create a registration application form, set registration fees, and adopt rules, regulations, policies and procedures, and to designate an agent to implement the provisions of this By-Law.

Short-term rentals are subject to inspection by the Town, which shall determine the maximum occupancy and the maximum number of cars permitted for the property.

EXEMPT PROPERTIES

Any rental of fewer than 14 days per calendar year.

VIOLATIONS AND FINES

Penalty for violation is \$300 per day.

ADOPTION

This by-law will take effect on January 1, 2025.

Any owner with multiple short-term rentals prior to the adoption of this by-law must register them with the Town and is exempted as to the number ‘**of units and the days of residency**’. This exemption is personal to the owner and does not run with the property. **PASSED AS AMENDED, changes in bold**

ARTICLE 36: Vote to Raise and Appropriate \$8,648.86 to serve as cost share to fund and pay costs associated with grant application services and the grant match requirement for the Hospital Roads Resilience Assessment being performed by the Town of Oak Bluffs, and to cover all costs incidental and relative thereto. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

ARTICLE 37: Vote to Raise and Appropriate \$3,000 in FY 2025 for the Unemployment Compensation Fund. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

ARTICLE 38: Vote to authorize the expenditure in Fiscal Year 2025 from revolving funds previously established by vote of the Town pursuant to the provisions of M. G. L. Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2, for fiscal year 2025 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 By-law	\$3,000

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 39: Vote to Raise and Appropriate \$100,000 for repairs and upgrades to town buildings as prioritized by the Facilities Maintenance Committee and the Select Board. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

ARTICLE 40: Vote to Transfer \$55,135.33 from line 710-5925 (interest-short term debt) to line 710-5910 (Principal – long term debt). **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

ARTICLE 41: Vote to Raise and Appropriate \$30,000 to transfer to the Retired/Separating Employees Compensated Absences Reserve Fund as provided for by M.G.L. c. 40, § 13D. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

ARTICLE 42: Vote to raise and Appropriate \$25,240.40 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 43: Vote to amend the zoning bylaws at **Section 14.2 definitions** by deleting and adding the language in ***bold italics***:

●***Farm stand: A farm stand, or produce stand, is a temporary structure where agricultural products such as raw vegetables, fruits, herbs, flowers, plants, nuts, honey, and eggs are sold***

●***Studio/Craft Workshop:*** A non-habitable structure or portion of a structure used for hobbies or a home occupation. A studio/workshop may have a ***bathroom half*** bathroom.

●**Section 14.2 Definitions:**

Remove “studio” from the “bedroom” definition.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY AS AMENDED

(strike ‘farm stand and half) YES 88 NO 0

(2/3 VOTE REQUIRED)

ARTICLE 44: Vote to amend Section 4.4-8 Residential Building Size Bylaw, by deleting the stricken language and adding the language in bold italic

4.4-8 B 1 paragraph 8, Attics

~~For the purposes of determining whether floor area in attics constitutes inclusion in the RFA, the~~

~~requirements for habitable space in the current Massachusetts State Building Code, will be used.~~

Floor area in attics, either finished or unfinished, will be included in the RFA, if the space meets

the current Massachusetts State Building Code requirements for habitable space and egress.

●**4.4-8 B 2 paragraph 9, Basements:**

~~For the purposes of determining whether floor area in basements constitutes inclusion in the RFA, basement rooms will be added to the floor area calculation if they include an exterior wall that is exposed and visible and:~~

- ~~a. is a minimum of 4' above grade, and~~
- ~~b. has a clear glass area in excess of 50 sq. ft. on the same wall, or an aggregate in excess of 75 sq. ft. on walls of the same orientation.~~

For the purposes of determining whether floor area in basements constitutes inclusion in the RFA, basement rooms will be added to the floor area calculation if they include an exterior wall that is exposed and visible at the grade

adjacent to the building and have a clear glass area in excess of 50 sq. ft. on the same wall, or an aggregate in excess of 75 sq. ft. on walls of the same orientation. **PASSED YES 75 NO 12 (2/3 VOTE REQUIRED)**

ARTICLE 45: Vote to Appropriate from Free Cash \$1,007,000 to reduce the tax levy in Fiscal Year 2025. **PASSED**

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

11 April 2024

Registered Voters 2,731
Total Ballots Cast 404 (14.79%)

MODERATOR		CONSTABLE	
Caroline R. Flanders	369	Timothy A. Barnett	350
SELECT BOARD		PLANNING BOARD	
Jeffrey ‘Skipper’ Manter	335	Virginia C. Jones	328
BOARD OF HEALTH		Question 1 (Library HVAC)	
Kenneth L. Vincent	354	Yes	310
BOARD OF ASSESSORS		No	64
Michael Colaneri	198	Question 2 (\$720,000 Override)	
Patti L. Roads	166	(High School Feasibility)	
TOWN CLERK		Yes	267
Tara J. Whiting-Wells	376	No	100
TREE WARDEN		Question 3 (artificial turf?)	
Jeremiah Brown	359	Yes	54
FINANCE COMMITTEE		No	311
Gregory Orcutt	344	Question 4 (natural grass?)	
LIBRARY TRUSTEE (2)		Yes	309
Lynn P. Hoefft	326	No	53
Indaia Whitcombe	315		
PARKS & RECREATION (2)			
Jeffrey “Skipper” Manter	304		
Barbara Sunderland Smith	326		

**2024 ELECTION
State & Federal**

<u>Presidential Primary</u>		Libertarian Votes Cast	4
March 5, 2022		State Committee Man	
Democratic Votes Cast	565	Derek Newhall	3
Presidential Preference		All other races	4 blanks
Dean Phillips	20		
Joseph R. Biden	461	<u>State Primary</u>	
Marianne Williamson	13	September 3, 2024	
State Committee Man		Democratic Votes Cast	716
Jeremy Comeau	183	Senator in Congress	
Owen G. Fletcher	167	Elizabeth Ann Warren	670
State Committee Woman		Representative in Congress	
Robin Louise Hubbard	380	Bill Keating	654
Town Committee		Councillor	
Group	280	Joseph C. Ferreira	580
John S. Alley, Jr	369	Senator in General Court	
Nicola Jane Blake	357	Julian Andre Cyr	635
Leon A. Brathwaite III	334	Scattering	4
Brenda J. Brathwaite	345	Representative in General Court	
Catherine A. Brennan	379	Arielle Reid Faria	454
Ann K. Hunt	360	Thomas W. Moakley	244
Richard R. Knabel	354	County Commissioner	
Robert Ogden	367	Christine C. Todd	491
Jeanne M. Ogden	379	Tristan R. Isreal	502
Republican Votes Cast	192	Donald R. Leopold	474
Presidential Preference		Richard G. Wharton	447
Chris Christie	1	Randal Milch	23
Ryan Binkley	0	Julie Vanderhoop	28
Ron DeSantis	0	Clerk of Courts	
Nikki Haley	89	T. George Davis	621
Asa Hutchinson	0	Register of Deeds	
Vivek Ramaswamy	0	Paulo C. deOliveira	634
Donald J. Trump	101	Republican Votes Cast	43
State Committee Man		Senator in Congress	
Michael Arnold	54	Robert J. Antonellis	8
William L. Crocker, Jr.	67	Ian Cain	1
State Committee Woman		John Deaton	34
Judith A. Crocker	61	Representative in Congress	
Daralyn A. Heywood	61	Dan Sullivan	31
Town Committee		Councillor	
Blanks	1,761	Jason Mitchell	1

Senator in General Court		Register of Deeds	
Christopher R. Lauzon	32	Paulo C. De Oliveira	1,827
Representative in General Court		Clerk of Courts	
Blanks	37	T. George Davis	1,840
County Commissioner		Martha's Vineyard Commission	
Blanks	301	Jeff Agnoli	1,041
Register of Deeds		Jay Grossman	949
Blanks	43	E. Douglas Sederholm	1,18
Clerk of Courts		Linda B. Sibley	1,143
Blanks	43	Brian C. Smith	786
Libertarian Party		Michael C. MacKenty	641
4 blank ballots cast		Benjamin F. Robinson	949
		William H. O'Brien	668
Presidential Election		Mary B. Budinger-Cormie	808
November 5, 2024		Amy M. Upton	1,072
2,205 votes cast 79.12% turn out		Trip Barnes	60
President/Vice President		Janette Vanderhoop	35
Ayyadurai/Ellis	5	Question 1 (Audit legislature)	
De La Cruz/Garcia	10	Yes	1,396
Harris/Walz	1,757	No	598
Oliver/Ter Maat	11	Question 2	
Stein/Caballero-Roca	29	(Pass MCAS to graduate)	
Trump/Vance	367	Ye	1,337
Senator in Congress		No	788
Elizabeth Ann Warren	1,711	Question 3	
John Deaton	451	(Transportation Network Unions)	
Representative in Congress		Yes	1,300
Bill Keating	1,756	No	727
Dan Sullivan	36	Question 4	
Councillor		(Legalize Psychedelic Drugs)	
Joseph C. Ferreira	1,510	Yes	1,195
Krysten Condon	438	No	880
Senator in General Court		Question 5	
Julian Andre Cyr	1,601	(Min. Wage for Tipped Workers)	
Christopher R. Lauzon	321	Yes	901
Joe Van Nes	171	No	1,176
Representative in General Court			
Thomas W. Moakley	1,808		
County Commissioner			
Christine C. Todd	1,270		
Tristan R. Israel	1,334		
Donald R. Leopold	1,151		
Richard G. Wharton	1,060		
Randal Scot Milch	1,051		
Trip Barnes	13		
Julie Vanderhoop	11		

REPORT OF THE REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

To the Select Board:

The number of registered voters in

	December 2024	December 2014
Democrat	1,099	164
Republican	120	164
Green Party USA	3	0
Green Rainbow	5	2
Libertarian	5	1
American Independent	1	0
United Independent Party	3	0
Socialist	1	0
Inter 3rd Party	1	0
Working Families	1	0
Pizza Party	0	0
Un-enrolled	1,549	693
Total	2,787	1,257

The Street List of Residents in December 2024 was:

Voter	2,784
Non-Voter	573
Total	3,360

While there were many losses in West Tisbury in 2024, two have a more significant impact on this office.

Both will be mentioned elsewhere, but I wanted to add them here as well.

Prudy Whiting was born and raised in West Tisbury and served as town clerk for 13 years. Her sense of humor, good grace and enjoyment of people made her a great fit for the job. While she disdained technology, she was brave enough to usher in the first voting machine for the town.

When I started in 2009 Ginny Jones was a fixture at the check in table of town meetings. She worked each and every election throughout the 15+ years that I have been town clerk. In both these extraordinary women, I miss their wit, wisdom, institutional memory and deep love for West Tisbury.

Jonathan Klaren was appointed to serve on the Board of Registrars. I thank him for taking on this role.

My heartfelt thanks to all that serve and make the elections run. I absolutely could not do it with you all!

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 2024**

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 Rd as well as their development of two units on 88 Pin Oak Circle. Habitat for Humanity in collaboration with IHT and with the support of the AHC and AHT, continued their work on a homeownership opportunity at 16 Red Arrow Rd.

401 State Road - IHT and their design team from Union Studios continued their work on the development of the project with the oversight and collaboration of the AHC. After much consideration and effort to have the project progress as defined by the specifications of the original RFP, it was decided to rescind the RFP without prejudice. The RFP was rewritten with an intent to make the project more financially feasible. The RFP was then reissued and awarded again to IHT. With funding gap issues resolved, we are hopeful that this project can now get underway and if all goes to plan, see construction beginning mid to late 2025.

On August 6, 2024 Governor Maura Healey signed the Affordable Homes Act into law. One key provision in the legislation will allow for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) by right. What this will look like for the town is still being defined with guidance from the State and the MVC. Any necessary zoning changes will be incorporated into the town's zoning bylaws. It appears that in essence, the town will no longer be able to place income restrictions on ADUs and that income restrictions placed on ADUs developed by special permit through the town's Accessory Apartment Program will no longer be enforceable. Another important piece of the legislation identifies all towns on the island as part of a Seasonal Communities designation. The potential positive impacts of this designation may 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.

The Committee continues to look for means and locations to create affordable housing. An opportunity was identified on Stoney Hill Lane by Great Plains Road to buy and bundle unbuildable lots for affordable housing. After some outreach to the Homeowners Association responsible for the unbuildable lots, the effort was suspended as there was a sense that the HOA was not interested in further development of affordable housing at that location. The Committee intends to continue to explore a potential opportunity on Halcyon Way as well

as to work with the Planning Board on development of affordable lots required as a condition of certain subdivisions.

The Committee spent time discussing and considering the adoption of a Standardized Deed Restriction (Covenant) to bring our programs into compliance with State Guidelines. We also revisited the creation of an Affordable Housing Conveyance Policy and Process by which the town could convey and accept a private property into the affordable housing pool. Laura Silber, Island Housing Planner for the MVC, presented the Martha's Vineyard Housing Needs Assessment for 2024 presenting data to bring into alarming focus, the housing shortage the Island is experiencing. Laura also provided information about updating the town's Housing Production Plan (HPP), a process that will be led by the MVC and performed by the consulting firm of Barrett Planning. Vineyard Power shared information about electricity bill assistance programs available to households earning less than 60% state median income and offered their support to citizens seeking assistance. David Vigneault of Dukes County Regional Housing Authority presented on the rental assistance program they offer utilizing CPC funding from each of the towns. Lisa Belcastro and Dr. Brian Morris of Harbor Homes presented on the needs of the growing unhoused population and the efforts of their organization to destigmatize homelessness and the need to develop a permanent campus for their organization to provide services and shelter to the unhoused.

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.

Membership

The membership has had several changes and structural shifts since the last report. Simon Bollin and Amy Upton resigned from their positions. Jeffrey Dubard stepped into an associate position to allow for Jess Miller to gain a full seat as an at-large appointment. As a full member, Jess was appointed to the position of Chair. Kim Angell was appointed as an at-large member and moved into the position of Vice-Chair following Amy's resignation. Sebastian Hiatt joined as an associate member appointed by the BOS. And finally, Matt Merry was appointed by the Planning Board as their representative.

Meetings continue to be virtual and hybrid. The Committee extends a welcome to the townspeople to be a part of the mission to create affordable housing. Anyone with ideas and a willingness 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.

Gratitude

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 solutions. 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. Thank you, Amy Upton and Simon Bollin for your dedication during your time on the committee. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

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
Julius Lowe, ZBA
Kanta Lipsky, BOH
Matthew Merry, Planning Board
Jefrey DuBard, Associate
Sebastian Hiatt, Associate
Wanda Blake Higgins, Administrative Assistant

Resignations:

Amy Upton, Planning Board
Simon Bollin, At Large

West Tisbury Affordable Housing Trust

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

REPORT OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

To the Select Board
and West Tisbury Residents:

Another great year for Animal Control in West Tisbury. It has been really wonderful to get to know the animal owners of the Town and form relationships with so many citizens.

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 CERTIFICATE.**

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. Any West Tisbury residents interested in any information regarding this subject please don't hesitate to reach out to ACO Hoffman and I'd be more than happy to discuss it with you.

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.

We are hoping to hold another Pet CPR & First Aid Class sometime 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 again this year. 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 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. It is always such a wonderful event. I also held a presentation for kids at the West Tisbury Library about "Getting to Know Dogs". I had so much fun teaching the kids about dogs and dog behavior. They learned how dogs show their feelings, how to meet and greet new dogs and how to react when confronted with "not so nice" dogs. I think it is imperative to teach children proper dog etiquette. I hope to be able to do more things like this in the future. I strongly believe that a large percentage of this job is education. Anyone interested in holding an event for children please feel free to reach out to my office for more information. We help our first annual Howl-a-ween Dog Show at the Ag Hall this year. It was a great time with so many great costumes!

We look forward to holding another one this coming year. If you'd like to volunteer to help put on next year's Dog Show just let us know. We can definitely use the help.

There is a new sign at Lambert's Cove Beach 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.

This year we began to reinstitute MVDART (MV Disaster Animal Response Team). MVDART is there to set up shelters for our displaced animals in times of emergency. We are looking for volunteers! Anyone interested please reach out to us either by email at ACO@westtisbury-ma.gov or by phone. It's a great way to get involved in the community.

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> .



REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

We begin the 2024 Town Report with sad news. Richard Cohen, long time Board of Assessors member, passed away at the end of the year. We offer our sincere condolences to Richard's family and friends. His contributions to the Board of Assessors can't be understated.

The West Tisbury Board of Assessors worked with the Select Board in 2024 to educate taxpayers on a proposed residential exemption. We participated in several public meetings where we answered questions and the Select Board listened to public input. During this period, we also pre-qualified 651 taxpayers in case a residential exemption was adopted. In addition, we worked with our vendors and the Tax Collector to ensure systems were prepared to handle the potential change in tax policy.

Value adjustments for FY25 were driven by qualified sales from January 1, 2022 through December 31st, 2023 and certified by the Department of Revenue on November 7, 2024. The Select Board held their annual Classification Hearing on November 13th where they voted to implement a 5% residential exemption. The FY25 residential class property tax rate was set at \$4.53, while commercial, industrial and personal property were \$4.47. The residential exemption creates these two different tax rates. The single tax rate for FY24 was \$4.30.

Two taxpayers filed real estate abatement applications in FY24, and two for personal property. We have two property owners who have appealed to the Appellate Tax Board.

The FY25 Recap shows a tax levy increase of 9% vs FY24 to \$21,348,128.

The tax base grew by 4.9% to \$4,777,233,820.

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

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

The West Tisbury Board of Health is pleased to present the annual town report for the fiscal year ending 2024. As we conclude another year, the Board of Health remains persistent in its mission to promote and protect the health and well-being of our community. Our focus has been on various initiatives to ensure public health standards and to address emerging challenges. The efforts and collaboration of all the Island Boards of Health have continued to work as one community when needed, a collaboration that continues to serve the residents of the island well. Below are continued highlights of our efforts and accomplishments over the past year.

Environmental Health:

The Board of Health worked closely with other municipal departments to ensure environmental safety. Notable achievements include:

Routine inspections of food establishments, public swimming pools, and recreational areas to ensure compliance with state and local regulations.

Completion of a groundwater quality study to address concerns about well contamination in certain areas of town.

The West Tisbury Board of Health continued its participation with MV CYANO, a collaborative initiative among Island Boards of Health and scientists from The Great Pond Foundation.

COVID-19 Response:

The 2024 Community Flu and Covid Clinic was a success both in terms of the number of vaccines administered and the overall collaborative effort. Clinical volunteers, staff from Island Health Care; and the Martha's Vineyard Hospital along Health Agents and community volunteers came together at the Martha's Vineyard Regional High school to safely coordinate and administer a combination of 571 Covid and flu vaccines over the course of 8 hours. The clinic was open from 9am to 5pm, and was made available to anyone on the Island, regardless of insurance. A communal effort with the six island towns, have continued to offer free Covid tests with the assistance of Island Health Care.

Food Safety:

Conducted regular inspections of food establishments, as well as events where food was served to ensure compliance with safety standards. Offered guidance and resources to local businesses to maintain high food safety standards and regulatory enforcement.

Community Outreach:

Organized health education programs addressing prevalent issues in the community. Collaborated with local organizations to enhance health awareness and promote healthy living.

Worked with the other local Board of Health agents, and a non-profit group started by Marcello Meyer (Deep Roots MV) offering education in two separate

classes (one in English, and one in Portuguese) to landscape companies and their landscapers on fertilizer spreading and the affects it can have on the environment.

Collaboration and Partnerships:

All six island towns remain contracted with Island Healthcare, an island-based federally qualified community health center, to provide public health nursing services. Island Health Care is an island-based agency with close ties to the community.

Amelia Hambrecht – Public Health Nurse - The Public Health Nurse will go into a home, assess it for its needs, and connect the occupant with the services that will provide those needs. She also educated residents on health issues, their prescribed medications, OTC medications, supplements and substances, take and educate on their vital signs, and worked with the patient’s care team to meet identified goals. She developed a partnership with Harbor Homes and collaborated with the Homeless Outreach Coordinator to provide services to a population with limited access to care.

Emergency Management – Participation with the Dukes County Emergency Management Association.

Acknowledgements:

MV Agricultural Society - Chris Lyons (Facilities & Maintenance Mngr.)

MV 162nd Agricultural Fair - Garrison Viera (Fair booth Mngr.)

West Tisbury Farmers Market - Ethan Buchanan-Valenti (Market Mngr.)

MV Refuse District – Don Hatch (District Mngr.)

Public Health Excellence Grant:

Lea Hamner, MPH - Since June 2023, the Inter-Island Public Health Excellence Collaborative has used the state-provided Contact Tracing Grant to hire Lea Hamner, contract epidemiologist across the Cape & Islands. Lea leverages local data and public health science to track and address tickborne conditions on Martha’s Vineyard. Adding to public health biologist Patrick Roden-Reynolds’ expertise on tick ecology and tick-bite prevention, Lea focuses on the population-level human impact of tickborne diseases, including Alpha-Gal Syndrome. This work involves public presentations and educational programming, public health surveys and data analysis, and collaboration with the CDC and academic institutions to better understand trends. Lea provides expertise to transform data to action and inform public health strategies. This foundational work highlights the importance of data-informed approaches to public health challenges in Martha’s Vineyard and beyond..

Patrick Roden-Reynolds, Public Health Biologist - Ticks & Mosquitos: 13 outreach & media events, 8 article features, 12 presentations, 7 deliverables, and 3 webinars/trainings. The six island towns have continued to work in collaboration with the tick program overseen by Patrick Roden-Reynolds. Completed approximately 94 residential yard surveys May-July and continued regular monitoring of 6 public hiking trails March-October. Patrick observed the spread of lone star ticks island wide. Implemented measures to control mosquito and

tick-borne illnesses. Provided educational resources to the community about preventing vector-borne diseases.

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

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Licenses and Permits 2024:

Semi-Public Swimming Pool Permits.....	1
Bathing Beaches.....	11
Bed & Breakfast Permits.....	0
Body Art Establishment & Practitioner	1
Camp Permits.....	5
Well Permits.....	15
Septic System Permits.....	40
Lawn Fertilizer License	0
Food Establishment Permits.....	24
Temporary Food Establishment Permits	103
Motel Permit	3
Tent Permits	2
Septic Pumping permits	189
Septic Hauler License	3
Septic Installer License	25
Tobacco Vendors License.....	0
Pool.....	5
Barn Permits.....	2

Looking Ahead:

The West Tisbury Board of Health remains dedicated to safeguarding the health of every resident through proactive initiatives, community engagement, and ongoing improvements in our services. As we enter the new year, we anticipate new challenges but also new opportunities to enhance the well-being of our town. Together, with continued collaboration and support from our residents, local partners, and town leadership, we are confident in our ability to build a healthier and more resilient community. We thank everyone for their trust and partnership in these efforts and look forward to another productive year ahead.

Respectfully submitted,

Erik Lowe
 Jess Miller
 Ken Vincent

REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

2024 Building Statistics

Permits

Camping Permit	6	Residential Certificate	
Certificate Of Inspection	10	Of Occupancy	1
Change Of Use Permit	0	Residential Short Permit	178
Commercial Building Permit	11	Shed Application	3
Commercial Certificate		Sheet Metal Permit	73
Of Occupancy	0	Sign Permit	8
Commercial Short Permit	4	Smoke And Co	
Electrical Permit	292	Modification Permit	27
Gas Permit	126	Solid Fuel Appliance Permit	3
Historic District Commission	7	Sprinkler And Fire Alarm	
Mechanical Permit	21	Systems Application	15
Plumbing Permit	107	Tent Permit	52
Residential Building Permit	149	Trench Permit	1
		Total Building Permits	474

Total Value of Construction	\$ 63,246,618.20
Total Permit Fees Collected	\$ 216,105.50

New Single Family Dwellings	15
New Accessory Apartments	3
Solar	441.66kW

Respectfully submitted,

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

REPORT OF THE CAPE LIGHT COMPACT

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 2024 (CY24), the Compact's power supplier for all residential, commercial, and industrial customers was NextEra Energy Services of Massachusetts (NextEra). The Compact is pleased that our residential price in CY24 remained below the utility's basic service residential price, while also being 100% renewable.

The Compact has been a green aggregation since January 2017, matching Compact power 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 a trust fund to be used solely for the development of new renewable energy resources. By purchasing electricity through the Compact, all Compact power supply customers are supporting renewable energy and acting locally to combat climate change.

As part of its power 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 supply 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 power 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.

While power supply prices did not dramatically spike this past winter (2023-2024) and are not anticipated to spike for the upcoming winter (2024-2025), they remain elevated when compared to past years 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 11/15/2024, the Compact had approximately 2,035 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 CY24, 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 CY24, the Compact participated in monthly AMI stakeholder working group sessions that were required as part of the DPU's order in this docket regarding TVR and data access for competitive suppliers.
- Cape Cod Capital Investment Project (DPU Docket 22-55)
 - o The Compact participated in this docket advocating for the approval of Eversource's Cape Cod Capital Investment Project (CIP). The Cape Cod CIP seeks to resolve the significant barriers to interconnection faced by distributed energy resource facilities, such as solar PV, requesting to interconnect to the electric power system in the Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard area..
 - o In CY24, the DPU issued an Order approving the Cape Cod CIP.
- Municipal Aggregation Investigation (DPU Docket 23-67)
 - o The Compact and several other Massachusetts cities and towns participated in an investigation the DPU opened into Municipal Aggregation. Specifically, the DPU proposed a draft Guideline and Template Plan for Municipal Aggregations that the Compact viewed as being overly prescriptive.

- o The Compact, in collaboration with a group of stakeholders, advocated for recognition of municipal control and decision-making in the operation of aggregations and was ultimately successful in securing updates to the proposed Guidelines that allow for the flexibility required to effectively operate its Program.
- 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 CY24, the DPU issued an Order approving Eversource’s ESMP. Many of the issues of interest to the Compact will be addressed through Phase II of the proceeding which will begin in January 2025.
- 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.

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. The redesigned CVEO will serve approximately 55 non-gas heated low- and moderate-income participants, installing cold climate heat pumps and solar PV. A limited number of customers will also receive battery storage. As of August 2024, the program was fully subscribed.

In February 2024, the Compact received a second round of funding from the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center to launch Phase 2 of its Income Eligible E-bike Program. Under Phase 2, the Compact issued vouchers to income-eligible participants that can be used at participating bike shops. Depending on the customer’s income-eligibility, a standard voucher covers 75% of the cost of a Class 1 e-bike, up to \$1,200, and an enhanced voucher covers 90% of the cost of a Class 1 e-bike, up to \$1,500. As of August 2024, the Compact had issued all vouchers for which it received funding under Phase 2, approximately 250 vouchers.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Jan – Nov 2024	# of Participants	Customer Savings	kWh Saved	Rebates/ Incentives Paid to Customers
Low Income	18	\$0	0	\$774,555
Residential	330	\$25,448	127,242	\$1,091,999
Commercial	16	\$12,183	60,917	\$152,583
Total	364	\$37,631	188,159	\$2,019,137

Funding for the energy efficiency programs (i.e. energy audits for homes and businesses, rebates on the purchase of energy efficient appliances and energy education in our schools) comes from the monthly customer “energy conservation” charge on each customers’ electric bill, which is multiplied by the number of kilowatt hours used during the month (\$2.091 for residential customers and \$1.179 for commercial and industrial customers).

Note: *The data above does not include activity in December 2024 due to the date of this publication. Please visit www.capelightcompact.org/reports/ for more information.*

REPORT OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLANNING COMMITTEE

Introduction

The Capital Improvements Planning Committee is charged with reviewing “proposed capital outlays, projects and improvements involving major tangible assets and projects” with a view to recommending and prioritizing those capital improvement projects which should be undertaken over the next five years. These assets and projects are defined as those costing over \$25,000 and having a useful life of five years or more. Our charge is to prepare a capital budget for the next fiscal year, considering the relative need, impact, timing and cost of the various requested expenditures, as well as to project a capital program for the next five years. The following narrative and the chart at the end of this report outline the FY 2026 capital budget, as well as projections for the capital program for the next five years, through FY 2031.

Summary

If all the FY 2026 requests are approved, we will spend a total of \$3,133,008 on new and existing capital expenditures (including regionally assessed debt). For FY 2026, this spending breaks down as follows:

- \$1,497,342 in general fund debt payments
- \$750,000 on Town projects funded by CPA
- \$885,666 in tax levy, free cash or redirected prior appropriations

Policy

- The Town and the Select Board shall adhere to the Capital Improvement by-law, by ensuring that all capital spending requests are placed on a Town Meeting warrant only after they have been evaluated and prioritized by the Capital Improvements Planning Committee.
- The Town’s capital improvement program shall provide for consistent debt service and capital spending that is as close to level as possible over time, so that taxes do not fluctuate excessively due to capital spending.
- The Town and the Finance Committee shall support maintenance budget lines adequate to maintain the value and condition of the Town’s buildings and equipment in a proactive manner.
- The Facilities Maintenance Program shall incorporate energy efficiency as a central part of its mission and shall work in concert with the Energy Committee to carry that out

Recommendations

- The Committee recommends that the Town continue the ongoing work to improve the Facilities Management Program, by supporting the funding of a new full-time Facilities Manager staff position to manage and carry out the maintenance and improvement of town properties.
- The Committee recommends that the Town continue the feasibility, design and planning work with the Council on Aging and the two other member

towns for a future home for the Council on Aging, while also managing the town's debt costs. Further, that the use of Community Preservation Historic funds be pursued as part of the funding where appropriate.

Recent Events Affecting the Capital Program

- The work to repair and replace the failed HVAC system in the West Tisbury Library is underway as of this writing, with expected substantial completion by the end of 2025.
- Two new EV chargers were installed at the West Tisbury School during the fall of 2024 using Eversource EVIP funds. They went online in January 2025.
- Old Courthouse Road paving was completed in the fall of 2024

Requested Capital Projects FY 2026 – FY2031

A chart with accompanying notes for the FY2026 items follows. The Committee has set priorities for the capital requests using this coding:

<u>Priority Code</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
1	This project must be completed , as it is necessary for public health and safety, to meet our legal obligations or for reasons of fiscal prudence.
2	This project should be completed to maintain or expand our existing assets.
3	This project is useful but not essential at this time.

(Please note that projects are rated according to their present priority, so they may get a higher priority as time goes by.)

Affordable Housing. The Affordable Housing Committee is working on the project at the intersection of Lambert's Cove Road and State Road to create 8 new units of rental housing. This \$5.5 million project will be funded by a variety of funds, including an additional \$500,000 borrowing request for West Tisbury Community Preservation Funds at the April 2025 Annual Town Meeting and a promise of up to \$750,000 in already appropriated funds from the West Tisbury Affordable Housing Trust Fund, as well as similar requests from other island towns and other sources of funding.

Energy Committee. The West Tisbury Energy Committee has continued its work this year to guide and assist the Town toward its goal of reducing fossil fuel use by 100% and increasing the fraction of our electricity use that is from renewable sources. In 2012, West Tisbury joined Massachusetts' Green Communities program. The Department of Energy Resources is now offering a municipal "Climate Leaders" program that will enable the Town to receive increased State funding opportunities for decarbonization projects.

As part of Climate Leaders, the Energy Committee will be laying out a Municipal Decarbonization Roadmap to guide how we will meet the State's mandated climate goals by 2050. Our roadmap will primarily focus on improving the insulation and airtightness of the school and then transitioning the building to all-electric for heating, cooling and ventilation to ensure a healthy and comfortable study and work environment.

A second focus is resilience to the impacts of more extreme weather events. The Library will soon have solar and battery storage which, combined with a generator, will provide power during prolonged power failures: a first step in our buildings having greater resilience to the impacts of climate change. A second project will be the Public Safety Building (PSB). The PSB Space Needs Committee concluded that the roof at Fire Station #2 is suitable for solar panels, paired with battery storage, can complement the existing fossil fuel generator and provide greater resilience for our emergency services. There may be “make-ready” costs to the town (such as a new roof in advance of solar panels) but there are no funding requests at this time.

Fire Department. There will be a request to withdraw \$298,000 from the Fire Stabilization Fund at the Annual Town Meeting, to replace the 1997 dive truck. The committee urges renewed efforts to explore any available avenues to procure grant or alternate funding sources for some part of this expense.

There will also be a \$100,000 FY 2026 request to add more funds to the Fire Equipment Stabilization Fund, in preparation for the next major fire equipment needs.

Funding for a new fire hydrant tank on Tiah’s Cove Road was approved at the 2024 Annual Town Meeting, at a cost of \$75,359, but it was contingent on a grant that did not come through. A new warrant article request will transfer these funds, along with adding \$65,390, will be made at this year’s Annual Town meeting, adding to the \$114,251 already approved in 2024 for a hydrant on Lambert’s Cove Road. The total cost will be \$255,000.

Highways. There are no new requests for this year, but a new pickup truck for the department is likely for FY 2027.

Planning Board. The Complete Streets Sub-Committee was granted funding from Mass Trails in June of 2022 in the amount of \$115,000. The committee has received the final plan from Howard Stein Hudson, Engineers, and is working to finalize the plan in preparation for a spring 2025 public presentation.

Library. The failed HVAC system in the library is being repaired at this writing, with as little disruption of the public spaces as possible. As part of this project, the generator for the library will be upgraded to be able to handle the full load of the building plus sprinklers, so that the building can continue to be used as a warming and cooling shelter as well.

Mill Brook Watershed Culverts. Funding will be needed over the next few years to replace the Witch Brook and Indian Hill Brook culverts in the Mill Brook Watershed, to help improve flow and lower the water temperature for species living in the watershed. A specific plan, which includes applying for some grant funding opportunities, is currently being developed; the first funding request to the Town is anticipated in the spring of 2026.

Parks and Recreation. There will be two requests at the Annual Town meeting related to renovating and resurfacing the tennis and basketball courts and surrounding fencing at the West Tisbury School: \$250,000 in CPA funding and an additional \$110,000 to be raised and appropriated.

Police. The police have adopted a program of replacing one vehicle every 18 months. The FY 2026 \$38,500 request continues that program.

Schools. The high school has secured MSBA approval to proceed with a major renovation of the school building. The MSBA-guided feasibility study is under way to determine the scope, rough design and cost of the project. The goal is to request funding for the project at the six annual town meetings in the spring of 2026.

Both Up Island elementary schools are beginning to plan for energy upgrades to meet the goal of using 100% renewable energy by 2040. These will be large projects themselves, but it has also brought forward a discussion about what other upgrades may be needed.

The scale and cost of both regional school projects will radically change the trajectory of the Town's debt costs going forward.

Town Buildings. There will be a \$100,000 FY 2026 request to continue the work of ongoing maintenance and repairs to buildings on a coordinated town-wide basis. In addition, the Select Board is adding funding in the FY 2026 budget for a new full-time Facilities Manager, as well as a warrant article at the Annual Town Meeting to allow hiring for that position before July 1st. A second warrant article for \$40,000 will be requested for the purchase of a vehicle and tools/equipment for this new position. This is the culmination of work begun in 2007 with the Space Needs Committee to formulate a proactive approach to managing the town properties.

The Howes House Building Committee has been in a hiatus phase, while the governing board works on strategic planning. A report from that effort is expected in early 2025, which should help inform plans and options for the future of this building project.

In addition, a Public Safety Building Space Needs Committee was appointed by the Select Board to work on the intersection of several projects at the Public Safety Building, including the need for sleeping quarters for EMTs stationed in West Tisbury, planned installation of EV chargers, repair or replacement of heating for the apparatus bay, a new roof, and the installation of solar panels and connected battery storage for resilience. In order to implement most of these changes, the septic system needs to be expanded and upgraded. Use of County ARPA funds to take this first step was approved in December 2024 and design and bidding are underway at this writing. If grant funding is not forthcoming, then a request for funding to replace the boiler which heats the apparatus bay and the hot water in the fire portion of the Public Safety Building is likely next year.

Tri-Town Ambulance. There are three Tri-Town ambulances, one stationed in each town, and the Chilmark ambulance is due for replacement in FY 2026. A portion of the ambulance service receipts is designated for and are expected to fund most of the purchase of the next ambulance. West Tisbury's one-third share of the balance will be \$76,400, so there will be a request to withdraw \$63,000 from the Ambulance Stabilization Fund and appropriate the remaining \$16,400

at the Annual Town Meeting. In addition, there will be a request for one-third of the cost of four new Life Packs (\$61,200), for advanced life support in our ambulances at the Annual Town Meeting. The ambulance service goal is to purchase a new ambulance every five to six years thereafter, so it would be wise to resume funding the Ambulance Stabilization Fund in future years.

The Committee thanks the Town departments and regional entities for their assistance and input. We still have an opening for one At-Large member and encourage any interested parties to contact the Select Board's Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Schubert (Assessors)	Matthew Merry (Planning Board)
Richard Andre (Energy Committee)	Cynthia Mitchell (Select Board)
Monica Burke (Treasurer/Collector)	Clark Rattet (Finance Committee)
Chelsea Joiner (Town Accountant)	Joseph Tierney (Building Inspector)
Kathy Logue (Retired Treasurer/Collector)	

FY2026 CAPITAL BUDGET AND PROJECTED CAPITAL PROGRAM FY2027-2031

Department	Capital Item	Total Amount (1)	Priority	Funding Method (2)	Voted FY2025	Proposed FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	FY2031	PAYOFF
Projected Capital Program:												
Town Projects:												
Affordable Housing	Affordable Housing - 401 State Road	5,533,000	1	CPA	800,000	500,000						
Tritown Ambulance	Replace Ambulance and Equipment	137,511	1	Stab. Fund/Taxes		137,511	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Fire	Fire Department Equipment	Ongoing	1	Taxes	100,000	96,265	125,000	125,000	125,000	125,000	125,000	
Fire	Dive Equipment Truck	298,000	2	Stabilization Fund		298,000						
Fire	Install new fire hydrant tank	255,000	1	Taxes	189,610	65,390						
Highways	Highway Equipment/Road Repair	Ongoing	2	Taxes	46,500	0	70,000					
Hoves House	Renovation/Addition	8,000,000	1	CPA/Debt	0	0	0	275,535	270,270	265,005	259,740	2046
Mill Brook Watershed	Culvert repair/replacement	300,000	2	CPA/Taxes	0	360,000						
Parks & Recreation	Tennis/Basketball Court Resurfacing	360,000	2	CPA/Taxes	0	360,000						
Police	Vehicles	Ongoing	1	Taxes	30,000	38,500	38,500	43,000	43,000	43,000	43,000	
Town Buildings	Town Building Maintenance	Ongoing	1	Taxes/Overlay	100,000	140,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	
Regional Projects:												
MVRHS	Building Renovation and/or Replacement	56,250,000	1	Assessed Debt				1,568,000	2,874,667	2,632,933	2,587,200	2058
Up Island Schools	Energy Upgrades/Expansion	35,000,000	3	Taxes	0	0	0	0	500,000	500,000	500,000	2060
	Subtotal, Protected Capital Program				1,266,110	1,635,666	508,500	2,286,535	3,937,937	3,690,938	3,639,940	
Existing Projects:												
Ambulance Building	New Ambulance Building	6,109,775		Taxes	218,615	205,942	200,445	194,948	189,450	183,953	178,456	2044
County Building	Center for Living County Bldg.	1,600,000		Reg. Assess	26,453	24,649	0	0	0	0	0	2026
Highway	Road resurfacing	2,588,800		Bond/St. Grant	169,958	165,850	161,510	157,170	0	0	0	2028
Library	Expand building	1,500,000		Bond	112,775	110,125	107,325	104,525	101,563	0	0	2029
Library HVAC	Remediate/upgrade HVAC system	3,000,000	1	Taxes	255,000	401,100	389,640	378,180	366,720	355,260	343,800	2034
MVRHS	Feasibility Study for Renovation	2,000,000	1	Taxes	10,736	64,416	60,122	57,974	55,827	0	0	2055
Police	New station	2,495,000		Taxes/Bond	157,200	153,600	150,000	146,400	142,800	138,900	134,700	2055
Refuse District	Redesign expansion	2,500,000		Reg. Assess	30,709	29,838	28,966	28,094	27,222	26,350	25,478	2037
Town Hall	Construction/Expansion	4,450,000		Bond	266,944	259,038	250,988	242,794	234,313	226,350	218,209	2029
WT School (2016)	Repair/renovate interior	995,000		Reg. Assess	85,968	82,784	0	0	0	0	0	2026
	Subtotal, Existing Capital Program				1,334,358	1,497,342	1,348,995	1,310,085	1,117,895	704,463	682,434	
Total					\$2,600,468	\$3,133,008	\$1,857,495	\$3,596,620	\$5,055,831	\$4,395,401	\$4,322,374	

(1) The Total Amount column shows the total project cost from all sources; the figures shown in the yearly columns represent only the Town's share of that total.

(2) For projects that are funded by a bond issue, the cost/fiscal year includes interest and principal on debt service payments; the actual cost of issuing the bond is NOT included.

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

To the Voters and Taxpayers:

In 2024 the Town sold 17 lots in the West Tisbury Cemetery. There are no longer any lots available to sell in the Lambert's Cove Cemetery. There were ten burials, one of which was a green burial.

Thanks as always to Richie Olsen and the Assistants to the Cemetery Superintendent, Jesse Oliver and Brian Athearn. Alan Gowell for keeping it all organized, D&A Property Service for grounds keeping and Maria McFarland for maintaining the database.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Miller, Chair

Cynthia E. Mitchell

J. Skipper Manter

Cemetery Commissioners

REPORT OF THE CLIMATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

- o Providing support to Town Departments, Boards and Committees in making decisions that will result in climate change adaptation, mitigation, and increased sustainability, including reviewing and updating Town by-laws and regulations at least annually such that all Town activities are viewed through a “Climate Lens”;
- o Communicating with and educating Town residents about adapting, mitigating, and preparing for Climate Change.

This year we reorganized the Climate Committee to focus on key town boards and committees that impact the Vineyard environment. We added new members affiliated with local conservation organizations so that we can draw upon their expertise in advising the Town. We have started monitoring the meetings of the Planning Board, the Conservation Commission, and the Zoning Board of Appeals to better understand the climate issues they are dealing with. We hope to add the Board of Health in the future.

We are working 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.

In May we took part in the Climate Action Fair. The theme for 2024 was **Resilient Landscaping** and featured the work of non-profits like The Vineyard Conservation Society, Polly Hill Arboretum and [BiodiversityWorks](#), as well as landscapers, landscape architects, and nursery owners that encourage people to use more native species in their yards and gardens, and start to rethink what the ideal Vineyard lawn looks like.

Our CAP priorities have included looking at several by-law options that will better protect our environment and bring our Town more in line with our current climate realities. To this end we kicked off joint meetings with the Planning Board and Con Comm Chairs, and their respective admins, along with the MVC Climate Planner, to discuss potential by-law updates that specifically address protections in our Floodplain and Coastal Resilience Zones.

In addition, Nicola Blake, Sue Hruby and Zada Clarke are working with the MVC Land Use subcommittee to develop by-laws 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 West Tisbury Library, provides a place for all who are interested in Climate. We learn,

educate and gather to talk about the wide range of issues that are impacted by our changing climate. To sign up contact wt_mail@clamsnet.org.

This year we read:

Not the End of the World - How We Can Be the First Generation to Build a Sustainable Planet, by Hannah Ritchie

Rooted: Life at the Crossroads of Science, Nature, and Spirit, by Lyanda Lynn Haupt

The Future We Choose: The Stubborn Optimist's Guide to the Climate Crisis, by Christiana Figueres and Tom Rivett-Carnac

Zen and the Art of Saving the Planet, by Thich Nhat Hanh

All We Can Save: Truth, Courage, and Solutions for the Climate Crisis, Eds. Ayana Elizabeth Johnson and Katharine Wilkinson

Drawdown: The Most Comprehensive Plan Ever Proposed to Reverse Global Warming, Paul Hawken (Ed)

Cheaper, Faster, Better: How We'll Win the Climate War, by Tom Steyer

We thank all the town departments and admins we have worked with over the year. Special shout outs to our Admin. Kate Guiney, as well as to the MVC Climate Coordinator Liz Durkee, the amazing staff at the West Tisbury Free Public Library and to Steve Perlman.

Climate Advisory Committee members:

Sue Hruby, Co-Chair

Nicola Blake Co-chair

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

This translates into \$3,858,448 of additional State funding since the adoption of the Community Preservation Act by the Town of West Tisbury.

CPA funds may be used solely 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. All expenditures must be approved at the Annual Town Meeting so taxpayers ultimately decide which projects to fund.

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 2024, the CPC received ten applications requesting financial support that exceeded the funding available. On the basis of eligibility established by the State Community Preservation Act, public input and its own evaluation with consideration of available funding, the CPC recommended eight projects for funding on the Warrant for Annual Town Meeting in April of 2024. The following is the list of projects and the resulting Town Meeting vote.

Annual Town Meeting – April 9, 2024

- DCRHA Rental Subsidies, \$50,000 requested – CPC recommended and Town Meeting approved \$50,000
- West Tisbury School Playground Resurfacing, \$82,689 requested – CPC recommended and Town Meeting approved \$82,689
- Island Autism Center and Neighborhood Project, \$143,900 requested –

- CPC recommended and Town Meeting approved \$104,081
- Island Housing Trust Veteran's Housing in Oak Bluffs, \$70,600 requested - CPC recommended and Town Meeting Approved \$70,000
 - Island Housing Trust 401 State Road 60+ Housing, \$1,056,480 requested – CPC recommended and Town Meeting approved \$800,000
 - Habitat for Humanity Red Arrow Road Project, \$396,000 requested – CPC recommended and Town Meeting approved \$340,000
 - MV Garden Club Old Mill Building Safety Improvements, \$10,000 requested – CPC recommended and Town Meeting approved \$10,000
 - Grange Hall Foundation Repairs, \$150,000 requested – CPC recommended and Town Meeting approved \$60,000

In the fall of this year, the CPC received ten applications, eight of which will be presented to the voters at the 2025 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
Jefrey DuBard, Affordable Housing Committee
Cheryl Lowe, Member at Large
Beatrice Phear, Member at Large
John Rau, Planning Board
Sundy Smith, Parks and Recreation
Ernie Thomas, Conservation Commission

Maura Valley, Administrative Assistant

REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

To the Select Board:

In 2024, the Conservation Commission resumed in person meetings in the Select Board meeting room on the second floor of the West Tisbury Town Hall. If you are interested in serving on a Town Board, please consider the Conservation Commission.

In 2024, Michael Turnell and Geraldine Brooks resigned from the Commission. We were very sorry to lose both of these members. Chris Lyons, filled Michael's seat. As of this writing, Geraldine's seat is vacant.

The Commission would like to extend its condolences to the family and friends of Richard Cohen who passed away at the end of this year. Richard sat on the Commission from 1977- 1979 and again from 1986 to 2004. He brought his real estate expertise to the table.

Another sad passing was that of the artist Rez Williams who served on this board from 1987 to 1999. Our condolences to his wife Lucy and his friends.

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. Angela Luckey continues to serve on the Mill Brook Watershed Management 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 7 Lot 170/Beech tree removal
- Map 7 Lot 44/Beech tree removal
- Map 7 Lot 143/detached bedroom
- Map 32 Lot 5/ bridge repair/signage

Determinations:

- Map 12 Lot 72/ addition
- Map 15 Lot 1/ cutting firewood for personal use
- Map 13 Lot 8.1/public trail at Cedar Tree Neck
- Map 35 Lot 6.7/ temporary access

Orders of Conditions

- Map 3 Lot 7/SE79-467/revetment
- Map 3 Lot 9.1/SE79-468/beach stairs
- Map 3 Lot 87/SE79-468/culvert repair

Map 6 Lots 6, 7.2& 7.4 /SE79-452/revetment/withdrawn
Map 7 Lot 70/WTCC 2024-01/ demolition of existing single family dwelling
and construction of same
Map 12 Lot 26/SE79-462/trails
Maps 12 & 15 Lots 31, 32 and 3.1/SE79-464Land Bank/Arrowhead Farm and
Christiantown Woods
Map 13 lot 2/ demolition of existing single-family dwelling and construction of
same
Map 31 Lot 24/SE79-466 footpath and boardwalk
Map 35 lot 6.12/SE79-461/garage
Map 43 Lot 1.2/SE79-465/view channel

Amended Orders of Conditions: None

Appeals: Map 15 Lot 1/ Appeal of Determination of Applicability pending as
of this writing (January 8)

Enforcement Orders: Map 15 Lot 1/wetland and buffer zone violations

Extension Permits:

Map 35 Lot 7/SE79-412/Second extension for dock

Certificates of Compliance:

Map 1 Lot 15/SE79-453/ demolition of existing single-family dwelling and
construction of same

Map 3 Lot 9.11/SE79-455/ construction of a two-car garage

Map 3 Lot 20/SE79 454 / construction of a new house

Map 7 Lot 69/WTCC2021-01/ driveway

Map 12 Lot 33/SE79-451 demolition of existing of single-family dwelling and
construction of same

Map 15 Lot 1/SE79- 430/house

Map 35 Lot 1. 9/SE79-440/dock

Map 39 Lots 7 &8/SE79/435/ demolition of existing of single-family dwelling
and construction of same

Map 39 Lots 7 &8/SE79-446/garage, pool and spa

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 development
and protection of natural resources and the projects that protect the watershed
resources of the town.

Ongoing projects:

**West Tisbury Wetlands Protection Bylaw: In July and September the
Commission approved amendments to the Bylaw regulations for the Buffer
Zone and the Riverfront Area in part as follows:**

*The use of chemical fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides, insecticides (including
Permethrin/ pyrethroids) and sodium-based products is prohibited to reduce
the impact of these products on the resource areas whether transported by*

storm water or by leaching through the soil. This is meant to include both synthetic and organic products. The Applicant shall abide by the West Tisbury Board of Health Regulations for the application of fertilizers on property outside the Buffer Zone or Riverfront area.

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 MVC continues its work on monitoring water quality in James Pond. Reports on water quality in the pond are on file in the Commission office.

Conservation Restrictions: There were no new conservation restrictions approved in 2024.

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. In 2024, with the help of Tim Boland and his crew at Polly Hill Arboretum, Jeremiah Brown, Tree Warden, and members of the West Tisbury Tree Advisory Committee, 5 multi-stemmed Shad trees and four flowering Dogwoods were planted on the hill at Brandy Brown on April 27. Thank you to everyone that participated in the planting these trees on April 27 as part of the West Tisbury Arbor Day plantings around town. You can see the trees when you head turn onto the Edgartown-West Tisbury Road, next door to the Garden Club and right before the Mill Pond.

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. Members participated in the annual review and approval process for events at this property.

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
Angela Luckey, Member

Christopher Lyons, Member
Ernie Thomas, Member
Maria McFarland, Board Administrator

REPORT OF THE DATA PROCESSING DEPARTMENT

It is our goal to keep both our hardware and software, including web-based applications and the town web page, well maintained and up to date. We strive to do this within our annual budget so that our costs to the taxpayers are as constant as possible from year to year. Exceptions to this are when major upgrades and conversions are required, beyond what an annual budget can accommodate. Major accomplishments during FY 2024 included the following: upgrades to our security/firewall protections, software, and replacing workstations and peripherals on an ongoing cyclical basis. Ben Hopkins of IT Services MV continues to give us excellent guidance and immediate assistance, as well as to monitor our systems regularly to keep our stance proactive.

Last year at this writing, we were in the planning phase to staff the in-house portion of this work differently. At this writing, with Bruce Stone having retired in June 2024 and Kathy Logue in January 2025, we are pleased to report that we have brought that process to completion and hired Shawn Ramoutar in September 2024. Shawn has stepped up very quickly to cover these in-house duties, as well as other administrative tasks for several Town boards. This means that he is available to give IT support and provide better training to town staff now and in the future, and to give these IT tasks the time and attention they deserve.

The Town has converted most of its critical software platforms to cloud hosted; this has made the management of updates and backups simpler, but the licensing is more expensive. We have continued to enhance the interactions available online, which allows people to transact much of their business with the Town from afar, should they need or choose to.

- The Town's website can be found at: www.westtisbury-ma.gov where the Town Clerk has made the agendas and minutes of the various town committee and board meetings available; individuals may subscribe to notices from the committees which interest them.
- The online bill payment software can be found from the website home page or directly at: <https://epay.cityhallsystems.com>. You can also purchase your dog license at this site.
- The Assessors' data on each parcel of land, including GIS maps and building photographs, can be found from their webpage or directly at https://www.axisgis.com/West_TisburyMA/
- The permitting software allows for online application and payment, and can be found at <https://permiteyes.us/westtisbury/loginuser.php>

Thank you for your support. We welcome your suggestions.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Logue
Shawn Ramoutar
Data Processing Department

Veterans participated in the Wreaths Across America Program sponsored by Worcester Wreath Company, which has been decorating wreaths on graves at Arlington National Cemetery for 25 years. Eight ceremonial wreaths are placed at the rectory at the avenue of flags in Tisbury to remember those who served, honor their sacrifices, and teach our younger generations about the high price of our freedoms. Specially made wreaths for Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Merchant Marines, Space Force and POW/MIA were placed on memorials during a solemn ceremony.

Dr. Monte VanBeber from the VA Clinic in Hyannis continues to travel to the island to see veterans twice a month. Currently we have 282 veterans who are registered for VA Health Care. The Veterans Service Officer has developed three new resources for helping traveling veterans, including seasonal veterans understand how to access healthcare, military honors and more. These resources are located on the county web page.

Jo Ann Murphy, is the SHINE Counselor, which stands for “Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone”. I feel that this has been a help to her clients and the community.

I continue to write every month on veterans benefits for the 55 Plus Times, go to veteran’s organizational meetings, and attend training with the Department of Veterans Services. I will continue to build and update a contact list for all veterans and attend a bi-monthly housing meeting for the veterans housing initiative. We have several islanders serving in the U.S. and around the world. If you know of someone serving, please call my office with the address.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Dull
Director of Veterans Service

REPORT OF THE DUKES COUNTY REGIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY

At the conclusion 2024, the Island could count among housing progress and successes the Island Housing Trust's completion of the Town of Aquinnah's Carl Widdiss Way Apartments, under DCRHA management since mid-year; the ground breaking of Edgartown's long planned Meshacket Rd. Apartments and Home Ownership being developed by IHT with Affirmative Investments, for which DCRHA will provide ownership marketing and lottery selection; passage of Governor Healy's significant Affordable Homes Act from which the real estate transfer tax (Housing Bank funding) was removed by the legislature which, however, did maintain the Seasonal Community designation, important to Island towns for the tools now available; significant Martha's Vineyard Commission reports and advocacy including the 2024 Housing Needs Assessment, the 2024 Zoning Analysis for Housing Solutions, and Housing Planner Laura Silber's work on many fronts including with the Seasonal Community Advisory Council; a successful Oak Bluffs pilot program of Rental Assistance for households with moderate incomes which DCRHA administers; two awards of homes by Habitat for Humanity of MV, for which DCRHA supplied model materials and completed income and asset certification; Edgartown's outreach to prospective landlords for the Rental Assistance program funded through town Community Preservation Act and administered by DCRHA; and ongoing development of needed rentals and ownership opportunities in Oak Bluffs, West Tisbury, and Tisbury.

DCRHA staff bring 50 years of collective experience to such housing development, data collection and rental and ownership offers when called on by town boards and committees, developers, Island organizations, property owners, and other constituents. Our rental waitlists, lottery agency, and management experience are utilized in initial planning and development efforts Island-wide. DCRHA staff undertake regular training offered by the State in applicant certification, tenant and property management, Fair Housing precepts, and other required and important aspects of our work on behalf of Islanders.

In 2024, the DCRHA managed 102 affordable rentals on 18 properties in all 6 Island towns including rent-ups to applicants from our waitlist beginning with those households of longest duration and proceeding forward till completed tenant certifications, apartment offers, housing policy reviews and unit inspections result in leases. Tenant certification and inspections occur annually for the life of the tenancy as does DCRHA's active management of related apartment and tenant needs. Rental Assistance funded by Town Community Preservation Committees and administered by DCRHA over its 23-year existence continues

to provide between 50 and 60 market landlords annually with up to 50% of a restricted rent for qualified Island households. As a result of 2 years of discussion with Affordable Housing Committees, and in hopes of attracting new landlords, this year's funding applications by the DCRHA included a new tier of incomes and rents at the maximum allowed by the Community Preservation Act.

Since its establishment in 1986, DCRHA has been able to draw on many partnerships with town committees, Island non-profits, and other entities on-Island and off to the benefit of our rental properties and the Islanders who call them home. In 2024, such a partnership combined The Resource Inc (TRI) and their long service to Island households through their rehabilitation expertise and funding, with Cape Light Compact's (CLC) most recent efforts at decarbonization through the Cape & Vineyard Electrification Offering (CVEO), the result of five years of their solicitation and planning with the Department of Public Utilities.

TRI and CLC efforts were brought together at the Halcyon Way Apartments in West Tisbury, built in 2002 by Tucker Hubble with funding support from Good House, Tucker's partnership with longtime housing advocates, Nora and Tony Nevin. TRI and Island contractor Eric Skogstrom replaced all roofs, trim, windows and exterior doors. Rise Engineering, the experienced face of the CVEO program, added insulation throughout and worked with Island firms Nelson Mechanical Design for installation of efficient mini-splits, and Perry Electric for installation of a new property wide electrical service. In the final phase of Halcyon's conversion to energy and cost efficiency, solar panels and a conversion system was installed by Cotuit Solar. The Halcyon Way Apartments are now renewed and prepared to provide year-round and cost-effective housing for the next 22 years and beyond.

Island-wide, DCRHA provides income certifications and administrative assistance for town specific offerings such as multi-family density allowances, homesite subdivisions, accessory dwelling units, and demolition delay referrals. We manage developed rentals for the Island Housing Trust (IHT), act as lottery agent for IHT ownership offers, and actively partner with Habitat for Humanity of MV, Harbor Homes, the Housing Assistance Corporation, the County Manager's office, and others that assist with rent, utilities, emergency support and apartment rehabilitation for island tenants and their landlords.

DCRHA staff work daily with the many households in search of affordable rental and home ownership opportunities at its office at 21 Mechanic St. off State Road in Vineyard Haven as well as through email and phone communication. Portuguese translations continue to be arranged through the Community Ambassador Program and an individual contributor and are instrumental in both our website outreach and face-to-face efforts at the DCRHA office. For more information please call (508) 693-4419 or visit our newly revised and updated website at <https://housingauthoritymarthasvineyard.org/>. Our site is designed primarily around the needs of Islanders in search of rental and ownership oppor-

tunities, related housing assistance, and contact information for other organizations providing a range of supports for Island households.

The DCRHA Board of Directors and Staff:

Ann Wallace: Chilmark
Mark Leonard: Oak Bluffs
Dan Seidman: Tisbury
Rudi Sanfilippo: Aquinnah
Lucy Morrison: At-Large
Rise Tierney: West Tisbury
Jason Mazar-Kelly: Edgartown
Candidate Referred: Governor's Appointee

David Vigneault: Executive Director
Terri Keech: Finance Manager
Kay-Ann Fraser: Operations Coordinator
Karin Kugel: Administrative Assistant

**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 help to assist 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 FY24 Elder Services' Nutrition program (Meals-on-Wheels, Senior Dining) served 47,010 meals on Martha's Vineyard. 299 seniors received meals delivered to their homes by a corps of over 105 Meals-on-Wheels volunteers. Under the oversight of the Elder Services' registered Dietitian, all meals are prepared through our contract with the Martha's Vineyard Hospital and are delivered to homes and dining sites in all six towns by our volunteers. Our Senior Dining sites are located at the Oak Bluffs, Tisbury, and Up Island Councils on Aging. Our Senior Dining program serves luncheon on Thursdays at both the Tisbury COA and up-island COA. Our Senior Nutrition Program provided 40 farmer's market coupons worth \$50 each and distributed 45 bags of fresh produce, supplied by Morning Glory Farm, to Island residents.

Our Home Care Program provides eligible elders 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 see elders on going to ensure continuous management of services. In FY24, the Home Care Program served 255 elders on Martha's Vineyard. There were 22,104 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, 120 elders were enrolled with a Personal Emergency Response System (PERS). Home Care can also include services provided by the Martha's Vineyard Center for Living, including their Supportive Day program and Alzheimer's and Dementia coaching.

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.

We provide bill paying services for 4 elders in their homes on Martha's Vineyard, through our Money Management Program. Betina Michalowski, one of our Protective Services Managers, provided training on Elder Abuse Awareness and Prevention to the staff at the Martha's Vineyard Center for Living, which was very well received. Lyndsay Farmariss, Director of the Edgartown Council on Aging, serves on our Board of Directors.

In addition to the Elder Services' in-house programs that serve the elder population, the AAA distributes Older America Act Title III funds to other community agencies/organizations to provide needed care and assistance. Martha's Vineyard Center for Community Living was awarded \$5000 in funding to support its full island shopping shuttle service for older and disabled adults. Martha's Vineyard Community Services was awarded \$5000 to help underwrite home/community short-term assessment, intervention, and referral for mental health and substance abuse issues for elders 60 and over.

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 an elder 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, Oak Bluffs, and Up-island Senior Centers; Meals on Wheels are delivered by volunteers in every town for any elder who is homebound. Delivery is Mon-Fri 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 in order to determine medical eligibility for Medicaid funding of nursing home care.

REPORT OF THE WEST TISBURY ENERGY COMMITTEE

The West Tisbury Energy Committee has continued its work this year to guide and assist the Town toward its goal of reducing fossil-fuel use by 100% and increasing what fraction of our electricity is renewable by 2040.

Toward that end, in April the Town adopted the Specialized Code (225 CMR 22.00 and 225 CMR 23.00) for all new construction. The Specialized Code is a slightly more stringent version of the Stretch Code. For all-electric houses, requirements remain the same as with the Stretch Code; for houses that use mixed fuels for heating, cooking, and hot water, there is the additional requirement to install solar and pre-wire for future conversion to all-electric.

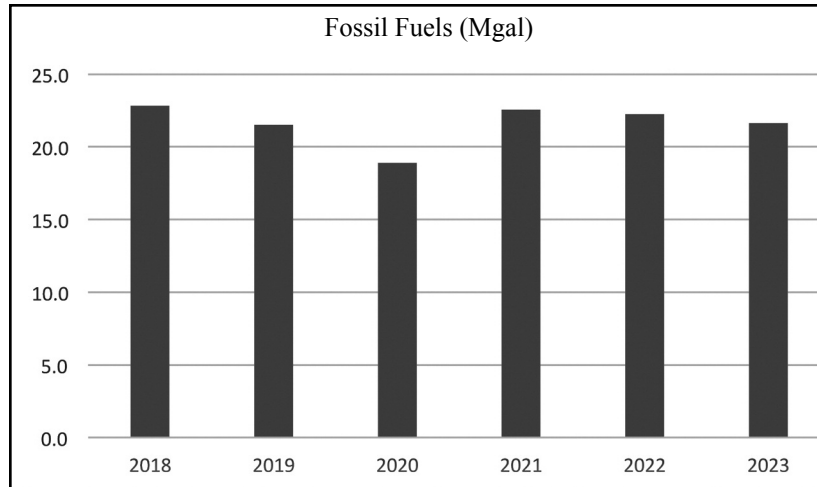
In 2012, West Tisbury attained Massachusetts' Green Communities status, which requires the Town to reduce municipal building energy use by 20%, track Town buildings' energy use, increase fuel-efficiency when acquiring municipal vehicles, and adhere to the Stretch Energy Building Code. Through its designation as a Green Community, the Town is eligible for grants to implement further energy-efficiency goals. Green Communities is now offering a "Climate Leader" program for municipalities that have adopted the Specialized Code, which enables increased State funding opportunities for decarbonization. The Energy Committee will be drafting a Municipal Decarbonization Roadmap to lay out how the Town will meet the State's mandated climate goals by 2050.

At the West Tisbury School, two Level-2 electric EV chargers (four ports total) are now available for use by the School and the public. These are in addition to the Level-2 electric EV charger (two ports total) located at the West Tisbury Library.

The Town, as a member of the Cape Light Compact (CLC), continues to advance green, cost-effective resp electricity and administer the State's Mass Save program. The CLC's new residential pricing for Winter 2025 will be 12.024 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh), approximately 1.3 cents per kWh lower than that of Eversource. CLC's power-supply customers should see this price reflected on their electric utility bills from February 2025 onward.

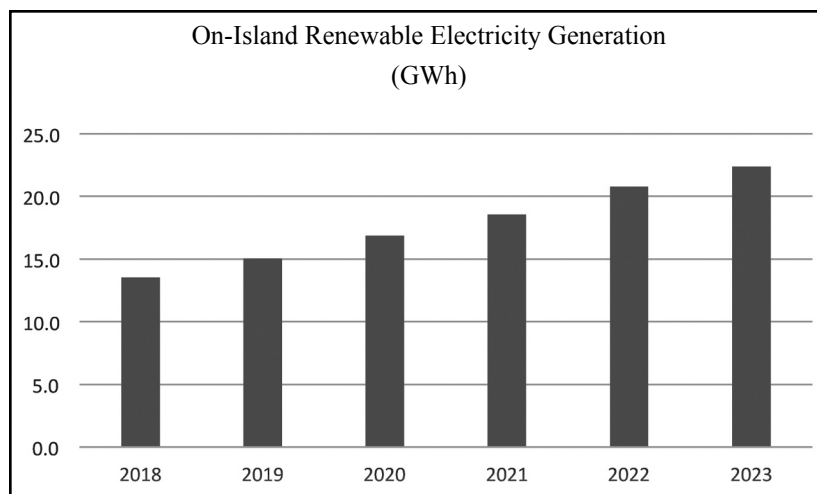
The Town also worked with Vineyard Power, CLC's Mass Save partner on the island, to advance energy-efficiency and electrification programs, including for income-eligible residents. As part of this process, information about resident eligibility for Mass Save programs was included in the Town's annual tax bill. This outreach will continue in 2025. For more information, please see the Energy Committee's page on the Town website.

In terms of energy use, the following graphs demonstrate trends island-wide, with the most recent data from 2023. The island's use of fossil fuel declined slightly, though not at a rate that will meet our 2040 goals. That said, from 2018 to 2023, the island's year-round population grew by over 20%.



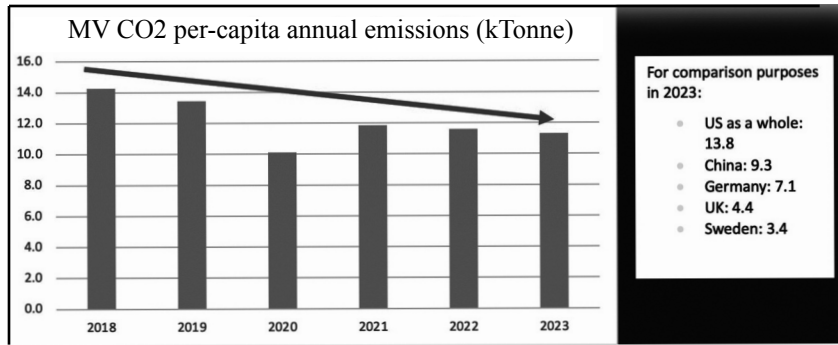
Source: Vineyard Power/Vineyard Sustainable Energy Committee (VSEC)

The island also made strides in sourcing our electricity from renewable energy, with the bulk produced through photo-voltaic solar panels. Our use of on-island renewables has grown 70% since 2018, and now constitutes nearly 10% of total electricity use. If this trend continues, and is combined with cleaner grid-supplied electricity, our 2040 goal is attainable.



Source: Vineyard Power/VSE

With respect to emission of greenhouse gases, the island trend is encouraging, especially given population growth since 2018. The graph below demonstrates total island CO2 emissions from burning of fossil fuels and energy generation.



Source: Vineyard Power/VSEC

Island ownership of EVs has grown significantly. In 2020, the island had 112 fully electric cars; in 2024, the number has grown to 465 (in addition to 279 plug-in hybrids), slightly higher than the statewide average. [Source: MA Vehicle Census]. This growth has come in spite of limited (but increasing) infrastructure and on-island repair possibilities. In 2024, West Tisbury had 88 fully electric vehicles, up from 19 in 2020. Combined with 45 plug-in hybrids, EVs constitute about 3% of Town-registered vehicles.

This year, the Energy Committee said goodbye and thank you to long-time member Sue Hruby, who has been a critical voice in moving the Town toward greater energy efficiency and renewables.

We would welcome new members! If interested, please contact wtenergy@westtisbury-ma.gov.

Richard Andre, Chair
 Kate Warner
 Nicola Blake
 Michael Gately

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

What many of us consider the annual town budget is made up of 4 components; the budgets of individual West Tisbury town departments, the budgets of regional entities, the budgets of the UIRSD and MVRHS, and warrant articles.

In 2004 our annual town budget was approximately \$10,000,000. Mid-January of 2025 sees a proposed budget of just shy of \$28,000,000. The growing cost of schooling, and major capital projects contribute to that increase. Wise balancing of our priorities and resources will be necessary.

As the Finance Committee, we share your concerns about the steady growth of the annual town budget, and the impact that that will have on West Tisbury remaining an affordable community for those in the middle class, seniors and those on fixed incomes.

The WT Financial Committee saw no major events in 2024. The early part of the year was spent preparing for the Annual Town Meeting: reviewing the individual town department budgets, looking for anomalies, and asking to meet with the department heads when clarification was needed.

Part of the normal business of the FinCom is to process requests for Reserve Fund Transfers, and near the end of the year, line-item transfers within one department's budget. The budget lines earmarked for legal expenses needed the most replenishment.

The town's primary role is to bring together talented individuals to serve our community, and it's essential that they are fairly compensated for their contributions. Likewise, a major role is to educate the children of the town, and that represents a major part of the budget.

You can see in the attached table that the costs within our control are just under 7% of the annual budget.

Budget Category	Amount	% of Total budget
Total proposed budget	\$27,834,373.95	100%
Costs not within Town Control		
Intergovernmental	\$17,578,930.84	63.16%
Costs not easy to change		
Principal	\$891,500.00	
Interest	\$188,957.50	
Legal Services	\$110,500.00	
Professional & Technical	\$22,000.00	
Insurance Premiums	\$14,323.10	4.41%
Cost of having employees		
Personal Services	\$5,676,344.99	
Salaries	\$108,601.53	
Fringe Benefits	\$1,315,450.00	25.51%
Controllable Costs		
Expenses	\$1,927,766.00	6.93%
		100.00%

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Select Board and the
Residents of West Tisbury:

Thank you to all the members of the Fire Department! The dedication and professionalism they continually give to support this town is astonishing. It is not easy balancing life here on the Vineyard, which in turn keeps the department struggling to find new members. Please, if you have ever thought of joining the Fire Service or wondered how it would be to be part of a team that is committed, professional and respected. Now is the time, we need you! The hardest part of becoming a Firefighter is walking through the door for the first time.

West Tisbury Fire Department members, along with many departments across the Commonwealth are hanging on to maintaining the Volunteer department status. However, members have been receiving stipends for attending drills, meetings and trainings for several years now. We can no longer keep saying we are volunteer. We have indeed emerged into the Call/Volunteer department. We will continue to fight to keep it this way, unfortunately, if new members do not keep walking through the door, we will be forced to find another way to keep the service the town deserves and expects.

As the department struggles to recruit new members, the Fire Protection needs of the Town continues to climb. Inspections on transfer of sales have slowed up, but the Solar Arrays / battery storage have been really ramping up. New construction and major renovations are constant. Short term rentals will begin in January 2025. As the Town services continues to expand, this brings increased amounts of inspections. The Fire Chief will be requesting to add a Fire Prevention Officer position to the department to assist in inspections, pre-planning and fire investigation at the annual spring town meeting. The increasing amounts of inspections requires resources beyond what the department currently has to keep up with the demand. Residents have always been supporting of the Fire Departments efforts, As the Chief, I thank you and ask for your continued support.

Many thanks to Chief Mincone and the entire Police staff, Chief Retmier and all of Tri-Town EMS, the Highway Department, Animal Control and all of the Town Hall Staff. Special thank you to the Building Department, who continue to be instrumental in assisting me on the inspection process of the job, these two have truly helped a great deal.

Thank you, Joe and Jeffrey.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory M. Pachico
Fire Chief

Incidents (Chief and/or Member's)

Fire Alarm	174
C/O Alarm	39
Motor Vehicle Accident	28
Detail / Public Assist	5
Rescue	3
Hazardous Condition	8
Missing Person Search	0
Water Incident	0
Electrical Fire	1
Pole Fire / Wires Down	3
Structural Fire	1
Smoke/ Susp Investigation	9
Wildfire Fire	3
Stove / Grill Fire	3
Car Fire	1
Chimney Fire	2
Lightning Strike / Fire	0
Misc Fire	2
Mutual Aid	8
Illegal Burning	9
Medical Assist	4
Aircraft Incident	1
Total	304

**Open Burning Permits
(Chief)**

Total Applicant Permits	77
Total Burns Prescribed	92
Total	92

Incidents (Chief's)

Smoke / CO Alarms (New/other)	45
Smoke / CO Alarms (Transfer or Sale)	38
Fire / Sprinkler Alarm System	8
LP Gas	71
Tank Removal, Propane / Oil	35
Oil Tank	14
Oil Burner	2
Tents	35
Solar Array / Battery Storage	18
Annual Inspection	20
Citizen Complaint	4
Hot Works (Welding)	4
Special / Cooking Permit	7
School Fire Drill	9
Property / Home Access	2
Citizen Welfare Check (Storms)	0
Elevator / Fire Alarm Inspection	2
Electric Vehicle Chargers	3
Solar Array/Battery Plan Review	11
Misc Plan Review	1
Total	371

Activities (Chief's and/or Member's)

Radio Check's	51
Department Meetings	11
Department Drill's	12
Chief's Meetings (Chief's)	11
Rescue Drill's	12
Officer's Meetings	10
Misc Meetings (Chief)	132
DC Fire Training Meetings / Classes	0
Training Classes	22
Water Rescue Drill's	13
Extra Company Drill's	6
Dukes County Technical Rescue	1
Dukes County Emergency Management	4
Total	298
Total Combined Activities	1065

REPORT OF THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

2024 was another wonderful year for the West Tisbury Library. Circulation of physical materials (so much more than “just” books these days!) continues to rise, especially in the Children’s Room. Access to ebooks and other digital resources continues to expand and rise. These numbers speak to the value our community places on literacy and reading. Staff assists patrons in accessing ebooks, downloadable audiobooks, movies, TV shows, streaming music, online classes, and more on tablets, phones, and computers. Your library card supplies access to Consumer Reports, ebooks, audiobooks, New York Times online access, Washington Post online access, music and movies through Kanopy and Hoopla, and so much more. Stop in at any time to get assistance in exploring these resources.

Programming continues to expand and grow as our island and town population does. Program attendance for the last fiscal year rose to over 27,000 (up about 3,000 from the year before) and overall attendance in the library continues to rise as well; this past calendar year there were over 100,000 people in the building. This number does not count the people using digital resources and assistance, attending virtual programs or taking advantage of the outdoor meeting spaces and free wifi throughout the library gardens.

The library is fortunate to have strong community support, especially with the volunteers of the Friends of the West Tisbury Library and the West Tisbury Library Foundation providing 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.

The library is a true community space that we should all be proud of, one that reflects our community values of life long learning, appreciation of arts and culture, freedom to read, and a strong value of community care and collaboration.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Fischer, chair
Fran Finnigan
Lynn Hoeft
Wendy Nierenberg
Micah Thanhauser
Indaia Whitcombe

REPORT OF THE HERRING WARDEN



To the Select Board:

2024 was a down year for herring in West Tisbury and southern New England in general. We did have a couple of bright spots. I dig James open on March 15 solo and found scales on March 17 and more on the 18th, evidence that herring were making their way in. This is about a week early historically. On the 27 of March we opened Tisbury Great pond (TGP). There was lots of bird action over the opening for the next few days which told me that herring were coming in.

The Tiasquam and Mill brook were cleared of hanging branches obstructing fish passage, being careful to leave plenty of big logs and hangers for trout habitat. Fish ladders cleaned out and repaired as needed April 2.

Mid April, James closed but refilled fast. On April 22, the beach being too wide to dig alone, I put out a Facebook invitation for help digging the creek open at James expecting nothing but hoping for a couple volunteers to show up the next morning at 10:00. Imagine my delight and surprise when I arrived there at 9:40 to find a half dozen willing diggers in rubber boots and armed with shovels waiting for me! By the appointed hour of 10:00 there were 16 people there and sand was flying through the air. Many hands made light work and by 10:30 the creek was pouring into the sound and 6 hours later was ripping! I'd

like to acknowledge Ebba Hierta and her partner in outdoor adventures whose name I don't know, Amanda Dickinson, Chris Morse, Mike Benjamin, Daniel Moriarty, Brian Athearn, Joe Capece, Doug Reece, Lee Barmakian, and others who I either can't remember or whose names I don't know. Thank you!!!

On May 24th Thom Hodson sent a video of a nice school of herring milling near crab creek, apparently getting acclimated to the salty water of TGP after having spawned in the fresh waters of Black Point Pond. Over the ensuing days more were spotted coming out of Crab Creek. Obviously, it's important to keep that creek clear and passable for anadromous fish and for water quality in the future as the beach recedes.

That's it for 2024. Preparations are being made for '25 already.

Respectfully submitted,

Johnny Hoy
Herring Warden

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 is, among other things, to investigate the current structure and operation of our committee/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 fostering greater confidence in the system by its practitioners and the people of the Town.

In the waning months of 2023, we designed and fielded a survey of the committee and board members to see how these bodies were constituted, how well they worked, and what could be improved. Among the hurdles for this survey was the lack of a standard and complete contact list for all the volunteers and employees on committees and boards.

We determined a couple of things we need to begin:

- A comprehensive contact list for town employees. (Volunteer committee members are employees in the eyes of the Commonwealth;)
- To provide information about the operation of town government to board and committee members as soon as they sign up, and even before;
- A single place where rules governing committees, best practices, and state requirements can be found, at any time, by anybody who is interested.

This sent us on a search, a continuing search, through Massachusetts General Law (MGL), the Code of Massachusetts Regulations, Town by-laws, some of which are specified exactly by the state, and some adopted by the Town in its own way, some written by various boards and adopted at Town Meeting, and some procedures adopted by committees and boards.

Sue Silk, one of the founding members of the IGTF, seeing what an important resource a handbook could be, reached out to other communities for examples of documents and best practices, so we didn't have to reinvent the wheel. We delved into the types of boards and committees, some elected and some appointed, some with special powers, and some advisory only. Some have paid staff or some may even pay individual committee members. We were assisted in this by IGTF member Andy Zaikis with his astute analysis of the law.

In the Spring we designed and put into service an updated version of the letter that all appointees must sign that explains the state requirements for service, Conflict of Interest laws, Open Meeting Laws, Ethics, and conduct. Answering a concern raised, we find that MGL protects the personal information supplied in that form.

In the fall we involved ourselves in the nuts and bolts of a Handbook in two parts, Part I dealing with the operation of all committees, and Part II providing information about specific committees and boards. As we got deeper into that we began to discuss where these documents would reside so that they would be

available for inspection by the populace, and how the originals might be stored without fear of unauthorized changes.

We expect to have signoffs on the Handbook format and the overall process by current town senior staff for roll out after this Annual Town Meeting.

The IGTF
John Christensen Chair
Cynthia Mitchell
Sue Wasserman
Chelsea Joiner

REPORT OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD CENTER FOR LIVING

Our Mission:

Martha's Vineyard Center for Living strives to improve the quality of life for those impacted by issues of aging and impairment. Our vision is to create an age friendly environment, promote dignity, reduce stigma, support independence and foster community engagement.

The Center for Living (MVCL) is generously supported by all six island towns and governed by a Board of Directors consisting of members from each island town and one County representative. In 2024, board members included Sandra Joyce, President; Martha Solinger, Treasurer; Risë Terney, Clerk; Gail Barmakian; Christine Burke; Martina Thornton; Beverly Wright.

Martha's Vineyard Center for Living Programs & Services:

Supportive Day Program: M-F 9am to 3pm

The Supportive Day Program (SDP) is a day program for older adults who may experience memory challenges and a level of disability where they are unable to participate independently in community activities and programs. The SDP provides community-based support and opportunities for social connections to combat isolation and loneliness, the greatest threats to the wellbeing of our clients and their caregivers. Just as important is the respite we provide for caregivers. Our clients come to us with varying levels of ability; some with multiple medical conditions and chronic illnesses, including Alzheimer's and other dementias. The respite and support the caregiver receives by sending their loved one to the Supportive Day Program is critical for their overall well-being and that of their loved one. When a caregiver has a few hours for rest and self-care, the quality of life for both the caregiver and care recipient improves significantly.

In 2024, MVCL received a Supportive Day Program Expansion Grant from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs in the amount of \$30,290 to extend the day program hours to 3pm, and purchase program management software to better track our service activities. Early efforts were focused on outreach to increase the number of families served in our programs. We successfully brought our numbers up, reaching over 72 families and providing over 26,000 hours of socialization, enrichment, and care for our clients, and as many hours of respite for their caregivers.

The private pay daily cost for the Supportive Day Program was increased to \$75 per day (6-hour day), with an additional \$10 fee for transportation. Elder Services of Cape Cod & the Islands (the regional home care agency for low to moderate income clients) increased the reimbursement to \$85/day plus the \$10 transportation fee. The private pay fees will be brought in line with the Elder Services reimbursement at the beginning of FY26 (July 2025).

At the Center for Living, we are "person centered" which means careful attention is paid to the physical and emotional needs of each client, with a care

plan designed to meet those needs is in place. Everyone, regardless of ability, can engage in community and enjoy the company of friends and peers in a safe environment free of stigma. The Supportive Day program offers a wide range of activities tailored to individual needs and interests, including exercise and yoga, music, singing, dancing, arts and crafts, discussion groups and games. We regularly engage other community organizations and talented individuals such as musicians and artists, to share their talents and expertise with us. A morningsnack and nutritious, home-made noon meal are prepared on-site and served family style. With a van at our disposal, we've added weekly outings to our schedule and take small groups out to local libraries, Senior Centers, MV Museum, the Carnegie, Polly Hill, Misty Meadows, YMCA, and the Oak Bluffs Pier or just for a ride to enjoy fresh air and our beautiful island.

Respite Innovations:

In November of 2023, MVCL received grant funding which gave us the go-ahead to hire a Coordinator and two Respite Workers for Respite Innovations, adding to our caregiver respite options by offering our services in the home setting. Due to various circumstances, the Supportive Day program may not always be the right fit for, or be accessible to some families, and a home-based option is another opportunity for caregiver support. The physical and emotional effects of long term caregiving can be debilitating and even life threatening for 24/7 family caregivers. Despite the challenges, many families choose to care for their loved ones at home for as long as possible and the reality is on Martha's Vineyard there are few other options. Caregivers experience increased depression, anxiety, stress, and heart disease, exacerbated by decreased levels of self care and immune response. They are routinely faced with psychological, social, physical, and often financial hardship. Respite Innovations brings a trained respite worker into the home for two-hour sessions to provide companionship and person-centered activities for the care recipient, so the caregiver can get a break. In its first year, Respite Innovations served 19 families with a high-quality, person-centered companion service that gives caregivers two hours off for self-care and respite.

SDP Transportation

MVCL provides some transportation to and from the Supportive Day Program using a VTA Lift van and a MVCL paid driver. Some transportation is also provided by the VTA. The VTA manages the maintenance and upkeep of the MVCL van as well as the training and testing required of all Lift driver.

Shopping Shuttle

MVCL operates the Shopping Shuttle, a service for older adults in the community, provided on behalf of the Councils on Aging. This service is for community members who no longer drive to do their own shopping and errands. The Shopping Shuttle was initially funded with a grant from the MV Community Foundation. In 2024 we received a combination of two grants, one from Elder Services of Cape Cod & the Islands Title IIIB (\$5,000 for each of two years) and one from MaDOT (\$24,000) to fund this service. We are working closely with Healthy Aging MV and anticipate more local support and future funding to continue through a combination of local resources and government grants.

The Shopping Shuttle is available three days a week with a different shopping destination each day; Wednesdays/Tisbury; Thursdays/Edgartown, and Fridays/Oak Bluffs (including the Island Food Pantry). In line with our mission, the Shopping Shuttle helps to reduce isolation, promote independence, and provides an opportunity for older adults to enjoy the social aspects of being out and about in the community. Shopping Shuttle capacity is 6 riders per trip and 29 community members are registered to use the Shopping Shuttle.

Memory and Music Café:

The Memory and Music Café is an “open house” format on the third Thursday every month from 10am to 12pm. SDP clients enjoy the Café as part of their SDP routine, and caregivers and community members are welcome to join us every week for music, dancing and companionship. We are often joined by members of the island’s disabled adult community, including the Seven Hills band, providing live music for these events. Memory Cafés have spread across Massachusetts, the country, and the world, as an inclusive community engagement model for those experiencing disability, memory loss and/or cognitive impairment, along with their caregivers.

Dementia Family Support Services:

Dementia Family Support Services is funded by grants and donations outside of the town funded MVCL operating budget. It is available to families and caregivers caring for a loved one with memory loss and cognitive decline due to Alzheimer’s or other dementias. We connect families and caregivers with other agencies including Elder Services of Cape Cod and the Islands, the MV Community Services CORE program, Dukes County Health Care Access program and the Elder Law program for additional support and services.

Dementia Caregiver Support Group

Meeting weekly on Zoom, Fridays 10am-11:15am. In 2024, 32 individual caregivers joined us to find a community of support with others experiencing the challenges and concerns raised by caring for a loved one with dementia. This group is available to both local and long-distance caregivers. We have caregivers, all of whom are connected to Martha’s Vineyard in some way, join us from Georgia, New Hampshire, Falmouth, Chicago, throughout Massachusetts and of course MV.

Early Memory Loss Support Group

A support group for people experiencing early memory loss and speech and language challenges due to an Alzheimer’s or other dementia diagnosis, stroke, seizure disorder or other brain disease or injury that affect memory and communication. The group meets weekly on Wednesdays from 10am to 11:30am at the Tisbury Council on Aging. Participants share experiences and strategies to create a community of support, without stigma, to help face these challenges and live their best lives.

Dementia Coaching (Habilitation Therapy)

Habilitation Therapy supports caregivers to create and maintain a positive environment for a person experiencing the effects of a dementia related illness. The objective is to provide education and support to the caregiver and to recommend ways to modify elements of the home environment that may

exacerbate the symptoms of the disease. A Dementia Coach provides knowledge and expertise to caregivers (and the person with the disease when appropriate) in understanding the disease process, as well as techniques of communication, behavior management, structuring the environment, creating therapeutic activities, and planning for future care needs.

55PLUS Times: Information and Referral

The 55PLUS Times is published monthly in the MV Times and is a resource for information pertaining to programs and services available to all 55+ Islanders and their families. MV Center for Living is responsible for editing and submitting the information published in the 55Plus Times..

Martha’s Vineyard Regional High School Luncheon Program:

Martha’s Vineyard Center for Living coordinates with the Martha’s Vineyard Regional High School Culinary Arts Department to offer a three-course gourmet meal for \$15 per person once a month in the Culinary Arts dining room at the High School. Under the direction of Chefs Jack O’Malley and Kevin Crowell, culinary arts students plan, prepare and serve this delicious meal. Students from the Music Department occasionally provide musical entertainment as their schedule allows. Between 25 and 35 seniors attend these luncheons each month. Proceeds go to the Culinary Arts Department.

Home Delivered Holiday Meals:

Martha’s Vineyard Center for Living coordinates with the local Councils on Aging and Martha’s Vineyard Hospital to provide a home delivered holiday meal to older adults who are alone or homebound on the Thanksgiving, December and Easter holidays. The Martha’s Vineyard Hospital food service prepares and packages the meals and the Councils on Aging coordinate volunteers to deliver the meals in their towns. In 2024 173 meals were delivered for Easter; 193 for Thanksgiving; and 200 for the Christmas holiday.

Older Americans Act / Senior Nutrition Program:

The Elder Services Nutrition Program, (Meals on Wheels and Senior Dining Centers), is supported financially by the six island towns through the Martha’s Vineyard Center for Living annual budget. In FY2024, the island towns contributed \$36,750 to Elder Services of Cape Cod & the Islands in support of this vital nutrition program.

We are grateful for the generous support of all town Boards of Selectmen, Finance Committees, Councils on Aging, other municipal agencies, as well as our non-profit partners and the community at large. This support and generosity make a positive impact on the lives of many islanders and is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Clapp, 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 2024 were Fred Hancock of Oak Bluffs, Chair; Peter Wharton, County Appointee, Vice-Chair; and Ernie Thomas of West Tisbury, Clerk-Treasurer. The Commission is supported by a professional staff of fifteen, three of whom are vision fellows. More details are provided below and available on the Commission's website, www.mvcommission.org.

COMMISSION FOCUS 2024

Remembering Christina Brown

Christina Brown served on the MVC as an elected member from Edgartown for 28 years. She passed away in May 2024, and will be greatly missed by staff and her fellow Commissioners. To honor her decades of service, a commemorative Nantucket shadbush, one of her favorite trees, will be planted on the MVC lawn.

MVC 50th Anniversary Celebrations

2024 marked the 50th anniversary of the MVC, which Islanders voted to create on March 14, 1974. State legislation approved that summer formally established the MVC as the Island's regional planning agency, with unique regulatory powers over the land and waters of Martha's Vineyard.

Anniversary events included *MVC@50*, an informational exhibit at Featherstone Center for the Arts in March; *A Sustainable Harvest: Past, Present, and Future*, featuring a panel discussion with local experts at the Agricultural Hall in July; and an exhibit at the Martha's Vineyard Museum in November featuring information about the MVC and audio clips from the MVC oral history project, which was completed in partnership with the Museum. A collection of written narratives with former commissioners, staff, and others is expected in 2025.

Improved Website Coming Soon

The Commission has been working with the software company Granicus to develop a new website, which is expected to be launched in the summer of 2025. The main goal is to improve the user experience while maintaining key features, such as the archive of Developments of Regional Impact and planning resources.

Town Data Reports

To shed light on recent economic and municipal finance trends on the Island, the MVC developed a series of data reports based on local, state and federal sources. The reports draw largely from the 2023 Martha's Vineyard Statistical Profile, with updated and additional data, including a local business inventory from each town. The reports are meant to be used by Town officials, businesses, nonprofits, and members of the public for general planning purposes.

Seasonal Population Estimate

The MVC updated its seasonal population estimate for the Island using a new methodology based on guidance from the UMass Donahue Institute. The estimate generally follows a structure-based framework, where housing units and other structures, according to FY24 assessor data, are used as a basis for estimating population by type. The new estimate indicates a likely peak of about 94,650 people in August, or 4.6 times the year-round population of 20,530.

Manuel Correllus State Forest Task Force

The MVC formed a task force to advance four primary goals related to the State Forest: to promote public safety through wildfire risk mitigation, to restore native habitat through the removal of non-native conifer plants, to ensure a strengthened management presence by occupying the existing residence, and to repave the remaining miles of shared use path in disrepair.

This work will be done in close communication with the Department of Conservation & Recreation. The MVC is focused on improving the relationship between the state agency and our community. Membership of the task force is comprised of a broad cross section of stakeholders, from public safety officials and conservation groups to the Friends of the Manuel Correllus State Forest and MVC planners. A group of twelve DCR staff members came to visit the State Forest with the MVC to hear our key concerns along with our commitment to work closely with them to strengthen the management of this key resource. The Task Force meets monthly, and all meetings are open to the public.

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 2024, Commission staff completed the ninth 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 2024. A trends analysis report evaluating the changes observed over the prior period of study will also be completed for 2024. The MVC continues to update the website to make pond data and reports more accessible to the public.

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. Another site for a PRB in the Lagoon Pond system is being explored with hopes for implementation in 2025. The MVC has also developed a partnership with the Massachusetts Alternative Septic Test Center to discover and monitor new nitrogen reducing systems and to explore the development of a Regional Management Facility. The MVC funded and participated in the development and monitoring of innovative 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 FY2024 income was \$3,058,758 and expenses totaled \$2,993,716 comprised of the following components:

Fiscal Year 2024

Total Revenues	\$3,058,758	100%	Total Expenses	\$2,993,716	100%
Total Assessments	\$1,699,448	55.56%	Salaries	\$1,296,762	43.32%
Grants and			Salary Related		
Contracts	\$1,093,708	35.76%	Costs	\$483,736	16.16%
DRI Fees	\$150,524	1.92%	Legal Fees	\$279,909	9.35%
Other Income	\$115,078	3.76%	Other Expenses	\$877,255	29.30%
			Mortgage Interest		
			payments for two		
			MVC-owned		
			properties	\$56,054	1.87%

The annual audit by Anstiss Certified Public Accountants continued to show fiscal soundness. The FY2024 budget and FY2022 audited financial statements are available on the website.

ALL-ISLAND PLANNING

Affordable Housing

2024 Housing Needs Assessment: The MVC prepared an update to the Housing Needs Assessment to gain an understanding of the wide range of affordable, community and workforce housing needs on a town and Island-wide level. There have been significant shifts in demographic, economic, and housing trends since the last Housing Needs Assessment in 2020. This report analyses the housing needs in detail and offers conclusions and targeted solutions.

June 2024 Housing Secretary Listening Sessions: The MVC facilitated the visit from Ed Augustus, the Secretary of Housing and leadership from the Executive Office Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC), including public listening sessions and workshops held at the Performing Arts Center, local governmental and business leader meetings, and affordable housing site tours.

Island-Wide Affordable & Community Housing Zoning Analysis: The MVC began that process of creating an inventory and analysis of all six towns' housing-related bylaws in partnership with Barrett Planning.

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:

- ❖ **Seasonal Communities Designation:** a new toolkit to address housing challenges in municipalities identified by the state (explicitly including Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket) as having high percentages of housing inventory in seasonal/short-term rental use, and seasonal tourism-based economies.
- ❖ **Municipal/Public Employee Workforce Housing Initiative:** at the request of all six towns, the MVC advanced a partnership with Nantucket's Housing Department, regional legislators, and the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities to forge a new legal pathway for the use of public funds for municipal and other public sector employee workforce housing, including preferences in state-funded projects for public sector employees.
- ❖ **Year-Round Housing Trust:** the Towns may enter into agreements with each other to create a Year-Round Housing Trust (aka Regional Housing Bank) without the need to file for special legislation with the state.
- ❖ **Year-Round Deed Restrictions** were defined and codified into the law as a tool to protect and expand an inventory of year-round residential units.
- ❖ **Residential Tax Exemption** increases the residential tax exemption ceiling to 50%.
- ❖ **Undersized Lots and Tiny Homes** requires Towns in this designation to adopt bylaws to allow the development of undersized lots for year-round housing and adopt bylaws allowing tiny homes.
- ❖ **Accessory Dwelling Units by Right:** the MVC and Nantucket successfully advocated for language to allow municipalities the right to restrict ADUs from being used as short-term rentals in the final bill.

MVC Housing Action Task Force: The MVC coordinated bi-monthly workshops bringing Island governmental officials, boards, committees and agencies together with regional and State resources and our legislative delegation for the pursuit of comprehensive Island housing solutions. Meetings were either hybrid or virtual and were widely publicized and open to the public. All meetings were recorded and posted to the MVC YouTube channel and housing playlist. Some of the topics included:

- Legislative Briefing on the Affordable Homes Act geared for local governments
- Placemate Lease to Locals Program

- Presentation of the 2024 Housing Needs Assessment

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. Among the initiatives that developed in the JAHG:

- Local Option Short-Term Rental tax increased to 6% in Aquinnah, Chilmark and Edgartown
- Rental conversion programs and increased range of rental assistance programs
- Votes to increase the area median income range for the Affordable Housing Trusts that was informed by the Seasonal Communities Designation language
- ADUs by right bylaws elevated
- Short-term rental ordinances elevated
- Seasonal Communities Designation tools

Fractional Ownership/Interval Use/Timeshare (FOITs) Ordinances: The MVC supported the Towns and regional partners with research and resources on emerging investment platforms targeting residential housing stock in resort communities. Edgartown and Oak Bluffs passed bylaws restricting FOITs in 2024. Chilmark is currently working on a bylaw.

Affordable Housing Inventory Analysis: The MVC continues to work with all six towns to maintain an inventory of all deed-restricted housing across the Island at all income levels, and to update the Towns’ subsidized housing inventories.

Housing to Protect Cape Cod: MVC staff and Nantucket Housing Department have established a strong Island presence in this regional policy development coalition. The group is working with the Governor’s administration and regional legislative delegation to elevate regional housing policy priorities.

Funding: The MVC was granted an earmark in the Governor’s budget to fund an update to the Towns’ Housing Production Plans.

Community Outreach and Education Efforts: The MVC’s housing planner continues to attend Town Board and Committee meetings in all six Island towns, and Gosnold community meetings as an invited speaker to educate community groups and the public about the Island housing crisis and potential courses of action to address it.

Climate Change Planning

Climate Action Task Force: The Task Force held a forum on Forest Management and Imperiled Tree Species with guests from the Sheriff’s Meadow Foundation, Woodwell Climate Research Center, the State Department of Conservation & Recreation, and Harvard Forest Department. It also held a discussion with the Natural Heritage Program and Woodwell Climate Research Center to examine ways to leverage the recently released MassWildlife’s State Rankings of Natural Vegetation Communities data on the Island.

Climate Action Plan (CAP) Implementation www.thevineyardway.org

The MVC continues to work with Towns and state agencies to advance the

ongoing implementation of the 2022 Vineyard Climate Action Plan, The Vineyard Way: Connected to Our Past, Committed to Our Future. Specific actions that occurred in 2024 include:

- ❖ **Updates to Town Floodplain and Wetlands Bylaws and Regulations:** new model bylaws have been developed by state climate change professionals to address increased coastal flooding due to climate change. In 2024, the MVC coordinated meetings with the Town Planning Boards and Conservation Commissions to review and interpret the models and address the need for updated bylaws and regulations.
- ❖ **Assistance to Towns to reimagine vulnerable roads** and plan for and fund sustainable longer-term solutions, with work included in the Tisbury Master Plan and Edgartown Harbor Area Plan; and flood control alternatives for Beach Road from the Hospital to Five Corners.
- ❖ **Waste Management:** The MVC facilitated the creation of a new Solid Waste Task Force.
- ❖ **Wildfire Protection:** The MVC continued to implement the Dukes County Community Wildfire Protection Plan, including firefighter training for wildland fires.
- ❖ **Emergency Preparedness:** The MVC pursued funding for a post-disaster recovery plan, and continued communications on emergency management priorities and CAP action collaboration.

Resilient Landscaping: BiodiversityWorks' Vision Fellow, Sakiko Isomichi, held focus groups with landscapers, landscape designers, homeowners, landscape business owners, and Wampanoag Tribal members to identify barriers to the use of native plants and the concept of smaller lawns.

Plant Local Guide: BiodiversityWorks, the Vineyard Conservation Society and Polly Hill Arboretum developed educational materials for a campaign to promote the use of native plants.

Potential Aquaculture Sites: The MVC mapped eel grass and potential aquaculture sites in Lake Tashmoo, Lagoon and Sengekontacket Ponds in collaboration with the MV Shellfish Group, the Great Pond Foundation and Town shellfish constables.

Food Forests: The MVC, in partnership with ecological landscape designer Mary Sage Napolitan, is working to create food forests. In 2024, the team created a detailed design for a public food forest in the Aquinnah town center, and an assessment and identification toolkit for potential food forest sites in all towns.

Climate Communications Specialist Vision Fellow: Morgen Schroeder was awarded a two-year Vision Fellowship with the MVC to develop and implement an Island climate change communications campaign. The goal is to increase community awareness of climate change impacts and Island resilience work, and to inspire individual and community action with respect to climate change.

Ecosystem Resilience Grant: As part of the Massachusetts Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program grant, maps of vegetation and wildlife corridors on Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket were updated using state-of-the-art technology to be used for land use planning, biodiversity protection, and climate change resilience planning.

The Climate Action Plan Community Coordinating Committee is made of representatives from the Town Climate Committees, the MVC, the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah), the NAACP, and Dukes County. It meets monthly, with the goal to communicate and collaborate on actions and ideas for town and regional climate resilience work. In 2024, the Committee focused on Town assessments of infrastructure vulnerabilities; developing maximum disturbance limits for new development; and sharing strategies and collaborating on climate action with other groups.

Climate Action Fair 2024: Held on May 19, 2024 at the Ag Hall, the Climate Action Fair hosted over 40 island organizations focusing on resilient landscaping, with panel discussions on native plantings and wildfire preparedness. The goal of the fair was to provide specific information to attendees on positive actions everyone can take to address climate change.

MV Coastal Conference: The biennial Coastal Conference brings local and off-island professionals together to share insights and successes about problems facing coastal communities. Held on October 1, 2024, the topics included storm impacts to South Beach, the Wampanoag Tribe's resilience work, and an Oak Bluffs study on access to the Hospital during storms and flooding. Off-island speakers addressed resiliency in Woods Hole, flooding of the access road to the Nantucket Steamship Authority dock, and salt marsh restoration in Falmouth. Powerpoints shown at the conference can be found online: <https://seagrant.whoi.edu/regional-topics/storms-erosion-flooding/mvncc/2024-mvcc/>

New MV Times Climate Connections Column: Launched in June 2023, a new monthly MV Times column called Climate Connections looks at what is being done on the Island to address climate change and highlight what everyone can do to help make a positive difference. Liz Durkee of the MVC became the new author in 2024.

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. 2024 included a return to Tribe-owned lands at Lobsterville. This monitoring takes place one a year, and the Wampanoag Tribe Natural Resources staff continues to assist with the meticulous data collection effort.

Energy

The MVC's Energy Planner works on the regional level to support the Island's transition away from fossil fuel use towards 100% electric from renewable sources and to help increase the Island's energy resilience to the impacts of climate change. Support for individual and small business to transition to all electric is available through no-cost coaching at Vineyard Power and the rebates and loans are available via the Cape Light Compact. To track the Island's progress, the MVC compiles data on island electrical and fossil fuel usage on an annual basis.

Getting to 100% Renewable Transition: An energy report was prepared to describe the Island's current energy picture and outline strategies that can help us address our impact on climate change and transition away from fossil fuel use. The report was prepared with support from the Town Energy Committees and Vineyard Power.

Electrical Supply: The MVC convenes periodic meetings with Eversource, with representation from each town, the County and Vineyard Power. Discussion focuses on strategies to increase and modernize our electrical infrastructure as demand for electricity rises. Eversource will be installing one new cable and one replacement cable by 2026, ensuring adequate power for our summer peak demand and the projected power needs through 2050. The new cables will also allow for the end of the use of five diesel generators and the Tisbury temporary generators.

Solar, Storage, Resilience: The generation of local power has greatly increased with solar arrays and a handful of small on-island wind turbines. The Island now has 22 megawatts (MW) of solar, generating 10% of the annual power needs. The goal is to expand solar capacity to 15% or 33 MW. The best spots for this are in already developed areas, like rooftops and parking lots. Increasing the amount of power that is generated on Island means less is imported, and with battery storage, increases the Island's resiliency by providing power during outages.

Microgrids are small, local electrical systems that can operate independently or in conjunction with a larger power grid. They can be for a single building, but are often set up to power a cluster of buildings using technologies that allow for isolation from the utility grid when needed. Both Aquinnah and Chilmark have designed microgrids for their town centers, and other towns are pursuing plans for microgrids at some of their town buildings. The MVC received a federal technical assistance grant and has been working with Sandia National Laboratories and the down-island water departments on strategies beyond generators to increase their resilience during prolonged power failures. Having adequate potable water can be a challenge for communities after extreme weather events.

Steamship Authority: The Energy Planner attends Steamship meetings to urge them to address their impact on climate change. The Steamship vessels are a significant contributor to the Island's greenhouse gas emissions. The vessels also emit particulate and other gases that are regulated by the EPA. The Steamship has prepared a strategic plan, which includes a commitment to laying out a path to meeting the State's required decarbonization goals by 2050. Such a plan will need to include strategies for greatly reducing emissions on existing vessels and the acquisition of new vessels that use alternative propulsion methods or fuels.

Electric Vehicles: As of July 2024, the Island has 28,419 registered vehicles: 465 are electric, 279 are plug-in hybrids, and 962 are hybrids, amounting to 6% of the total. All towns have some public charging stations. There are currently 33 ports of Level 2 charging available. Chilmark will be the first town to offer DC fast charging.

Solid Waste: A report was prepared outlining the Island's current solid waste picture and asking questions as to how to prepare for State mandates that require greater reduction of waste and mandatory composting for all.

GIS (Geographic Information System) Department

The MVC's mapping department continued to support primarily regional projects in 2024. Projects were either lead by the MVC or Town Departments working with their respective cohorts across the Island.

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, Grant Applications, Reports & Miscellaneous Town Request:

Vegetation Mapping: with the assistance of about a dozen local conservation groups and Thomson Environmental Consultants, the Vineyard's vegetation habitats were mapped per the NHESP Natural Communities classification scheme. Vegetation on MV was last mapped in circa 2000 by The Nature Conservancy and UMass Amherst. This update of vegetation communities is critical to habitat management and climate change resiliency planning.

Potential Aquaculture Sites within Tashmoo, Lagoon, and Sengekontacket Ponds were identified in collaboration with the MV Shellfish Group, the Great Pond Foundation and the Town's shellfish departments. The mapping exercise included delineating conflict/exclusion areas within each pond, performing an eelgrass survey, and reviewing these data points in combination with bathymetry data to identify areas for potential private aquaculture.

Wildlife Corridors: In-depth GIS analysis was performed to identify locations where movements from one habitat block to another are impeded.

Floodplain Bylaw Revisions: To assist every Town's Conservation Commissions and Planning Boards with developing revised Floodplain Bylaws to account for future climate impacts and sea level rise, the MVC provided a series of maps indicating inundation areas per the FEMA 100-year flood zone and MassDOT's Mass Coast Flood Risk Model for 2030 and 2050.

Trails & 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. These resources allow the public to appreciate this work and the beauty of the Island. Maintaining these datasets also benefits the Towns for completion of their Open Space Plans (required by the State) and planning of special ways, scenic ways, and expansion of the Island’s shared use path and signed bike routes.

Maps for MVC Documents: In 2024, version 15 of the DRI Checklist was adopted along with an updated Open Space Policy guideline map. These maps help communicate the various DRI trigger locations and preservation policy guidance to potential developers.

Transportation

The MVC performs transportation planning for the Vineyard, in association with the Towns, VTA, 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 (DRI), municipal Board of Selectmen, 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 Martha’s Vineyard Commission has the responsibility of preparing the Unified Planning Work Program. 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 **\$381,299** to the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2024 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, **\$942,596** in Federal funds were obligated for Martha's Vineyard. Several amendments were made to the FFY 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):

- ❖ **VTA Amendment 1:** Re-allocation of roughly \$156,335 of Statewide monies to FFY 2024 to the Vineyard Transit Authority (VTA) to cover the costs for an Independent Living Shopping Shuttle Service, an Island-Wide Older Adult Mobility Manager, and On Demand GoGoGrandparent Transportation.
- ❖ **Tisbury Drainage Improvements:** Removed Tisbury Drainage Improvements (#609459) from FFY 2024.
- ❖ **VTA Amendment 2:** Resulted in a net increase of \$160,000 to the VTA in FFY 2024 for facility and system modernization, replacement facilities, vehicle replacement and technical assistance.
- ❖ **VTA Amendment 3:** Resulted in a net increase of \$1,444,080 in 5311 funds to the VTA in FFY 2024 for operating assistance.

Martha's Vineyard Regional Transportation Plan 2024-2044: The MVC Joint Transportation Committee (JTC) adopted its Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) for 2024-2044, setting the stage for more targeted transportation planning in the years ahead. The RTP is updated every four years and includes detailed analysis of the transportation network, specific objectives and actions related to each transportation mode (ferry, bike, automobile, etc.) and proposed funding allocations over the next 20 years. Some highlights include discussion of the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic, and expanded sections on the environment, demographics, and the Steamship Authority. A PDF version of the plan is available on the MVC's website, and a limited number of paper copies are available at the MVC building.

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 Tisbury Master Plan, Climate Action Plan "The Vineyard Way," TIP Amendments, release of the UPWP, and permanent traffic counter locations are all activities that included heavy public participation. Online surveys were distributed for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Group. Articles and flyers in the newspaper on safe cycling, social media postings were all methods of getting information to include public participation.

Permanent Traffic Counters: A four-year retrospective, that included more recent seasonal trends, was compiled for each of our six automated traffic counters. Metrics included 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.

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.

Trails Planning: The Martha's Vineyard Land Bank continues to contract with the MVC to assist with trail planning across the Vineyard. A decade-long project assembling easements from multiple landowners and coordinating with three town boards culminated in the creation of a new trail linking the Edgartown School and recreation center to Clevelandtown Road. Agreements with the Tisbury and Oak Bluffs selectboards were created or expanded for the land bank to manage trails over specific ancient ways on behalf of the towns. Staff also work closely with open space committees on establishing new networks and connections.

Transportation Managers 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 [MS2 portal](#) on the MVC website. The MVC conducted a total of 44 automated traffic recorder counts in 2024. All 44 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 four 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 are currently evaluating the crash history as well as existing conditions to set up future meetings with all stakeholders. Staff work with the Oak Bluffs roads and byways committee identifying safety deficiencies in and around the network of crosswalks throughout the Seaview Avenue area. Staff are working with Chilmark on evaluating removable speed bumps on Basin Road.

Project Reviews/Developments of Regional Impact: The Transportation Program Manager provided traffic impact analysis and local technical assistance for the following project reviews/DRIs: Edgartown Boys & Girls Club, Pimpneymouse Farm Subdivision, Southern Tier Housing, Veteran's Housing 40B, Green Villa 40B, Edgartown Gardens 40B, Cohen Family Trust Subdivision, MV National Bank Restaurant, Flat Point Farm Subdivision, Tisbury Marine Terminal Viewing Platform, 4 State Road Redevelopment, Montessori School Expansion, Eddy Subdivision, New England Wind Connector, MV Shipyard Workshop, West Tisbury Inn, and Miller's Professionals. 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. An off-island shuttle service to eye doctors in Sandwich and Plymouth has resumed. Islanders receive scheduling preference on a select Tuesday each month, allowing them the chance to take advantage of this transportation. The reduced-cost service also accommodates an escort to assist patients post-procedure once they are discharged from the office.

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 2024, 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 were 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 2024, the MVC continued with the third and final chapter of the 208 plan, entitled ***Watershed Habitat Restoration: Meeting Our Nitrogen Reducing Goals***.

Water Testing: In 2024, MVC staff again collected water samples from Farm, Sengokontacket, Lagoon, Tashmoo, Edgartown Great, Chilmark, Tisbury Great, James, 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 Water Alliance continues to meet over zoom. The MVC Water Resource Planner is an active participant in the Martha's Vineyard Water Alliance, which meets monthly in the MVC building. Staff also attend and present at meetings of all Island Pond advisory committees, and staff presented their findings at pond association annual meetings.

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.

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.

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

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 legis-

lation, 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. This year, the Zoning with Overlay Districts workshop was held in January.

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 2024, 64 projects were reviewed in some manner by the MVC through the DRI process. 24 projects were referred as full DRIs and reviewed with public hearings; of those, 11 were approved with conditions, one was withdrawn before a decision was made, one was rescinded by the referring body before a public hearing was held, one is on hold at the request of the applicant, and ten remain under review at the end of the year. 15 projects were referred as Concurrence Reviews; of those, five were remanded back to their Towns without a DRI public hearing. Six were accepted as full DRIs, and of those, four were withdrawn and two remain under review at the end of the year. Three were reviewed as full DRIs at the request of the applicant, of those, one of which was approved with conditions, one is on hold, and one remains under review at the end of the year; one rescinded by the referring body before a public hearing was scheduled. 17 projects were referred as Modifications to previously approved DRIs; of those, five were determined to be minor modifications not requiring a public hearing and were approved, three were granted extensions, two modifications were reviewed as full DRIs with public hearings which were then approved with conditions, and two remain under review at the end of the year. One project was referred as a Discretionary Referral, which was accepted, and a public hearing will be scheduled in 2025. Seven projects were reviewed by the Land Use

Planning Committee (LUPC) for post-approval plans such as landscape and lighting plans. A total of 16 projects remain under review at the end of the year.

DRI Checklist Review: The Commissioners revised the Standards and Criteria for referral of project for possible review by the Commission, colloquially known as the DRI Checklist, in June. Approval from the State is required, after which time, an effective date will be set.

Flood Risk Area Policy: The MVC approved a new policy to assist Commissioners in the review of DRIs within flood risk areas. The policy is intended to prevent or minimize environmental, health, and property damage resulting from climate change impacts.

Districts of Critical Planning Concern

The Commission designates DCPCs to afford additional protection to sensitive areas, in support of special town regulations. In 2024, MVC staff provided responses to many queries from Town boards, attorneys, and property owners. In an otherwise quiet year for DCPCs, MVC staff assisted with the smooth functioning of the Districts in many ways.

ACTIVITIES FOR WEST TISBURY

Geographic Information System

The MVC prepared four maps with both static and online interactive versions for the Vision Sessions held by the Planning Board. This work also included a spatial analysis to see where future development could potentially occur.

Housing

The MVC researched and provided technical assistance to the Affordable Housing Committee and attended meetings upon request. The MVC also researched and provided technical assistance to the Planning Board on housing-related bylaws, and to the Short-Term Rental Subcommittee.

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.

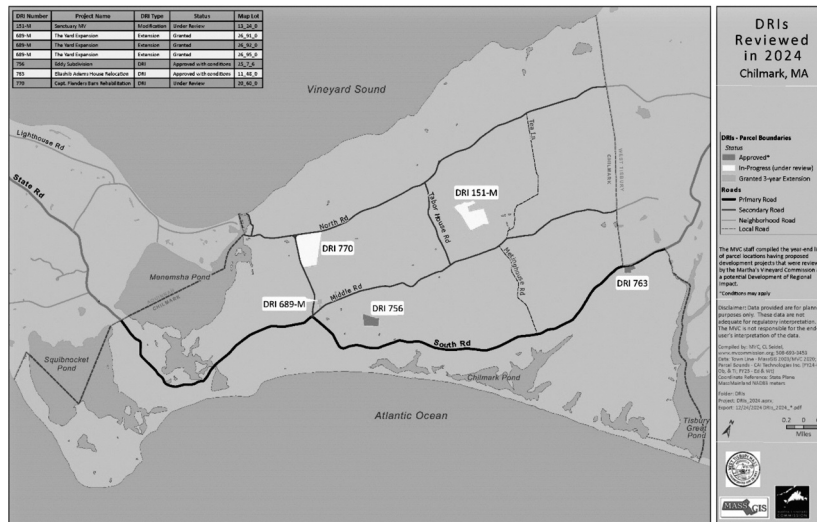
Community Assistance: The MVC Water Resource Planner serves when needed as a technical advisor to the Mill Brook Watershed Committee and the Tisbury Great Pond Riparian owners. In conjunction with Buzzards Bay Coalition and the James Pond Owners, a study of possible solutions for the inlet improvement was completed. Water samples were taken and processed for testing for source bacteria testing in Tisbury Great Pond and for eDNA identification in both Ponds. MVC staff continues work on the 208 equivalency plan for the Up-Island towns. In 2024, the MVC continued with the third and final chapter of the 208, entitled *Watershed Habitat Restoration: Meeting Our Nitrogen Reducing Goals*.

Developments of Regional Impact

Nine West Tisbury projects were reviewed by the MVC in 2024:

- ❖ **Stillpoint Meadows** (DRI 279-M) *Modification to a previous subdivision, including repurposing an existing barn for community and education uses, and acquisition of other lots in the subdivision by the Land Bank.* Post-approval plans were approved by the LUPC on July 1, 2024.
- ❖ **Red Arrow Road Housing Modifications** (DRI 462-M6) *To change a previously approved four-house subdivision: elimination of solar carport and sheds, change in dwelling footprints and design, and change of ownership for one unit.* Post-approval plans were approved by the LUPC on December 2, 2024.
- ❖ **Bangs Subdivision** (DRI 743) *Form C subdivision of approximately 26 acres into three 7.91-acre buildable lots and one 1.37-acre affordable homesite parcel.* This application was approved with conditions after two public hearings; the written decision was approved on August 8, 2024.
- ❖ **Flat Point Farm Subdivision Finalization** (DRI 34-M5) *Creation of four new buildable lots under a Form C application and lot line adjustments under a Form A application.* This application was approved with conditions after two hearings; the written decision was approved on August 8, 2024.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **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 remains under review at the end of the year, a public hearing has not been scheduled.
- ❖ **Island Gymnastics Housing** (DRI 422-M2) *Creation of a detached workforce housing unit and installation of a new septic system.* This application remains under review at the end of the year.

- ❖ **West Tisbury Inn (C.R. 2-2024)** *Expansion of rooms for rent from three to five at an inn.* This concurrence review was accepted by the MVC, and then subsequently withdrawn by the applicant.
- ❖ **Southwest Construction (C.R. 10-2024)** *Use of marine containers at a roadside property for the long-term storage needs of a construction company.* This concurrence review was accepted by the MVC, and then subsequently withdrawn by the applicant.



Respectfully submitted,

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2024 Commissioner Attendance

Commissioner	Town	Meetings Attended	
AGNOLI, Jeff	Edgartown	29	97%
BARNES, Trip	Tisbury	26	87%
BROWN, Christina*	Edgartown	4	33%
CONNELL, Peter	Governor - NV	0	0%
GROSSMAN, Jay	Chilmark	23	77%
HANCOCK, Fred	Oak Bluffs	29	97%
KIM, Michael	Governor - V	23	77%
MACKENTY, Michael*	Edgartown	8	80%
MALKIN, Joan	Chilmark	26	97%
MARTINO, Greg	Tisbury	27	90%
NEWMAN, Kathy	Aquinnah	24	80%
PUTNAM, Kate	Edgartown	27	90%
ROBINSON, Ben	Tisbury	30	100%
SEDERHOLM, Doug	West Tisbury	28	93%
SIBLEY, Linda	West Tisbury	27	90%
SMITH, Brian	Oak Bluffs	30	100%
THOMAS, Ernie	West Tisbury	30	100%
VANDAL, Carole	Aquinnah	11	37%
WHARTON, Peter	County	28	93%

*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:

The mission of the Martha’s Vineyard Cultural Council (MVCC) is to promote excellence, access, education, and diversity in the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences to improve the quality of life for all Island residents. Our grants may be modest, but their effects resound mightily through the Vineyard community.

Each year, the MVCC receives and evaluates grant applications for projects that help support our mission. Instructions, program guidelines, and application forms are available at massculturalcouncil.org. The MVCC gives priority to projects originating on the Island that benefit the year-round Island community.

In 2024 the MVCC held several meetings from May-December to streamline our processes, establish fundraising goals, and evaluate applications. For FY25, 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. Together, the total amount available for grants was \$60,052. This year the MVCC received 51 applications requesting a total of \$182,951.

As always, the members of the MVCC wish to thank longtime West Tisbury Town Accountant Bruce Stone, his successor Chelsea Joiner, and Town Treasurer/Collector Katherine Logue, who have processed the financial transactions of the Council since it became a regional entity in 2003. The Council hopes that West Tisbury will again contribute \$5000 in FY25 so that its members may carry on their work of supporting the arts on the Vineyard.

Respectfully submitted,

JP Hitesman, Chair

Project	Funding Given
2025 Harvest Festival	\$2,602
20th Annual Martha's Vineyard International Film Festival (MVIFF)	\$880
7th Annual Women In Film Festival (WIFF)	\$800
Abby Bender Schmantze Theatre	\$1,340
Annual Native American Artisans Festival	\$2,440
Artist in Residence Community Engagement Concert	\$400
Âs Nupumukâunean/We Still Dance developed by Aquinnah Wampanoag Tribal members & Danza Orgánica	\$2,601

Basic ASL Course Series (24 Lessons) w/MV's historic legacy tidbits	\$900
Beach Seine Science Days	\$750
Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) Elders Oral History Project of MVDC Education Committee	\$3,000
Built on Stilts	\$4,500
Camp Jabberwocky Across Martha's Vineyard	\$1,600
Email Newsletter Spotighting Arts Organizations + Events on MV	\$500
First Friday VH	\$3,000
Gold Over Water; Rivers Into Washing Machines	\$1,213
Hamilton at the Providence Performing Arts Center	\$625
Heritage Poetry Park	\$1,050
Indigenous Peoples Day Celebration	\$900
Instrumentalists for Island Community Chorus Concerts	\$1,500
Islanders Write	\$1,750
LGBTQ+ Pride in Oak Bluffs	\$2,500
Live from the Grange	\$1,500
Live Music Making History Live - "Popular Music and Veterans"	\$675
Martha's Vineyard Playhouse Winter Season 2024-25	\$750
Music for a Diverse Island	\$3,188
MV Signs Then & Now	\$919
Porchfest Edgartown	\$1,500
Sounds Like Summer: Music on the Lawn	\$2,060
Species in Focus: The Biodiversity of Martha's Vineyard in 4K	\$1,875
TBD Improv 2025 Season - paying our cast!	\$1,600
The 25th annual Martha's Vineyard Film Festival	\$3,500
The Kittie Knox Plays	\$1,250
The Vineyard's Drive-In at the YMCA	\$3,500
The Weather in Perspective Bilingual Podcast	\$750
Traditional Music for Memorial Day Picnic	\$188
Winter Concert and Community Sings	\$1,948



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REPORT OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD LAND BANK COMMISSION

4206 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

A prize for the most wicked title? When Henry Bradley died in 1889 he left six children, who ignored his 5.0-acre woodlot on the Red Coat Hill Path. 120 years hence, the forgotten woodlot became a priority for the Land Bank, as it abutted its **Ripley's Field Preserve** — but by that time his heirs' heirs had had heirs. And most were untraceable. Through dint of effort the Land Bank managed to secure a quid of the title, at a cost of \$15,805; in 2024 the probate court, acting on behalf of the unknown balance and via a designated commissioner, sold the remainder to the Land Bank for \$291,276.30.

The Land Bank purchased the Chilmark Associates Trust's 5.4-acre pond lot off the **East Pasture Road** for \$995,000. Because the trust had used it for years as riparian access, the property, now named the East Pasture Preserve, came to the Land Bank already pre-managed, requiring only the upgrading of existing infrastructure. A stream, carved into the slope, wigwags under multiple boardwalks as it drips down to the salt-marsh.

Pimpnmouse Farm was divided among its heirs, five of whom opted to sell their portions into conservation. Four of the five are the children of Edith Potter, who served the Land Bank until 2015 — on the Land Bank commission starting in 1990 but on its Edgartown town advisory board starting at inception in 1986. The conservation area was trisected: the Sheriff's Meadow Foundation (SMF), the Land Bank's private-sector counterpart, purchased 83.2 acres, while the Land Bank added 56.1 acres to its existing **Poucha Pond Reservation** and consolidated 30.7 acres into a new property called **Trentfield Farm**. A mile of Poucha Pond shoreline was conserved in the former and 17 acres of arable land, ready for leasing, were protected in the latter. The Land Bank paid \$8,000,000.

SMF's Packard Preserve, on the Wasque Road, rises forty feet off its Katama Bay beach, with a westerly orientation over the water. The Land Bank bolstered the preserve by purchasing two lots at its rear, comprising 6.9 acres. The sellers of each — the heirs of Vance and Virginia Packard for the southerly lot and the Vineyard Open Land Foundation for the northerly — had been in litigation and the conservation sale quelled the dispute. The pricing was attractive ... and then the Packard family took the extra measure of donating back \$150,000. The Land Bank's total outlay was \$1,100,000 and the acreage has been assimilated into its **Quamox Preserve**. The purchase, combined with an earlier and generous

gift of a trail easement from neighbor Harold Wilmerding, creates a 2.0-mile trail loop, which includes a stretch on the beach itself.

The town of Edgartown purchased the Land Bank's former office at **167 Main Street** in Edgartown center. The price, discounted by the Land Bank for the particular buyer, was \$1,550,000.

Land management

Ecological inventories and studies continued at many Land Bank properties: Aquinnah Headlands Preserve, Black Brook Preserve, Christiantown Woods Preserve, Cove Meadow Preserve, Eachpoquassit Hill Preserve, East Pasture Preserve, Edgartown Great Pond Beach, Gay Head Moraine, Great Rock Bight Preserve, Manaquayak Preserve, Ocean View Farm Preserve, Paint Mill Brook Preserve, Peaked Hill Reservation, Pecoy Point Preserve, Pennywise Preserve, Priester's Pond Preserve, Poucha Pond Reservation, Quenomica Preserve, Squibnocket Pond Reservation, Tashmoo Preserve, Tisbury Great Pond Beach, Tisbury Meadow Preserve, Trade Wind Fields Preserve, Trentfield Farm, Waskosim's Rock Reservation and Wilfrid's Pond Preserve.

Ponds figured prominently. Trails were installed or improved at Caleb's Pond (Caleb's Pond Preserve) and Menemsha Pond (East Pasture Preserve) ... but the premier pond event was the first-ever summertime access to the James Pond Preserve and its beach along Lamberts Cove.

Hundreds of pounds of scotch broom — glossy, florid, xenophonically invasive — were uprooted at the Three Ponds Reservation. On the opposite end of the island, an opposite clearing occurred: in order to create living space for the Vineyard-endemic cleft-leaved hawthorn, staff pared back encroaching vegetation. Vista management — to broaden scenic views — took place at the Farm Pond Preserve, Middle Ridge Preserve and Peaked Hill Reservation. Screening was supplied at James Pond and Christiantown Woods via cedars that were scooped out of the Little Duarte's Pond Preserve.

The war on rot continued. Staff replaced the entire Fulling Mill Brook Preserve boardwalk system, and likewise the Chilmark Pond Preserve beach-stairs. The old belvedere at the Gay Head Moraine was pulled down and new kayak racks replaced the originals at the Quammox Preserve.

At last, all of the permits necessary for public access to the Squibnocket Pond Reservation were obtained — from the commonwealth endangered species office and from the town planning board plan review committee and conservation commission. The first spade hit the ground in November. Staff installed the trail that connects the Christiantown Woods Preserve with the Vineyard Sound, via SMF's Cedar Tree Neck Sanctuary. If the Land Bank can someday succeed in connecting Christiantown and its Manaquayak Preserve a continuous trail will span from Vineyard Haven center to Cedar Tree Neck. Management plans were approved or updated for the Quenomica and Tashmoo Preserves.

The Land Bank tacked. Its goat herd, which served the institution well for nine years in keeping grassy its various wild fields, aged out and was sold at auction. Commissioners voted to swap goats for pineywoods cattle, who will strike the fields come spring 2025.

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

XIH

The 32nd annual XIH ranged 19.2 miles from the Hillman’s Point Preserve to the Chilmark Pond Preserve. Approximately 135 people participated in the cross-island trek. Some 99 started; 42 completed the entire hike. The route passed along 17 conservation properties and five named ancient ways.

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 2024 budgeted	fiscal year 2024 actual	fiscal year 2024 budgeted
	cash amount and percentage of total	cash amount and percentage of total	cash amount and percentage of total
revenues	\$13,000,000	\$14,110,292	\$13,000,000*
administrative expenses	(\$ 754,698) 6%	(\$ 684,990) 7%	(\$ 752,137) 6%
land management expenses	(\$ 2,771,535) 21%	(\$ 2,164,656) 15%	(\$ 3,120,099) 24%
debt service expenses	(\$ 8,190,837) 62%	(\$ 8,129,760) 58%	(\$ 8,390,487) 64%
reserve expenses	(\$ 50,000) 1%		(\$ 50,000) 0%
unencumbered new receipts	\$ 1,232,930 10%	\$ 3,130,887 22%	\$ 787,275 6%

As of December 1, 2024 the Land Bank treasury contained some \$12,100,000 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 36 transactions qualified for it in 2024. The 2025 threshold will likewise be \$900,000.

Gifts

The Land Bank gratefully accepted the following gifts: (1.) \$100 from Tammy Kallman, in memory of Wayne Kallman; (2.) \$50,000 from Carolyn and Randall Packard; (3.) \$50,000 from Cynthia and Harvey Richmond; and (4.) \$50,000 from Barbara Smith.

Transfer fee revenues

Fiscal Year 2024 transfer fee revenues were:

	transfer fee revenues received July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024	percent of total
Aquinnah Fund	\$ 144,331	1%
Chilmark Fund	\$ 713,369	5%
Edgartown Fund	\$ 2,623,800	19%
Oak Bluffs Fund	\$ 1,365,851	10%
Tisbury Fund	\$ 1,485,343	10%
West Tisbury Fund	\$ 722,452	5%
<i>Central fund</i>	<i>\$ 7,055,146</i>	<i>50%</i>
	\$14,110,292	100%

This represented a 14% decrease over the previous year.

Commissioners and staff

One of the original “mothers of the Land Bank,” Pamela Goff, representing Chilmark, decided after 13 terms not to run again; her leadership was long appreciated. And the Land Bank suffered another loss of leadership when its esteemed long-term counsel and advisor Ronald Rappaport died.

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.
EDGARTOWN, MA 02539
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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 SEMAS/ Covanta Waste to Energy Facility in Rochester Ma. With construction materials delivered to J.R.Vinagro in Johnston RI. Our recycling efforts also removed over 800 tons of single stream, 577 tons of various metals, over 200 batteries, 30 tons of tires, and 600 tons of leaves/brush, 949 Mattresses.

With new processing efforts, the District has reduced an average seven trailer loads of waste going off Island per month since July 2022.

Our food waste drop-off program has redirected over 60 tons (Down by 20 tons due to the program only ran $\frac{3}{4}$ of the year) collected from all four of the District town’s collections sites in 2023.

We are proud to announce that over 600 households participated in the District’s Hazardous Household Waste Collection program during 2024. After 35 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 *Covanta (SEMAS) 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*).

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

2025 Schedule

Each event hours are 9am – 12pm

May 18, 2024 July 20, 2024 Oct 19, 2024

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. MVSG believes that shellfish are essential to 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. In 2024, the fee was \$40,000 and all six Island towns were members of MVSG. To make up the other 40% of our annual budget, funding was received through contracts, grants or donations from both government agencies, private foundations and over 300 individual donors. Our annual spring fundraiser at the Chilmark Community Center—the Bivalve Ball—hosted 250 guests and raised \$25,800. 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.



Summer staff watching the spawning table in Solar Hatchery in Tisbury.

MVSG spawns local shellfish to produce seed for the town propagation programs and participate in fisheries research. In 2024 MVSG provided over 23 million quahogs, bay scallops and oysters to the six member towns at 1-3mm in size. West Tisbury lacks quahog and scallop habitat, and so receives only oyster seed. The remaining five towns receive quahog and scallop seed only. The town shellfish departments use nursery systems

to grow the tiny shellfish to a larger size and then plant in their respective shellfish habitat, each fall. Recreational and commercial harvesters benefit from annual shellfish stocking by fortifying natural resources and local food. For the first time in many years, MVSG produced an additional 1.5 million oyster seed for local farmers who were at the mercy of a regional seed shortage.

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 16 years. The addition of aged shell to the Great Ponds hardens the bottoms, providing a calcium-rich substrate that acts like an antacid against acidic mud, and provides a hard surface

for wild oyster larvae to cement to and grow. 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 2024, **11,167 gallons** of local 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 on the retail market.



Hatchery grown oysters cemented to a scallop shell.

Eelgrass restoration efforts, supported in part by the Vineyard Vision Fellowship, continue to grow. This year, more seeds were collected, site mapping continued and MVSG was tapped by the National Parks Service to cooperate with genetic sampling, and DMF to conduct a flowering shoot density survey. For the fourth year, eelgrass seedlings emerged in the unheated greenhouse at the Hughes Hatchery.

MVSG provided education and outreach through school visits, after-school clubs, programs and collaboration with local agencies. MVSG staff engaged **4,123 individuals** with the history, culture, and biology of shellfish on Martha's Vineyard. A highlight was including 30 volunteers in field and lab work by emphasizing place-based, hands-on learning and participatory science for all ages across 60 events, as well as a collaborative down-island talk series, and collaboration to utilize a NOAA eeBLUE grant to expand Aquaculture Literacy.



4H club learns about biodiversity & hatchery systems. 521 school children had lessons with MVSG in 2024.

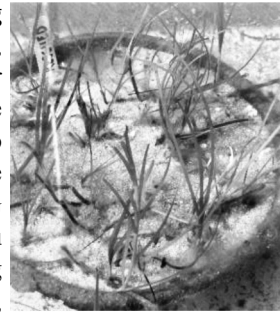
MVSG operates three distinct facilities, in collaboration with other entities, in order to fulfil our mission. This year, the Chappy Point Nursery on Chappaquiddick, a M.V. Land Bank property, received new siding and windows on the ocean-facing side, and the John T. Hughes Hatchery, a state-owned property received a new roof.



MVSG lost a great advocate when Virginia (Ginny) Jones passed away in November. Jones, a long-time member and chair of the West Tisbury Shellfish Committee, fought tirelessly for preservation of the

Vineyard’s rural character and environmental health, including the role of shellfish in both. MVSG was honored to have Ginny attend (and approve of) a pondside program in October, where West Tisbury’s propagation agent and the Chilmark Constable taught 15 attendees about the shared municipal oyster farm in Tisbury Great Pond.

In 2025, we look forward to continuing community programming and school visits, increasing the climate resiliency and capacity of our hatcheries, studying an emergent bay scallop parasite with Stony Brook University, and monitoring Dermo disease in the Great Ponds. 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 and join our mailing list and stay involved! Visit www.mvshellfishgroup.org, call (508) 693-0391 or email mvshellfishgroup@gmail.com.



Eelgrass in a pot in the hatchery, waiting to be planted in Lagoon Pond.

A Look at the Numbers from 2024

Shellfish Seed Produced and Distributed in 2024					
	Bay Scallops	Quahogs	Oysters remote set	Oyster singles	Surf Clams
Edg., Tis, OB, Aqu., Chilmark	11,100,000	11,500,000	-	-	-
West Tisbury ¹	-	-	5,000,000	720,000	-
Wampanoag NRD ²	95,000	50,000	-	-	-
Local growers ²	25,000	-	-	1,400,000	-
Stony Brook University ³	2,000	-	-	-	-
Chatham ²	-	500,000	-	-	-
Edg. Great Pond ³	-	-	2,000,000	5,000	-
SEMAC/NOAA ²	-	-	-	-	215,000
Total Seed	11,222,000	12,050,000	7,000,000	2,125,000	215,000
Univ. of RI ³	-	-	5,000,000 (larvae)		-
Eggs released	2,000,000	32,000,000	446,000,000	-	-
Larvae released	11,300,000	-	15,400,000	-	-
Provided under: 1 West Tisbury sole oyster share 2contract; 3grant funding					

A Look at the Numbers from 2024

(Continued)

Education & Outreach					
	School-based engagement	On-site engagement	All ages small groups	All ages large events	Total
Participants	521	252	1655	1720	4,148
Events	33	33	56	5	127
Shell Recovery Partnership					
	Hughes Hatchery	Restaurants	Events	Total	
Participants	1	13	3	17 locations	
Gallons	797	9,542	828	11,167 gallons	
Eelgrass Research and Propagation					
	Partners	Seeds planted	Shoots planted	Restoration area (Lagoon & Tashmoo)	
2023	7	2,000	800	10 m2	
2024	12	12,000	1,000	20 m2	

Respectfully submitted,



Emma Green-Beach
Executive Director and Biologist
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REPORT OF THE WEST TISBURY SHELLFISH AGENT AND SHELLFISH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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. A special acknowledgment goes to the Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group for their research on oyster mortality and for providing seed for propagation, the Martha's Vineyard Land Bank for accommodating the Town Shellfish Department's boat at Sepessia, the riparian landowners of the ponds, the volunteers of the Shell Project for their spring cultch work, and the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries for their water sampling efforts.

I am also pleased to announce that this is my first season as the West Tisbury Shellfish Propagation Agent. I want to express my gratitude to Will Reich, my predecessor, for his dedication and thorough work over the years, ensuring that the town boat and aquaculture gear are in excellent condition.

2024 was a positive year for the health of Tisbury Great Pond. Two significant winter storms naturally breached the pond, helping with flushing and circulation. Additionally, several manmade openings were successful, particularly in August when calm winds and seas allowed the pond to remain open for over a month. This was a marked improvement over 2023, a year that saw less favorable water quality, with improved visibility and a reduction in the presence of algae.



Remote set oyster cluster on shell.



2" to 3" single oysters
prior to release.

As a result of these improvements, oyster growth was strong, with minimal mortality. The most recent cultch has proven effective, providing a solid structure for oyster seed set. Boring sponge continues to affect many adult oysters, but overall, the propagation program was successful, releasing an estimated 230,000 oysters (2-3 inches) and another 400,000 remote-set oysters (½-1.5 inches), all generously supplied by the Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group. This was also a productive year for the soft-shell clam fishery, with four commercial fishermen regularly harvesting.

Sadly, the year ended with the passing of Ginny Jones, the long-time chair of the Shellfish Committee. Her unwavering dedication to the health of our ponds will be deeply missed. David Merry has now assumed the role of chair in 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

William Diamond, Shellfish Propagation Agent
Virginia C. Jones, Chair
Rick Karney
David Merry
John Hoy
Jason Gale
Bill Austin
Jessie Holtham
Gregory Orcut
Ray Gale, Shellfish Constable

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

Leadership

Tisbury	Elaine Miller, Chairman
Aquinnah	Kristina Hook
Chilmark	Leonard Jason
Edgartown	Mark Snider
Oak Bluffs	Robert Mackay
West Tisbury	June Manning
Rider Community Representative	Kim Leaird
Disabled Community Representative	Vacant
Administrator	Angela E. Gompert

Service Modification

Each fiscal year starts with the VTA’s busiest peak season months, goes through the Off-Season and ends with the very beginning of the next year’s In-Season. The VTA changes the timetable for each route seasonally. This comparison breaks down the service modifications by route across the seasons of the fiscal year, as compared to the previous fiscal year. Fiscal Year 2024 saw the VTA restore more service that had been eliminated during the pandemic as labor restrictions became less severe and travel demand continued to slowly rebound. Specific service modifications to the in-season are listed below.

The part of In-Season 2023 in FY 2024 operated approximately the same dates as in 2022. Specific service modifications for this period are listed below.

Route 1: Added early morning trip to connect Edgartown to 6 am Steamship Authority ferry trip out of Vineyard Haven. Shifted existing trip time earlier to 6:30 am to better connect to the 7 am ferry departure.

Route 2: Restored frequency to 90 minutes from 120 minutes (restored interline with Rt 10A).

Route 3: Restored evening trips to both shoulder and peak periods.

Route 4: Restored to hourly service, restored two full evening round trips.

Route 5: Restored evening service trips to daily peak and Fridays/Saturdays during shoulder.

Route 6: Restored evening service to shoulder service and extended peak service by one hour.

Route 7: Extended evening service by one round trip.

Route 8: No changes.

Route 9: No changes.

Route 10: No changes.

Route 10A: Restored 90 minute service (Route 10A did not operate Peak Season 2022).

Route 11: No changes.

Route 12: No changes (Evening Sunset Bus service only).

Route 13: In the peak season, mid-day headway mode frequency increased to 15 minutes (up from 20 minutes). Evening service extended by a half hour. Time period of headway mode extended to 9 am – 7 pm (from 10 am – 6 pm). In the shoulder season, some additional evening service was added.

Changes to Off-Season 2023 - 2024 as compared to Off-Season 2022 - 2023

The Off-Season 2022-2023 was broken into a “Fall” and a “Winter” period with different sets of timetables. The Off-Season 2023-2024 in Fiscal Year 2024 was simplified to one set of more consistent timetables, with only Sunday morning excluded trips during the Winter period months from January through March. The comparison below is broken into the two periods that were operated in the previous fiscal year. The changes were primarily trip timing changes and a few trip additions. The timing changes were implemented for better transfer timing between routes and to allow for more electric bus charging time at the two inductive charging stations located at Church Street in Edgartown and at West Tisbury Town Hall.

October – December 2023 as compared to October – December 2022

Route 1: No changes.

Routes 2, 3 & 4: Trip timing changes.

Route 5: Eliminated one early morning trip, trip timing changes.

Routes 6 & 7: Trip timing changes.

Route 8: Eliminated trips to allow time on Church Street for electric bus charging.

Route 9: Added one evening round trip, trip timing adjustments.

Route 10: No changes.

Route 10A: Trip timing changes.

Route 13: Added one early morning trip and added evening trips.

January – March 2024 as compared to January – March 2023

Route 1: No changes except for Sunday / Holiday early morning trip exclusions.

Route 2: Changed Route 2 and 3 interline, restored 90 minute service in both directions.

Route 3: Changed previous year interline, restored smooth headway hourly service.

Routes 4 & 5: Ended Route 4 and 5 interline, restored two hour service with six trips daily.

Route 6: Trip timing adjustments.

Route 7: Trip timing changes, added one evening trip.

Route 8: Added three trips (Route 8 did not run previous January – March).

Route 9: Adjusted trip timing, added two trips to afternoon / evening end of timetable.

Route 10: No changes.

Route 10A: Restored service (Route 10A did not run previous January – March).

Route 13: No changes except for Sunday / Holiday early morning trip exclusions.

Changes to In-Season 2024 as compared to In-Season 2023 (mid-May to late June)

The start of In-Season 2024 (at the end of FY 2024) featured plans to expand the headway service on the VTA's busiest route, Route 13, and to fine tune the operational dates for the end of the evening trips for many routes. The following comparison details the changes on a route by route basis. This period includes a brief spring shoulder season and the very beginning of the peak season service.

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: Added one trip 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.

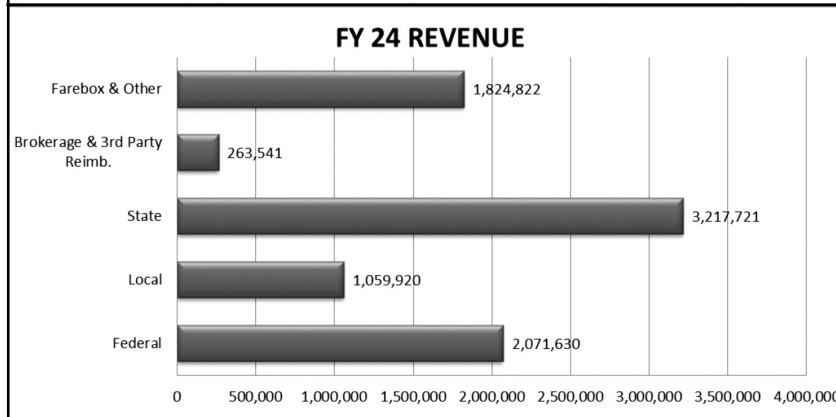
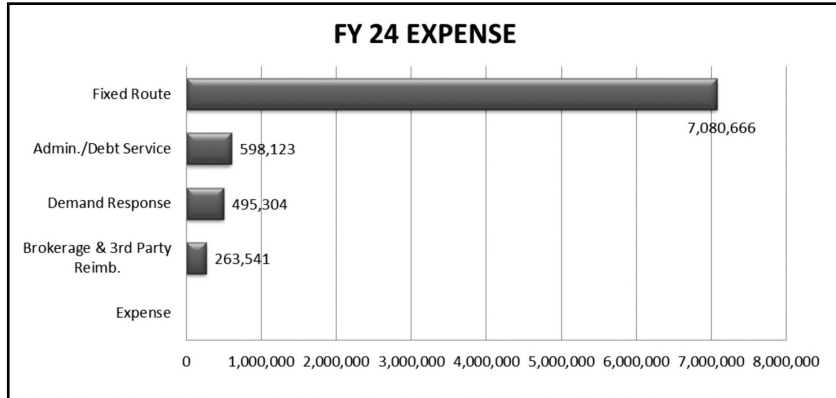
Route 10A: Restored one evening trip.

Route 11: No changes.

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

Route 13: For the spring shoulder, increased the headway mode frequency from every 20 minutes to every 15 minutes. For the peak season, extended the headway mode period from 9 am – 7 pm to 9 am – 9 pm.

Finances



Operational Facts & Figures
Fixed Route

Facts:	FY 24	FY 23
Annual Ridership	1,038,650	899,699
Annual Farebox-Revenue	\$1,747,795.87	\$1,502,838.68
Annual Cost of Operations	\$7,079,103	\$6,978,323
% of Fare Box Recovery of Operating Costs	25%	20%
Fleet Size	34	33

Fixed Route:		
Number of Fixed Routes	14	14
Annual Passenger Trips	1,038,650	899,699
Annual Revenue Hours	67,615	62,693
Annual Revenue Miles	1,094,578	997,479
Annual Vehicle Hours	71,626	66,755
Annual Vehicle Miles	1,159,511	1,056,651

Performance Measures:		
Operating Expense Per Passenger Trip	\$8.70	\$11.59
Operating Expense Per Revenue Hour	\$97.92	\$116.39
Operating Expense Per Revenue Mile	\$5.78	\$7.07
Passenger Trips Per Revenue Hour	11,132,117.82	12.72
Passenger Trips Per Revenue Mile	0.68	0.81
Required Subsidy Per Passenger Trip	\$7.33	\$10.27

Fare Information:		
Fixed Routes Fares:	\$2 / \$1.25 zone	\$2 / \$1.25 zone
	\$1 / \$0.75 zone	\$1 / \$0.75 zone
	\$1 / \$0.75 zone	\$1 / \$0.75 zone
	\$2 / \$1.25 zone	\$2 / \$1.25 zone
	Free	Free
	Reduced Fare	Reduced Fare

Operational Facts & Figures Continued
ADA – Demand Response

Facts:	FY 24	FY 23
Annual Ridership	10,157	10,266
Annual Farebox Revenue	\$16,700.75	\$15,314.00
Annual Cost of Operations	\$641,882	\$601,017
% of Fare Box Recovery of Operating Costs	2.60%	2.62%
Fleet Size	5	8

Demand Response Statistics:		
Annual Passenger Trips	10,157	10,266
Annual Revenue Hours	4,870	5,184
Annual Revenue Miles	73,088	74,089
Annual Vehicle Hours	5,411	5,760
Annual Vehicle Miles	77,699	82,321

Performance Measures:		
Operating Expense Per Passenger Trip	\$63.82	\$59.07
Operating Expense Per Revenue Hour	\$131.65	\$116.14
Operating Expense Per Revenue Mile	\$8.85	\$8.23
Passenger Trips Per Revenue Hour	2.09	1.99
Passenger Trips Per Revenue Mile	0.14	0.14
Required Subsidy Per Passenger Trip	\$62.15	\$57.54

Fare Information:

<u>Paratransit:</u>		
Elderly	\$2.00/town	\$2.00/town
Disabled & Veteran	\$2.00/town	\$2.00/town
Pass Program	N/A	N/A
Ticket Program	N/A	N/A

Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2024 and 2023

ASSETS	2024	2023
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 905,151	\$ 65,850
Receivable for operating assistance	\$ 2,424,105	\$ 2,442,324
Inventory	\$ 516,861	\$ 372,110
Prepaid expense	\$ 584,721	\$ 251,611
Prepaid fuel hedge	\$ 30,332	\$ -
Lease receivable		\$ 30,332
Total current assets	<u>\$ 4,461,170</u>	<u>\$ 3,162,227</u>
Restricted & Noncurrent Assets		
Restricted assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,835,911	\$ 319,454
Receivable for capital assistance	\$ 4,922,987	\$ 5,143,791
Total restricted assets	<u>\$ 7,758,898</u>	<u>\$ 5,463,245</u>
Receivable for operating assistance	\$ 516,654	\$ 558,904
Capital assets, net	\$ 33,288,343	\$ 27,841,623
Net OPEB asset	\$ 400,741	\$ 242,424
Lease receivable, less current portion	\$ 35,835	\$ 66,166
Right to use asset	\$ 121,995	\$ 182,993
Total restricted assets & noncurrent assets	<u>\$ 42,122,466</u>	<u>\$ 34,355,355</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 46,583,636</u>	<u>\$ 37,517,582</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources		
Deferred outflows of resources related to pension	\$ 145,628	\$ 265,887
Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB	\$ 158,533	\$ 165,898
Total assets & deferred outflows of resources	<u>\$ 46,887,797</u>	<u>\$ 37,949,367</u>
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued expense	\$ 305,113	\$ 910,161
Lease liability	\$ 80,232	\$ 77,352
Total current liabilities	<u>\$ 385,345</u>	<u>\$ 987,513</u>
Restricted and noncurrent liabilities		
Liabilities payable from restricted assets		
Accounts payable and accrued expense	\$ 7,434,399	\$ 3,299,449
Total liabilities payable from restricted assets	<u>\$ 7,434,399</u>	<u>\$ 3,299,449</u>
Lease liability, less current portion	\$ -	\$ 80,232
Net pension liability	\$ 352,751	\$ 456,041
Revenue Anticipation Notes	\$ 2,750,000	\$ 2,767,676
Total restricted and noncurrent liabilities	<u>\$ 10,537,150</u>	<u>\$ 6,603,398</u>
Total liabilities	<u>\$ 10,922,495</u>	<u>\$ 7,590,911</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources		
Deferred inflows of resources related to pension	\$ 49,071	\$ 50,050
Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB	\$ 97,169	\$ 93,160
Deferred inflows of resources related to leases	\$ 61,004	\$ 91,507
	<u>\$ 207,244</u>	<u>\$ 234,717</u>
Total liabilities & deferred inflows of resources	<u>\$ 11,129,739.00</u>	<u>\$ 7,825,628.00</u>
NET POSITION		
Invested in capital assets	\$ 33,288,343.00	\$ 27,841,623.00
Restricted	\$ 324,499.00	\$ 2,163,796.00
Other current assets	\$ 2,145,216.00	\$ 118,320.00
Total net position	<u>\$ 35,758,058.00</u>	<u>\$ 30,123,739.00</u>

Operational Facts and Figures

ADA - Demand Responses

Facts:

	FY23	FY22
Annual Ridership	10,266	7,976
Annual Farebox Revenue	\$15,314	\$120,669
Annual Cost of Operations	\$601,017	\$576,205
% of Fare Box Recovery of Operating Costs	2.62%	21.09%
Fleet Size	8	8

Demand Response Statistics:

Annual Passenger Trips	10,266	7,976
Annual Revenue Hours	5,184	4,802
Annual Revenue Miles	74,089	68,800
Annual Vehicle Hours	5,760	5,336
Annual Vehicle Miles	82,321	76,444

Performance measures:

Operating Expense Per Passenger Trip	\$59.07	\$74.49
Operating Expense Per Revenue Hour	\$116.14	\$120.99
Operating Expense Per Revenue Mile	\$8.23	\$8.56
Passenger Trips Per Revenue Hour	\$1.99	1.67
Passenger Trips Per Revenue Mile	\$0.14	0.12
Required Subsidy Per Passenger Trip	\$57.54	\$59.15

Fare Information:

Paratransit:

Elderly	\$2.00/town	\$2.00/town
Disabled & Veteran	\$2.00/town	\$2.00/town
Pass Program	N/A	N/A
Ticket Program	N/A	N/A

REPORT OF THE MILL BROOK WATERSHED MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Dear fellow townspeople,

In 2024, working with our consultant Neal Price, senior hydrogeologist and associate principal at environmental firm Horsley Witten, we completed collating and assembling all of our data for the last 4 years into a comprehensive report. At a presentation to the Select Board in early December, we shared findings on all of our work to date, which was enthusiastically received. This presentation, as well as entomologist Greg Whitmore's report on our macroinvertebrate sampling and Neal's final report are all available on the town's website:

<https://www.westtisbury-ma.gov/mill-brook-watershed-management-committee>

Neal and Greg's extensive experience and wisdom proved invaluable to our work.

Following our presentation to the Select Board, all agreed that our Committee would undertake similar baseline work in the Tiasquam River, the other main surface water input to Tisbury Great Pond, in 2025. With the Select Board's support, we asked the community preservation committee (CPC) to recommend that 2025 annual town meeting voters approve allocating our remaining community preservation funds for this work. Both Mill Brook and the Tiasquam are located within the larger Tisbury Great Pond (TGP) watershed. TGP is a vitally important resource for the Town. Understanding what both streams and their sub watersheds contribute to the greater TGP watershed is crucial to formulating suitable management of this nitrogen impaired resource. Remaining funds will be used to undertake a macroinvertebrate sampling project (with Greg Whitmore), and to refurbish data loggers and update software to deploy these loggers in the Tiasquam. CPC has unanimously approved this request, and we hope that you will affirm their vote this April. In addition, we have submitted a warrant article request in the amount of \$16,000 to complete lab analyses of collected water samples to assess nutrient inputs.

Data loggers continue to record water temperature and stream water level in Mill Brook, and we continue to collect field measurements of water chemistry and stream flow. Thanks to David Bouck's amazing technical abilities, we have been able to refurbish the continuous dissolved oxygen data logger on loan from Sheriff's Meadow Foundation. This will again be deployed in Mill Pond this coming summer. Our committee is assisting US Geological Survey staff to establish continuous stream flow stations on Mill Brook, Tiasquam River, and Blackwater Brook.

Ours is a complete volunteer committee including administrative duties. To date, we have spent at least 45 days in the field (nearly 340 hours), 80 hours of data management, and over 300 hours of meetings. It is not just a matter of members showing up, but the membership comprises an impressive slate of talent, keen interest, and pertinent experience. Everyone brings something valuable to the table.

After further discussion and collaboration with the selectboard to prioritize goals and actions in the Mill Brook watershed, we will hold a public information meeting this spring. We welcome your interest and input.

Our thanks to everyone who has supported our work, by granting property access, loans of equipment and expertise. We couldn't do it 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 gradually been restoring our programming since the pandemic. After a three-year layoff, we held our annual Family Skate at the MV Arena the first Saturday in March. We provide hot chocolate and drinks and ask the community to bring a snack to share. It was hugely successful, with over 120 new and experienced skaters in attendance!

With the assistance of CPC funds, we installed a rope handrail on the path at Lambert's Cove Beach. We have had dozens of requests over recent years for some assistance on the path as the slope continues to be extremely steep and difficult to navigate. With continued conservation restrictions, we are unable to use mechanical means to lower the slope of the path, therefore before the handrail was installed, we hired laborers to hand shovel the dune. We have continued challenges in securing lifeguards for Lambert's Cove Beach. This year in conjunction with the YMCA, we provided a lifeguard training course for individuals to work at LCB. We had 5 people complete the course and worked the beach for the month of August. As Lambert's Cove continues to be one of the most popular beaches on island, our parking lot staff did an amazing job. The beach wheel chair remains in constant use during summer months and beyond. Our staff is always helpful to support those in need of the wheelchair. Summer revenue exceeded just over \$100,000. We ask the community and guests to respect the carry in carry out policy at the beach. The Town Picnic was held in early June at the Grange Hall grounds for the first time. We had horse carriage rides, games and a town fire truck for exploring. Unfortunately, due to many other island events and extremely hot weather, there was a very low turnout. We hope for higher attendance in the future.

The annual Halloween Party continues to draw crowds. The highlight of the party is the spooky hayride through the cemetery. A special thanks to Louis DeGeofroy for organizing the decorations in the cemetery. We would like to thank the ghouls and Freddie Fisher and crew for making this Halloween tradition a big success.

This was the second year Holiday Party was hosted at the Grange Hall by the Park and Recreation Committee. Even with heavy rain, the party drew approximately 100 community members to share delicious homemade fare. We would like to thank Middletown Nursery for the table decorations and greenery!

This year we introduced toddler gymnastics to the Saturday Rec program. We offered two mini sessions at the West Tisbury School which were very

popular. The Saturday sports had a slow start but eventually approximately a dozen kids enjoyed the activity. Due to lack of instructors there was no Chess Club and art/theater program.

We continue maintenance on the ballfields, basketball and tennis courts. We are in the process, with the help of CPC funds to renovate the basketball and tennis courts in the next year.

The Parks and Recreation Committee would like to say farewell and thank you to Lisa Amols for her years of service and welcome new member, Barbara (Sundy) Smith.

We look forward to 2025, in which we can offer a full range of quality programs for the community.

Respectfully submitted,

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 met on Zoom during calendar year 2024.

This report starts out on a sad note. We lost Janice Haynes, who served as the employee representative to the Board, and Board Member Hunter Moorman this year. Both are sadly missed.

Board Member Brian Smith, who moved to Oak Bluffs, resigned from the out of town board member seat to allow Samantha Hollinger, employee representative who lives out of West Tisbury. Samantha is the Executive Assistant to the Police Chief. Thank you to Brian for serving on the Personnel board for 12 years

Staff Changes

New to the financial management team:

Chelsea Joiner has replaced Bruce Stone as Finance Director/ Town Accountant.

Jade Bennett, the Assist Treasurer /Tax Collector has replaced Joan Chavez, who was with the Town for three years.

Monica Burke has been hired to replace Treasurer/ Tax Collector, Kathy Logue who has served the Town since 2003.

In the Assessing Department, Shawn Ramatour was hired to help that department with the increased paperwork load generated by the Residential Tax Exemption. Once it was realized that Shawn had an Information Technology (IT) background, he transferred to the Select Board to take over the IT duties previously handled by Bruce Stone and Kathy Logue. Shawn has also taken over the duties of Administrative Assistant to the Select Board and the Finance Committee. That previously performed by Janice Haynes.

Maria McFarland, who has served as the Board Administrator to this board since 2001, is stepping down from this position, but continuing as the Conservation Commission Board Administrator.

At the Library, long time staffers, Maureen Hall and Ginger Norton both retired. New circulation assistants, who used to fill in as needed are Edie Davis, Casey Mazar-Kelly, and Lydia Fischer.

Police Department: Connor Bettencourt and Daniel Durawa both resigned.

The Council on Aging also had some changes. Bethany Hammond was promoted to the position of Director of the Up- Island Council on Aging. Susan Merrill was promoted to Assistant Director. Ann Raymond was hired to fill Susan's place as the Outreach Coordinator. Charlie Cotnoir long time custodian, retired.

Welcome to all our new employees and best wishes to those folks who have retired or changed jobs.

Town Meeting approved the Personnel Board's FY2025 recommendation of a 4.8 % wage adjustment for all Town employees.

Part of the Personnel Board's mission as outlined in the Personnel Bylaw is the administration of the classification and compensation plans for the town. The classification plan which is required to be reviewed and updated every five years, seeks to establish and provide a uniform system of classifying all positions to establish proper relations between positions based on the level of responsibility assumed and the minimum qualification required to perform the job so that the same schedule of compensation may be applied to each class, ensuring equal pay for equal work. The personnel board feels that the current classification plan is up to date and is not seeking a five-year review.

In addition to employee's 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
Samantha Hollinger, Employee Representative
Larry Schilmeister

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

2024 has presented a great deal for the Planning Board to balance. Though much of the work was challenging, the discussions have resulted in some positive and beneficial outcomes. 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. 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.

First, and with a woeful sense of loss, we had to say goodbye to our longest standing board member, Ginny Jones. We worked alongside Ginny for many years; her knowledge and recollection of the history of the town was invaluable to all of us. She was a wealth of information, disbursing it just about every time she spoke. She brought knowledge to the table and expressed her feelings frankly about any proposed plan that could create a benefit or a detriment to the town, the neighboring property or the natural quality of the property. She stood firm when it came to defending the zoning bylaws, and she was clear when voicing her opinion. As an elected board member, she strived to defend and respect the written rule. Three of her strongest concerns were to protect the Island's single source aquifer, support our island farmers and defend and preserve our great ponds and waterways. When she said it, she meant it, and we are better off for having gained the expertise she provided us. For having had her as our mentor and teammate we are truly grateful.

In 2024, the Planning Board reviewed 19 special permit applications, 10 site plan review applications and four Form A applications, along with numerous informal discussions, joint meetings with other boards and committees, and discussions with members of the public. Some reviews were challenging and were continued several times due to the need to seek further information, or time consuming due to continued litigation. A few were simple and straightforward: requests for a second curb cut or a relocation of the current access to the property. One request was for a blueberry farm on a large lot along Old County Road, and two applications from Island Housing Trust were for affordable housing developments: a duplex on Old County Road and a senior housing complex on Lambert's Cove Road. This complex has been approved by the board but is under re-examination for technical modifications. We reviewed three applications under the Building House Size bylaw, two of which were withdrawn. We also reviewed two substantial subdivision applications on prominent land that

has been family owned for generations. Both passed the board unanimously with several conditions and lengthy reviews by the Martha's Vineyard Commission.

We reviewed a typical number of curb cut installation/relocation applications and address assignment requests as well as studio plans. Requests for tree removal within our Scenic Roads District have appeared before the board this year, one at the entrance to Alley's General Store parking lot and the other for the illegal removal of a large tree along a special way. The board was surprised and disappointed that the tree removal occurred without a review from the board. We are currently working to remedy the violation.

Perhaps the biggest task of the year was the Visioning Event held in April at the West Tisbury School. At the request of the Select Board, Leah Smith, Ginny Jones and Jane Rossi developed a committee to focus on the town's needs by gathering a group of town residents to prepare for the 2-day event. The event was a huge success, thanks to our highly professional leader, Delia Clark, and an amazing group of town residents who tirelessly dedicated the time to make the two-day event an enjoyable and educational place for collaboration. The school cafeteria was filled with 140 eager residents, striving to tackle ways to keep the town productive and forward moving while striving to maintain the town's unique character. Improvements to town government communication, preservation of town character, shared use paths and protection of our water ways were major topics of discussion, along with some needed zoning changes to the zoning bylaw Use Table to provide adequate regulations for specific permitting requirements. The event was enjoyable, educational, productive and enlightening, and the food was delicious. The event has produced some valuable tools for the town's updating of the Master Plan. Several working groups that developed from the event have continued to meet and focus on improvements to our ponds and waterways, town communication, road safety improvements, meeting the needs of the Village and Business Districts, and a deeper analysis of zoning.

The Complete Streets Committee continues to study and edit the plan for shared use path connectors on Old County Road. They meet regularly to go over the plan and discern any locations that may require permission from abutters for an easement to place the shared use path along the roadway. They have recently discovered that the Town of West Tisbury owns an easement along the road at the Nat's Farm field, and the committee is strategizing on what material would be best suited for that location. It should be pervious, yet sturdy enough to support horse hoof travel as well as recreational tires, or the existing path could be widened to 10 feet and left in its natural condition. One major obstacle is the lack of a safe location to place a crosswalk at the intersection of Old County Road and Scotchman's lane. There simply isn't a location that would provide a safe way for pedestrians to cross the road. The committee continues to work with the engineers on this matter. The committee includes Rachel Baumrin, Sara Rosenthal, Greg Pachico, Andrew Lester, Abigail Bailey and Josh Saltmarsh. We are so very grateful for the hard work and commitment provided by Dan Doyle from the MVC. 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 traveled ways. We are pleased to have him involved.

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 Kathy Logue and her Administrative Assistant Jade Bennet, Affordable Housing Assistant, Wanda Higgins. Principal Assessor Mac Anderson and Administrator Mary Jane Nevin, 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, Police Chief Matt Mincone 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 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
Heikki Soikkeli
Matthew Merry
Amy Upton
John Rau
Jane Rossi, Administrator

REPORT OF THE WEST TISBURY POLICE DEPARTMENT



(Pictured above receiving the MPAC Accreditation Award)
Officer of the Year
Detective Nikolaj Wojtkiello

On behalf of the West Tisbury Police Department, I am proud to present the 2024 Police Department Annual Report. We continue to be dedicated to serving the community at the highest possible level while maintaining our own community based culture. Included in this report are some of the department's statistics for 2024, as well as a closer look at our agency structure. Ultimately I can state without reservation that the safety of all our citizens and guests remains our priority. The department will continue forward with our mission to enhance the quality of life of our citizens by providing a foundation for community partnerships, enforcing the law fairly and impartially with integrity and professionalism, while maintaining compassion for the diversity of needs of our residents and visitors.

Our staff consists of Lt. Matthew Gebo, Sgt. Bradley Cortez, Sgt. Jeremy Rogers, Detective Nikolaj Wojtkiello, Officer Mark Nickowal, Officer Brad Fielder, Officer Noah Stobie, and Executive Assistant Samantha Smith. We've added community service officers to assist with the demand for traffic related details, Jeffrey Stone, Nathan Vieira, Sherman Bowlin, and Heidi Pachico.

Our department is committed to being accessible and welcoming. We encourage visits to the station, and if we are out on patrol, you can reach an officer by ringing our video doorbell. 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 or unusual situations, contact the Dukes County Dispatch Center at 508-693-1212. For non-emergency inquiries or issues, you may reach the station at 508-693-0020.

Dispatch Incidents By Type & Month

Type	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Total
ACCIDENTS (All)	1	5	5	9	9	14	15	15	6	8	3	4	94
ALARMS	30	17	28	22	19	28	28	37	31	19	25	26	310
DOMESTIC RELATED	3	3	4	3	2	6	5	6	3	3	4	4	46
EMERGENCY MEDICAL	24	19	22	18	12	21	20	21	22	14	9	10	212
FRAUD ACTIVITY	1	3	2	3	4	2	2	4	1	2	3	3	30
TRAFFIC (Related)	42	52	49	129	100	133	116	111	56	33	34	42	897
WELFARE/MENTAL													
HEALTH CHECKS	8	4	9	9	16	18	11	30	12	6	11	10	144
911 Calls (related)	10	8	5	6	17	15	21	20	17	17	12	11	159
Arrest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17
Summons	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	76
Protective Custody	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7

Respectfully submitted,



Matthew L. Mincone
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 2024 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 invested in our schools, whether through direct involvement or support, becomes a steward of our children's education. In this way, we build a culture in which a genuine, positive, and caring regard for all children permeates our community.

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 a steward of MVYPS for 23 years, and in my third year as superintendent, I am keenly aware of the privilege and honor it is to serve in this role. I am grateful for the trust you have placed in me, and I embrace the responsibility to uphold the values that guide our work together.

This past fall, we celebrated the opening of the beautifully renovated Tisbury Elementary School. The building is more than just bricks and mortar; it is a testament to the community's collective commitment to education and the future of the children. I want to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to all those who made the Tisbury School a reality. Not only the school staff, town leaders, architects, and builders, but all town folks who contributed in so many ways, that may have otherwise have gone unnoticed. The new building will be a space where minds will be nurtured, friendships will flourish, and futures will be shaped.

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

In 2024, 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 in the high

school, and assistant principal Debbie DeBettencourt and interim principal, John Stevens in the Edgartown School. Centrally, Dr. Megan Farrell is serving as our interim assistant superintendent. The culture and climate in our schools remain strong as a result. In 2025, we will look to restructure our central office to better address our growing needs.

In the context of the high school building project, 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 firmly engaged in the comprehensive building project feasibility study. The remaining modules of the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) Process will follow the Feasibility Study phase. These modules of the project are as follows:

- Module 4 – Schematic Design
- Module 5 – Project Scope and Budget and Project Funding Agreements
- Module 6 – Design Development, Construction Documentation, and Bidding
- Module 7 – Construction Administration
- Module 8 – Project Closeout

Additionally, I wish to acknowledge and thank key municipal representatives, school committee members, union leaders, and school administrators as we engage in collective bargaining 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 is much work that will continue throughout this school year to reach contract agreements with these vital departments of MVYPS.

I would also like to express my gratitude to our town board of health agents, school physician, and school nurses for their continued work to ensure for the safety of our children and fidelity of the learning environment.

Our work in MVYPS will always reflect the best interest of all students. Our schools continue to enact measures to recapture children's learning and strengthen their physical and social-emotional welfare. We have moved forward with Co-teaching to provide alternative instructional methods to better support our children. We continue to train staff in the collaborative problem-solving model, Think:Kids to support our students to better address the behaviors that challenge their learning.

This past year, MVYPS strengthened our culture of feedback from staff, students, and parents to inform and organize strategies and programmatic interventions to guide our schools. The feedback highlighted and summarized strengths and opportunities within our schools and overall system.

Our efforts to gather feedback will increase family and community engagement and inform practices with families through the services provided from our schools, as well informing practices with students and staff regarding the climate in our schools. Feedback will continue to be gathered and coded through the EDSCLS (Ed.Gov School Climate Survey), VOCAL (Voices of

Climate and Learning), and SELIS (Social Emotional Learning Indicator System) surveys.

Lastly, MVYPS is working to increase our focus on standards-based learning to more effectively support our students' achievement through direct collaboration with each MVYPS school administration in the composition and implementation of intervention plans. Multiple common assessments such as the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) will inform student growth and achievement. In 2024, MVYPS made significant improvement in our MCAS accountability scores. The Chilmark School exceeded its improvement targets, our four K-8 schools made substantial progress towards their improvement targets, and our high school made moderate progress. This was a significant improvement over the prior year's accountability reports with some schools improving two accountability categories from 2023 to 2024.

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 has the opportunity to 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, more inclusive, and more supportive of the next generation of leaders, thinkers, and compassionate Island members. I look forward to continuing our work together to create a nurturing and enriching environment for all of our students. Thank you again for your tremendous support.

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:

We are excited to share an update about Martha's Vineyard Regional High School's programming and accomplishments this year. Our core mission is to safely guide our students through adolescence into adulthood with the skills, knowledge and dispositions that will make them successful in college, career and as island community members. We are unique in that we are a comprehensive high school, which means we offer a wide range of college prep and advanced coursework AND a wide range of state approved career and technical education (CTE) programs. We have advanced both tracks this year, adding several Advanced Placement (AP) courses, added dual enrollment college credit opportunities for juniors and seniors and increased the number of CTE students we have placed in work-based learning.

This year, we also hosted our accrediting body, the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) for our Collaborative Conference, a robust self evaluation to set up our evaluative visit in two years. We had a great visit with the NEASC team, and the self reflection process was a really validating and positive experience for the school staff. We were able to highlight important work that we are proud of, and hone in on areas of focus.

Finally, this year, our school took a significant step in creating a positive and focused school culture by implementing "Away for the Day," which means that student cell phones are away for the entirety of the school day. By balancing this expectation with increased freedoms for seniors—including open campus and flex free Thursdays and Fridays—we are creating an atmosphere where students can thrive by developing independence and health habits.

Art, Design & Technology

The department expanded with four new courses and hosted innovative events like the first student fashion show. Students excelled in local and national competitions, winning 24 Scholastic Art Awards, including three Gold Keys. Partnerships included the MV Museum, Vineyard Conservation Society, and the "Art Class" newspaper supplement. Highlights also included field trips, Portfolio Day in Boston, and the SEABREEZES magazine's Superior award from NCTE.

Athletics

This year saw four teams winning league championships, boys basketball, boys tennis, and football. Boys swimming won its first ever league champi-

onship and put a banner on the wall in the gym. Many programs saw postseason play: boys basketball, boys hockey, girls hockey, girls lacrosse, boys lacrosse, boys tennis, and girls tennis. In track and field, Camille Brand qualified for Nationals. We saw the addition of several new head coaches joining our coaching ranks: Lauren Pineau, girls lacrosse; Kaitlyn Benoit, field hockey; Mallory Watts, girls hockey; and Mary Korba, girls basketball. This past year we had two teams play their Nantucket rivals in two of the most prestigious arenas in sports. The boys basketball team traveled to the Boston Garden, while the football team played the Island Cup game in Fenway Park as part of their High School Rivalry series. Although neither team was able to beat the Whalers, the experience of playing in these hallowed halls is an experience no one will ever forget. During the past year the athletic department has instituted the use of SAFESPORT and sportsYou. SAFESPORT program for all coaches to insure the safety of our athletes and sportsYou is a communication tool that all programs are now using to better communicate with athletes and their parents.

Career & Technical Education

This year we wish Fran Finnegan, who retired from the CTE office, well. Susana Crowell will assist with our new student scheduling software. CTE programs saw exciting developments, including new equipment funded by grants and student projects like “friendship benches” for elementary schools. Culinary students engaged with the community, and horticulture students prepared for the annual plant sale. A new Early Childhood Education & Care program is in development.

Driver’s Education

The On The Road program, supported by grant funding, enables students to complete all driving requirements at MVRHS. Approximately 60 students participate in classroom instruction each semester, learning RMV-approved curriculum and vehicle ownership responsibilities.

English Department

The department offers a rigorous curriculum that enhances students' reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills, with many outperforming state and national exam averages. In the national Poetry Out Loud competition, a student advanced to the regional finals. Student publications received state and national honors, with Seabreezes earning a "Superior" designation and The High School View winning top awards. Several faculty members participated in professional development, including the Bread Loaf Winter Institute and Bard College. We also welcomed three new teachers: Dale Burcalow, Holly Rendle, and Haley Hewson.

ELL Department

At the close of the 2023-2024 school year, the department rebranded from ESL to ELL to better reflect the diversity of our students, many of whom speak multiple languages before arriving at MVRHS. In May, ELL, Special Education, and Biology teachers presented at the MATSOL conference, sharing their experiences with co-planning and co-teaching in Biology to support the needs of ELL, special education, and general education students. This collaboration, supported

by district professional development and team coaching, focused on differentiated instruction for multilingual learners. In August, the ELL team attended a three-day Professional Development session with the Center for Applied Linguistics, which provided practical strategies for creating an inclusive and supportive learning environment. After 12 years as department chair, Dianne Norton stepped down to focus on instruction. Jane McGroarty Sampaio, a long-time World Language teacher, is now the ELL Department Chair.

Guidance Department

The guidance team, working closely with teachers and administration, provides both academic and emotional support to keep students engaged. They continue to implement a comprehensive transition program for incoming 9th graders and develop individualized post-secondary plans. The guidance department has focused on supporting the island's growing ELL population and addressing chronic absenteeism to ensure students remain connected to their education. Each student meets with counselors to explore personality profiles, career paths, and college options. The Class of 2024 graduated 157 students, with 73% continuing to two- or four-year colleges. Nearly 30% of graduates have chosen alternative pathways, including work or further professional development. The guidance team has strengthened its partnership with ACE MV and Cape Cod Community College, offering students exposure to various career pathway programs. This year's Class Night celebrated the MVRHS scholarship program, which raised \$1.1 million in scholarships, grants, and awards for 1,114 students.

History

The History department has worked closely this year to implement a pilot program for the 2024/2025 school year. This program allows 9th grade students to take Global Studies within Honors credit within the heterogeneous grouped class. Throughout the year, the department will review student and teacher feedback and data to determine the viability of implementing this choice at the 10th and 11th grade levels as well. The department has introduced a new AP Psychology 12th grade elective course which has been in high demand this year. As part of our goals, we are collaborating on training in the Harkness model in an attempt to grow and strengthen students' communication and discussion skills. The Civics classes were invited by producers of the documentary "Banned Together" as the first group of students to pre-screen the movie and provide feedback. The History department is reestablishing a second round of interviews in collaboration with the MVDC BIPOC Oral History project; we will be interviewing Dr. Jessica B. Harris and Barbara Phillips.

Library

The Library supported the school community through lending, collection management, and instruction. The school librarian co-teaches the Capstone course for juniors and seniors and offers a mini-course for 9th graders, focusing on foundational research skills. This course covers using library databases, distinguishing news from other information sources, and combating misinformation. Book circulation continues to rise, with over 1,400 books checked out

to date, reflecting increased student engagement in reading. The introduction of Sora, an eBook and audiobook platform, has further expanded access to books, especially in Portuguese, supporting our growing ELL and Portuguese-speaking populations. The library also provides access to WeVideo, a collaborative video-editing tool, and state-funded research databases. The librarian offers research instruction to all grade levels.

Math

The Math Department had a productive year with exciting new initiatives and transitions. We introduced a full-year Algebra program to better support incoming freshmen, aiming to strengthen their foundational math skills for future success. To support our ELL students, Kelly Magnuson and Jane Sampaio revised the Algebra curriculum over the summer, incorporating structured routines and speaking practices. The department also focused on standardizing mathematical vocabulary for consistency across courses. Carole Flanders enhanced the Algebra 2 curriculum with more student-led, project-based learning, fostering inquiry, problem-solving, and higher-order thinking, while students were trained to use technology to deepen their understanding. We bid farewell to Mike Innes, who retired, and Ellen Muir, who took a new position on the Cape after years of dedicated service, but we are excited to welcome three new members: Bob Thistle, Nicole Macy, and MVRHS graduate Kenny Hatt. Each brings enthusiasm, collaboration, and a passion for mathematics that will benefit our students.

Performing Arts

The Performing Arts Department continued to provide exciting opportunities for collaboration, preparation, and performance across various ensembles and classes. The year began with 12 students performing at the South East Music Festival and 16 students participating in the All Cape and Islands Music Festival. The department's biggest event of the year was the annual February musical, a revival of Chicago, featuring over 70 students both on stage and behind the scenes. The Minnesingers and Concert Band also performed at the MICCA Competition, earning Silver and Bronze, respectively. The Minnesingers then embarked on a biennial European tour to Austria, Germany, and France, performing in multiple venues and experiencing the beauty of Europe. The year-end department concert showcased seven different performing groups, and the choruses, band, and orchestra celebrated the graduates at the Tabernacle. This fall, the Pep Band performed at football games, a long-awaited initiative, and both the Minnesingers and Pep Band are excited to perform at Fenway before the football game in November. The Honors Orchestra is preparing for their first MICCA performance in the spring. Additionally, all classes are running smoothly, with increased enrollment across all groups.

Physical Education

The Physical Education Department is adapting to meet the evolving needs of high school learners. Our focus is on expanding curriculum offerings to support general education students, student athletes, and those with IEPs and 504 plans, while preparing students for college or the workforce. A major shift

has been the development of the Junior Seminar course, which offers Juniors a PE credit through a non-traditional track, combining an abridged PE and Health curriculum with job and life skills. Adapted PE has also grown, now called Unified PE, which is open to a broader range of students and builds on the success of the Unified Athletics program. Additionally, we've introduced two new classes: Competitive PE for students who enjoy higher-level play and Strength and Conditioning for student athletes looking to train for their sports. In collaboration with guidance, we're also providing Sophomores with Teen Mental Health First Aid coursework, focusing on suicide prevention.

Project Vine

Project Vine is entering an exciting new phase, building on the strong foundation laid by the previous team. With new leadership composed of experienced youth development professionals in alternative education, we are poised for growth and innovation. Our students are navigating this transition with resilience, forming authentic relationships with our dedicated staff. We are enhancing our programs with a stronger emphasis on academic, social-emotional, and life skills development, guided by our mantra: "Our curriculum is each other - it's not what you learn, it's who you are learning with." This philosophy drives our project-based learning experiences, including the Camp Hale Trip, Senior Documentary Project, and interdisciplinary initiatives. We are also expanding service learning opportunities, such as the San Diego Trip with Global Vision, where students will support refugees. Project Vine is increasingly involved in school-wide activities, fostering a more inclusive educational environment. We are enhancing parent and community engagement and introducing new fundraising efforts to support our goals. With this renewed focus, Project Vine continues to meet the evolving needs of our students and community.

Science

The MVRHS Science Department is excited to share updates from a fun and engaging year. This year, our students have participated in exciting field trips to BiodiversityWorks, Felix Neck, Sheriff's Meadow, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute, and a whale watch to Stellwagen Bank, where they observed Finback whales, the second largest creatures on Earth. Over the summer, Anna Cotton and Natalie Munn worked to revamp the infrastructure supporting our upcoming science fair, ensuring a seamless and exciting event for all participants. We are also excited to welcome our new hire, William Reich, who is teaching Honors Biology and Honors Earth Science. Looking ahead, Jennifer MacFarlane and Lizzy Schule are developing a new curriculum for the 2025-2026 school year designed to support ELL and SLIFE students. This focused two-year biology program will help guide their educational journey as they transition into MVRHS.

Special Education

The Special Education Department has been undergoing training for the development and implementation of the new IEP. The new IEP is a student-driven process based on the student/teacher collaborative identification of the student's

strengths, interests, and challenges relevant to their special education program. Our prime directive continues to be the inclusion of all students relative to their strengths and needs. We also have programming that addresses more complex challenges. The Navigator, Voyager, and Compass programs continue to meet students' developmental, cognitive, social, and emotional needs. The more student-driven approach has led to great success for at least one of our students. This student was recognized as our first student from the Voyager program to attend Cape Cod Community College. Our liaisons support students in academic support classes and co-teach in core content areas. So far this year, our students have participated in a variety of school community activities, clubs, and organizations. Our special education students continue to be excellent ambassadors for a greater understanding of diverse ways of thinking and learning.

Wellness Program

The Wellness Department works to support the social-emotional well being of our students by offering 1:1 support in both English and Portuguese. Collaborating with our community partners when additional therapeutic support is warranted. On any given day you will see counselors, recovery coaches and/or counselors from CONNECT To End Violence; ICC; IWYC, IHC, Hospice, and private clinicians utilizing our ICare Suite. This past year we began a partnership with Kinship Heals to offer affinity group support for our Wampanoag students. Our peer to peer programming continues to be an important element in our school. The SWEAR program held its annual retreat in March. The retreat focused on deconstructing masculinity and exploring the myths and repercussions of gender based violence. Our team is in the fourth year of TMHFA (Teen Mental Health First Aid) teaching mental health literacy to sophomore students and SBIRT, screening all freshmen for substance use. We continue to engage in racial equity and social justice work and held our annual Race Culture Diversity retreat at the YMCA Teen Center in November. Our bi-weekly WOC (Women of Color), BSA (Black Student Alliance), SWEAR and Reimagine Manhood groups continue to meet during flex. The 10 week STRONG (Supporting Transition Resilience of Newcomer Group) curriculum for Newcomers continues to support their development of resilience and adjustment to the United States.

World Language Department

The World Language Department continues to focus on the three modes of communication—Interpretive, Interpersonal, and Presentational—to enhance students' language skills. We are proud of our students' achievements, with 13 graduates earning the Massachusetts State Seal of Biliteracy in Spanish, 12 in Portuguese, and several earning the Seal in both languages, including two with Distinction. The department had great success with students taking the AP Spanish exam. Last spring, 18 students participated in a Spanish immersion program in Valencia and explored Madrid. This spring, Latin 3 and culinary students will travel to Italy to explore the language and culture. We also piloted an introductory Russian course and expanded the Latin program with Level 3. Additionally, we continue to offer American Sign Language in partnership with

the American School for the Deaf and are refining the Portuguese Language Arts and Brazilian Portuguese Heritage curriculum for the 2024-2025 school year. We are also excited to welcome two new members: Samuel Allison, Spanish teacher, and Ellis Oliver, who will teach Portuguese and Model UN.

Thank you for letting me share this information with you, and your continued support of MVRHS. Our faculty and staff are committed to engaging students with challenging academics, additional support and resources to better prepare them for their journey after high school. It is through the dedication of our teachers, our administrators, the school committee, community partnerships, parents, and of course our students, that all of this is made possible. Without these groups working together as a team we would not be able to accomplish all that we have on a daily basis.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Dingley
Principal

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

January 9, 2025

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, 2024.

FY20244 Assessment
FY2024 Expenditures – Budget vs Actual

Respectfully submitted,

Marylee Schroeder
Treasurer

**MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
FY24 ASSESSMENT**

DESCRIPTION	FY24 AMOUNT							Total
	Aquinnah	Chilmark	Edgartown	Oak Bluffs	Tisbury	West Tisbury		
Operating & Capital Budget	\$ 25,259,654.22							
Charter School/School Choice Tuition	778,829.00	26,038,483.22						
Less								
Chapter 70 State Aid	2,968,090.00							
Chapter 71 Regional Transportation Aid	436,469.00							
Other Revenues	369,931.97							
E&D Offset	669,390.00	4,443,880.97						
FY23 Net Amount for Assessments	\$	<u>21,594,602.25</u>						
Town Apportionments								
(i) Required Minimum Local Contribution	236,778.00	517,952.00	2,782,145.00	2,969,056.00	2,663,666.00	1,775,837.00	10,945,434.00	
(ii) Excess of NSS over Required Minimum	188,829.79	458,586.64	2,427,811.61	2,940,349.61	2,697,568.45	1,564,589.70	10,277,735.80	
(iii) Transportation	10,611.49	25,770.77	136,433.49	165,236.12	151,592.77	87,923.81	577,568.45	
(iii) Capital	8,465.30	20,558.58	108,839.53	131,816.76	120,932.81	70,141.03	460,754.00	
(iii) Other Costs	45.93	111.55	590.55	715.22	656.17	380.58	2,500.00	
Gross Assessments	444,730.51	1,022,979.53	5,455,820.18	6,207,173.71	5,634,416.20	3,498,872.11	22,263,992.25	
Less E&D Offset	12,298.50	29,867.80	158,123.62	191,505.28	175,692.91	101,901.89	669,390.00	
FY24 Assessments Per Statutory Assmt Method	\$ 432,432.02	993,111.73	5,297,696.56	6,015,668.43	5,458,723.29	3,396,970.22	21,594,602.25	
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)	1.73%	4.26%	26.23%	28.63%	24.10%	15.05%	100.00%	
School Population based on Town Census (10/1/23)	13	32	197	215	181	113	751	

**MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUDGET VS ACTUAL EXPENDITURES
June 30, 2024**

Expenditure	Original Budget	Actual	Variance
Supt/Shared Services: Administration: Salaries	\$ 218,676.48	\$ 211,139.92	\$ 7,536.56
Supt/Shared Services: Administration: Expenses	\$ 11,140.63	\$ 15,642.89	\$ (4,502.26)
Administration Subtotal	\$ 229,817.11	\$ 226,782.81	\$ 3,034.30
Supt/Shared Services: Instruction: Salaries	\$ 330,694.96	\$ 328,842.91	\$ 1,852.05
Supt/Shared Services: Instruction: Expenses	\$ 30,040.00	\$ 25,926.04	\$ 4,113.96
Instruction Subtotal	\$ 360,734.96	\$ 354,768.95	\$ 5,966.01
Supt/Shared Services: Operation & Maint of Plant: Salaries	\$ -	\$ 2,250.00	\$ (2,250.00)
Supt/Shared Services: Operation & Maint of Plant: Expenses	\$ 31,561.85	\$ 24,373.92	\$ 7,187.93
Operation & Maint of Plant Subtotal	\$ 31,561.85	\$ 26,623.92	\$ 4,937.93
Supt/Shared Services: Fixed Costs: Salaries	\$ 23,338.45	\$ 23,688.38	\$ (349.93)
Supt/Shared Services: Fixed Costs: Expenses	\$ 45,970.06	\$ 56,313.70	\$ (10,343.64)
Fixed Costs Subtotal	\$ 69,308.51	\$ 80,002.08	\$ (10,693.57)
TOTAL Supt/Shared Services	\$ 691,422.43	\$ 688,177.76	\$ 3,244.67
High School Programs: Administration: Salaries	\$ 140,557.00	\$ 141,175.00	\$ (618.00)
High School Programs: Administration: Expenses	\$ 154,604.46	\$ 190,024.04	\$ (35,419.58)
Administration Subtotal	\$ 295,161.46	\$ 331,199.04	\$ (36,037.58)
High School Programs: Instruction: Salaries	\$ 11,856,795.10	\$ 11,872,384.87	\$ (15,589.77)
High School Programs: Instruction: Expenses	\$ 859,317.97	\$ 832,034.45	\$ 27,283.52
Instruction Subtotal	\$ 12,716,113.07	\$ 12,704,419.32	\$ 11,693.75
High School Programs: Operation & Maint of Plant: Salaries	\$ 748,400.40	\$ 784,221.03	\$ (35,820.63)
High School Programs: Operation & Maint of Plant: Expenses	\$ 1,249,388.01	\$ 1,109,736.18	\$ 139,651.83
Operation & Maint of Plant Subtotal	\$ 1,997,788.41	\$ 1,893,957.21	\$ 103,831.20
High School Programs: Other School & Community Services: Salaries	\$ 2,352,799.80	\$ 2,394,600.35	\$ (41,800.55)
High School Programs: Other School & Community Services: Expenses	\$ 860,001.53	\$ 808,846.08	\$ 51,155.45
High School Programs: Other School & Community Services: Bus Reimb	\$ (1,385,326.71)	\$ (1,219,238.83)	\$ (166,087.88)
Other School & Community Service Subtotal	\$ 1,827,474.62	\$ 1,984,207.60	\$ (156,732.98)
High School Programs: Fixed Costs: Employee Retirement	\$ 396,780.83	\$ 373,296.31	\$ 23,484.52
High School Programs: Fixed Costs: Retired Municipal Teachers	\$ 832,090.37	\$ 875,192.62	\$ (43,102.25)
High School Programs: Fixed Costs: Other Post Employment Benefits	\$ 1,012,314.00	\$ 1,088,845.95	\$ (76,531.95)
High School Programs: Fixed Costs: Employee Separation Costs	\$ 10,430.00	\$ -	\$ 10,430.00
High School Programs: Fixed Costs: Insurance - Employee Related	\$ 2,665,213.72	\$ 2,785,369.34	\$ (120,155.62)
High School Programs: Fixed Costs: Insurance - School Related	\$ 469,353.31	\$ 499,234.50	\$ (29,881.19)
High School Programs: Fixed Costs: Miscellaneous Fixed Charges	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 4,412.90	\$ (1,912.90)
High School Programs: Fixed Costs: Bus/Vehicle Capital Purchases	\$ 278,054.00	\$ 277,875.77	\$ 178.23
High School Programs: Fixed Costs: Roof Project: Principal	\$ 180,000.00	\$ 180,000.00	\$ -
High School Programs: Fixed Costs: Roof Project: Interest	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,700.00	\$ -
High School Programs: Fixed Costs: Residential Care Tuitions	\$ 1,346,897.00	\$ 1,346,897.00	\$ -
High School Programs: Fixed Costs: Contingency/Reserve	\$ 375,000.00	\$ -	\$ 375,000.00
Fixed Cost Subtotal	\$ 7,571,333.23	\$ 7,433,824.39	\$ 137,508.84
TOTAL High School Programs	\$ 24,407,870.79	\$ 24,347,607.56	\$ 60,263.23
TOTAL Operating Expenses	\$ 25,099,293.22	\$ 25,035,785.32	\$ 63,507.90

REPORT OF THE CHILMARK SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

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

Dear Dr. Smith:

Chilmark draws much of its identity from its rich history and long standing traditions, which foster a deep sense of community and continuity among students, staff, and families. One of our most cherished traditions, Community Lunch, highlights the spirit of community that defines our school and is a way to celebrate the bounty of the season on Martha's Vineyard. At this festive gathering, students, teachers, and invited community members share lunch together at the Chilmark Community Center. Like many things, Community Lunch waned during the Covid years, but is now back to stay with the support of Island Grown Initiative and our garden teacher, Grace Turnbull. This year's event had a Squash theme and featured an array of dishes prepared by local professional chefs and students. Entertainment included a squash fashion show created by the first grade. We plan to make Community Lunch a tri annual event for the 2025-26 school year.

Our active Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) and School Advisory Council (SAC) are essential partners in education of the whole child. In addition to the many family events they sponsor such as our Summer Popsicle Party, Welcome Back potluck, Family Movie Night, and graduation, the PTO's fundraising efforts also support our January skating experience and the Outing Program for grades 4 and 5. The SAC, a group consisting of teachers, parents, and community members provides valuable feedback and counsel on programmatic and budget issues.

Updating and enhancing communication has been a priority as we work to increase engagement with families and the community. We launched the Chilmark Chat, a comprehensive weekly newsletter that highlights school activities, PTO events, updates from the nurse and special subject teachers, as well as programs available in the community. Chilmark School expects to have a social media presence in 2025.

Chilmark welcomed two new staff members to our team for the 2024-25 school year. With the retirement of Becky Barca-Tinus, the role of technology specialist has been filled by Chris Mara. Chris works a half-time schedule to support our digital infrastructure and classroom needs. We are also very grateful for the support of Susan Gilligan as our math specialist. Susan is serving in this one-year position to support targeted interventions in mathematics. Susan's expertise in literacy and special education has been an added bonus.

Thank you for your continued partnership and guidance as we move forward. It has been an honor to uphold many of Chilmark's cherished traditions while fostering meaningful dialogue with staff and families about the evolving challenges of learning in a rapidly changing and interconnected global society. Together, we are successfully living up to our mission of providing a multi-age, thematic learning experience that fosters curiosity and community.

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 reflect on another year of growth and achievement, I am reminded of a powerful quote by Maya Angelou: *"We all should know that diversity makes for a rich tapestry, and we must understand that all the threads of the tapestry are equal in value."* This sentiment captures the heart of our work together in 2024—building a community where every student is valued, supported, and given opportunities to succeed. We welcomed new staff this year, including Nancy Danielson, Lara Gladu, Joel Graves, Jacob Gurney, Kristen Jackson, Katie O'Malley, Deran Quinty, Leidiane Rodrigues, Peter Smyth, and Mary Wolverton.

Our year has been marked by continued significant achievements across multiple areas, and I am proud to share that we have seen consistent growth in our MCAS results, demonstrating our students' hard work, determination, and the strength of our teaching practices. Equally exciting is the 100% growth in ACCESS assessments for our English Language Learners, which reflects the commitment of our educators and the importance of fostering an inclusive, language-rich environment.

We continue our educational model of co-teaching and using Universal Design for Learning (UDL), both of which are integral to our mission of providing an inclusive, equitable learning environment for all students. Co-teaching allows our educators to collaborate closely, ensuring that instruction is tailored to meet the diverse needs of our students and that all have access to high-quality, differentiated instruction. Whether through the use of technology, varied teaching strategies, or alternative assessments, teachers personalize learning in ways that encourage all students to succeed and feel confident in their abilities. This approach not only benefits students with specific learning needs but also enriches the learning experience for every student by promoting diverse pathways to understanding and achievement.

This year, we introduced Reveal Math, a new, evidence-based math program designed to enhance student learning and deepen their understanding of mathematical concepts in kindergarten through fifth grade. Reveal Math is structured to challenge students to think critically, solve complex problems, and develop the kind of mathematical reasoning that will serve them well beyond the classroom. The program uses a spiraled approach, where students revisit key

concepts regularly to reinforce learning and ensure mastery, rather than moving on to new material too quickly. This method of ongoing review helps students solidify their foundational skills while pushing them to tackle more advanced problems with confidence. Additionally, Reveal Math is designed with differentiated instruction in mind, making it an ideal fit for our focus on Universal Design for Learning. Early results from implementation have been promising.

Beyond the school bell, we have an expanding after school program, offering more enrichment opportunities for students to explore their interests, from arts to technology to sports. We also have an early drop off in the morning so that students can start their day with supervised physical activity in open gym. On the athletic front, our school is proud of our student athletes, who brought home championships in both basketball and volleyball. Their hard work, dedication, and teamwork are a testament to the values we continue to instill in all of our students. Also, beyond the school year, we implemented our third year of our Summer Boost and Adventure Programs, a four day a week, full day summer school program that ran for five weeks and focused on both academic growth and social-emotional learning (SEL). This dual focus helped students strengthen both their academic skills and emotional resilience, ensuring they were well-prepared for the upcoming school year.

I am pleased to share that we have rejuvenated our Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO). We have seen stronger collaboration between families and staff, and I am grateful for the new energy and enthusiasm along with the events and activities they have organized and implemented for students, families and community. A few recent examples include movie nights for students and families, educational parent nights on safety and technology, Stuff-a-Truck week for the food pantry and staff recognition breakfasts. Their support of our school along with the work of the School Advisory Council, and the generosity and commitment of our parents, local businesses, and partners allow us to continue our mission to provide an exceptional educational experience for all students.

As we look ahead to 2025, we are more committed than ever to fostering a learning environment where every student is encouraged to dream big, think critically, and embrace challenges with confidence. Our work is not just about academic achievement but about nurturing the whole child—helping each student develop the skills, resilience, and mindset needed to thrive both in school and in life. Together, with your continued support, we will build on our successes, create new opportunities, and ensure that every student feels seen, valued, and empowered to reach their full potential. Thank you for being an essential part of this journey. We are excited for what the future holds and the continued growth we will experience as a community. Thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna-Lowell-Bettencourt
Principal

**REPORT OF THE
UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD**

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January 9, 2025

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, 2024.

FY2024 Assessment
FY2024 Expenditures – Budget vs Actual

Respectfully submitted,

Marylee Schroeder
Treasurer

School Choice Receiving Tuition	-	430,228.00	-	
Total Reimbursements	72,885.50	430,228.00	-	38,728.50
ANTICIPATED REVENUES				
E&D Offset	439,933.91			
Interest Income	15,650.00			
Misc. Revenue	4,000.00			
Total Anticipated Revenues	459,583.91			
TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVI	\$ 532,469.41	\$65,390.73	\$108,984.56	\$532,467.41
TOTAL ASSESSMENTS	\$ 14,359,987.67	\$1,776,416.96	\$3,182,677.70	\$9,400,895.01
UIRSD FY 2024 FORMULAS				
Town of Residence	Chilmark	West Tisbury	School Attended	Does Not Include Students Tuitioned Out-of-District
Aquinnah	10	32	Total	Charter School 44
Chilmark	36	34		School Choice 14
West Tisbury	10	220		Shared Services 3
District Enrollment	56	286		Residential 0
School Choice	14	51		
Total Enrollment	70	337		FY23 Foundation Enrollment = 405
Cost Share For Part "A" & "B"	Based on the total enrollment per town divided by the total district enrollment.			
Supt & Sch. Comm.:	Aquinnah 12.28%	Chilmark = 20.47%	W. Tisbury = 67.25%	
Cost Share For Part "C" Sites	Based on the enrollment per town in each school divided by the district enrollment of each school.			
Chilmark School:	Aquinnah 17.86%	Chilmark = 64.29%	W. Tisbury = 17.86%	
W. Tisbury School:	Aquinnah 11.19%	Chilmark = 11.89%	W. Tisbury = 76.92%	
Cost Share For Part "D" Debt	Owning Town pays at least 80%; non-owning Towns pay remaining 20% based on enrollment per Town.			
Chilmark School:	Aquinnah 10.00%	Chilmark = 80.00%	W. Tisbury = 10.00%	
W. Tisbury School:	Aquinnah 9.70%	Chilmark = 10.30%	W. Tisbury = 80.00%	

**UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUDGET AND ACTUAL EXPENDITURES
June 30, 2024**

Expenditure	Original Budget	Actual	Variance
TOTAL SUPT/SHARED SERVICES	1,830,550.75	1,787,420.96	43,129.79
WT PRINCIPALS OFFICE SALARIES & EXPENSES	488,448.65	493,875.27	(5,426.62)
WT TEACHERS/STAFF SALARIES	3,336,809.92	3,286,044.93	50,764.99
WT UNDISTRIBUTED SUPPLIES, TEXTBOOKS, MISC	87,450.00	86,632.27	817.73
WT FIELD TRIPS/PROGRAMS	57,212.00	60,380.60	(3,168.60)
WT CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS	33,330.00	26,256.95	7,073.05
WT INSTRUCTIONAL COMPUTERS/COPIERS/AUDIO VISUAL	319,261.50	304,285.80	14,975.70
WT FURNITURE EXPENSE	12,000.00	12,000.00	-
WT SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT	1,315,717.18	1,189,766.02	125,951.16
WT LIBRARY SERVICES	152,294.97	148,589.51	3,705.46
WT GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT	247,996.33	251,609.23	(3,612.90)
WT HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	122,829.13	128,911.90	(6,082.77)
WT CUSTODIAL SERVICES	328,717.55	347,926.97	(19,209.42)
WT SCHOOL SECURITY	-	8,600.00	(8,600.00)
WT UTILITIES	113,622.76	75,365.50	38,257.26
WT GENERAL MAINTENANCE	206,274.00	198,495.92	7,778.08
WT EMPLOYEE INSURANCE	1,250,180.64	1,340,143.88	(89,963.24)
WT INSURANCE	141,340.00	168,860.11	(27,520.11)
TOTAL WEST TISBURY SCHOOL	8,213,484.63	8,127,744.86	85,739.77
CH PRINCIPALS OFFICE SALARIES & EXPENSES	195,820.49	201,766.72	(5,946.23)
CH TEACHERS/STAFF SALARIES	856,274.00	909,538.96	(53,264.96)
CH UNDISTRIBUTED SUPPLIES, TEXTBOOKS, MISC	25,500.00	34,478.91	(8,978.91)
CH ENRICHMENT/FIELD TRIPS/PROGRAMS	15,102.00	15,860.61	(758.61)
CH CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS	6,330.00	3,778.56	2,551.44
CH INSTRUCTIONAL COMPUTERS/COPIERS	100,062.52	86,249.74	13,812.78
CH FURNITURE EXPENSE	5,500.00	2,425.66	3,074.34
CH SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT	154,482.48	120,636.37	33,846.11
CH LIBRARY SERVICES	2,000.00	1,997.92	2.08
CH GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT	47,352.64	47,353.00	(0.36)
CH HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	97,422.73	97,450.03	(27.30)
CH CUSTODIAL SERVICES	94,747.85	95,224.94	(477.09)
CH UTILITIES	39,728.39	31,978.85	7,749.54
CH GENERAL MAINTENANCE	69,259.46	75,440.95	(6,181.49)
CH EMPLOYEE INSURANCE	211,242.11	218,259.95	(7,017.84)
CH INSURANCE	26,172.00	30,095.75	(3,923.75)
TOTAL CHILMARK SCHOOL	1,946,996.66	1,972,536.92	(25,540.26)
SCHOOL COMMITTEE/DISTRICT	2,026,818.09	2,112,349.06	(85,530.97)
DEBT	251,900.25	247,940.15	3,960.10
TRANSPORTATION	310,927.70	223,085.44	87,842.26
RESERVE DISTRICT	311,779.00	-	311,779.00
TOTAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE	2,901,425.04	2,583,374.65	318,050.39
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 14,892,457.08	\$ 14,471,077.39	\$ 421,379.69

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

To the Select Board:

In accordance with Chapter 41, Section 61 of the Massachusetts General Laws, I hereby submit my Annual Report for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 and Appropriations for the period July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

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, 2023
- 2) Activity including receipts and expenditures of all other town funds for the year ended June 30, 2023
- 3) Payments to Vendors in excess of \$2,000 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023
- 4) Wages accrued and paid to Employees during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023
- 5) Appropriation Analysis for fiscal year 2023
- 6) Combined Balance Sheet showing all funds as of June 30, 2023
- 7) Report of Balance Sheet accounts for all funds as of June 30, 2023
- 8) Schedule of Debt Outstanding as of June 30, 2023
- 9) Summary of Appropriation Accounts for the period July 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023

All reports included are pending final audit. Thank you to the residents of West Tisbury for allowing me the pleasure of serving you for the past twenty years

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce K. Stone
Town Accountant

TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
General Fund
Revenue and Expenditures vs Budget
July 1, 2023 - June 30, 202

	Actual	Revised Budget	Under (Over) Budget
REVENUE			
Tax Revenue			
Real Estate Tax	19,297,704.10	19,251,735.89	-45,968.21
Personal Property Tax	237,962.99	230,068.83	-7,894.16
Tax Liens Redeemed	5,892.87	0.00	-5,892.87
Penalties & Interest	49,779.68	50,000.00	220.32
In Lieu of Taxes	3,473.10	3,500.00	26.90
Sub-total : Tax Revenue	19,594,812.74	19,535,304.72	-59,508.02
Motor Vehicle Excise	974,513.10	800,000.00	-174,513.10
Room Excise	506,034.66	480,000.00	-26,034.66
Cannabis Excise	36,218.58	27,000.00	-9,218.58
Penalties & Interest	24,117.84	0.00	-24,117.84
Sub-total : Excise Revenue	1,540,884.18	1,307,000.00	-233,884.18
Departmental Revenues			
Other Dept Revenue	400,553.59	298,000.00	-102,553.59
Park & Recreation	99,724.00	85,000.00	-14,724.00
Inspections	129,475.00	110,000.00	-19,475.00
Rentals	81,228.12	74,600.00	-6,628.12
Sub-total : Departmental Revenues	710,980.71	567,600.00	-143,380.71
Fines & Forfeits			
Fines & Forfeits	1,864.35	3,000.00	1,135.65
Sub-total : Fines & Forfeits	1,864.35	3,000.00	1,135.65
Licenses & Permits			
Licenses	14,278.50	11,000.00	-3,278.50
Permits	132,844.75	109,000.00	-23,844.75
Sub-total : Licenses & Permits	147,123.25	120,000.00	-27,123.25
State Revenue			
Cherry Sheet	1,637,377.00	1,642,015.00	4,638.00
Elections	7,562.50	0.00	-7,562.50
CMVI	586.30	0.00	-586.30
Veterans Benefits	9,408.30	13,190.00	3,781.70
Sub-total : State Revenue	1,654,934.10	1,655,205.00	270.90
Intermunicipal Revenue			
Council on Aging	196,239.21	194,682.00	-1,557.21
Sub-total : Intermunicipal Revenue	196,239.21	194,682.00	-1,557.21
Miscellaneous			
Miscellaneous	11,418.13	3,413.00	-8,005.13
Sub-total : Miscellaneous	11,418.13	3,413.00	-8,005.13
Investment			
Investment	126,798.20	75,000.00	-51,798.20
Sub-total : Investment	126,798.20	75,000.00	-51,798.20
Total : REVENUE	23,985,054.87	23,461,204.72	-523,850.15

	Actual	Revised Budget	Under (Over) Budget
EXPENDITURES			
FY 2024 Appropriations/Budget			
General Government			
114-5110 Moderator Salary	370.00	370.00	0.00
114-5305 Moderator Legal	0.00	500.00	500.00
114-5700 Moderator Expenses	1,240.00	5,720.00	4,480.00
122-5110 Selectmen Salaries	10,000.00	11,042.00	1,042.00
122-5120 Selectmen Pers Serv	209,285.37	226,245.74	16,960.37
122-5700 Selectmen Expenses	24,928.87	35,338.00	10,409.13
124-5120 Municipal Hearing Officer	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
131-5120 FinCom Pers Serv	1,390.56	2,128.20	737.64
131-5700 FinCom Expenses	309.50	1,930.00	1,620.50
132-5700 Reserve Fund	0.00	29,393.69	29,393.69
133-5300 Annual Audit	17,000.00	17,000.00	0.00
135-5120 Accountant Pers Serv	146,177.93	147,596.71	1,418.78
135-5700 Accountant Expenses	1,873.96	2,030.00	156.04
141-5110 Assessors Salaries	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
141-5120 Assessors Pers Serv	170,617.66	187,513.38	16,895.72
141-5305 Assessors Legal	2,665.00	20,000.00	17,335.00
141-5700 Assessors Expenses	31,166.03	35,650.00	4,483.97
145-5120 Treasurer Pers Serv	200,879.89	200,879.89	0.00
145-5700 Treasurer Expenses	25,761.96	29,900.00	4,138.04
151-5305 Legal	64,697.09	75,000.00	10,302.91
152-5120 Personnel Bd Pers Serv	4,255.86	15,393.21	11,137.35
152-5700 Personnel Bd Expenses	225.00	800.00	575.00
155-5120 Data Proc Pers Serv	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00
155-5700 Data Proc Expenses	106,058.14	110,190.00	4,131.86
158-5305 Tax Foreclosure Legal	2,148.25	5,000.00	2,851.75
158-5700 Tax Foreclosure	0.00	150.00	150.00
161-5110 Town Clerk Salaries	76,212.14	76,212.14	0.00
161-5700 Town Clerk Expenses	1,253.54	1,285.00	31.46
162-5120 Elections Pers Serv	693.50	4,956.00	4,262.50
162-5700 Elections Expenses	5,021.33	11,600.00	6,578.67
163-5120 Registrars Salaries	250.00	300.00	50.00
163-5700 Registrars Expenses	685.30	2,700.00	2,014.70
171-5120 ConCom Pers Serv	63,484.17	66,190.79	2,706.62
171-5700 ConCom Expenses	2,658.69	3,180.00	521.31
175-5110 Planning Bd Salaries	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
175-5120 Planning Bd Pers Serv	80,052.34	81,509.26	1,456.92
175-5700 Planning Bd Expenses	4,361.43	6,145.00	1,783.57
176-5120 ZBA Pers Serv	85,674.96	86,004.66	329.70
176-5305 ZBA Legal	16,085.75	40,000.00	23,914.25
176-5700 ZBA Expenses	7,736.40	8,950.00	1,213.60
177-5600 MV Commission	205,088.00	205,088.00	0.00
179-5120 AH Com Pers Serv	27,539.09	34,557.60	7,018.51
179-5305 AHC Legal	737.50	6,000.00	5,262.50
179-5700 AH Com Expenses	685.07	3,200.00	2,514.93
182-5120 Energy-Climate Personal	9,970.98	15,231.96	5,260.98
182-5700 Energy/Climate Com Expense	336.50	1,000.00	663.50
192-5700 Town Hall Expenses	91,481.23	142,700.00	51,218.77
193-5700 Property Insurance	155,466.00	155,466.00	0.00
194-5700 Town Electric	24,853.30	47,860.00	23,006.70

	Actual	Revised Budget	Under (Over) Budget
195-5700 Town Report Expenses	9,450.00	11,500.00	2,050.00
196-5120 Town Clock Pers Serv	0.00	250.00	250.00
197-5600 DCRHA Administrative	60,169.00	60,525.00	356.00
Sub-total : General Government	1,965,497.29	2,246,682.23	281,184.94
Public Safety			
210-5120 Police Pers Serv	1,369,671.77	1,480,970.26	111,298.49
210-5700 Police Expenses	150,097.95	150,420.00	322.05
220-5120 Fire Pers Serv	244,318.60	277,925.22	33,606.62
220-5700 Fire Expenses	197,102.25	200,350.00	3,247.75
231-5600 Tri-Town Ambulance	586,558.91	586,558.91	0.00
235-5600 Communications MVPCSC	33,943.16	34,701.97	758.81
241-5120 Bldg. Inspect Pers Serv	320,257.30	354,885.25	34,627.95
241-5700 Bldg. Inspect Expenses	13,484.22	16,235.00	2,750.78
291-5120 Emer Mgmt. Pers Serv	38,000.00	43,000.00	5,000.00
291-5700 Emergency Management	7,446.57	13,060.00	5,613.43
292-5120 ACO Pers Serv	84,171.08	97,479.06	13,307.98
292-5700 ACO Expenses	6,097.50	8,355.00	2,257.50
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	2,510.00	13,000.00	10,490.00
298-5120 Shellfish Dept Pers Serv	33,093.69	33,104.96	11.27
298-5700 Shellfish Dept Expenses	10,095.66	11,900.00	1,804.34
299-5700 MV Shellfish Group	39,000.00	39,000.00	0.00
Sub-total : Public Safety	3,141,348.66	3,368,645.63	227,296.97
Education			
311-5600 Up-Island RSD	9,400,895.01	9,400,895.01	0.00
313-5600 MVRHS District	3,383,280.53	3,396,970.22	13,689.69
Sub-total : Education	12,784,175.54	12,797,865.23	13,689.69
Public Works			
421-5120 Super Streets Pers Serv	74,500.00	74,500.00	0.00
422-5120 Highway Pers Serv	250,038.01	250,063.64	25.63
422-5700 Highway Expenses	87,620.00	87,620.00	0.00
423-5700 Snow & Ice	63,244.88	85,000.00	21,755.12
424-5700 Street Lights	1,354.30	3,200.00	1,845.70
491-5120 Cemeteries Pers Serv	2,362.86	3,123.20	760.34
491-5700 Cemeteries Expenses	24,593.10	26,500.00	1,906.90
Sub-total : Public Works	503,713.15	530,006.84	26,293.69
Sanitation			
433-5120 Town LDO Pers Serv	0.00	50.00	50.00
433-5600 Town LDO Intergov	9,509.41	9,509.41	0.00
433-5700 Town LDO Expenses	2,646.18	5,920.00	3,273.82
439-5600 MVRDRRD Intergov	125,512.00	125,512.00	0.00
Sub-total : Sanitation	137,667.59	140,991.41	3,323.82
Health & Human Services			
510-5110 BOH Salaries	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
510-5120 BOH Pers Serv	135,868.08	188,780.24	52,912.16
510-5700 BOH Expenses	20,676.60	29,100.89	8,424.29
522-5700 Health Services	8,313.72	26,000.00	17,686.28
525-5600 Vineyard Health Care Access	63,771.00	63,771.00	0.00
526-5600 DC Social Services	6,541.00	6,541.00	0.00

	Actual	Revised Budget	Under (Over) Budget
541-5120 Up Island COA Per Serv	338,087.67	353,855.05	15,767.38
541-5700 Up Island COA Expense	13,524.52	20,900.00	7,375.48
543-5700 Veterans Benefits	16,207.97	22,000.00	5,792.03
Sub-total : Health & Human Services	605,990.56	713,948.18	107,957.62
Culture & Recreation			
610-5120 Library Pers Serv	762,219.86	762,219.86	0.00
610-5700 Library Expenses	278,299.29	278,700.00	400.71
620-5110 P&R Com Salaries	581.00	830.00	249.00
620-5120 P&R Pers Serv	44,777.37	44,834.58	57.21
620-5700 P&R Expenses	1,924.86	1,950.00	25.14
632-5120 Beaches Pers Serv	92,975.01	97,005.25	4,030.24
632-5700 Beaches Expenses	18,912.56	18,925.00	12.44
640-5120 Rec Programs Pers Serv	10,041.68	18,193.68	8,152.00
640-5700 Rec Programs Expenses	10,672.93	10,900.00	227.07
650-5700 Town Grounds	9,879.36	10,250.00	370.64
690-5700 Historic District	0.00	600.00	600.00
691-5700 Historical Commission	0.00	350.00	350.00
692-5600 MV Cultural Council	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00
Sub-total : Culture & Recreation	1,233,783.92	1,248,258.37	14,474.45
Debt Service			
710-5910 Principal-Long Term	845,135.33	845,135.33	0.00
751-5915 Interest-Long Term	121,032.50	121,032.50	0.00
752-7925 Interest-Short Term	10,873.75	17,871.42	6,997.67
Sub-total : Debt Service	977,041.58	984,039.25	6,997.67
Benefits			
911-5170 County Retirement	660,009.00	660,009.00	0.00
912-5170 Workers Comp Ins	16,011.00	19,000.00	2,989.00
914-5170 Health Insurance	975,420.37	1,041,680.00	66,259.63
915-5170 Life Insurance	5,010.85	5,200.00	189.15
916-5170 Employers Medicare	73,476.28	74,887.00	1,410.72
945-5740 Public Official Liability	11,581.00	13,350.00	1,769.00
Sub-total : Benefits	1,741,508.50	1,814,126.00	72,617.50
Cherry Sheet Assessments			
820-5600 State-Air Pollution	3,379.00	3,379.00	0.00
821-5600 State-RTA	139,744.00	139,744.00	0.00
824-5600 State Non-Renew MVE	5,080.00	5,080.00	0.00
830-5600 County Assessment	66,969.00	66,969.00	0.00
Sub-total : Cherry Sheet Assessments	215,172.00	215,172.00	0.00
FY2024 Warrant Articles			
ATM2024 18 AISC Adult Continuing Ed	14,240.00	14,240.00	0.00
ATM2024 10 Assessors Revaluation	304.49	24,000.00	23,695.51
ATM2024 28 MVC Engineering	0.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
ATM2024 41 County-MV Senior Services	81,527.00	81,527.00	0.00
ATM2024 40 County-SUD Prevention	6,861.00	6,861.00	0.00
ATM2024 42 County-CORE	14,366.00	14,366.00	0.00
ATM2024 36 County-DC Supplemental	5,052.60	5,052.60	0.00
ATM2024 38 County-Healthy Aging MV	16,910.00	16,910.00	0.00
ATM2024 39 County-Homelessness Prevention	8,411.00	8,411.00	0.00
ATM2024 43 County Building Debt	25,851.60	25,851.60	0.00
ATM2024 44 Compensated Bal Reserve	30,000.00	30,000.00	0.00
ATM2024 27 Unemployment Ins Fund	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00

	Actual	Revised Budget	Under (Over) Budget
ATM2024 05 Scale Adj Unallocated	0.00	3,126.27	3,126.27
STM11-23 06 Opioid Stab Fund	5,146.91	5,146.91	0.00
ATM2024 Fire Equip Stab Fund	100,000.00	100,000.00	0.00
Sub-total : FY2024 Warrant Articles	311,670.60	353,492.38	41,821.78
Total : FY 2024 Appropriations/Budget	23,617,569.39	24,413,227.52	795,658.13
PRIOR YEAR CARRIED FORWARD			
FY23 Encumbrances			
FY23 Encumbrances			
FY23 Permitting Modules	5,756.00	7,298.40	1,542.40
FY23 IT Upgrade Order	731.25	1,950.00	1,218.75
FY23 Office Furniture	1,516.48	1,516.48	0.00
FY23 IT Toner Order	251.89	251.89	0.00
Sub-total : FY23 Encumbrances	8,255.62	11,016.77	2,761.15
Prior Year Warrant Articles			
ATM2018 11 Fire Command Vehicle	0.00	731.96	731.96
ATM2019 12 Cemetery Headstones	440.00	440.00	0.00
ATM2019 36 Personnel Study	0.00	4,050.00	4,050.00
ATM2020 10 LDO Improvements	8,999.19	19,201.04	10,201.85
ATM2020 13 TNC Transportation	0.00	1,526.00	1,526.00
STM 10-2020 08 Building Maintenance	29,862.14	29,862.14	0.00
STM 10-2020 09 Town Events	3,141.07	3,272.07	131.00
STM 10-2020 17 Fire Equipment/Truck	0.00	96,265.00	96,265.00
STM 10-2020 27 Chilmark School Windows	0.00	19,514.00	19,514.00
STM 10-2020 13 School Speed Sign	3,309.20	6,876.00	3,566.80
ATM2021 11 TNC Transportation	0.00	1,330.60	1,330.60
ATM2022 09 Lamberts Cove Hydrant	495.00	114,746.28	114,251.28
ATM2022 22 Shellfish Dept Expenses	6,423.00	15,562.50	9,139.50
ATM2022 26 Tax Billing Conversion	0.00	4,910.00	4,910.00
ATM2022 28 Building Maintenance	100,000.00	100,000.00	0.00
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 10 Police Vehicle	35,000.00	35,000.00	0.00
ATM2022 14 Assessors Revaluation	9,595.51	9,595.51	0.00
ATM2022 19 Howes House Design	78,340.00	319,051.68	240,711.68
ATM2023 08 Tree Planting	4,738.00	19,200.00	14,462.00
ATM2023 11 Building Maintenance	15,536.29	150,000.00	134,463.71
ATM2023 16 Visioning	15,333.70	25,000.00	9,666.30
ATM2023 21 WT School Chargers	0.00	35,858.00	35,858.00
ATM2023 23 Police Cruiser	17,838.77	43,000.00	25,161.23
ATM2023 24 Highway Dump Truck	86,260.64	90,000.00	3,739.36
ATM2023 25 Beach Dune lowering	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
ATM2023 37 County DCHCA Bldg.	28,240.00	28,240.00	0.00
ATM2023 46 Transportation Projects	0.00	965.00	965.00
Sub-total : Prior Year Warrant Articles	443,552.51	1,213,667.78	770,115.27
Capital Appropriation Balances			
Road Reconstruction ATM 2012	0.00	29,936.73	29,936.73
Sub-total : Capital Appropriation Balances	0.00	29,936.73	29,936.73
Total : PRIOR YEAR CARRIED FORWARD	451,808.13	1,254,621.28	802,813.15
Total : EXPENDITURES	24,069,377.52	25,667,848.80	1,598,471.28

TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
Other Fund Activity (Non-General Fund)
July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

Police MED Project Grant	
7/01/23 Opening Balance	4,124.21
FY 2024 Receipts	2,600.00
FY 2024 Expenditures	-
6/30/24 Closing Balance	6,724.21
Police Highway Safety Grant	
7/01/23 Opening Balance	-
FY 2024 Receipts	8,896.52
FY 2024 Expenditures	11,047.96
6/30/24 Closing Balance	(2,151.44)
State Mass Trails Grant	
7/01/23 Opening Balance	(115,000.00)
FY 2024 Receipts	115,000.00
FY 2024 Expenditures	-
6/30/24 Closing Balance	-
Martha's Vineyard Cultural Council	
7/01/23 Opening Balance	79,351.59
FY 2024 State Receipts	33,000.00
FY 2024 Local Receipts	19,000.00
FY 2024 Interest	2,660.36
FY 2024 Expenditures	(40,736.27)
6/30/24 Closing Balance	93,275.68
MV Fire Training Council	
7/01/23 Opening Balance	25,482.67
FY 2024 Receipts	-
FY 2024 Expenditures	-
6/30/24 Closing Balance	25,482.67
Regional Emergency Management	
7/01/23 Opening Balance	-
FY 2024 Receipts	20,482.89
FY 2024 Expenditures	(2,556.16)
6/30/24 Closing Balance	17,926.73
Mass Assn of Health Boards (COVID)	
7/01/23 Opening Balance	9,305.00
FY 2024 Receipts	-
FY 2024 Expenditures	-
6/30/24 Closing Balance	9,305.00

ARPA CLFRF Grant	
7/01/23 Opening Balance	284,874.10
FY 2024 Receipts	-
FY 2024 Expenditures	(176,238.16)
6/30/24 Closing Balance	<u>108,635.94</u>
State Veterans Benefits COLA	
7/01/23 Opening Balance	474.00
FY 2024 Receipts	-
FY 2024 Expenditures	-
6/30/24 Closing Balance	<u>474.00</u>
State Highway, Chapter 90	
7/01/23 Opening Balance	(145,893.31)
FY 2024 Receipts	147,891.31
FY 2024 Expenditures	(386,346.42)
6/30/24 Closing Balance	<u>(384,348.42)</u>
State Highway, WRAP	
7/01/23 Opening Balance	30,870.87
FY 2024 Receipts	-
FY 2024 Expenditures	(22,587.22)
6/30/24 Closing Balance	<u>8,283.65</u>
State TNC Allotment (Reserved for Appropriation)	
7/01/23 Opening Balance	1,318.10
FY 2024 Receipts	1,526.30
FY 2024 Expenditures	-
Transfer to General Fund Appropriation	-
6/30/24 Closing Balance	<u>2,844.40</u>
State Aid, Elderly Persons	
7/01/23 Opening Balance	1,528.05
FY 2024 Receipts	18,004.00
FY 2024 Expenditures	(7,133.97)
6/30/24 Closing Balance	<u>12,398.08</u>
Recycling Dividends State EPM Grant	
7/01/23 Opening Balance	10,028.50
FY 2024 Receipts	4,550.00
FY 2024 Expenditures	-
6/30/24 Closing Balance	<u>14,578.50</u>
State Aid to Libraries	
7/01/23 Opening Balance	36,394.15
FY 2024 Receipts	12,611.91
FY 2024 Expenditures	(10,802.29)
6/30/24 Closing Balance	<u>38,203.77</u>
WT Library Foundation Grant	
7/01/23 Opening Balance	36,309.06
FY 2024 Receipts	74,000.00
FY 2024 Expenditures	(56,146.20)
6/30/24 Closing Balance	<u>54,162.86</u>

Library, Friends WTFPL Grant	
7/01/23 Opening Balance	29,682.24
FY 2024 Receipts	-
FY 2024 Expenditures	(29,678.44)
6/30/24 Closing Balance	<u>3.80</u>
Library, Slough Farm Grant	
7/01/23 Opening Balance	-
FY 2024 Receipts	5,000.00
FY 2024 Expenditures	(3,429.55)
6/30/24 Closing Balance	<u>1,570.45</u>
Sale of Cemetery Lots	
7/01/23 Opening Balance	124,110.65
FY 2024 Receipts	6,300.00
FY 2024 Transfer to General Fund	-
6/30/24 Closing Balance	<u>130,410.65</u>
Septic System Repairs	
7/01/23 Opening Balance	94,541.08
FY 2024 Receipts	-
FY 2024 Expenditures	-
6/30/24 Closing Balance	<u>94,541.08</u>
Wetlands Protection	
7/01/23 Opening Balance	41,821.71
FY 2024 Receipts	3,076.50
FY 2024 Expenditures	-
6/30/24 Closing Balance	<u>44,898.21</u>
Wetlands By-Law Fees	
7/01/23 Opening Balance	2,965.00
FY 2024 Receipts	425.00
FY 2024 Expenditures	-
6/30/24 Closing Balance	<u>3,390.00</u>
Gifts	
7/01/23 Opening Balance	7,851.75
FY 2024 Receipts	17,594.75
FY 2024 Expenditures	(19,117.00)
6/30/24 Closing Balance	<u>6,329.50</u>
Community Preservation Fund	
7/01/23 Opening Balance	2,246,002.81
FY 2024 Receipts/Surcharge	547,435.70
FY 2024 Receipts/State Match	188,389.00
FY 2024 Receipts/Penalties & Interest	1,171.85
FY 2024 Receipts/Investment	101,285.37
FY 2024 Receipts/Tax Liens Redeemed	136.75
FY 2024 Receipts/Tax Liens Pen & Int	0.80
FY 2024 Expenditures	(741,953.58)
FY 2024 Transfer to Trust Funds	-
6/30/24 Closing Balance	<u>2,342,468.70</u>

CAPITAL PROJECT

Library HVAC Project

7/01/23 Opening Balance	-
FY2024 Expenditures	(68,262.50)
6/30/24 Closing Balance	<u>(68,262.50)</u>

NON-EXPENDABLE TRUSTS

Perpetual Care

7/01/23 Opening Balance	54,790.00
6/30/24 Closing Balance	<u>54,790.00</u>

F.E. Mayhew

7/01/23 Opening Balance	1,000.00
6/30/24 Closing Balance	<u>1,000.00</u>

W.J. Rotch

7/01/23 Opening Balance	4,000.00
6/30/24 Closing Balance	<u>4,000.00</u>

J.C. Martin

7/01/23 Opening Balance	200.00
6/30/24 Closing Balance	<u>200.00</u>

P. Hancock

7/01/23 Opening Balance	5,343.45
6/30/24 Closing Balance	<u>5,343.45</u>

EXPENDABLE TRUSTS

Perpetual Care

7/01/23 Opening Balance	7,916.02
FY 2024 Interest Earned	2,346.81
FY 2024 Expenditures	-
6/30/24 Closing Balance	<u>10,262.83</u>

F.E. Mayhew

7/01/23 Opening Balance	240.80
FY 2024 Interest Earned	44.01
FY 2024 Expenditures	-
6/30/24 Closing Balance	<u>284.81</u>

W.J. Rotch

7/01/23 Opening Balance	945.78
FY 2024 Interest Earned	175.44
FY 2024 Expenditures	-
6/30/24 Closing Balance	<u>1,121.22</u>

J.C. Martin

7/01/23 Opening Balance	90.86
FY 2024 Interest Earned	10.33
FY 2024 Expenditures	-
6/30/24 Closing Balance	<u>101.19</u>

P. Hancock	
7/01/23 Opening Balance	2,378.36
FY 2024 Interest Earned	273.69
FY 2024 Expenditures	(575.07)
6/30/24 Closing Balance	<u>2,076.98</u>
Library Gift Fund	
7/01/23 Opening Balance	19,752.85
FY 2024 Additions	2,062.11
FY 2024 Expenditures	(13,203.03)
6/30/24 Closing Balance	<u>8,611.93</u>
Conservation Fund	
7/01/23 Opening Balance	67,494.00
FY 2024 Interest Earned	2,393.87
6/30/24 Closing Balance	<u>69,887.87</u>
Affordable Housing Trust Fund	
7/01/23 Opening Balance	948,205.48
FY 2024 Receipts	-
FY 2024 Interest Earned	33,719.43
FY 2024 Transfer from CPA	-
FY 2024 Expenditures	(6,255.00)
6/30/24 Closing Balance	<u>975,669.91</u>
Stabilization Fund	
7/01/23 Opening Balance	545,361.30
FY 2024 Interest Earned	27,152.74
FY 2024 Transfer from General Fund	-
6/30/24 Closing Balance	<u>572,514.04</u>
Stabilization Fund-Ambulance	
7/01/23 Opening Balance	60,674.07
FY 2024 Interest Earned	2,270.79
FY 2024 Transfer to General Fund	-
6/30/24 Closing Balance	<u>62,944.86</u>
Stabilization Fund-Fire Equip	
7/01/23 Opening Balance	208,089.78
FY 2024 Interest Earned	10,797.76
FY 2024 Transfer from General Fund	100,000.00
6/30/24 Closing Balance	<u>318,887.54</u>
Separation Benefits Reserve	
7/01/23 Opening Balance	88,535.02
FY 2024 Interest Earned	6,876.17
FY 2024 Transfer From General Fund	30,000.00
FY 2024 Expenditures	(78,334.18)
6/30/24 Closing Balance	<u>47,077.01</u>

Unemployment Compensation Fund	
7/01/23 Opening Balance	3,018.73
FY 2024 Interest Earned	193.61
FY 2024 Transfer From General Fund	3,000.00
FY 2024 Expenditures	-
6/30/24 Closing Balance	<u>6,212.34</u>
Stabilization Fund-Building Maintenance	
7/01/23 Opening Balance	15,516.67
FY 2024 Transfer From General Fund	-
FY 2024 Interest Earned	762.33
FY 2024 Transfer to General Fund	-
6/30/24 Closing Balance	<u>16,279.00</u>
Stabilization Fund-Opioid Settlement	
7/01/23 Opening Balance	-
FY 2024 Transfer From General Fund	5,146.91
FY 2024 Interest Earned	137.67
FY 2024 Receipts	4,312.69
6/30/24 Closing Balance	<u>9,597.27</u>

AGENCY FUNDS

Retiree & Firefighters Benefits Contribution	
7/01/23 Opening Balance	712.45
FY 2024 Receipts	66,865.03
FY 2024 Expenditures	<u>(61,508.26)</u>
6/30/24 Closing Balance	6,069.22
Due to Police Special Detail	
7/01/23 Opening Balance	-
FY 2024 Receipts	187,764.37
FY 2024 Expenditures	<u>(197,004.37)</u>
6/30/24 Closing Balance	(9,240.00)
Due to Comm. of Mass.(PD Firearm Licenses)	
7/01/23 Opening Balance	700.00
FY 2024 Receipts	2,312.50
FY 2024 Expenditures	<u>(3,050.00)</u>
6/30/24 Closing Balance	(37.50)
Due to Deputy Collector	
7/01/23 Opening Balance	12,985.99
FY 2024 Receipts	153,392.39
FY 2024 Expenditures	<u>(135,582.73)</u>
6/30/24 Closing Balance	30,795.65
Due to Comm Of Mass F&W (Town Clerk)	
7/01/23 Opening Balance	(57.60)
FY 2024 Receipts	2,244.25
FY 2024 Payments	<u>(2,188.20)</u>
6/30/24 Closing Balance	(1.55)

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7/01/23 Opening Balance	6,070.74
FY 2024 Interest	326.14
FY 2024 Receipts	-
FY 2024 Expenditures	(24.10)
6/30/24 Closing Balance	6,372.78

Misc. Escrow

7/01/23 Opening Balance	53,164.48
FY 2024 Interest	1,885.30
FY 2024 Receipts	-
FY 2024 Expenditures	-
6/30/24 Closing Balance	55,049.78

WT School Share of Solar Project

7/01/23 Opening Balance	-
FY 2024 Receipts	21,290.19
FY 2024 Expenditures	(21,290.19)
6/30/24 Closing Balance	-

Due to Other Municipalities

7/01/23 Opening Balance	93.00
FY 2024 Receipts	-
FY 2024 Expenditures	(93.00)
6/30/24 Closing Balance	-

**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	9,400,895.01	McGovern MHQ Inc	85,885.64
Rockland Trust	3,522,015.64	Harbor Homes Of Marthas Vineyard Inc	75,020.00
MV Regional High School Dis	3,397,520.53	Foggy Bottom Company Llc	72,648.51
Town Of West Tisbury	2,594,002.04	Health Equity, Inc.	69,051.95
Dukes County Contrib Retirement	1,071,422.78	Richard T Olsen & Sons Inc	68,935.00
Cape Cod Municipal Health Group	972,936.49	Reynolds Rappaport & Kaplan	68,335.84
Us Bank	731,032.50	Keenan & Kenny Architects Ltd	60,750.00
EFTPS	686,238.65	TDR Landscaping And Irrigation Inc	56,278.11
Town Of Chilmark	594,522.54	Thielsch Engineering Inc	52,875.00
Newburyport Bank	455,004.02	Colonial Municipal Group	52,838.77
Lawrence Lynch Corp	377,688.42	The Field Fund	51,000.00
County Of Dukes County	324,601.59	MV Law Enforcement Council	49,486.25
MV Insurance Agency	242,584.50	Overdrive Inc	49,471.37
Dukes County Pooled OPEB Trust	237,173.18	Cape & Vineyard Electric Cooperative Inc	45,147.87
Comm Of Mass (Withholding)	232,559.68	MV Shellfish Group	39,000.00
MV Camp Meeting Association	215,850.00	Hi-Voltage Associates	38,423.01
Empower Retirement Services	213,707.98	Baker & Taylor	37,406.88
MV Commission	210,525.50	Benjamin R Hopkins	36,943.67
Wilcox & Barton Inc	170,902.77	Electronic Security Systems LLC	36,689.00
MV Refuse District	140,902.16	Dukes County Sheriff Office	33,943.16
Dukes County Reg Housing Authority	96,671.00	The Island Autism Group Inc	33,135.20

Name	Amount	Name	Amount
Damazio Builders Inc	33,007.00	Comcast	13,575.03
Woodpecker Brothers Inc.	30,675.80	Mitchell Kapor	12,988.67
Architectural Consulting Group	30,090.00	Howard Stein Hudson Associates Inc	12,944.01
MV Transit Authority	29,413.31	Amerigas	12,898.97
Sole Source Constructions, LLC	28,800.00	Wells Fargo Financial Leasing	12,488.87
daRosa Corporation	27,660.70	Sullivan + Associates Architects	12,000.00
Daikin Applied	27,652.56	Jay's Septic Service	11,650.00
Associated Elevator Companies Inc	27,375.00	Nissan Motor Acceptance Corp	11,194.68
Clams Inc	27,207.49	TPX Communications	10,894.87
Amazon Capital Services	27,095.56	Tyler Technologies, Inc.	10,790.57
Full Circle Technologies Inc	24,355.00	Just In Time MV General Services Inc	9,600.00
Verizon Wireless [Albany]	22,825.47	Great Pond Foundation	9,585.50
Industrial Protection Services	22,774.79	Delia Clark	9,425.50
Bulldogs Performance Plus	21,427.08	Alan Gowell	9,230.00
Island Timber LLC	21,400.00	Vadar Systems Inc	8,950.00
Paul S Kapinos & Associates Inc	20,120.00	Indian Hill Power Equipment	8,789.99
MV Times	19,921.23	Kanta Lipsky	8,700.00
K5 Corporation	19,752.41	Diane K Braun	8,700.00
Cafeteria Plan Advisors, Inc.	19,645.76	United Rentals Inc	8,698.00
Aflac	19,378.03	RDA Softnet Llc	8,242.86
R E Brown & Company	17,000.00	CDW Government	8,224.15
MIAA Property & Casualty Group Inc	16,011.00	Sourati Engineering Group LLC	8,094.10
Martha's Vineyard Bank	15,717.49	Jason Mazar-Kelly	8,080.00
Nilton E Desousa	14,925.00	Island Health Care Community Health Ctr	7,938.72
Well-Tapped Water LLC	13,649.80	Locality Media Inc	7,696.50

Name	Amount	Name	Amount
White Rock Cybersecurity LLC	7,349.35	Environmental Consulting & Restoration	5,730.00
Kirkwood Direct LLC	7,170.11	Richard M Hull	5,722.50
Jennelle Gadowski	7,039.19	Abby Bender	5,716.00
TMDE Calibration Lab	7,004.00	Cai Technologies	5,587.50
Nearmap Us Inc	7,000.00	Midwest Tape	5,562.47
Lighthouse Payment Services Inc	6,928.09	AT&T Mobility [Firstnet]	5,519.33
Jonias Landscaping Inc	6,830.00	Angels Auto Body	5,486.29
Brigham Industries Inc	6,830.00	TPS Audio Inc	5,429.48
Boston Mutual Life Ins Co-Partic.	6,802.23	Richard T Olsen	5,220.00
Mid-Island Repair Inc	6,537.24	Brissette Electric Inc	5,185.89
Vineyard Bottled Waters	6,509.00	Haynes Plumbing & Caretaking Inc	4,797.04
Margaret Stone	6,449.80	Office Concepts Inc	4,780.48
EBSCO	6,413.46	Stop & Shop	4,750.00
Horsley Witten Group	6,395.00	Thomas H Colligan	4,712.02
Fitch Law Partners LLP	6,390.00	Wenzels Auto Body & Glass	4,701.85
Nstar	6,270.62	Araujo Brothers Inc	4,695.00
Charles & Megan D Teague Trs	6,212.57	Cronig's Market	4,633.12
70 Pond View, Inc	6,144.29	Leo Vigeant Co., Inc	4,589.46
Daniel De Foe	6,037.50	Fort Dearborn Life	4,584.75
Hertz Vehicles LLC	5,979.85	Bulldog Performance Plus LLC	4,580.90
RM Packer Co Inc	5,907.52	Verizon (Albany)	4,576.01
MV Mini Splits And Refrigeration Inc	5,900.00	Jesse Keller Jason	4,566.00
MV Inspections Llc	5,848.95	Bigelow Nurseries Inc	4,558.00
Collins & Weinberg, Law Offices Of	5,808.00	Circuit Arts Inc	4,556.00

Name	Amount	Name	Amount
Hobin & Hobin Inc	4,500.00	Goodale Construction Co Inc	3,250.88
EC Cottle Inc	4,472.02	Deon Thomas	3,250.00
Brennan & Co LLC	4,424.00	LHS Associates Inc	3,239.90
Daniel Cogan	4,421.87	Vineyard Gazette	3,234.90
Bonneville Communications Solutions	4,332.25	Island Food Products Corp	3,218.82
Aquinnah Cultural Center	4,331.00	Vineyard Cash & Carry	3,201.09
Three Field Farm LLC	4,217.94	Kanopy Llc	3,200.00
Collaborative Summer Library Program	4,175.31	Dept Of Criminal Justice Info Service	3,050.00
Andrew Herr	4,130.00	Natalie E Conroy	3,032.77
Town Of Aquinnah	4,119.22	Docusign Inc	3,018.75
Trippi's Uniforms Inc	4,099.00	BTU Control Inc	3,008.30
Alexandra Pratt	4,039.44	Reserve Account - Town Hall	3,000.00
Ketcham Supply Co Inc	3,982.10	MV Library Assn	2,964.37
Maryse Smith	3,975.00	Tisbury Printer	2,902.26
Comcast [PA]	3,932.37	Unibank Fiscal Advisory Services Inc	2,900.00
Bruno's Rolloff Inc	3,864.06	Third Sector New England Inc	2,875.00
Steamship Authority	3,810.50	Napa Auto & Truck Parts	2,792.58
Joseph K Tierney Jr	3,770.49	John Keene Excavation Inc	2,787.57
Roberta Kim	3,653.00	Blue Cross/Blue Shield Of MA	2,738.46
W B Mason Co Inc	3,616.48	Crane Appliance	2,723.78
MV Cultural Council	3,500.00	Station Automation Inc	2,703.75
Esposito Productions	3,500.00	Geoffrey Gund	2,679.51
About Signs & Design	3,500.00	Law Office Of Ellen M Hutchinson	2,665.00
Milhench Supply Company	3,455.32	Clivus New England Inc	2,664.50
Civicplus	3,419.69		
FireHoseDirect	3,340.81		

Name	Amount	Name	Amount
Wareham Ford	2,660.87	Claire Page	2,220.00
JWL Transport Inc	2,633.84	Trevor Mccarthy	2,209.80
Donald Sexton	2,580.00	Shirley's Hardware	2,207.69
Visual Edge IT Inc	2,497.14	Daniel Durawa	2,154.80
Wright Trailers Inc	2,495.00	Conroy Apothecary	2,122.59
On-Site Mobile Repair Inc	2,472.69	Vineyard Gardens Inc	2,096.95
Gaylen & Daniel Mulderry	2,470.15	New Horizon Communications	2,074.11
Brynn Schaffner	2,463.21	J.Deb's Garage Inc	2,067.56
Friends Of Edgartown Free Public Library	2,456.00	Dukes County Fire Chiefs Assn	2,054.50
Macole's LLC	2,400.00	Sparkle Window Cleaning	2,045.00
Onsolve LLC	2,303.36	Basement Designs Inc	2,038.50
MV Center For Living	2,250.00		

**TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
EMPLOYEE WAGES
July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024**

Name	Department/Position	Regular	OT/Holiday Stipends/Call	Paid Details	Total
Gebo, Matthew	Police	160,989.42	28,375.48	6,960.00	196,324.90
Mincone, Matthew	Police	196,177.81	-	-	196,177.81
Stone, Bruce	Accounting	164,598.61	-	-	164,598.61
Rand, Jennifer	Select Board	163,312.02	-	-	163,312.02
Cortez, Bradley	Police	131,273.35	16,542.18	10,815.36	158,630.89
Albertine, Joyce	Council on Aging	149,183.00	-	-	149,183.00
Pachico, Gregory	Fire	147,683.60	-	-	147,683.60
Bettencourt, Connor	Police	103,838.16	23,890.00	15,450.00	143,178.16
Rogers, Jeremie	Police	122,677.73	12,247.81	6,140.94	141,066.48
Tierney, Joseph	Inspector	136,994.44	-	-	136,994.44
Wojtkiolo, Nikolaj	Police	110,136.40	10,680.40	1,680.00	122,496.80
Logue, Katherine	Treasurer/Collector	119,077.53	-	-	119,077.53
Anderson, MacGregor	Assessors	118,357.83	-	-	118,357.83
Oliver, Jesse	Highway/Cemetery	112,264.62	-	-	112,264.62
Pratt, Alexandra	Library	109,590.83	-	-	109,590.83
Nickowal, Mark	Police	90,083.20	11,551.91	7,470.00	109,105.11
Fisher, Jeffrey	Inspector	104,862.86	-	-	104,862.86
Fielder, Bradley	Police	80,883.29	11,702.76	10,800.00	103,386.05
Hollinger, Samantha	Police	89,502.40	-	7,320.00	96,822.40
Lam, Alexander	Board of Health	95,437.98	-	-	95,437.98
Durawa, Daniel	Police	81,408.64	8,928.42	1,200.00	91,537.06
Chavez, Joan	Treasurer/Collector	89,523.09	-	-	89,523.09

Name	Department/Position	Regular	OT/Holiday Stipends/Call	Paid Details	Total
Stobie, Noah	Police	77,235.12	7,151.57	4,560.00	88,946.69
Leaird, Kimberly	Board of Appeals	85,674.96	-	-	85,674.96
Rooney, Rachel	Library	85,263.00	-	-	85,263.00
Rossi, Jane	Planning Board	80,052.34	-	-	80,052.34
Hammond, Bethany	Council on Aging	80,021.44	-	-	80,021.44
Hatt, Kevin	Highway/Cemetery	77,446.09	-	-	77,446.09
Hoffman, Kathleen	Animal Control	76,277.85	-	-	76,277.85
Whiting-Wells, Tara	Town Clerk	76,212.14	-	-	76,212.14
Coit, Laura	Library	74,560.23	-	-	74,560.23
Gately, Olivia	Library	72,198.27	-	-	72,198.27
Olsen, Richard	Highway Supervisor	72,000.00	-	-	72,000.00
Hearn, Laura	Library	68,094.61	-	-	68,094.61
McFarland, Maria	Conservation Commission	63,484.17	-	-	63,484.17
Slingerland, Louis	Highway/Cemetery	62,690.16	-	-	62,690.16
Shepherd, Kira	Library	62,496.02	-	-	62,496.02
Demoe, Diane	Police	454.68	-	61,890.00	62,344.68
Merrill, Susan	Council on Aging	59,413.76	-	-	59,413.76
Gadowski, Jennie	Council on Aging	54,947.20	-	-	54,947.20
Nevin, Mary Jane	Assessors	51,759.61	-	-	51,759.61
Colligan, Thomas	Inspector	50,400.00	-	-	50,400.00
Stone, Margaret	Parks & Recreation	46,724.21	-	-	46,724.21
Haynes, Janice	Select Board	45,500.92	-	-	45,500.92
Toste, Sarah	Board of Health	40,430.10	-	-	40,430.10
Burbridge, Hannah	Library	40,352.40	-	-	40,352.40
Hall, Maureen	Library	34,420.49	-	-	34,420.49
Stone, Jeffrey	Police	-	-	33,390.00	33,390.00

Name	Department/Position	Regular	OT/Holiday Stipends/Call	Paid Details	Total
Leopold, Deirdre	Library	29,811.94	-	-	29,811.94
Meegan, Emily	Library	29,796.76	-	-	29,796.76
Vieira, Nathan	Police	-	-	29,280.00	29,280.00
Reich, William	Shellfish Warden	28,093.69	-	-	28,093.69
D'Angelo, Margaret	Library	27,801.08	-	-	27,801.08
Higgins, Wanda	Affordable Housing	27,539.09	-	-	27,539.09
Cotterill, John	Fire	27,365.00	-	-	27,365.00
Hartenstine, Russell	Emergency Management	25,000.00	-	-	25,000.00
Neilley, Darellyn	Library	24,761.39	-	-	24,761.39
Lawson, Mikaela	Library	24,611.99	-	-	24,611.99
Joiner, Chelsea	Accounting	22,158.00	-	-	22,158.00
Fauteux, Randall	Parks & Recreation	21,090.10	-	-	21,090.10
Cotnoir, Charles	Council on Aging	15,766.72	-	-	15,766.72
Bennett, Elliott	Library	14,769.50	-	-	14,769.50
Milstein, Emily	Library	13,032.07	-	-	13,032.07
Gadowski, Jennelle	Emergency Management	13,000.00	-	-	13,000.00
Ferreira, Ronald	Inspector	12,530.00	-	-	12,530.00
Norton, Ginger	Library	11,923.67	-	-	11,923.67
Girouard, John	Library	11,058.84	-	-	11,058.84
Ciancio, Michael	Inspector	10,850.00	-	-	10,850.00
Fragosa, Briana	Parks & Recreation	9,755.20	-	-	9,755.20
Schaffner, Brynn	Fire	9,745.00	-	-	9,745.00
Gilpin, Louise	Library	8,247.44	-	-	8,247.44
Dyer, Mitchell	Parks & Recreation	8,165.30	-	-	8,165.30
Hull, Richard	Fire	7,085.00	-	-	7,085.00
Bates, Phebe	Animal Control	6,979.17	-	-	6,979.17

Name	Department/Position	Regular	OT/Holiday Stipends/Call	Paid Details	Total
Swan-Lawley, Finnora	Parks & Recreation	6,515.47	-	-	6,515.47
Valley, Maura	Community Preservation	6,356.10	-	-	6,356.10
Melyawati, Dewa	Library	6,327.63	-	-	6,327.63
Guiney, Leah	Energy Committees	6,113.80	-	-	6,113.80
Brown, Sydney	Parks & Recreation	5,945.80	-	-	5,945.80
McDonough, Anne	Library	5,683.50	-	-	5,683.50
Mastromonaco, Kenneth	Fire	5,455.00	-	-	5,455.00
Graczykowski, Holden	Parks & Recreation	5,435.88	-	-	5,435.88
Medeiros, Eric	Fire	5,340.00	-	-	5,340.00
Miller, Jessica	Select Board	5,000.00	-	-	5,000.00
Gale, Raymond	Shellfish Warden	5,000.00	-	-	5,000.00
Mitchell, Cynthia	Select Board	5,000.00	-	-	5,000.00
Graff, William	Parks & Recreation	4,904.20	-	-	4,904.20
Harris, Jacoby	Parks & Recreation	4,819.44	-	-	4,819.44
De Geofroy, Louis	Fire	4,785.00	-	-	4,785.00
Bennett, Jade	Treasurer/Collector	4,644.76	-	-	4,644.76
Mazar-Kelly, Casey	Library	4,496.28	-	-	4,496.28
McFarland, Maria	Personnel Board	4,255.85	-	-	4,255.85
Marzbanian, Wendy	Council on Aging	4,145.56	-	-	4,145.56
Pruciano, Phillip	Parks & Recreation	4,128.28	-	-	4,128.28
Edwards, Kenneth	Fire	3,995.00	-	-	3,995.00
Forrester, Otis	Parks & Recreation	3,992.80	-	-	3,992.80
Stalgren, Grady	Parks & Recreation	3,960.16	-	-	3,960.16
Emin, Joshua	Fire	3,910.00	-	-	3,910.00
Smith, Amelia	Energy Committees	3,857.18	-	-	3,857.18
McCarthy, John	Fire	3,555.00	-	-	3,555.00

Name	Department/Position	Regular	OT/Holiday Stipends/Call	Paid Details	Total
Fauteux, Madison	Parks & Recreation	3,418.44	-	-	3,418.44
Stone, Barry	Inspector	3,220.00	-	-	3,220.00
Hoy, John	Herring Warden	3,000.00	-	-	3,000.00
Story, Nathaniel	Parks & Recreation	2,871.60	-	-	2,871.60
Drogin, Caroline	Library	2,690.19	-	-	2,690.19
Krauss, Cynthia	Community Preservation	2,604.87	-	-	2,604.87
Brennan, Kevin	Emergency Management	2,556.16	-	-	2,556.16
Brown, Jeremiah	Tree Warden	2,500.00	-	-	2,500.00
Luskin, Charles	Municipal Hearing Officer	2,500.00	-	-	2,500.00
Olsen, Keith	Highway Supervisor	2,500.00	-	-	2,500.00
Lake, Joshua	Parks & Recreation	2,430.40	-	-	2,430.40
Logue, Katherine	Data Processing	2,350.00	-	-	2,350.00
Fischer, Lydia	Library	2,260.77	-	-	2,260.77
Forrester, Aeneas	Parks & Recreation	2,222.92	-	-	2,222.92
Haynes, Bruce	Fire	2,065.00	-	-	2,065.00
DeBlase, Glenn	Fire	2,055.00	-	-	2,055.00
Hennessey, Robert	Fire	2,020.00	-	-	2,020.00
Bennett-Rock, Madison	Library	1,949.44	-	-	1,949.44
Bettencourt, Mark	Fire	1,900.00	-	-	1,900.00
Rivers, Marques	Fire	1,880.00	-	-	1,880.00
Serusa, Stephen	Fire	1,865.00	-	-	1,865.00
Brust, Callie	Parks & Recreation	1,785.08	-	-	1,785.08
Brillard, Isadore	Library	1,768.20	-	-	1,768.20
West, Christopher	Fire	2,639.06	-	-	1,725.00
Haynes, Nathaniel	Fire	1,690.00	-	-	1,690.00
Malik, Rizwan	Library	1,670.76	-	-	1,670.76

Name	Department/Position	Regular	OT/Holiday Stipends/Call	Paid Details	Total
Stone, Bruce	Data Processing	1,650.00	-	-	1,650.00
Bassett, Ann	N/A	1,522.07	-	-	1,522.07
Schwab, David	Inspector	1,400.00	-	-	1,400.00
Forrester, Peter	Parks & Recreation	1,519.00	-	-	1,352.68
Koszuta, Peter	Library	1,338.78	-	-	1,338.78
Timus, Michael	Parks & Recreation	1,313.90	-	-	1,313.90
Napior, Leo	Parks & Recreation	1,294.28	-	-	1,294.28
Tebo, Riley	Fire	1,240.00	-	-	1,240.00
Young, Adriana	Parks & Recreation	1,176.84	-	-	1,176.84
Haynes, Janice	Finance Committee	1,147.40	-	-	1,147.40
Flanders, Oscar	Parks & Recreation	1,129.10	-	-	1,129.10
Estrella, Manuel	Fire	1,110.00	-	-	1,110.00
Dole, Nancy	N/A	1,092.09	-	-	1,092.09
Marzbanian, Peter	Fire	1,080.00	-	-	1,080.00
Schofield, Shivonne	Library	1,010.40	-	-	1,010.40
Miller, Jessica	Board of Health	1,000.00	-	-	1,000.00
Colaneri, Michael	Assessors	1,000.00	-	-	1,000.00
Jones, Virginia	Planning Board	1,000.00	-	-	1,000.00
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

Name	Department/Position	Regular	OT/Holiday Stipends/Call	Paid Details	Total
Mincone, Matthew	Fire	990.00	-	-	990.00
Lowe, Erik	Fire	985.00	-	-	985.00
West, Christopher	Animal Control	914.06	-	-	914.06
Emerson, Henry	Parks & Recreation	838.76	-	-	838.76
Chaves, Jose	Parks & Recreation	804.16	-	-	804.16
Avery, Devon	Fire	785.00	-	-	785.00
Naskaris, Sebastian	Fire	760.00	-	-	760.00
Young, Sarah	Parks & Recreation	694.40	-	-	694.40
Rose, John	Fire	680.00	-	-	680.00
Ferry, Emerson	Parks & Recreation	677.46	-	-	677.46
Roy, Richard	Fire	640.00	-	-	640.00
Hartenstine, Russell	Fire	570.00	-	-	570.00
Ramoutar, Shawn	Assessors	500.22	-	-	500.22
White, Granville	Fire	480.00	-	-	480.00
Guiney, Leah	Select Board	472.43	-	-	472.43
Montrowl, Dionis	Elections	448.00	-	-	448.00
Waters, Daniel	Moderator	370.00	-	-	370.00
Iannone, Mark	Parks & Recreation	347.20	-	-	347.20
Mayhew, Emma	Fire	330.00	-	-	330.00
Oliver, Jesse	Fire	320.00	-	-	320.00
Shannon, John	Fire	250.00	-	-	250.00
Guiney, Leah	Finance Committee	243.16	-	-	243.16
Gebo, Matthew	Parks & Recreation	166.00	-	-	166.00
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

Name	Department/Position	Regular	OT/Holiday Stipends/Call	Paid Details	Total
Fielder, Evan	Elections	128.00	-	-	128.00
Dutton, Patrick	Fire	120.00	-	-	120.00
Amols, Lisa	Parks & Recreation	83.00	-	-	83.00
Powers, John	Elections	80.00	-	-	80.00
Hull, Hermine	Board of Registrars	50.00	-	-	50.00
Kirby, Bernice	Board of Registrars	50.00	-	-	50.00
Brennan, Catherine	Elections	37.50	-	-	37.50

**TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
APPROPRIATION ANALYSIS FY 2024**

	Balance Forward as of 07/01/2023	Appropriations/ Transfers/	Revised Total Appropriations	Expenditures/ Charges	Forward 06/30/2024	Surplus Revenue 06/30/2024
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
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	1,820.00	3,900.00	5,720.00	1,240.00		4,480.00
122-5110 Select Board Salaries	11,042.00		11,042.00	10,000.00		1,042.00
122-5120 Select Board Pers Serv	192,919.91	33,325.83	226,245.74	209,285.37		16,960.37
122-5700 Select Board Expenses	35,338.00		35,338.00	24,928.87		10,409.13
124-5120 Municipal Hearing Officer	2,500.00		2,500.00	2,500.00		0.00
131-5120 FinCom Pers Serv	1,934.40	193.80	2,128.20	1,390.56		737.64
131-5700 FinCom Expenses	1,930.00		1,930.00	309.50		1,620.50
132-5700 Reserve Fund	50,000.00	(20,606.31)	29,393.69	0.00		29,393.69
133-5300 Annual Audit	17,000.00		17,000.00	17,000.00		0.00
135-5120 Accountant Pers Serv	121,921.93	25,674.78	147,596.71	146,177.93		1,418.78
135-5700 Accountant Expenses	2,030.00		2,030.00	1,873.96		156.04
141-5110 Assessors Salaries	3,000.00		3,000.00	3,000.00		0.00
141-5120 Assessors Pers Serv	170,462.10	17,051.28	187,513.38	170,617.66		16,895.72
141-5305 Assessors Legal	20,000.00		20,000.00	2,665.00		17,335.00
141-5700 Assessors Expenses	35,650.00		35,650.00	31,166.03		4,483.97
145-5120 Treasurer Pers Serv	182,495.91	18,383.98	200,879.89	200,879.89		0.00
145-5700 Treasurer Expenses	29,900.00		29,900.00	25,761.96		4,138.04
151-5305 Legal	55,000.00	20,000.00	75,000.00	64,697.09		10,302.91
152-5120 Personnel Bd Pers Serv	13,992.60	1,400.61	15,393.21	4,255.86		11,137.35
152-5700 Personnel Bd Expenses	800.00		800.00	225.00		575.00
155-5120 Data Proc Pers Serv	4,000.00		4,000.00	4,000.00		0.00

	Balance Forward as of 07/01/2023	Appropriations/ Transfers/	Revised Total Appropriations	Expenditures/ Charges	Forward 06/30/2024	Surplus Revenue 06/30/2024
155-5700 Data Proc Expenses	110,190.00		110,190.00	106,058.14	1,542.40	2,589.46
158-5305 Tax Foreclosure Legal	5,000.00		5,000.00	2,148.25		2,851.75
158-5700 Tax Foreclosure	150.00		150.00	0.00		150.00
161-5110 Town Clerk Salaries	69,283.76	6,928.38	76,212.14	76,212.14		0.00
161-5700 Town Clerk Expenses	1,285.00		1,285.00	1,253.54		31.46
162-5120 Elections Pers Serv	4,956.00		4,956.00	693.50		4,262.50
162-5700 Elections Expenses	11,600.00		11,600.00	5,021.33		6,578.67
163-5120 Registrars Salaries	300.00		300.00	250.00		50.00
163-5700 Registrars Expenses	2,700.00		2,700.00	685.30		2,014.70
171-5120 ConCom Pers Serv	60,168.19	6,022.60	66,190.79	63,484.17		2,706.62
171-5700 ConCom Expenses	3,180.00		3,180.00	2,658.69		521.31
175-5110 Planning Bd Salaries	5,000.00		5,000.00	5,000.00		0.00
175-5120 Planning Bd Pers Serv	74,092.86	7,416.40	81,509.26	80,052.34		1,456.92
175-5700 Planning Bd Expenses	6,145.00		6,145.00	4,361.43		1,783.57
176-5120 ZBA Pers Serv	78,189.30	7,815.36	86,004.66	85,674.96		329.70
176-5305 ZBA Legal	5,000.00	35,000.00	40,000.00	16,085.75		23,914.25
176-5700 ZBA Expenses	8,950.00		8,950.00	7,736.40		1,213.60
177-5600 MV Commission	205,088.00		205,088.00	205,088.00		0.00
179-5120 AH Com Pers Serv	31,418.40	3,139.20	34,557.60	27,539.09		7,018.51
179-5305 AHC Legal	6,000.00		6,000.00	737.50		5,262.50
179-5700 AH Com Expenses	3,200.00		3,200.00	685.07	600.00	1,914.93
182-5120 Energy/Climate Personal Serv	13,843.44	1,388.52	15,231.96	9,970.98		5,260.98
182-5700 Energy/Climate Comm Exp	1,000.00		1,000.00	336.50		663.50
192-5700 Town Hall Expenses	142,700.00		142,700.00	91,481.23	4,803.29	46,415.48
193-5700 Property Insurance	145,000.00	10,466.00	155,466.00	155,466.00		0.00
194-5700 Town Electric	47,860.00		47,860.00	24,853.30	8,639.21	14,367.47
195-5700 Town Report Expenses	11,500.00		11,500.00	9,450.00		2,050.00
196-5120 Town Clock Pers Serv	250.00		250.00	0.00		250.00

	Balance Forward as of 07/01/2023	Appropriations/ Transfers/	Revised Total Appropriations	Expenditures/ Charges	Forward 06/30/2024	Surplus Revenue 06/30/2024
197-5600 DCRHA Administrative	60,525.00		60,525.00	60,169.00		356.00
Sub-total : General Government	2,069,181.80	177,500.43	2,246,682.23	1,965,497.29	15,584.90	265,600.04
Public Safety						
210-5120 Police Pers Serv	1,348,578.72	132,391.54	1,480,970.26	1,369,671.77		111,298.49
210-5700 Police Expenses	150,420.00		150,420.00	150,097.95		322.05
220-5120 Fire Pers Serv	264,447.18	13,478.04	277,925.22	244,318.60		33,606.62
220-5700 Fire Expenses	200,350.00		200,350.00	197,102.25		3,247.75
231-5600 Tri-Town Ambulance	586,558.91		586,558.91	586,558.91		0.00
235-5600 Communications MVPSC	34,701.97		34,701.97	33,943.16		758.81
241-5120 Bldg Inspect Pers Serv	330,003.26	24,881.99	354,885.25	320,257.30		34,627.95
241-5700 Bldg Inspect Expenses	16,235.00		16,235.00	13,484.22		2,750.78
291-5120 Emer Mgmt Pers Serv	43,000.00		43,000.00	38,000.00		5,000.00
291-5700 Emergency Managment	13,060.00		13,060.00	7,446.57		5,613.43
292-5120 ACO Pers Serv	89,535.17	7,943.89	97,479.06	84,171.08		13,307.98
292-5700 ACO Expenses	8,355.00		8,355.00	6,097.50		2,257.50
293-5120 Herring Warden Pers Serv	3,000.00		3,000.00	3,000.00		0.00
293-5700 Herring Warden Expenses	1,200.00		1,200.00	0.00		1,200.00
294-5110 Tree Warden Salaries	2,500.00		2,500.00	2,500.00		0.00
294-5120 Tree Warden Expenses	1,000.00		1,000.00	0.00		1,000.00
294-5700 Tree Warden Expenses	13,000.00		13,000.00	2,510.00		10,490.00
298-5120 Shellfish Dept Pers Serv	30,542.40	2,562.56	33,104.96	33,093.69		11.27
298-5700 Shellfish Dept Expenses	11,900.00		11,900.00	10,095.66		1,804.34
299-5700 MV Shellfish Group	39,000.00		39,000.00	39,000.00		0.00
Sub-total : Public Safety	3,187,387.61	181,258.02	3,368,645.63	3,141,348.66	0.00	227,296.97
Education						
311-5600 Up-Island RSD	9,400,895.01		9,400,895.01	9,400,895.01		0.00
313-5600 MVRHS District	3,396,970.22		3,396,970.22	3,383,280.53		13,689.69
Sub-total : Education	12,797,865.23	0.00	12,797,865.23	12,784,175.54	0.00	13,689.69

	Balance Forward as of 07/01/2023	Appropriations/ Transfers/	Revised Total Appropriations	Expenditures/ Charges	Forward 06/30/2024	Surplus Revenue 06/30/2024
Public Works						
421-5120 Super Streets Pers Serv	74,500.00		74,500.00	74,500.00		0.00
422-5120 Highway Pers Serv	227,313.16	22,750.48	250,063.64	250,038.01		25.63
422-5700 Highway Expenses	87,620.00		87,620.00	87,620.00		0.00
423-5700 Snow & Ice	85,000.00		85,000.00	63,244.88		21,755.12
424-5700 Street Lights	3,200.00		3,200.00	1,354.30		1,845.70
491-5120 Cemeteries Pers Serv	2,839.20	284.00	3,123.20	2,362.86		760.34
491-5700 Cemeteries Expenses	26,500.00		26,500.00	24,593.10		1,906.90
Sub-total : Public Works	506,972.36	23,034.48	530,006.84	503,713.15	0.00	26,293.69
Sanitation						
433-5120 Town LDO Pers Serv	50.00		50.00	0.00		50.00
433-5600 Town LDO Intergov	8,000.00	1,509.41	9,509.41	9,509.41		0.00
433-5700 Town LDO Expenses	5,920.00		5,920.00	2,646.18		3,273.82
439-5600 MVRDRRD Intergov	125,512.00		125,512.00	125,512.00		0.00
Sub-total : Sanitation	139,482.00	1,509.41	140,991.41	137,667.59	0.00	3,323.82
Human Services						
510-5110 BOH Salaries	3,000.00		3,000.00	3,000.00		0.00
510-5120 BOH Pers Serv	171,350.64	17,429.60	188,780.24	135,868.08		52,912.16
510-5700 BOH Expenses	16,225.00	12,875.89	29,100.89	20,676.60		8,424.29
522-5700 Health Services	26,000.00		26,000.00	8,313.72		17,686.28
525-5600 Vineyard Health Care Access	63,771.00		63,771.00	63,771.00		0.00
526-5600 Dukes County Social Services	6,541.00		6,541.00	6,541.00		0.00
541-5120 UplIsland COA Per Serv	322,610.91	31,244.14	353,855.05	338,087.67		15,767.38
541-5700 UplIsland COA Expense	20,900.00		20,900.00	13,524.52		7,375.48
543-5700 Veterans Benefits	22,000.00		22,000.00	16,207.97		5,792.03
Sub-total : Human Services	652,398.55	61,549.63	713,948.18	605,990.56	0.00	107,957.62

	Balance Forward as of 07/01/2023	Appropriations/ Transfers/	Revised Total Appropriations	Expenditures/ Charges	Forward 06/30/2024	Surplus Revenue 06/30/2024
Culture & Recreation						
610-5120 Library Pers Serv	687,882.22	74,337.64	762,219.86	762,219.86		0.00
610-5700 Library Expenses	278,700.00		278,700.00	278,299.29		400.71
620-5110 P&R Com Salaries	830.00		830.00	581.00		249.00
620-5120 P&R Pers Serv	40,755.15	4,079.43	44,834.58	44,777.37		57.21
620-5700 P&R Expenses	1,950.00		1,950.00	1,924.86		25.14
632-5120 Beaches Pers Serv	97,005.25		97,005.25	92,975.01		4,030.24
632-5700 Beaches Expenses	18,925.00		18,925.00	18,912.56		12.44
640-5120 Rec Programs Pers Serv	18,193.68		18,193.68	10,041.68		8,152.00
640-5700 Rec Programs Expenses	10,900.00		10,900.00	10,672.93		227.07
650-5700 Town Grounds	10,250.00		10,250.00	9,879.36		370.64
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	3,500.00		3,500.00	3,500.00		0.00
Sub-total : Culture & Recreation	1,169,841.30	78,417.07	1,248,258.37	1,233,783.92	0.00	14,474.45
Debt Service						
710-5910 Principal-Long Term	790,000.00	55,135.33	845,135.33	845,135.33		(0.00)
751-5915 Interest-Long Term	121,032.50		121,032.50	121,032.50		0.00
752-7925 Interest-Short Term	73,006.75	(55,135.33)	17,871.42	10,873.75		6,997.67
Sub-total : Debt Service	984,039.25	0.00	984,039.25	977,041.58	0.00	6,997.67
Benefits						
911-5170 County Retirement	660,009.00		660,009.00	660,009.00		0.00
912-5170 Workers Comp Ins	19,000.00		19,000.00	16,011.00		2,989.00
913-5170 Unemployment	0.00		0.00	0.00		0.00
914-5170 Health Insurance	1,041,680.00		1,041,680.00	975,420.37		66,259.63
915-5170 Life Insurance	5,200.00		5,200.00	5,010.85		189.15
916-5170 Employers Medicare	69,000.00	5,887.00	74,887.00	73,476.28		1,410.72

	Balance Forward as of 07/01/2023	Appropriations/ Transfers/	Revised Total Appropriations	Expenditures/ Charges	Forward 06/30/2024	Surplus Revenue 06/30/2024
945-5740 Public Official Liability	13,350.00		13,350.00	11,581.00		1,769.00
Sub-total : Benefits	1,808,239.00	5,887.00	1,814,126.00	1,741,508.50	0.00	72,617.50
TOTAL BUDGET ITEMS	23,315,407.10	529,156.04	23,844,563.14	23,090,726.79	15,584.90	738,251.45
FY 2024 WARRANT ARTICLES						
ATM2023 18 AISC Adult- Continuing Ed	14,240.00		14,240.00	14,240.00		0.00
ATM2023 10 Assessors Evaluation	24,000.00		24,000.00	304.49	23,695.51	0.00
ATM2023 28 MVC Engineering	15,000.00		15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00	0.00
ATM2023 41 County - MV Senior Services	81,527.00		81,527.00	81,527.00		0.00
ATM2023 40 County - SUD Prevention	6,861.00		6,861.00	6,861.00		0.00
ATM2023 42 County - CORE	14,366.00		14,366.00	14,366.00		0.00
ATM2023 36 County - DC Supplemental	5,052.60		5,052.60	5,052.60		0.00
ATM2023 38 County - Healthy Aging MV	16,910.00		16,910.00	16,910.00		0.00
ATM2023 39 County - Homelessness Prevention	8,411.00		8,411.00	8,411.00		0.00
ATM2023 43 County Building Debt	25,851.60		25,851.60	25,851.60		0.00
ATM2023 44 Compensated Balance Reserve	30,000.00		30,000.00	30,000.00		0.00
ATM2023 27 Unemployment Insurance Fund	3,000.00		3,000.00	3,000.00		0.00
ATM2023 05 Scale Adjustment Unallocated	3,126.27		3,126.27	0.00		3,126.27
STM 11-23 06 Opioid Stabilization Fund		5,146.91	5,146.91	5,146.91		0.00
ATM2024 Fire Equipment Stabilization Fund		100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00		0.00
TOTAL FY 2024 WARRANT ARTICLES	248,345.47	105,146.91	353,492.38	311,670.60	38,695.51	41,821.78

	Balance Forward as of 07/01/2023	Appropriations/ Transfers/	Revised Total Appropriations	Expenditures/ Charges	Forward 06/30/2024	Surplus Revenue 06/30/2024
PRIOR YEAR BALANCE FORWARDS						
FY2023 Encumbrances						
FY23 Permitting Module	7,298.40		7,298.40	5,756.00	1,542.40	0.00
FY23 IT Upgrade Order	1,950.00		1,950.00	731.25		1,218.75
FY23 Office Furniture	1,516.48		1,516.48	1,516.48		0.00
FY23 IT Toner Order	251.89		251.89	251.89		0.00
Sub-total : FY2022 Encumbrances	11,016.77	0.00	11,016.77	8,255.62	1,542.40	1,218.75
Prior Year Warrant Articles						
ATM2018 11 Fire Command Vehicle	731.96		731.96	0.00	0.00	0.00
ATM2019 Cemetary Headstones	440.00		440.00	440.00	0.00	0.00
ATM2019 36 Personnel Study	4,050.00		4,050.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ATM2020 10 LDO Improvements	19,201.04		19,201.04	8,999.19	10,201.85	0.00
ATM2020 13 TNC Transportation	1,526.00		1,526.00	0.00	1,526.00	0.00
STM 10-2020 08 Building Maintenance	29,862.14		29,862.14	29,862.14	0.00	0.00
STM 10-2020 09 Town Events	3,272.07		3,272.07	3,141.07	131.00	0.00
STM 10-2020 17 Fire Equipment/Truck	96,265.00		96,265.00	0.00	96,265.00	0.00
STM 10-2020 27 Chilmark School	19,514.00		19,514.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
STM 10-2020 13 School Speed Sign	6,876.00		6,876.00	3,309.20	3,566.80	0.00
ATM 2021 11 TNC Transportation	1,330.60		1,330.60	0.00	1,330.60	0.00
ATM2022 09 Lamberts Cove Hydrant	114,746.28		114,746.28	495.00	114,251.28	0.00
ATM2022 22 Shellfish Dept Expenses	15,562.50		15,562.50	6,423.00	9,139.50	0.00
ATM2022 26 Tax Billing Conversion	4,910.00		4,910.00	0.00	4,910.00	0.00
ATM2022 28 Building Maintenance	100,000.00		100,000.00	100,000.00	0.00	0.00
ATM2022 30 TNC Complete Street	470.00		470.00	0.00	470.00	0.00
ATM2022 31 Hatchery Seawater Lines	36,000.00		36,000.00	0.00	36,000.00	0.00
ATM2022 10 Police Vehicle	35,000.00		35,000.00	35,000.00	0.00	0.00
ATM2022 14 Assessors Revaluation	9,595.51		9,595.51	9,595.51	0.00	0.00
ATM 2022 19 Howes House Design	319,051.68		319,051.68	78,340.00	240,711.68	0.00

	Balance Forward as of 07/01/2023	Appropriations/ Transfers/	Revised Total Appropriations	Expenditures/ Charges	Forward 06/30/2024	Surplus Revenue 06/30/2024
ATM2023 08 Tree Planting	19,200.00		19,200.00	4,738.00	14,462.00	0.00
ATM2023 11 Building Maintenance	150,000.00		150,000.00	15,536.29	134,463.71	0.00
ATM2023 16 Visioning	25,000.00		25,000.00	15,333.70	9,666.30	0.00
ATM2023 21 WT School Chargers	35,858.00		35,858.00	0.00	35,858.00	0.00
ATM2023 23 Police Cruiser	43,000.00		43,000.00	17,838.77	25,161.23	0.00
ATM2023 24 Highway Dump Truck	90,000.00		90,000.00	86,260.64	3,739.36	0.00
ATM2023 25 Beach Dune Lowering	3,000.00		3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	0.00
ATM2023 37 County - DCHCA Building	28,240.00		28,240.00	28,240.00	0.00	0.00
ATM2023 46 Transportation Projects	965.00		965.00	0.00	965.00	0.00
Road Reconstruction ATM 2012	29,936.73		29,936.73	0.00	29,936.73	0.00
Sub-total : Prior Year Warrant Articles	1,243,604.51	0.00	1,243,604.51	443,552.51	775,756.04	0.00
TOTAL PRIOR YEAR BALANCE FORWARDS	1,254,621.28	0.00	1,254,621.28	451,808.13	777,298.44	1,218.75
FY 2024 STATE CHERRY SHEET ASSESSMENTS						
820-5600 State-Air Pollution	3,379.00		3,379.00	3,379.00		0.00
821-5600 State-RTA	139,744.00		139,744.00	139,744.00		0.00
824-5600 State Non-Renew MVE	5,080.00		5,080.00	5,080.00		0.00
830-5600 County Assessment	66,969.00		66,969.00	66,969.00		0.00
TOTAL FY 2023 CHERRY SHEET ASSESSMENTS	215,172.00	0.00	215,172.00	215,172.00	0.00	0.00

**Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups
as of 30 June 2024
(Unaudited)**

	Governmental Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Types	Account Groups	Totals
	General	Special Revenue	Trust & Agency	Long-term Debt	(Memorandum Only)
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	3,965,297.46	3,040,071.00	2,286,333.78		9,749,914.74
Investments					-
Receivables:					
Personal property taxes	1,768.01				1,768.01
Real estate taxes	156,443.48	4,617.22			161,060.70
Allowance for abatements and exemptions	(260,939.98)				(260,939.98)
Tax liens	17,481.10				17,481.10
Motor vehicle excise	127,156.59				127,156.59
Other receivables		28,718.49			28,718.49
Foreclosures/Possessions	75,063.66	257.98			75,321.64
Amounts to be provided - payment of bonds				3,970,000.00	3,970,000.00
Amounts to be provided - landfill postclosure costs				35,000.00	35,000.00
	<u>4,082,270.32</u>	<u>3,03,664.69</u>	<u>2,286,333.78</u>	<u>4,005,000.00</u>	<u>13,905,481.29</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

Liabilities:					
Warrants payable	134,589.11	434,533.18	4,539.51		600,136.80
Accounts payable	157,863.91	2,226.05	18,020.00		178,109.80
Accrued payroll					
					0.00

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Types	Account Groups	Totals
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects			
Withholdings	146,595.74	605.99		7,903.62		155,105.35
Deferred Revenue						
Real and personal property taxes	(102,728.49)	4,617.22				(98,111.27)
Tax liens	17,481.10	257.98				17,739.08
Tax foreclosures	75,063.66					75,063.66
Motor vehicle excise	127,156.59					127,156.59
Other Receivables		28,718.49				28,718.49
Prepaid taxes/fees	28,512.38					28,512.38
Tailings	34,190.27			89,008.38		34,190.27
Agency Funds			500,000.00		500,000.00	89,008.38
Notes payable					3,470,000.00	1,000,000.00
Bonds payable					35,000.00	3,470,000.00
Closed landfill future costs						35,000.00
	618,724.27	470,958.91	526,475.00	119,471.53	4,005,000.00	5,740,629.71
Fund Equity:						
Reserved for encumbrances	15,584.90					15,584.90
Reserved for expenditures	1,007,000.00					1,007,000.00
Reserved for continuing appropriations	814,451.55	1,983,313.08				2,797,764.63
Reserved for premiums	8,310.00					8,310.00
Undesignated fund balance	1,618,199.60	619,392.70	(68,262.50)	2,166,862.25		4,336,192.05
	3,463,546.05	2,602,705.78	(68,262.50)	2,166,862.25	-	8,164,851.58
	4,082,270.32	3,073,664.69	458,212.50	2,286,333.78	4,005,000.00	13,905,481.29

TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
COMBINED BALANCE SHEETS BY FUND
as of June 2024

GENERAL FUND

Assets/Debit Balances		Liabilities/Fund Equity	
Cash	3,965,297.46	Allowance Abatements & Exemptions	260,939.98
Real Estate Tax Receivables	156,443.48	Warrants Payable/Accounts Payable	134,589.11
Personal Property Tax Receivables	1,768.01	Warrants Payable/Payroll	157,863.91
Tax Liens	17,481.10	Payroll Withholdings	146,595.74
MVE Tax Receivables	127,156.59	Prepaid Taxes/FY 2024 RE Tax	28,512.38
Tax Foreclosures	75,063.66	Unclaimed Checks	34,190.27
		Deferred Revenue/Property Taxes	(102,728.49)
		Deferred Revenue/Tax Liens	17,481.10
		Deferred Revenue/Tax Foreclosures	75,063.66
		Deferred Revenue/MVE	127,156.59
		Fund Balance/Encumbrances	15,584.90
		Fund Balance/Continuing Appropriations	814,451.55
		Fund Balance/Reserved for Expenditure	1,007,000.00
		Fund Balance/Reserved for	
		Unamort Bond Premium	8,310.00
		Undesignated Fund Balance	1,618,199.60
	<u>4,343,210.30</u>		<u>4,343,210.30</u>

SPECIAL REVENUE

Cash on Deposit	3,040,071.00	Warrants Payable/Payroll	2,226.05
CPA Surcharge Receivables	4,617.22	Warrants Payable/Accounts Payable	434,533.18
CPA Surcharge Tax Liens Receivables	0.00	Warrants Payable/Withholdings	605.99
CPA - Tax Foreclosures	257.98	Deferred Revenue CPA Surcharge	4,617.22
Septic Loans Receivables	28,718.49	Deferred Revenue CPA Tax Liens	257.98
		Deferred Revenue CPA Foreclosures	0.00
		Deferred Revenue-Septic Loans	28,718.49
		Fund Balances CPA:	
		Fund Balance/Reserved for Appropriations	1,983,313.08
		Fund Balance/Encumbrances	0.00
		Fund Balance/Reserved for Open Space	28,311.00
		Fund Balance/Reserved for Housing	63,954.00
		Fund Balance/Reserved for Historic Presev	0.00
		Fund Balance/Unrestricted	266,890.62
		Fund Balances:	
		MED Project (Police)	6,724.21
		Police Highway Safety Grant	(2,151.44)
		Fire Hydrant Fund	17,926.73
		State Highway Chapter 90	(384,348.42)
		State Highway WRAP	8,283.65
		State Regional Cultural Council	93,275.68
		MV Fire Training Council Grant	25,482.67
		COVID Mass Assm Health Boards	9,305.00
		Federal ARPA CLFRF	108,635.94
		State Veterans Benefits COLA	474.00

State TNC Receipts Reserved	2,844.40
State Elderly Persons	12,398.08
State EPM Grant	14,578.50
State Aid to Libraries	38,203.77
WT Library Foundation Gift	54,162.86
Library Friends Grant	3.80
Library Slough Farm Grant	1,570.45
Sale of Cemetery Plots Reserved	130,410.65
Septic Systems Repair	67,838.84
Wetlands Protection	44,898.21
Revolving Fund/Wetlands By-Law Fees	3,390.00
Gift	5,062.50
Gift Fund-Council on Aging Designated	1,267.00
	<u>3,073,664.69</u>

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Cash	458,212.50	Accounts Payable	26,475.00
		Balance Authorized for Library HVAC	500,000.00
		Library HVAC Payable	(68,262.50)
	<u>458,212.50</u>		<u>458,212.50</u>

NON-EXPENDABLE TRUSTS

Cash	65,333.45	Fund Balance/Cemetery Funds	59,790.00
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EXPENDABLE TRUSTS

Fund Balance/Library Funds	5,543.45
	65,333.45

Cash	2,101,528.80		
Warrants Payable		0.00	
Fund Balance/Stabilization		572,514.04	
Fund Balance/Stabilization-Ambulance		62,944.86	
Fund Balance/Stabilization-Bldg Maint		16,279.00	
Fund Balance/Stabilization-Fire Department		318,887.54	
Fund Balance/Terminated Emp Reserve		47,077.01	
Fund Balance/Unemployment Compensation		6,212.34	
Fund Balance/Cemeteries		11,668.86	
Fund Balance/Affordable Housing Trust		975,669.91	
Fund Balance/Libraries		10,790.10	
Fund Balance/Conservation		69,887.87	
Fund Balance/Opioid Settlement			
Stabilization Fund		9,597.27	
	2,101,528.80		

AGENCY

Cash	119,471.53		
Warrants Payable/Payroll Payable		4,539.51	
Warrants Payable/Accounts Payable		18,020.02	

Warrants Payable/Withholdings	7,903.62
Agency Balance/Payroll	6,069.22
Agency Balance/Police Details	(9,240.00)
Agency Balance/Deputy Collector	30,795.65
Agency Balance/Licenses Town Clerk	(1.55)
Agency Balance/Police Firarms to State	(37.50)
Agency Balance/Escrow Account	55,049.78
Agency Balance/Consultants(44-53G)	6,372.78
Agency Balance/School PPA due CVEC	0.00
Agency Balance/Due to Other Libraries	0.00
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LONG TERM DEBT/OBLIGATIONS

Bonds Authorized		
Amts to be Provided for Retirement of Long Term Obligations	3,470,000.00	Bond Authorized and Unissued
Amts to be Provided for Retirement of Short Term Obligations	500,000.00	Bonds Payable
Amts to be Provided for Landfill Post Closure Costs	35,000.00	Landfill Closure & Post Closure Costs
		BANS Payable
		35,000.00
		500,000.00
		3,470,000.00
		0.00

SCHEDULE OF DEBT OUTSTANDING, ISSUED, AND RETIRED
July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

	Balance 06/30/2023	Issued FY 2024	Retired FY 2024	Balance 06/30/2024	Interest Paid FY 2024
<u>Long Term Debt</u>					
Town Hall Renovation	1,385,000.00		235,000.00	1,150,000.00	44,643.75
Library Renovation	600,000.00		100,000.00	500,000.00	6,757.75
Road Renovation	775,000.0		155,000.00	620,000.00	27,031.00
Police Station Construction	1,320,000.00		120,000.00	1,200,000.00	42,600.00
Total - Long Term Debt	4,080,000.00	0.00	610,000.00	3,470,000.00	121,032.50
<u>Short Term Debt</u>					
Library HVAC System Replacement	0.00	500,000.00	0.00	500,000.00	0.00
Scott's Grove Affordable Housing Project	200,000.00	0.00	200,000.00	0.00	1,121.88
Highway Garage	235,136.00	0.00	235,136.00	0.00	10,873.08
Total - Short Term Debt	435,136.00	500,000.00	435,136.00	500,000.00	19,868.02
<u>Bonds Authorized and Unissued</u>					
Library HVAC System Replacement	1,200,000.00	1,800,000.00	500,000.00	2,500,000.00	

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS
July 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024

	Appropriation/ Balance Forward	Year To Date	Appropriation Balance
FY 2025 BUDGET			
General Government			
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	865.00	5,675.00
122-5110 Select Board Salaries	15,000.00	5,000.00	10,000.00
122-5120 Select Board Pers Serv	314,894.99	114,318.67	200,576.32
122-5700 Select Board Expenses	35,150.00	10,167.68	24,982.32
124-5120 Municipal Hearing Officer	2,500.00	1,250.00	1,250.00
131-5120 FinCom Pers Serv	2,342.40	509.60	1,832.80
131-5700 FinCom Expenses	1,575.00	168.00	1,407.00
132-5700 Reserve Fund	69,539.70	0.00	69,539.70
133-5300 Annual Audit	22,000.00	13,200.00	8,800.00
135-5120 Accountant Pers Serv	124,141.33	56,737.24	67,404.09
135-5700 Accountant Expenses	4,670.00	155.48	4,514.52
141-5110 Assessors Salaries	3,000.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
141-5120 Assessors Pers Serv	231,829.86	111,238.84	120,591.02
141-5305 Assessors Legal	20,000.00	0.00	20,000.00
141-5700 Assessors Expenses	34,950.00	6,589.58	28,360.42
145-5120 Treasurer Pers Serv	214,445.29	95,827.23	118,618.06
145-5700 Treasurer Expenses	31,650.00	9,580.65	22,069.35
151-5305 Legal	75,000.00	48,517.40	26,482.60
152-5120 Personnel Bd Pers Serv	16,127.11	1,979.67	14,147.44
152-5700 Personnel Bd Expenses	800.00	225.00	575.00
155-5120 Data Proc Pers Serv	4,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
155-5700 Data Proc Expenses	115,640.00	56,923.31	58,716.69
158-5305 Tax Foreclosure Legal	4,000.00	1,366.00	2,634.00
158-5700 Tax Foreclosure	150.00	0.00	150.00
161-5110 Town Clerk Salaries	79,852.69	42,997.64	36,855.05
161-5700 Town Clerk Expenses	1,285.00	1,008.55	276.45
162-5120 Elections Pers Serv	9,912.00	907.00	9,005.00
162-5700 Elections Expenses	13,700.00	2,578.42	11,121.58
163-5120 Registrars Salaries	375.00	75.00	300.00
163-5700 Registrars Expenses	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
171-5120 ConCom Pers Serv	69,346.58	32,034.67	37,311.91
171-5700 ConCom Expenses	3,180.00	398.65	2,781.35
175-5110 Planning Bd Salaries	5,000.00	2,368.85	2,631.15
175-5120 Planning Bd Pers Serv	85,395.41	43,098.79	42,296.62
175-5700 Planning Bd Expenses	7,845.00	2,072.03	5,772.97
176-5120 ZBA Pers Serv	94,675.14	47,069.75	47,605.39
176-5305 ZBA Legal	5,000.00	206.50	4,793.50
176-5700 ZBA Expenses	9,700.00	1,771.26	7,928.74
177-5600 MV Commission	209,638.00	209,638.00	0.00
179-5120 AH Com Pers Serv	29,418.60	14,434.40	14,984.20
179-5305 AHC Legal	6,000.00	1,104.00	4,896.00

	Appropriation/ Balance Forward	Year To Date	Appropriation Balance
179-5700 AH Com Expenses	4,050.00	0.00	4,050.00
182-5120 Energy/Climate Pers Serv	16,761.42	5,503.68	11,257.74
182-5700 Energy/Climate Com Exp	6,585.30	0.00	6,585.30
192-5700 Town Hall Expenses	143,500.00	40,966.04	102,533.96
193-5700 Property Insurance	179,000.00	172,116.78	6,883.22
194-5700 Town Electric	51,760.00	18,904.44	32,855.56
195-5700 Town Report Expenses	11,500.00	0.00	11,500.00
196-5120 Town Clock Pers Serv	250.00	0.00	250.00
197-5600 DCRHA Administrative	61,763.00	61,763.00	0.00
Sub-total : General Government	2,459,308.82	1,239,321.80	1,219,987.02
Public Safety			
210-5120 Police Pers Serv	1,524,697.29	691,206.20	833,491.09
210-5700 Police Expenses	154,445.00	100,014.22	54,430.78
220-5120 Fire Pers Serv	293,799.00	120,257.80	173,541.20
220-5700 Fire Expenses	205,400.00	120,824.28	84,575.72
231-5600 Tri-Town Ambulance	860,407.58	0.00	860,407.58
235-5600 Communications MVPCSC	33,657.71	0.00	33,657.71
241-5120 Bldg. Inspect Pers Serv	380,970.50	178,983.26	201,987.24
241-5700 Bldg. Inspect Expenses	16,035.00	3,909.39	12,125.61
291-5120 Emer Mgmt. Pers Serv	38,000.00	15,184.78	22,815.22
291-5700 Emergency Management	17,360.00	9,549.29	7,810.71
292-5120 ACO Pers Serv	105,268.91	47,267.28	58,001.63
292-5700 ACO Expenses	8,355.00	2,444.93	5,910.07
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	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
294-5700 Tree Warden Expenses	13,000.00	1,500.00	11,500.00
298-5120 Shellfish Dept Pers Serv	35,933.76	11,148.42	24,785.34
298-5700 Shellfish Dept Expenses	12,400.00	4,382.32	8,017.68
299-5700 MV Shellfish Group	40,000.00	40,000.00	0.00
Sub-total : Public Safety	3,747,429.75	1,349,422.17	2,398,007.58
Education			
311-5600 Up-Island RSD	10,684,671.59	5,342,335.79	5,342,335.80
313-5600 MVRHS District	3,200,650.90	1,600,325.44	1,600,325.46
Sub-total : Education	13,885,322.49	6,942,661.23	6,942,661.26
Public Works			
421-5120 Super Streets Pers Serv	82,000.00	41,000.00	41,000.00
422-5120 Highway Pers Serv	270,973.96	133,513.18	137,460.78
422-5700 Highway Expenses	90,595.00	22,692.88	67,902.12
423-5700 Snow & Ice	90,000.00	9,095.00	80,905.00
424-5700 Street Lights	3,200.00	573.60	2,626.40
491-5120 Cemeteries Pers Serv	3,272.00	0.00	3,272.00
491-5700 Cemeteries Expenses	26,500.00	7,665.60	18,834.40
Sub-total : Public Works	566,540.96	214,540.26	352,000.70
Sanitation			
433-5120 Town LDO Pers Serv	50.00	0.00	50.00

	Appropriation/ Balance Forward	Year To Date	Appropriation Balance
433-5600 Town LDO Intergovernmental	11,000.00	1,217.25	9,782.75
433-5700 Town LDO Expenses	5,520.00	204.45	5,315.55
439-5600 MVRDRRD			
Intergovernmental	126,657.10	63,332.85	63,324.25
Sub-total : Sanitation	143,227.10	64,754.55	78,472.55
Human Services			
510-5110 BOH Salaries	3,000.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
510-5120 BOH Pers Serv	176,054.23	86,530.69	89,523.54
510-5700 BOH Expenses	22,725.00	5,634.96	17,090.04
522-5700 Health Services	20,000.00	0.00	20,000.00
525-5600 DC Health Care Access	79,303.00	39,651.50	39,651.50
526-5600 DC Public Benefits Access	7,326.00	7,326.00	0.00
541-5120 Up Island COA Per Serv	319,769.06	143,428.15	176,340.91
541-5700 Up Island COA Expense	36,450.00	11,008.08	25,441.92
543-5700 Veterans Benefits	21,000.00	0.00	21,000.00
Sub-total : Human Services	685,627.29	295,079.38	390,547.91
Culture & Recreation			
610-5120 Library Pers Serv	830,827.77	389,497.51	441,330.26
610-5700 Library Expenses	289,100.00	172,303.41	116,796.59
620-5110 P&R Com Salaries	830.00	166.00	664.00
620-5120 P&R Pers Serv	50,103.65	24,565.93	25,537.72
620-5700 P&R Expenses	1,950.00	662.63	1,287.37
632-5120 Beaches Pers Serv	96,086.65	62,091.32	33,995.33
632-5700 Beaches Expenses	23,925.00	6,003.19	17,921.81
640-5120 Rec Programs Pers Serv	21,536.24	11,894.80	9,641.44
640-5700 Rec Programs Expenses	20,400.00	7,406.61	12,993.39
650-5700 Town Grounds	10,250.00	5,315.00	4,935.00
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	1,350,959.31	684,906.40	666,052.91
Debt Service			
710-5910 Principal-Long Term	740,000.00	485,000.00	255,000.00
751-5915 Interest-Long Term	103,680.00	55,372.50	48,307.50
752-7925 Interest-Short Term	121,250.00	10.00	121,240.00
Sub-total : Debt Service	964,930.00	540,382.50	424,547.50
Benefits			
911-5170 County Retirement	690,785.00	690,785.00	0.00
912-5170 Workers Comp Ins	21,280.00	14,312.00	6,968.00
914-5170 Health Insurance	1,090,800.00	522,869.17	567,930.83
915-5170 Life Insurance	5,500.00	2,763.06	2,736.94
916-5170 Employers Medicare	78,000.00	36,284.58	41,715.42
945-5740 Public Official Liability	14,685.00	13,021.00	1,664.00
Sub-total : Benefits	1,901,050.00	1,280,034.81	621,015.19
TOTAL BUDGET ITEMS	25,704,395.72	12,611,103.10	13,093,292.62

	Appropriation/ Balance Forward	Year To Date	Appropriation Balance
FY 2024 STATE CHERRY SHEET ASSESSMENTS			
820-5600 State-Air Pollution	3,456.00	1,728.00	1,728.00
821-5600 State-RTA	143,237.00	71,622.00	71,615.00
824-5600 State Non-Renew MVE	9,380.00	2,754.00	6,626.00
830-5600 County Assessment	68,643.00	34,330.00	34,313.00
TOTAL FY 2024 CHERRY SHEET ASSESSMENTS	224,716.00	110,434.00	114,282.00
FY 2025 WARRANT ARTICLES			
ATM24 9 Fire Hydrant Tiahs Cove	75,358.75	0.00	75,358.75
ATM24 10 Assessors Revaluation	24,000.00	0.00	24,000.00
ATM24 24 Adult Continuing Ed (MVCET)	14,240.00	14,240.00	0.00
ATM24 26 Police Cruiser	30,000.00	28,975.47	1,024.53
ATM24 27 Highway Truck	46,500.00	44,975.00	1,525.00
ATM24 28 County-MV Senior Services	94,843.00	47,421.50	47,421.50
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
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	11,679.00	5,839.40	5,839.60
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
ATM24 42 County Building Debt	25,240.40	25,240.40	0.00
TOTAL FY 2025 WARRANT ARTICLES	526,873.01	215,054.77	311,818.24
PRIOR YEAR BALANCE FORWARDS			
FY2023 Encumbrances			
FY23 Permitting Modules	1,542.40	0.00	1,542.40
Sub-total : FY2023 Encumbrances	1,542.40	0.00	1,542.40
FY2024 Encumbrances			
FY24 Encumbered CVEC	8,639.21	8,639.21	0.00
FY24 Encumbered DaRosa's	600.00	0.00	600.00
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
Sub-total : FY2024 Encumbrances	14,042.50	13,442.50	600.00

	Appropriation/ Balance Forward	Year To Date	Appropriation Balance
Prior Year Warrant Articles			
ATM2020 10 LDO Improvements	10,201.85	0.00	10,201.85
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 17 Fire Equipment/Truck	96,265.00	0.00	96,265.00
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 09 Lamberts Cove Hydrant	114,251.28	0.00	114,251.28
ATM2022 22 Shellfish Dept Expenses	9,139.50	6,000.00	3,139.50
ATM2022 26 Tax Billing Conversion	4,910.00	0.00	4,910.00
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	240,711.68	0.00	240,711.68
ATM2023 08 Tree Planting	14,462.00	0.00	14,462.00
ATM2023 11 Building Maintenance	134,463.71	1,676.00	132,787.71
ATM2023 16 Visioning	9,666.30	9,625.50	40.80
ATM2023 21 WT School Chargers	35,858.00	0.00	35,858.00
ATM2023 23 Police Cruiser	25,161.23	25,161.23	0.00
ATM2023 24 Highway DumpTruck	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	23,695.51	0.00	23,695.51
ATM2023 28 MVC Engineering	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00
Road Reconstruction ATM 2012	29,936.73	29,936.73	0.00
Sub-total : Prior Year Warrant Articles	814,451.55	72,399.46	742,052.09
TOTAL PRIOR YEAR			
BALANCE FORWARDS	830,036.45	85,841.96	744,194.49

REPORT OF THE TREASURER/COLLECTOR

JUNE 30, 2024

To the Select Board and Citizens of West Tisbury:

It has been my great pleasure and honor to serve the Town of West Tisbury as its Treasurer, and more recently its Treasurer/Collector for nearly 22 years. I would like to acknowledge and thank Joan Chavez, my extremely able and hard-working Assistant Treasurer/Collector for my first six years in the combined role; she made that new role immeasurably easier to take on. I would like to welcome Jade Bennett, our new Assistant Treasurer/Collector, who joined us in June of 2024 when Joan retired. Jade has brought a warmth and humor to the office, which has brightened her interactions with the many people who encounter her competence in dealing with taxpayers' concerns and questions, or fellow employees with payroll matters. As I write this, I am coming to the end of a month of overlap with Monica Burke, my successor. I am sure that I am leaving the department in good hands.

The Town began the fiscal year with \$4,080,000 in outstanding long-term direct debt; we retired \$610,000 in principal, so the year ended with \$3,470,000 in outstanding long-term direct debt. In addition, we paid down all of our existing short-term debt (\$435,136), and initiated a new short-term borrowing of \$500,000 to carry into the following fiscal year. The town also shares responsibility for regional debt through entities such as the county, school and refuse districts. I invite you to review the annual report of the Capital Improvements Planning Committee for a projection of future capital spending, including projected borrowing.

We continued to receive substantial payments on parcels in tax title foreclosure, with a few taxpayers paying regularly on payment plan agreements. The fiscal year began with two parcels with tax liens; five parcels had new tax liens recorded and three parcels were paid off entirely, so the fiscal year ended with tax liens on four parcels.

My reports on Receipts and Expenditures, Assets and Tax Collections follow.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Logue
Treasurer/Collector

BALANCE IN CASH AND INVESTMENT		
ACCOUNTS AS OF JUNE 30, 2023:		\$9,141,290.11
RECEIPTS:		
Total Receipts		26,195,651.57
(including taxes, interest and other investment income, bond proceeds, and departmental and miscellaneous receipts)		
EXPENDITURES:		
Orders of Select Board	(25,601,796.94)	
Less Voided Checks	14,770.00	
Net Expenditures:		(25,587,026.94)
BALANCE IN CASH AND INVESTMENT		
ACCOUNTS AS OF JUNE 30, 2024:		\$9,749,914.74

**REPORT OF ASSETS
JUNE 30, 2024**

CASH/CHECKS IN OFFICE:	\$31,627.38
CHECKING ACCOUNT:	\$90,851.91
SAVINGS/NOW ACCOUNTS:	
Deputy Collector	\$30,749.56
Library Online Purchases	690.61
Library Postage	300.05
Permitting/Licensing	17,826.91
Tax Revenue Lockbox	4,777.13
Town Hall Online Purchases	5,755.44
SUBTOTAL, SAVINGS/NOW ACCOUNTS:	\$60,099.70
MONEY MARKET AND OTHER INVESTMENTS:	
Affordable Housing Trust Fund	\$980,124.91
Ambulance Stabilization Fund	62,944.86
Bond Proceeds	501,147.91
Building Maintenance Stabilization Fund	16,279.00
Community Preservation Fund	2,077,943.82
Conservation Fund	69,887.87
Escrow Account (Projects)	55,040.76
EV Charger Receipts	3,493.45
Fire Equipment Stabilization Fund	318,887.54
Floss E. Mayhew Fund (Cemetery)	1,284.81
ICS Investment	4,112,103.22
Investment Money Market	533,669.81
Jessie C. Martin Fund (Library)	301.19
Library Gift Fund	8,696.44
M. V. Regional Cultural Council	94,525.68
Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund	8,868.34
Perpetual Care (Cemetery)	65,052.83
Priscilla Hancock Fund (Library)	7,420.43
Project Review/53G Account	6,372.78
Stabilization Fund (Undesignated)	572,514.04
Terminated Employees	
Compensated Absence	59,442.50
Unemployment Compensation Fund	6,212.34
William T. Rotch Fund (Cemetery)	5,121.22
SUBTOTAL, INVESTMENTS:	\$9,567,335.75
TOTAL CASH AND INVESTMENTS:	\$9,749,914.74

REAL ESTATE TAXES

Tax Receivables Balance at 6/30/2023	\$152,698.14
Tax Commitments Added	19,912,188.81
Tax Payments Received	(19,936,589.66)
Abatements/Exemptions/Refunds/Transfers to Tax Title	32,441.89
Tax Receivables Balance at 6/30/2024	160,739.18

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

Tax Receivables Balance at 6/30/2023	9,948.49
Tax Commitments Added	230,069.19
Tax Payments Received	(238,285.66)
Abatements/Exemptions/Refunds	35.99
Tax Receivables Balance at 6/30/2024	1,768.01

MOTOR VEHICLE/EXCISE TAXES

Tax Receivables Balance at 6/30/2023	105,353.59
Tax Commitments Added	1,015,578.06
Tax Payments Received	(991,858.15)
Abatements/Exemptions/Refunds	(1,916.91)
Tax Receivables Balance at 6/30/2024	127,156.59

TAX TITLE/LIEN PAYMENTS

Tax Receivables Balance at 6/30/2023	1,832.98
Taxes Transferred to Tax Title	21,999.26
Tax Lien Payments Received	(6,029.62)
Disclaimed/Foreclosed/Other	0.00
Tax Receivables Balance at 6/30/2024	17,802.62

TOTAL RECEIVABLES AT 6/30/2024: \$307,466.40

INTEREST AND FEE REVENUE RECEIVED

Real Estate Interest/Fees	54,247.57
Personal Property Interest/Fees	2,298.47
Excise Interest/Fees	23,069.17
Tax Title/Lien Interest/Fees	350.97

TOTAL INTEREST/FEEES: \$79,966.18

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 trees in various locations within the Historic District (Table 1). Since there were no bids on the project from the landscaping community, the committee held an Arbor Day tree planting on April 27, 2024. The day began with a tree planting demonstration by West Tisbury Tree Warden, Jeremiah Brown, followed by the planting of 15 trees by volunteers.

The tree planting required months of planning by the committee (listed below) and the event would not have been successful without help from our dedicated community. There have also been a few more tree related changes in the Historic District. Chilmark resident and landscape architect Michael Van Valkenburgh led the removal of the hazardous invasive Norway maples outside 7A Foods and an unhealthy Siberian elm along State Road. He replaced these trees with disease resistant elms and oaks.

As of January 1, 2025, the committee has \$14,962.00 remaining in the tree planting fund. The committee intends to use these funds and other resources to continue to plant, map, and maintain trees in the Historic District.

Committee Members:

- Jeremiah Brown (Tree Warden) (WT)
- Tim Boland (WT)
- Emily Ellingson (WT)
- David Fielder (WT)
- JT Hunt (OB)
- Oliver Osness (WT)

Table 1. West Tisbury Historic District 2024 Tree Plantings		
Common Name	Quantity	Location
Shadbush	5	Brandy Brow Hilltop
Flowering Dogwood	4	Brandy Brow Hilltop
Beetlebung	1	Old Mill Pond
Okame Flowering Cherry	1	Town Hall
Atlas Cedar	1	Town Hall
American Basswood	1	Town Hall
Disease Resistant Elm	2	Music Street

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

Hello all,

Not much to report this year. Very average year in terms of calls and site visits. Less than ten tree removals.

The great news is the town has a new Tree Committee. I'm sure you will get introduced reading their report. It has been a wonderful new resource, especially regarding planting new trees. We had a volunteer planting day last Arbor Day which was successful. I'm sure you've seen the new trees as you drive around.

As always, I thank you to all my eyes on the ground! Thank you to the new Tree Committee, you are awesome. A special thanks to Michael Van Valkenburgh for providing numerous trees in town at personal expense and effort.

Happy to serve.

Jeremiah Brown

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.

There are several significant changes that have occurred over the past year.

- We are happy to welcome California Godfrey to our squad. She has been a welcome addition.
- After many years of service, Allison Grazykowski has stepped away from her role as Administrative Assistant. She was a very valuable member of the service and helped to modernize many of our policies. We wish her the best!
- We are happy to welcome Samantha Bunker as our new Administrative Assistant. She has been doing a wonderful job so far.
- We are happy to report that we have moved our business operations into the new station in Chilmark, and things are running very smoothly. All the staff are very happy with the station.
- 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, 2023:

Total Ambulance Runs: 421

- West Tisbury: **233** Ambulance Runs (55.35% of total ambulance runs)
 - Medical Emergencies: **212**
 - Motor Vehicle Accidents: **18**
 - Fire Standby: **3**
- Chilmark: **127** Ambulance Runs (30.16% of total ambulance runs)
 - Medical Emergencies: **118**
 - Motor Vehicle Accidents: **6**
 - Fire Standby: **3**
- Aquinnah: **46** Ambulance runs (10.92% of the total ambulance runs)
 - Medical Emergencies: **46**
 - Motor Vehicle Accidents: **0**
 - Fire Standby: **0**
- Mutual Aid and Non Emergent Transport calls: **15** Ambulance Runs (3.56% 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
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
Katherine Smith
Samantha Smith
Garrison Vieira
Ashley Wood
Ashley Moreis
Paul Manning
David Marinelli
Emma Mayhew
Yuliya Bilzerian
Jim Osmundsen
Farley Pedler

Respectfully submitted,

Benjamin Retmier
Ambulance Chief

REPORT OF THE UP-ISLAND COUNCIL ON AGING

To the Select Board:

The Up-Island Council on Aging, operating out of Howes House in West Tisbury, serves adults 60 years of age and older from the towns of Aquinnah, Chilmark and West Tisbury. We are responsible for the administration, development, and coordination of programs and services aimed at supporting older adults in the community. We are committed to evaluating and expanding our services to meet the ever-changing interests and needs of our patrons. Further, the Up-Island COA proudly promotes the well-being of all Up-Island residents along with older adults from all Island towns when possible.

Demographics

Aquinnah: 51.51% (255 individuals) of the adult population is 60 years of age and older.

Chilmark: 51.4%% (657 individuals) of the adult population is 60 years of age and older.

West Tisbury: 46.28% (1,438 individuals) of the adult population is 60 years of age and older.

Programs and Services

We provided services to approximately 857 individuals, both seasonal and year-round. Of that total, 82 represent Aquinnah, 125 represent Chilmark, and 584 represent West Tisbury. The remaining 66 reflect participants from Edgartown, Oak Bluffs, and Tisbury.

2024 brought a year of growth at the Up-Island Council on Aging as we continued to provide necessary services to older adults in the Up-Island community. Participation in center-run programs and supportive services continued to increase. There was steady participation in the building as well as in satellite events held throughout Aquinnah, Chilmark, and West Tisbury while many continued to stay connected through virtual programming.

Direct/Outreach Services: 248 individuals, 403 interactions

Nutrition Programming: 181 individuals, 1,367 interactions

Wellness/Fitness Programming: 89 individuals, 3,281 interactions

Social/Educational Programming: 294 individuals, 1,413 interactions

Durable Medical Equipment Loans: 174

This year, the Up-Island Council on Aging increased our presence in the towns of Aquinnah and Chilmark. A monthly lunch held at the Aquinnah Town Hall paired with a Public Health Nurse Clinic has become an enriching way to connect more directly with our community members residing further up-island. Working with the Chilmark Library, we offered a multi-session writing workshop and will be continuing monthly Coffee gatherings.

Staffing

This year, the Up-Island Council on Aging celebrated long-time director, Joyce Albertine, as she embarked on her next adventures after 38 years leading the agency. Selected to fill the role of director, was Bethany Hammond who has served the community through her work at the Up-Island COA for the past ten years. Susan Merrill, who has been with the COA for three years moved into the position of Assistant Director. We eagerly welcomed Ann Raymond to fill the position of Outreach Coordinator. Jennie Gadowski remains the reassuring face at the front desk for her fourth year.

Up Island Council on Aging Board

The Up-Island Council on Aging Board, consists of three voting members from each participating town. They have been busy working on a number of initiatives. This year they revised and updated their bylaws and have been working with the Aquinnah, Chilmark, and West Tisbury select boards to update the memorandum of understanding, outlining the membership and financial agreement between the three towns. They initiated a strategic planning study with the University of Massachusetts Boston's Center for Social and Demographic Research on Aging, looking to identify the needs and interests of individuals served by the COA. The project will continue into the next year and the results will help to inform the COA as we plan for future services.

Up-Island Council on Aging Board Members

Aquinnah: Gary Haley, Paul Manning, Kathie Olsen

Chilmark: Peter Cook, Betty Farrow, Marie Larsen

West Tisbury: Anna Alley, Beth Kramer, Cynthia Mitchell

Funding

The Up-Island Council on Aging receives funding from several sources including local tax dollars, grants from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Aging and Independence (formerly the Executive Office of Elder Affairs) and the Friends of the Up-Island Council on Aging.

Formula Grant- Funding is provided by the Executive Office of Aging and Independence. The Up-Island Council on Aging was awarded \$35,055 for FY2025 to assist with defraying costs of utilities, program development/support, transportation costs (staff and client), office supplies/equipment, and professional development. In 2024 formula grant funds paid \$15,000, the first of two installments, for the strategic planning project with University of Massachusetts Boston.

Friends of The Up-Island Council on Aging- A non-profit agency formed in 1987 to raise funds for the benefit of the Up-Island Council on Aging. The Friends enable the COA to provide needed services and programs beyond those that can be afforded through tax and grant income. In 2024, the Friends graciously contributed over \$12,920 to offset program costs and maintenance of the grounds.

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

provides assistance to those most in need. In 2024, the Friends' Gift Fund provided \$9,355 for utilities, \$6,450 for food cards, and \$3,580 for pharmacy costs, totaling \$19,385 in financial support to 21 households (6 in Aquinnah, 3 in Chilmark, 12 in West Tisbury).

On behalf of the Up-Island Council on Aging, we would like to extend a sincere gratitude to our volunteers who provided over 180 hours of assistance this year. Without their contributions, the services we provide would be greatly reduced. We would also like to thank our program leaders, partner agencies, and taxpayers for their continued support.

We will continue to be committed to the evolving needs of our communities as we strive to help our seniors successfully age in place.

Respectfully submitted,

Bethany Hammond
Director

REPORT OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

To the Select Board:

The Zoning Board of Appeals held 58 hearings and acted on 43 applications in 2024. .

Case File 2024-01 *Stever and Elsie Aubrey, 161 Indian Hill Rd., Map 15 Lot 8.1*
On January 4, the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) voted to GRANT a Special Permit to allow the location of a 576 sq. ft. open lean-to shed seven (7) ft. into the front yard setback.

Case File 2024-02 *Fletcher and Benaree Wiley, 130 Pond Rd., Map 30 Lot 2.16*
On January 4, the ZBA voted to AMEND Special Permit #2008-13 and allow the construction of a 196 sq. ft. addition to an existing 840 sq. ft. pool house.

Case File 2024-03 *Simon and Robyn Athearn, 35 Road to Great Neck, Map 31 Lot 68*
On January 18, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit to allow the construction of a 1212 sq. ft., 32-foot tall Barn requiring 32 ft. of rear yard setback relief (and 2 ft. of height relief).

Case File 2024-04 *Pamela Phillips and Christian Newcomer, 225 Great Plains Rd., Map 17 Lot 133*
On January 18, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit with Conditions to allow the construction of a 24'x32' two-car garage with a 768 sq. ft. Accessory Apartment above.

Case File 2024-05 *Nooni and Shira Hammarlund, 60 Stone Bridge Rd., Map 3 Lot 49*
On February 1, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit with Conditions to allow the construction a single-family dwelling on a non-conforming lot requiring 15 feet of front yard setback relief and 18 feet of side yard setback relief.

Case File 2024-06 *Richard R. Huffam, 64 Island Farms Rd., Map 16 Lot 17*
On February 1, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit with Conditions to allow the installation of a 588 sq. ft., 24 ft. high dual axis solar tracker.

Case File 2024-07 *Ronaldo Andrade and Quezia da Silva, 364 State Rd., Map 11 Lot 57.2*
On January 4, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit with Conditions to allow the construction of a 60'x40' garage and operate a service business (seasonal landscaping, tree and stone work) to include the storage/parking of five (5) trucks: (2) over 10,000 GVW and (3) under 10,000 GVW.

Case File 2024-08 *Margaret J. Carman, 225 Old County Rd., Map 16 Lot 230*

On February 15, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit to allow the operation of a pick-your-own blueberry farm as a Retail Business (not listed elsewhere), as allowed in the RU district for agricultural use.

Case File 2024-09 *Peter and Rachel Sorrentino, 71 Carls Way, Map 35 Lot 7*

On February 15, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit with Conditions to allow the construction of an 18'x40' inground swimming pool and to demolish an existing dwelling then re-construct a 990 sq. ft. habitable accessory structure.

Case File 2024-10 *David Berlow, 71 Red Pony Rd., Map 30 Lot 11.2*

On February 29, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit with Conditions to allow the installation of a ground-mounted solar array in front of a dwelling, requiring 25 ft. of side yard setback relief.

Case File 2024-11 *Middle Point Bend, LLC, 208 & 216 Middle Point Rd., Map 39 Lot 7 and 8*

On February 29, the ZBA voted to GRANT an APPEAL and overturn the Building Inspector's determination that a proposed fireplace in a studio is not allowable based on the definition of a 'Studio' in section 14.2 of the West Tisbury Zoning Bylaw.

Case File 2024-12 *Casey Decker and Katherine Wilson, 625 Edgartown Rd., Map 31 Lot 28*

On March 14, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit to allow the construction of a 16'x16' screen porch addition to a pre-existing, non-conforming dwelling requiring 31 feet of side yard setback relief.

Case File 2024-13 *Erik and Catherine Blake, 18 Amos Ln., Map 16 Lot 240*

On March 14, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit with Conditions to allow the operation of a year-round service business known as Blitz Fitness (karate and fitness classes), in the basement of their home, seven days a week: Mon-Fri 6:30am to 10am and 4pm to 8:30pm; Sat 8:15-10:15am; and Sun 7-8:30am.

Case File 2024-14 *Middle Point Bend, LLC, 208 & 216 Middle Point Rd., Map 39 Lot 7 and 8*

On March 28, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit to allow the installation of a small fireplace in the Studio portion of the Detached Bedroom and Studio.

Case File 2024-15 *Matthew M. Greenfield and Laurence H. Dumortier, 80 Oak Ln., Map 17, Lot 105*

On March 28, the ZBA voted to AMEND Special Permit #2023-47 and allow the relocation of an 8'x15' pool shed to the front yard; pool size change from 53ft. long to 55ft. long; and shift the pool approx. 12 ft. to the west.

Case File 2024-16 *Kirk and Crystal Wagar, 280 Oak Ln., Map 17 Lot 91.2*
On April 18, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit with Conditions to allow the construction of an 18'x36' inground swimming pool and a 2,000 sq. ft. residential accessory structure with two (2) detached bedrooms.

Case File 2024-17 *Megan and Charles J. Teague, 48 Forest Rd., Map 13 Lot 2*
On April 18, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit to allow the renovation/addition of a 4,880 sq. ft. pre-existing, non-conforming dwelling, with an approximate 36 ft. net reduction in total square footage.

Case File 2024-18 *Todd Hitchings, 30 Beaten Path, Map 8, Lot 26.4*
On May 2, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit with Conditions to allow the construction of a 300 sq. ft. addition to an existing 500 sq. ft. Affordable Accessory Apartment.

Case File 2024-19 *Sylvia Hargrave, 57 Vineyard Meadow Farms Rd., Map 29 Lot 8*

On May 16, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit with Conditions to allow the construction and renovation of a pre-existing, non-conforming three-bedroom dwelling into a four-bedroom dwelling requiring 10 feet of side yard setback relief.

Case File 2024-20 *Nancy B. Gardiner, 130 Plum Bush Point Rd., Map 35 Lot 6.12*

On May 16, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit with Conditions to allow the renovation and construction of a detached garage and two studios (visual arts and photography) in the Inland and Shore Zones of the Coastal District.

Case File 2024-21 *Megan and Charles J. Teague, 48 Forest Rd., Map 13 Lot 2*
On May 16, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit with Conditions to allow the construction of a of a 16' x 32' inground swimming pool.

Case File 2024-22 *Jonathan and Pamela Belain, 60 Stoney Hill Path, Map 10 Lot 204*

On May 16, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit with Conditions to allow the construction of a 30'x60' dry barn on a pre-existing, non-conforming lot.

Case File 2024-23 *Reinaldo Dos Santos Jr., 73 Blackthorn Rd., Map 31 Lot 104.7*

On June 6, the ZBA voted to DENY the APPEAL and uphold the Building Inspector's determination that a proposed wedding on vacant is not allowed because there is no primary dwelling that would classify it as a subordinate, incidental use. However, they also voted to ALLOW the wedding due to lack of clarity under the Town's current bylaws and considering the nature of the lot and the fact it is in the same ownership as an abutting dwelling lot.

Case File 2024-24 *Shane Fisher, 18 Ophelia Way, Map 11 Lot 46.7*

On June 20, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit with Conditions to allow the construction of a 1,600 sq. ft. single-family dwelling on a homesite lot.

Case File 2024-25 *Douglas F. Best, 1201 State Rd., Map 34 Lot 6*

On June 20, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Variance from the dimensional requirements for a subordinate dwelling to allow an already-constructed guest house an additional 155 sq. ft.

Case File 2024-26 *Wagner Pereira, 18 Ophelia Way, 21 Atwood Lane, Map 17 Lot 82*

On June 20, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit with Conditions to allow the construction of an accessory structure with a footprint greater than 600 sq. ft. (2-bay garage with office space and allow an Accessory Apartment above) on a pre-existing non-conforming lot requiring 18 feet of front yard setback relief.

Case File 2024-27 *John McCarthy and Margaret Bresnahan, 170 Skiffs Lane, Map 17 Lot 3.20*

On June 20, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit with Conditions to allow the construction of a 480 sq. ft. accessory structure (used as a horse barn) requiring 32 feet of side yard setback relief.

Case File 2024-28 *Dawn Porter, 200 John Hoft Rd., Map 2 Lot 7.2*

On July 11, the ZBA voted to AMEND Special Permit #2023-53 with Conditions to allow the construction of a 20'x50' inground swimming pool (an increase from the 18'x32' pool plan approved).

Case File 2024-29 *Bagehot Backs LLC, 55 Oyster Watcha Rd., Map 38 Lot 8*
On August 22, the ZBA voted to AMEND Special Permit #2010-14 to allow the construction of a 242 sq. ft. addition to an existing pool house to contain a new 4'x4' cold plunge pool along with a sauna and massage room.

Case File 2024-30 *Locd on the Vineyard, 24 Airport Rd., Map 28 Lot 1.2*

On August 22, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit to allow a modification of a Special Permit granted to Vineyard Tennis Center on April 3, 1996, as a stipulation of its conditions, to allow the change of use of a portion of its existing space to a service business (hairstyling).

Case File 2024-31 *Jonathan and Hannah Scott, 208 Edgartown Rd., Map 30 Lot 13*

On September 5, the ZBA voted to AMEND Special Permit #2020-18 to allow the addition of 16 solar panels to an existing solar array sited in front of a dwelling and requiring 21 feet of side yard setback relief.

Case File 2024-32 *Brad Tucker, 844 State Rd., Map 25 Lot 6*

On September 19, the ZBA voted to GRANT an APPEAL and overturn the Building Inspector's determination that ordered appellant to cease and desist holding private events because he found that incidental uses, such as private events, are only allowed once per calendar year in the RU district. The board found there was lack of clarity under the Town's current bylaws regarding the definition of an 'Event'.

Case File 2024-33 *Sylvia Hargrave, 57 Vineyard Meadow Farms Rd., Map 29 Lot 8*

On October 10, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit with Conditions to allow the construction of a 24' x 11' inground swimming pool.

Case File 2024-34 *John P. and Una M. Doddy, 179 Pond Rd., Map 30 Lot 2.58*

On October 24, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit to allow the extension-alteration of a pre-existing, non-conforming structure to include the 140 sq. ft. extension of a back porch (deck) and the addition of a 58 sq. ft. outside barbeque area 38.9' from the northwest side property line but not less conforming than the existing dwelling; a (conforming) 108 sq. ft. screen porch addition as well as a 120 sq. ft. shed 21.5' from the northeast side property line as allowed for non-habitable, accessory residential structures 120 sq. ft. or smaller.

Case File 2024-35 *Jodi S. and David A. Ephraim, 35 Plum Bush Point Rd., Map 35 Lot 6.161*

On November 7, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit with Conditions to allow the construction of a 20'x45' inground swimming pool and a 300 sq. ft. pool house with an 8'x8' pool equipment enclosure.

Case File 2024-36 *Edmilson Alves DaSilva, 149 Vineyard Meadow Farms Rd., Map 37 Lot 43*

On November 7, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit with Conditions to allow the construction of a 20'x45' inground swimming pool and a 300 sq. ft. pool house with a 14'x30' inground swimming pool.

Case File 2024-37 *Annie Parr, 5 Murphys Rd., Map 32 Lot 4*

On November 7, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit with Conditions to allow the construction of a 7'x13' plunge pool.

Case File 2024-38 *Allan and Cathy G. Tasman, 56 Longview Rd., Map 7 Lot 70*

On November 21, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit with Conditions to allow the removal and reconstruction of a pre-existing non-conforming dwelling requiring 9 feet of north side yard setback relief.

Case File 2024-39 *Vanileze Cortez, 28 Bramble Path, Map 16 Lot 213*

On December 5, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit to allow a Home Occupation (custom, personalized gifts).

Case File 2024-40 *Aaron Jason Ovios, 34 Pioneer Ln., Map 16 Lot 203.6*

On December 19, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit with Conditions to allow the construction of an 884sf detached garage with an 800sf accessory apartment above requiring 76 feet of front yard setback relief for an accessory structure over 600 sq. ft. in front of a primary dwelling.

Case File 2024-41 *160 Plum Bush Point Road LLC, 160 Plum Bush Point Rd, Map 35 Lot 6.15*

On December 19, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit with Conditions to allow the construction of a detached 594sf two-car garage with a 400sf detached bedroom above.

Case File 2024-42 *Edward Emory Greene, 248 Pond Rd., Map 30 Lot 2.41*
On December 19, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit with Conditions to allow the construction of a 20'x40' inground swimming pool and pool house under 800 sq. ft. to house an exercise room and playroom.

Case File 2024-43 *Black Harbor Group LLC, 90 Dr. Fisher Rd., Map 21 Lot 12*
On December 19, the ZBA voted to AMEND Special Permit #2021-12 to allow the transfer of ownership and operational rights previously granted to FFD Enterprises MA, Inc., to operate a Medical Use and Adult-Recreational Use Marijuana Cultivation Facility at 90 Dr. Fisher Rd.

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.

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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
Jeffrey Kaye
Casey Decker – Associate Member
Patrick Barrett – 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 2025
EXPENDITURES - FY 2024; APPROPRIATIONS - FY 2025;
BUDGET PROPOSAL - FY 2026**

Line Item	Account	Expenditures FY 2024	Appropriations FY 2025	Requested Appropriations FY 2026	Recommended by Finance Committee FY 2026
		\$	\$	\$	\$
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
MODERATOR					
114-5110	Elected Official, Salary	370	370	370.00	370.00
114-5305	Legal	0	500	500.00	500.00
114-5700	Expenses	1,240	6,540	6,540.00	6,540.00
	Total Moderator	<u>1,610</u>	<u>7,410</u>	7,410.00	7,410.00
SELECT BOARD					
122-5110	Elected Officials, Salaries 3 @ \$5,000	10,000	15,000	10,000.00	10,000.00
122-5120	Personal Services	209,285	314,895	383,910.46	383,910.46
122-5700	Expenses	24,929	35,150	38,315.00	38,315.00
122-5780	Miscellaneous/Consultant Expense	0	0	0.00	0.00
	Total Board of Selectmen	<u>244,214</u>	<u>365,045</u>	432,225.46	432,225.46
MUNICIPAL HEARING OFFICER					
124-5120	Personal Services	2,500	2,500	2,500.00	2,500.00
	Total Municipal Hearing Officer	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,500</u>	2,500.00	2,500.00
FINANCE COMMITTEE					
131-5120	Personal Services	1,391	2,342	0.00	0.00
131-5700	Expenses	310	1,575	1,615.00	1,615.00
	Total Finance Committee	<u>1,700</u>	<u>3,917</u>	1,615.00	1,615.00
RESERVE FUND					
132-5700	Expenses (Transfers)	45,606	75,000	75,000.00	75,000.00
	Total Reserve Fund	<u>45,606</u>	<u>75,000</u>	75,000.00	75,000.00
ANNUAL AUDIT					
133-5700	Expenses	17,000	22,000	22,000.00	22,000.00
	Total Annual Audit	<u>17,000</u>	<u>22,000</u>	22,000.00	22,000.00
TOWN ACCOUNTANT					
135-5120	Personal Services	146,178	124,141	117,886.44	117,886.44
135-5700	Expenses	1,874	4,670	4,170.00	4,170.00
	Total Town Accountant	<u>148,052</u>	<u>128,811</u>	122,056.44	122,056.44
BOARD OF ASSESSORS					
141-5110	Elected Officials, Salaries 3 @ \$1,000	3,000	3,000	3,000.00	3,000.00
141-5120	Personal Services	170,618	231,830	256,674.92	256,674.92
141-5305	Legal Services	2,665	20,000	20,000.00	20,000.00
141-5700	Expenses	31,166	34,950	33,000.00	33,000.00
	Total Board of Assessors	<u>207,449</u>	<u>289,780</u>	312,674.92	312,674.92
TREASURER/COLLECTOR					
145-5120	Personal Services	200,880	214,445	206,985.26	206,985.26
145-5700	Expenses	25,762	31,650	33,040.00	33,040.00
	Total Town Treasurer	<u>226,642</u>	<u>246,095</u>	240,025.26	240,025.26
LEGAL SERVICES					
151-5305	Expenses	64,697	75,000	75,000.00	75,000.00
	Total Legal Services	<u>64,697</u>	<u>75,000</u>	75,000.00	75,000.00

Line Item	Account	Expenditures FY 2024	Appropriations FY 2025	Requested Appropriations FY 2026	Recommended by Finance Committee FY 2026
PERSONNEL BOARD					
152-5120	Personal Services	4,256	16,127	12,830.76	12,830.76
152-5700	Expenses	225	800	800.00	800.00
	Total Personnel Board	<u>4,481</u>	<u>16,927</u>	<u>13,630.76</u>	<u>13,630.76</u>
DATA PROCESSING					
155-5120	Personal Services	4,000	4,000	0.00	0.00
155-5700	Expenses	106,058	115,640	122,300.00	122,300.00
	Total Data Processing	<u>110,058</u>	<u>119,640</u>	<u>122,300.00</u>	<u>122,300.00</u>
TAX TITLE FORECLOSURE					
158-5305	Legal Services	2,148	4,000	4,000.00	4,000.00
158-5700	Expenses	0	150	150.00	150.00
	Total Tax Title Foreclosure	<u>2,148</u>	<u>4,150</u>	<u>4,150.00</u>	<u>4,150.00</u>
TOWN CLERK					
161-5110	Elected Official, Salary	76,212	79,853	83,526.53	83,526.53
161-5700	Expenses	1,254	1,285	1,290.00	1,290.00
	Total Town Clerk	<u>77,466</u>	<u>81,138</u>	<u>84,816.53</u>	<u>84,816.53</u>
ELECTIONS					
162-5120	Personal Services	694	9,912	4,956.00	4,956.00
162-5700	Expenses	5,021	13,700	9,700.00	9,700.00
	Total Elections	<u>5,715</u>	<u>23,612</u>	<u>14,656.00</u>	<u>14,656.00</u>
BOARD OF REGISTRARS					
163-5120	Personal Services	250	375	375.00	375.00
163-5700	Expenses	685	3,000	2,700.00	2,700.00
	Total Board of Registrars	<u>935</u>	<u>3,375</u>	<u>3,075.00</u>	<u>3,075.00</u>
CONSERVATION COMMISSION					
171-5120	Personal Services	63,484	69,347	73,241.30	73,241.30
171-5700	Expenses	2,659	3,180	3,180.00	3,180.00
	Total Conservation Commission	<u>66,143</u>	<u>72,527</u>	<u>76,421.30</u>	<u>76,421.30</u>
PLANNING BOARD					
175-5110	Elected Officials, Salaries 5 @ \$1,000	5,000	5,000	5,000.00	5,000.00
175-5120	Personal Services	80,052	85,395	89,324.25	89,324.25
175-5700	Expenses	4,361	7,845	7,845.00	7,845.00
	Total Planning Board	<u>89,414</u>	<u>98,240</u>	<u>102,169.25</u>	<u>102,169.25</u>
BOARD OF APPEALS					
176-5120	Personal Services	85,675	94,675	103,906.82	103,906.82
176-5305	Legal Services	16,086	5,000	5,000.00	5,000.00
176-5700	Expenses	7,736	9,700	9,700.00	9,700.00
	Total Board of Appeals	<u>109,497</u>	<u>109,375</u>	<u>118,606.82</u>	<u>118,606.82</u>
MARTHA'S VINEYARD COMMISSION					
177-5600	Intergovernmental	205,088	209,638	267,300.00	267,300.00
	Total Martha's Vineyard Comm.	<u>205,088</u>	<u>209,638</u>	<u>267,300.00</u>	<u>267,300.00</u>
AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE					
179-5120	Personal Services	27,539	29,419	33,376.51	33,376.51
179-5305	Legal Services	738	6,000	6,000.00	6,000.00
179-5700	Expenses	685	4,050	4,050.00	4,050.00
	Total Affordable Housing Comm.	<u>28,962</u>	<u>39,469</u>	<u>43,426.51</u>	<u>43,426.51</u>

Line Item	Account	Expenditures FY 2024	Appropriations FY 2025	Requested Appropriations FY 2026	Recommended by Finance Committee FY 2026
CLIMATE & ENERGY COMMITTEES					
182-5120	Personal Services	9,971	16,761	17,060.84	17,060.84
182-5700	Expenses	337	1,125	1,125.00	1,125.00
	Total Town Buildings	10,307	17,886	18,185.84	18,185.84
TOWN BUILDINGS					
192-5700	Expenses	91,481	143,500	146,900.00	146,900.00
	Total Town Buildings	91,481	143,500	146,900.00	146,900.00
TOWN PROPERTY INSURANCE					
193-5700	Expenses	155,466	179,000	189,329.00	189,329.00
	Total Property Insurance	155,466	179,000	189,329.00	189,329.00
TOWN ELECTRIC					
194-5700	Expenses	24,853	51,760	53,520.00	53,520.00
	Total Town Electric	24,853	51,760	53,520.00	53,520.00
TOWN REPORTS					
195-5700	Expenses	9,450	11,500	11,000.00	11,000.00
	Total Town Reports	9,450	11,500	11,000.00	11,000.00
TOWN CLOCK					
196-5120	Personal Services	0	250	250.00	250.00
	Total Town Clock	0	250	250.00	250.00
DUKES COUNTY REGIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY					
197-5600	Expenses	60,169	61,763	65,427.00	65,427.00
	Total DCRHA	60,169	61,763	65,427.00	65,427.00
TOTAL					
	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	2,011,104	2,459,309	2,625,671.08	2,625,671.08
PUBLIC SAFETY					
POLICE DEPARTMENT					
210-5120	Personal Services	1,369,672	1,524,697	1,376,178.13	1,376,178.13
210-5700	Expenses	150,098	154,445	159,175.00	159,175.00
	Total Police Department	1,519,770	1,679,142	1,535,353.13	1,535,353.13
FIRE DEPARTMENT					
220-5120	Personal Services	244,319	293,799	366,415.24	366,415.24
220-5700	Expenses	197,102	205,400	214,602.00	214,602.00
	Total Fire Department	441,421	499,199	581,017.24	581,017.24
TRI-TOWN AMBULANCE					
231-5600	Intergovernmental	586,559	860,408	842,708.02	842,708.02
	Total Tri-Town Ambulance	586,559	860,408	842,708.02	842,708.02
DUKES COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS					
235-5600	Intergovernmental--MVPCS	33,943	33,658	35,405.29	35,405.29
	Total Tri-Town Ambulance	33,943	33,658	35,405.29	35,405.29
INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS					
241-5120	Personal Services	320,257	380,971	454,643.56	454,643.56
241-5700	Expenses	13,484	16,035	16,130.00	16,130.00
	Total Inspector of Buildings	333,742	397,006	470,773.56	470,773.56
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT					
291-5120	Personal Services	38,000	38,000	39,500.00	39,500.00
291-5700	Expenses	7,447	17,360	25,010.00	25,010.00
	Total Emergency Management	45,447	55,360	64,510.00	64,510.00

Line Item	Account	Expenditures FY 2024	Appropriations FY 2025	Requested Appropriations FY 2026	Recommended by Finance Committee FY 2026
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER					
292-5120	Personal Services	84,171	105,269	112,365.58	112,365.58
292-5700	Expenses	6,098	8,355	8,875.00	8,875.00
	Total Animal Control Officer	90,269	113,624	121,240.58	121,240.58
HERRING WARDEN					
293-5120	Personal Services	3,000	3,000	3,000.00	3,000.00
293-5700	Expenses	0	1,200	1,200.00	1,200.00
	Total Animal Control Officer	3,000	4,200	4,200.00	4,200.00
TREE WARDEN					
294-5110	Elected Official, Salary	2,500	2,500	2,500.00	2,500.00
294-5120	Personal Services	0	1,000	2,160.00	2,160.00
294-5700	Expenses	2,510	13,000	12,500.00	12,500.00
	Total Tree Warden	5,010	16,500	17,160.00	17,160.00
SHELLFISH DEPARTMENT					
298-5120	Personal Services	33,094	35,934	31,319.37	31,319.37
298-5700	Expenses	10,096	12,400	14,100.00	14,100.00
	Total Shellfish Department	43,189	48,334	45,419.37	45,419.37
MV SHELLFISH GROUP					
299-5700	Expenses	39,000	40,000	41,000.00	41,000.00
	Total M.V. Shellfish Group	39,000	40,000	41,000.00	41,000.00
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY		3,141,349	3,747,430	3,758,787.19	3,758,787.19
EDUCATION					
UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT					
311-5600	Intergovernmental	9,400,895	10,684,672	11,558,972.47	11,558,972.47
	Total Up-Island Reg. School Dist.	9,400,895	10,684,672	11,558,972.47	11,558,972.47
MV REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL					
313-5600	Intergovernmental	3,383,281	3,200,651	3,846,366.59	3,846,366.59
	Total M.V. Regional High School	3,383,281	3,200,651	3,846,366.59	3,846,366.59
TOTAL EDUCATION		12,784,176	13,885,322	15,405,339.06	15,405,339.06
HIGHWAY & CEMETERY					
SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS					
421-5120	Personal Services	74,500	82,000	89,500.00	89,500.00
	Total Superintendent of Streets	74,500	82,000	89,500.00	89,500.00
GENERAL HIGHWAY FUND					
422-5120	Personal Services	250,038	270,974	292,904.00	292,904.00
422-5700	Expenses	87,620	90,595	95,725.00	95,725.00
	Total General Highway Fund	337,658	361,569	388,629.00	388,629.00
SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL					
423-5700	Expenses	63,245	90,000	95,000.00	95,000.00
	Total Snow and Ice Removal	63,245	90,000	95,000.00	95,000.00
STREET LIGHTS					
424-5700	Expenses	1,354	3,200	2,500.00	2,500.00
	Total Street Lights	1,354	3,200	2,500.00	2,500.00

Line Item	Account	Expenditures FY 2024	Appropriations FY 2025	Requested Appropriations FY 2026	Recommended by Finance Committee FY 2026
CEMETERIES					
491-5120	Personal Services	2,363	3,272	3,422.40	3,422.40
491-5700	Expenses	24,593	26,500	28,000.00	28,000.00
	Total Cemeteries	26,956	29,772	31,422.40	31,422.40
TOTAL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT		503,713	566,541	607,051.40	607,051.40
SANITATION					
TOWN LOCAL DROP-OFF/LANDFILL					
433-5120	Personal Services	0	50	50.00	50.00
433-5600	Intergovernmental	9,509	11,000	12,100.00	12,100.00
433-5700	Expenses	2,646	5,520	5,850.00	5,850.00
	Total Town Local Drop-Off	12,156	16,570	18,000.00	18,000.00
MARTHA'S VINEYARD REFUSE DISPOSAL AND RESOURCE RECOVERY DISTRICT (MVRDRRD)					
439-5600	Intergovernmental	125,512	126,657	129,122.82	129,122.82
	Total MVRDRRD	125,512	126,657	129,122.82	129,122.82
TOTAL SANITATION		137,668	143,227	147,122.82	147,122.82
HUMAN SERVICES					
BOARD OF HEALTH					
510-5110	Elected Officials, Salaries 3 @ \$1,000	3,000	3,000	3,000.00	3,000.00
510-5120	Personal Services	135,868	176,054	198,572.89	198,572.89
510-5700	Expenses	20,677	22,725	18,900.00	18,900.00
	Total Board of Health	159,545	201,779	220,472.89	220,472.89
HEALTH SERVICES					
522-5700	Expenses	8,314	20,000	15,000.00	15,000.00
	Total Health Services	8,314	20,000	15,000.00	15,000.00
DUKES COUNTY PROGRAMS					
525-5600	Dukes County Health Care Access	63,771	79,303	82,958.56	82,958.56
526-5600	Dukes County Public Benefits Access	6,541	7,326	8,384.88	8,384.88
527-5600	Dukes County Supplemental Income	0	0	14,533.00	14,533.00
	Total Dukes County Programs	70,312	86,629	105,876.44	105,876.44
UP-ISLAND COUNCIL ON AGING					
541-5120	Personal Services	338,088	319,769	331,597.24	331,597.24
541-5700	Expenses	13,525	36,450	43,130.00	43,130.00
	Total Up-Island Council on Aging	351,612	356,219	374,727.24	374,727.24
VETERANS' BENEFIS					
543-5700	Expenses	16,208	21,000	12,000.00	12,000.00
	Total Veterans' Benefits	16,208	21,000	12,000.00	12,000.00
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES		605,991	685,627	728,076.57	728,076.57
CULTURE AND RECREATON					
PUBLIC LIBRARY					
610-5120	Personal Services	771,986	830,828	909,005.31	909,005.31

Line Item	Account	Expenditures FY 2024	Appropriations FY 2025	Requested Appropriations FY 2026	Recommended by Finance Committee FY 2026
610-5700	Expenses	278,299	289,100	299,200.00	299,200.00
	Total Public Library	1,050,286	1,119,928	1,208,205.31	1,208,205.31
PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE					
620-5110	Elected Officials, Salaries 5 @ \$166	581	830	830.00	830.00
620-5120	Personal Services	44,777	50,104	52,408.80	52,408.80
620-5700	Expenses	1,925	1,950	1,950.00	1,950.00
	Total Park and Rec. Committee	47,283	52,884	55,188.80	55,188.80
LAMBERT'S COVE BEACH AND UNCLE SETH'S POND					
632-5120	Personal Services	92,975	96,087	102,921.82	102,921.82
632-5700	Expenses	18,913	23,925	28,750.00	28,750.00
	Total Lambert's Cove Beach and Uncle Seth's Pond	111,888	120,012	131,671.82	131,671.82
RECREATION PROGRAMS					
640-5120	Personal Services	10,042	21,536	22,533.04	22,533.04
640-5700	Expenses	10,673	20,400	20,400.00	20,400.00
	Total Recreation Programs	20,715	41,936	42,933.04	42,933.04
TOWN GROUNDS					
650-5700	Expenses	9,879	10,250	12,250.00	12,250.00
	Total Town Grounds	9,879	10,250	12,250.00	12,250.00
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION					
690-5700	Expenses	0	600	600.00	600.00
	Total Historic District Comm.	0	600	600.00	600.00
LOCAL HISTORICAL COMMISSION					
691-5700	Expenses	0	350	350.00	350.00
	Total Local Historical Comm.	0	350	350.00	350.00
MARTHA'S VINEYARD CULTURAL COUNCIL					
692-5700	Expenses	3,500	5,000	5,000.00	5,000.00
	Total MV Cultural Council	3,500	5,000	5,000.00	5,000.00
TOTAL CULTURE AND RECREATION		1,243,551	1,350,959	1,456,198.97	1,456,198.97
DEBT SERVICE					
710-5910	Principal, Long-Term Debt	845,135	740,000	891,500.00	891,500.00
751-5915	Interest, Long-Term Debt	121,033	103,680	85,412.50	85,412.50
752-5925	Interest, Short-Term Debt	10,874	121,250	103,545.00	103,545.00
	TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	977,042	964,930	1,080,457.50	1,080,457.50
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS					
911-5170	County Retirement	660,009	690,785	719,853.00	719,853.00
912-5170	Workers' Compensation	16,011	21,280	23,500.00	23,500.00
914-5170	Health Insurance	975,420	1,090,800	1,234,350.00	1,234,350.00
917-5170	Life Insurance	5,011	5,500	6,500.00	6,500.00
916-5170	Medicare Tax	73,476	78,000	85,000.00	85,000.00
945-5170	Public Officials Liability Ins.	11,581	14,685	14,323.10	14,323.10
	TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	1,741,509	1,901,050	2,083,526.10	2,083,526.10
GRAND TOTALS		23,146,100	25,704,396	27,892,230.69	27,892,230.69

WEST TISBURY
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

**WARRANT FOR
SPECIAL 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 Elementary School**, Old County Road, in said Town on Tuesday the **eighth day of April, two thousand and twenty-five, at Five Fifty-Five o'clock** in the evening; then and there to act on the articles of this Warrant.

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will 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.

(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 fourteen days (14) at least 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 this 12th Day of March in the Year Two Thousand Twenty Five.

Jessica D. Miller, Chair
Cynthia E. Mitchell
Jeffrey S. "Skipper" Manter

WEST TISBURY SELECT BOARD

DATE:

II have posted attested copies of the above Warrant in not less than six (6) public places in West Tisbury fourteen (14) days before such meeting..

Timothy A. Barnett
Constable

A true copy, attest:
Tara J. Whiting-Wells
Town Clerk

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 Eighth day of April, Two Thousand Twenty-Five, 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 Tenth 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 One Million Six Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Five Dollars and Sixty-Four Cents (\$1,653,835.64) 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-Five (2025)?

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 Town's allocable share of the bond issued by the Up Island Regional School District to pay costs of making various capital repairs to District Facilities, including all costs incidental and related thereto?

QUESTION 3: 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 Town's allocable share of the bond issued by the Up Island Regional School District to pay costs of a feasibility study for the West Tisbury School, located at 401 Old County Road in West Tisbury, including all costs incidental and related thereto?

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)
- Finance Committee (vote for 2) (Three year term)

Library Trustee (vote for 2) (Three year term)
Moderator (vote for 1) (One year term)
Parks and Recreation (vote for 1) (Three year term)
Planning Board (vote for 1) (Four year term)
Planning Board (vote for 2) (Five 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 t

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 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 by One Million Six Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Five Dollars and Sixty-Four Cents (\$1,653,835.64)

(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 4.6% effective July 1, 2025.

(RECOMMENDED 5-0)

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of Thirty-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$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, a portion of the Thirty-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$38,500) may be used towards those repairs.

(RECOMMENDED 4-1)

ARTICLE 6: 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 2026.

(RECOMMENDED 5-0)

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2026, the sum of Ten Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-Two Dollars (\$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.

(RECOMMENDED 5-0)

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2026, the sum of Ten Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-Two Dollars (\$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. **(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2026, the sum of Fourteen Thousand Two Hundred Eleven Dollars (\$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.

(RECOMMENDED 5-0)

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2026, the sum of Eighteen Thousand Three Hundred Seventeen Dollars (\$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.

(RECOMMENDED 5-0)

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will 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.

(RECOMMENDED 5-0)

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will Appropriate from Free Cash the sum of Sixty-Five Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-Nine Dollars and Ninety-Seven Cents (\$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.

(RECOMMENDED 5-0)

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will 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.

(RECOMMENDED 5-0)

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will appropriate Two Hundred Ninety-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$298,000) from the Fire Equipment Stabilization Fund for the purchase of One (1) Water “Dive” Rescue Truck, to replace the current 1997 Water “Dive” Rescue Truck. **(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will 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 Town Clerk. **(NO ACTION 5-0)**

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to rescind Articles #5 and #7 of the November 14, 2023 Special Town Meeting, which established an Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund and dedicated all opioid settlement revenues to this fund. **(2/3 VOTE RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) to purchase a hybrid truck, tools and associated expenses for use by the Facilities Manager.

(RECOMMENDED 5-0)

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and appropriate the sum of Thirteen Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-Nine Dollars and Twenty-Eight Cents (\$13,389.28), and further to appropriate the sum of Sixty-Three Thousand Dollars (\$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. **(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty-One Thousand One Hundred Twenty-One Dollars and Fifty-Five Cents (\$61,121.55) which is the Town’s one third share of the total cost of \$183,364.64, to purchase four (4) new LIFEPAK 15 Cardiac Monitors, and other costs relative thereto. **(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will 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 Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to One Hundred Percent (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. **(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will 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.

(RECOMMENDED 5-0)

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will 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.

(RECOMMENDED 5-0)

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) to contract with a Licensed Site Professional to address the State mandated PFAS tracking and removal project in Town.

(RECOMMENDED 5-0)

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$190,000) to contract with a Licensed Site Professional to address the State mandated PFAS tracking and removal project in Town.

(RECOMMENDED 5-0)

ARTICLE 25: To see whether the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$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.

(RECOMMENDED 5-0)

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$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 analyses. In addition, volume measurements will be made at 4 stations along the length of the River using existing equipment at no cost.

(RECOMMENDED 5-0)

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to hire a qualified professional to recodify the zoning bylaws for clarification purposes.

(RECOMMENDED 5-0)

ARTICLE 28: To see if the town will 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 **(2/3 VOTE REQUIRED-RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will 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.

(RECOMMENDED 5-0)

ARTICLE 30: To see if the town will 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. **(2/3 VOTE REQUIRED - RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

ARTICLE 31: To see if the town will 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>	<i>--</i>	<i>▼</i>
<i>Subordinate Dwelling</i>					
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 8.5-3	PR	PR	PR	
Events	S	S	S	S	■
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.*

Δ *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.*

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▪ ***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

USE CATEGORY SECTION	USE DISTRICTS•				
	RU♣	VR	MB	LI	
BUSINESS USE					
Adult Use	s-- 8.5-6	--	--	S	
Agriculture, Fishing, Forestry •	P	P	P	P	
Automobile Service Station	--	--	S	S	
Craft Workshop	PR	PR	PR	PR	
Child Care Facility •	PR 8.5-3	PR	PR	S	
Cultivation and manufacturing of Recreational Marijuana	--	--	--	S¶	
Home Occupation	S 8.5-1	S	S	S	
Junkyard	-- 8.5-8	--	--	S	
Kennel	--	--	S	PR	
Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations • •	-- 8.10	--	--	PR	
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 8.5-7	S	S	--	

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

■ *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.***

(2/3 VOTE REQUIRED - RECOMMENDED 5-0)

ARTICLE 32: To see if the Town will 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" of "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.

(2/3 VOTE REQUIRED - RECOMMENDED 5-0)

ARTICLE 33: To see if the Town will 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

(2/3 VOTE REQUIRED - RECOMMENDED 5-0)

ARTICLE 34: To see if the Town will 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"

(2/3 VOTE REQUIRED - RECOMMENDED 5-0)

ARTICLE 35: To see if the Town will vote to Transfer from the Overlay Surplus Account 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 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.

(RECOMMENDED 5-0)

ARTICLE 37: : To see if the Town will vote to redirect the sum of Ninety-Six Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-Five Dollars (\$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. **(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

ARTICLE 38: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) in FY 2026 for the Unemployment Compensation Fund.

(RECOMMENDED 5-0))

ARTICLE 39: To see if the Town will 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 Special 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 40: To see if the Town will 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 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. **(NO ACTION 5-0)**

ARTICLE 41: To see of the Town will 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).
- c) 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.

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.

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.

(NO ACTION 5-0)

ARTICLE 42: 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 43: To see if the Town will 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.

(RECOMMENDED 5-0)

ARTICLE 44: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of Twenty-Four Thousand Six Hundred Forty-Nine Dollars (\$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.

(RECOMMENDED 5-0)

ARTICLE 45: 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 46: 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 Massachusetts General Laws, Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 revenues, in the following amounts:

- a. Open Space reserve \$75,000 (10% of estimated FY 2026 Community Preservation Fund revenues)
- b. Historical Resources reserve \$75,000 (10% of estimated FY 2026 Community Preservation Fund revenues)

- c. Community Housing reserve \$75,000 (10% of estimated FY 2026 Community Preservation Fund revenues) and
- d. Undesignated reserve \$487,500 (65% of estimated FY 2026 Community Preservation Fund revenues)

And to appropriate for administrative expenditures the sum of Thirty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$37,500) from the FY 2025 Community Preservation Fund revenues. **(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

ARTICLE 47: To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of Sixty-Six Thousand Dollars (\$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.

(RECOMMENDED 5-0)

ARTICLE 48: To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of Nineteen Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$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.

(RECOMMENDED 5-0)

ARTICLE 49: : To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of One Hundred Forty-three Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$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. 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 50: To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of One Hundred Forty-One Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$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). The project is to include 12 one-bedroom rental apartments and a resource center to serve veterans earning 30%, 50%, 60% and 80% or less of the area median income. The development of this project will be permanently deed restricted as affordable housing located at 50 Bellevue Avenue in Oak Bluffs.

(RECOMMENDED 5-0)

ARTICLE 51: 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 48 Old Courthouse Road in West Tisbury.

(RECOMMENDED 5-0)

ARTICLE 52: To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow the sum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$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% and 100% of the area median income. The development of this community housing shall be permanently deed restricted as affordable housing to be located at 401 State Road in West Tisbury.

(2/3 VOTE REQUIRED - RECOMMENDED 5-0)

ARTICLE 53: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate Seventy-Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$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. **(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

ARTICLE 54: To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$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

(2/3 VOTE REQUIRED - RECOMMENDED 5-0)

ARTICLE 55: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate Thirty-Seven Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$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.

(RECOMMENDED 5-0)

ARTICLE 56: To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$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. **(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

ARTICLE 57: To see if the Town will 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. **(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

ARTICLE 58: To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 19 of the 2024 Annual Town Meeting as noted below:

To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$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 perma-

nently deed restricted as affordable housing to be located at 401 State Road in West Tisbury. **(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

ARTICLE 59: To see if the town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$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.

(RECOMMENDED 5-0)

ARTICLE 60: To see if the Town will vote to move the sum of Nine Thousand Dollars (\$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.

(RECOMMENDED 5-0)

ARTICLE 61: To see if the Town will approve the \$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. **(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

ARTICLE 62: To see if the Town will approve the \$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.

(RECOMMENDED 5-0)

ARTICLE 63: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of One Million Thirty Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Six Dollars and Three Cents (\$1,030,676.03) to reduce the tax levy in Fiscal Year 2026.

(RECOMMENDED 5-0)

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.

The Committee shall review and report on ways to preserve, restore and manage the pond, including a recommendation of actions to be taken and estimated related financial costs.

The Committee shall consist of seven members and one alternate: Two members from the Historic District Commission, one member from the Conservation Commission, one from the Planning Board, and two at-large members appointed by the Select Board and one alternate also appointed by the Select Board or take any other action thereto. **(BY PETITION – NO ACTION)**

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 19th Day of March in the Year Two Thousand Twenty Five.

Jessica D. Miller, Chair
Cynthia E. Mitchell
J. Skipper Manter

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 10, 2025**

Tara J. Whiting-Wells
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><small>13 Rock Pond Road Candidate for Re-election</small></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><small>488 Edgartown Road Candidate for Re-election</small></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center">FOR PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE</p> <p>Three Years Vote for ONE</p> <p>MARK HAP BERNARD <input type="radio"/></p> <p><small>153 Otis Bassett Road Candidate for Re-election</small></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>
<p align="center">FOR SELECT BOARD</p> <p>Three Years Vote for ONE</p> <p>CYNTHIA E. MITCHELL <input type="radio"/></p> <p><small>62 Parhandle Road Candidate for Re-election</small></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><small>2 Holly Lane Candidate for Re-election</small></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center">FOR PLANNING BOARD</p> <p>Five Years Vote for TWO</p> <p>LEAH SMITH <input type="radio"/></p> <p><small>45 South Lane Candidate for Re-election</small></p> <p>AMY M. UPTON <input type="radio"/></p> <p><small>511 Old County Road Candidate for Re-election</small></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>
<p align="center">FOR BOARD OF HEALTH</p> <p>Three Years Vote for ONE</p> <p>PETER J. D'ANGELO <input type="radio"/></p> <p><small>335 Takemmy Path</small></p> <p>DANIEL JAMES SAUER <input type="radio"/></p> <p><small>20 Island Farms Road</small></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center">FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEE</p> <p>Three Years Vote for TWO</p> <p>FRANCES A. FINNIGAN <input type="radio"/></p> <p><small>55 Bluebird Way Candidate for Re-election</small></p> <p>MICAH SOLOMON THANHAUSER <input type="radio"/></p> <p><small>79 Merry Farm Road Candidate for Re-election</small></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center">FOR PLANNING BOARD</p> <p>Four Years Vote for ONE</p> <p>JOHN C. RAU <input type="radio"/></p> <p><small>29 Sachem Circle</small></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>
<p align="center">FOR BOARD OF ASSESSORS</p> <p>Three Years Vote for ONE</p> <p>LAWRENCE HALL SCHUBERT <input type="radio"/></p> <p><small>31 South Vine Lane Candidate for Re-election</small></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center">FOR FINANCE COMMITTEE</p> <p>Three Years Vote for TWO</p> <p>JEFFREY S. "SKIPPER" MANTER <input type="radio"/></p> <p><small>25 Pond View Farm Road Candidate for Re-election</small></p> <p>CLARK R. RATTET <input type="radio"/></p> <p><small>174 Pond Road Candidate for Re-election</small></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	

VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT

BALLOT QUESTIONS

QUESTION 1: Shall the Town of West Tisbury be allowed to assess an additional One Million Six Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Five Dollars and Sixty-Four Cents (\$1,653,835.64) 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-Five (2025)

YES

NO

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 Town's allocable share of the bond issued by the Up Island Regional School District to pay costs of making various capital repairs to District Facilities, including all costs incidental and related thereto?

YES

NO

QUESTION 3: 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 Town's allocable share of the bond issued by the Up Island Regional School District to pay costs of a feasibility study for the West Tisbury School, located at 401 Old County Road in West Tisbury, including all costs incidental and related thereto?

YES

NO

VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT