

**126th Annual Report  
OF THE  
TOWN OFFICERS**



**FOR  
WEST TISBURY  
... 2017 ...**

## DEDICATION

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**BRENT B. TAYLOR**

Brent Taylor was first elected to the position of Tax Collector in 1977. In those days, the annual Town budget was less than \$1,000,000 and Brent worked two hours a day, three days a week while commuting to Boston for school and caring for her son James. Here in West Tisbury, her commute to work at the Town Hall was about 300 feet door-to-door. She also served as Secretary to the Selectmen from 1977-1986.

While the Town has changed much in the intervening years, Brent has maintained a steady presence in the tax office. The Tax Collector job has expanded to require full time attention, and Brent has performed her work with professionalism, grace born of her Southern upbringing, and a dry (some would say downright wicked) sense of humor.

Those of us who have been lucky enough to work with Brent over her 40-plus years of service to the Town have great admiration for her warm and natural approach to working with the people of West Tisbury. Over the course of 40 annual elections, Brent as often as not was the top vote-getter – as Tax Collector! She clearly was doing something right.

We wish her the fondest of farewells and all the best in her well-deserved retirement.

## THE TIME

Tell time  
in color, leaf,  
in incremental  
shifts in season.

The landscape  
takes and keeps  
us, we create  
new crowns of care.

A garden  
waves: a hello  
from where  
it's laid.

An evermade  
masterpiece,  
each greeting is of  
its own moment.

The beauty  
of choice; through  
our windows, ever  
shifting light.

-Emma Young, West Tisbury Poet Laureate

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**TOWN OFFICERS  
2017  
(ELECTED BY BALLOT)**

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**MODERATOR**

Daniel Waters	Term 1 Year, Expires 2018
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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

J. Skipper Manter	Term 3 Years, Expires 2018
Cynthia E. Mitchell	Term 3 Years, Expires 2019
Kent Healy	Term 3 Years, Expires 2020

**BOARD OF HEALTH**

Timothy Barnett	Term 3 Years, Expires 2018
Hans Van Ness	Term 3 Years, Expires 2019
Erik Lowe	Term 3 Years, Expires 2020

**BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

Michael Colaneri	Term 3 Years, Expires 2018
Richard Cohen	Term 3 Years, Expires 2019
Maria McFarland	Term 3 Years, Expires 2020

**TAX COLLECTOR**

Brent B. Taylor	Term 1 Year, Expires 2018
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**TOWN CLERK**

Tara J. Whiting	Term 1 Year, Expires 2018
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**TREE WARDEN**

Jeremiah Brown	Term 1 Year, Expires 2018
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**CONSTABLES**

Timothy Barnett	Term 3 Years, Expires 2018
John Powers	Term 3 Years, Expires 2020

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Greg Orcutt	Term 3 Years, Expires 2018
Charles A. Hodgkinson	Term 3 Years, Expires 2019
Douglas Ruskin	Term 3 Years, Expires 2019
Katherine Triantafillou	Term 3 Years, Expires 2020
Gary Montrowl	Term 3 Years, Expires 2020

#### **PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

Gina Solon	Term 3 Years, Expires 2018
Caroline Flanders	Term 3 Years, Expires 2018
Wayne Smith	Term 3 Years, Expires 2019
*Amy Hoff	Term 2 Years, Expires 2019
Wendy Nierenberg	Term 3 Years, Expires 2020
Elaine Barnett	Term 3 Years, Expires 2020
***Robert Hauck	

#### **PLANNING BOARD**

Virginia Jones	Term 5 Years, Expires 2019
Leah Smith	Term 4 Years, Expires 2019
Susan S. Silva	Term 5 Years, Expires 2020
Bea Phear	Term 5 Years, Expires 2022
Matthew Merry	Term 5 Years, Expires 2022

#### **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

J. Skipper Manter	Term 3 Years, Expires 2018
Lisa Amols	Term 3 Years, Expires 2018
Mark Bernard	Term 3 Years, Expires 2019
Cheryl Lowe	Term 3 Years, Expires 2020
Suzanne Hammond	Term 3 Years, Expires 2020

#### **UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

##### **WEST TISBURY REPRESENTATIVES**

Katherine Devane	Michael Marcus
J. Skipper Manter	

#### **LAND BANK COMMISSIONER**

Mary Robin Ravitch	Term 3 Years, Expires 2020
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\*---Resigned,  
\*\*\*---Appointed in 2017 until the next election

**TOWN OFFICERS  
2017  
(Appointed by Selectmen unless otherwise noted)**

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**AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE**

*(members appointed by various town boards)*

Michael Colaneri	Vickie Thurber*
Joseph Tierney	Glenn Hearn
Lawrence Schubert	Henry Geller*
Ted Jochsberger	Susan Feller
Rise Tierney	Angela Prout (Associate)

**ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER/DOG OFFICER**

Anthony Cordray	Term 1 Year
Meaghan Gouldrup, Assistant	Term 1 Year

**BYWAYS COMMITTEE**

Ashley Hunter	Harriett Bernstein
Cynthia Aguilar	Rez Williams
Shirley Vanderschueren	

**CABLE TV ADVISORY BOARD**

Jennifer Rand

**CAPE & VINEYARD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**

Jennifer Rand

**CAPE LIGHT COMPACT**

Sue Hruby	Jennifer Rand ( <i>alternate</i> )
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**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE**

*(members appointed by various town boards)*

Michael Colaneri	Cynthia E. Mitchell
*Sue Hruby	Greg Orcutt
Katherine Logue	Leah Smith
Bruce Stone	Joseph Tierney, Ex. Officio
Richard Knabel	

**CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS**

Cynthia E. Mitchell	Term 3 Years, Expires 2018
J. Skipper Manter	Term 3 Years, Expires 2019
Kent Healey	Term 3 Years, Expires 2020

**CEMETERY SUPERINTENDENT**

John S. Alley	Term 1 Year
Brian Athearn, Assistant	Term 1 Year
Jesse Oliver, Assistant	Term 1 Year



### **COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

*(members appointed by various town boards)*

Nancy Dole	*Gary Montrowl
Lesley Eaton	Bea Phear
Glenn Hearn	Scott Stearns
Chuck Hodgkinson	Tara Whiting
Dale Julier	Cheryl Lowe

### **COMPLETE STREETS COMMITTEE**

Nelia Decker	Term 1 Year
Berta Geller	Term 1 Year
Katie Ruppel	Term 1 Year
Steve Nierenberg	Term 1 Year
*Kate Warner	Term 1 Year
*Tony Higgins (Associate)	Term 1 Year
*Tony Omer (Associate)	Term 1 Year

### **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Binnie Ravitch	Term 3 Years, Expires 2018
Prudence Burt	Term 3 Years, Expires 2019
John Brennan	Term 3 Years, Expires 2019
Peter Rodegast	Term 3 Years, Expires 2020
Michael Turnell	Term 3 Years, Expires 2020
Tara Whiting	Term 3 Years, Expires 2020
Whit Griswold	Term 3 Years, Expires 2020
*Peyton Wallace, Assoc. Member	Term 1 Year

### **CONSTABLES**

Norman Perry	Term 1 Year
Will Whiting	Term 1 Year
Dan Cabot	Term 1 Year

### **COUNCIL ON AGING**

Nancy P. Cabot	Term 3 Years, Expires 2018
J. Skipper Manter	Term 3 Years, Expires 2018
Ann Nelson	Term 3 Years, Expires 2020

### **COUNCIL ON AGING DIRECTOR**

Joyce Albertine	Term 1 Year
Tanya Larsen, Assistant Director	Term 1 Year

### **DATA PROCESSING**

Kathy Logue	Term 1 Year
Bruce Stone	Term 1 Year

### **DUKES COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD**

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

Kristin Zern Term 3 Years, Expires 2018

**DUTCH ELM DISEASE WARDEN**

Jeremiah Brown Term 1 Year

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

John Christensen, Director Term 1 Year

Russell Hartenstine, Assistant Director Term 1 Year

**ENERGY COMMITTEE**

Sue Hruby Term 1 Year

Richard Andre Term 1 Year

Ron Dagostino Term 1 Year

\*Sander Shapiro

**FACILITIES MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE**

Manuel Estrella III Term 1 Year

Patrick Mitchell Term 1 Year

Malcolm W. Young Term 1 Year

**FENCE VIEWERS**

Joanie Ames Term 1 Year

Richard Hammond Term 1 Year

**FIRE CHIEF/FOREST WARDEN**

Manual Estrella III Term 1 Year

**HERRING WARDEN**

John Hoy Term 1 Year

**HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**

Ben Moore Term 3 years, Expires 2018

Mark Mazer Term 3 Years, Expires 2018

\*Lanny McDowell Term 3 Years, Expires 2018

Ken Lieberman Term 3 Years, Expires 2018

Anne Fischer Term 3 Years, Expires 2019

Sean Conley Term 3 Years, Expires 2020

Nancy Dole Term 3 Years, Expires 2020

Charlie Kernick, Alternate Term 3 Years, Expires 2019

**INSECT CONTROL WARDEN**

Jeremiah Brown Term 1 Year

**INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS**

Joseph Tierney Term 3 Years, Expires 2020

Jeffrey Fisher (Local Inspector) Term 1 Year

**INSPECTOR OF SIGNS**

Joseph Tierney Term 3 Years, Expires 2018

**JOINT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

Jennifer Rand Term 1 Year

**LAND BANK ADVISORY BOARD**

*(members appointed by various town boards)*

Lisa Amols	Susan Silva
Michael Colaneri	William Haynes
Andrew Woodruff	*Binnie Ravitch
Peter Rodegast	

**LIBRARY BUILDING COMMITTEE**

Ian Aitchison	*Max Skjoldebrand
Linda Hearn	Mark Mazer
Robert Paul Levine	Leah Smith

**LOCAL HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

Jill Bouck	Term 3 Years, Expires 2018
Karin Stanley	Term 3 Years, Expires 2018
Ellen Weiss	Term 3 Years, Expires 2018
Richard Burt	Term 3 Years, Expires 2019
Leslie Gray	Term 3 Years, Expires 2020
Anne Fisher	Term 3 Years, Expires 2020

**MARTHA'S VINEYARD COMMISSION**

**SELECTMEN'S REPRESENTATIVE**

Ernest Thomas Term 1 Year

**MARTHA'S VINEYARD CULTURAL COUNCIL**

Linda Vadasz	Term 3 Years, Expires 2018
Robert Hauck	Term 3 Years, Expires 2019
Niki Patton	Term 3 Years, Expires 2019
Beth Kramer, Ex Officio	Term 3 Years, Expires 2020

**MARTHA'S VINEYARD TV**

**SELECTMEN'S REPRESENTATIVE**

Gail Tipton Term 3 Years, Expires 2020

**MILL POND WATERSHED STUDY COMMITTEE**

Prudy Burt	Cynthia Mitchell
Tim Boland	Kristen Fauteux
Rez Williams	Chuck Hodgkinson
Selena Roman	

**MILL POND COMMITTEE**

Anna Alley	Kent Healy
Barbara Day	Rez Williams

**MUNICIPAL HEARING OFFICER**

John Powers Term 1 Year

#### **PARKING CLERK**

Donna Michalski	Term 1 Year
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#### **PERSONNEL BOARD**

Matthew Gebo (Empl. Rep.)	Term 3 Years, Expires 2018
Leon Braithwaite	Term 3 Years, Expires 2020
Norman Perry	Term 3 Years, Expires 2020
Ben Retmier	Term 3 Years, Expires 2020
Kenneth Vincent	Term 3 Years, Expires 2020

#### **PLANNING BOARD ASSOCIATE MEMBER**

Henry Gellar	Term 1 Year
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#### **POET LAUREATE**

Emma Young	Term 1 Year
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#### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Matthew Mincone, Lieutenant	Term 3 Years, Expires 2018
Leomar De Oliveira, Officer	Term 3 Years, Expires 2018
Daniel Rossi, Chief	Term 3 Years, Expires 2019
Garrison Vieira, Officer	Term 3 Years, Expires 2020
J. Skipper Manter, Sergeant	Term 3 Years, Expires 2020
Daniel Gouldrup, Officer	Term 3 Years, Expires 2020
Bradley Cortez, Officer	Term 3 Years, Expires 2020
Mathew Gebo, Detective	Term 3 Years, Expires 2020
Nickolaj Wojkielo, Patrol Officer	Term 3 Years, Expires 2020

#### **SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS**

Maximilian Bradshaw	Term 3 Years, Expires 2018
Elizabeth Rogers	Term 3 Years, Expires 2020
John G. Early	Term 3 Years, Expires 2020
Tim Carroll	Term 3 Years, Expires 2020
Jonathan Klaren	Term 3 Years, Expires 2020
Manual Estrella III	Term 3 Years, Expires 2020
Richard T. Olsen	Term 3 Years, Expires 2020
Sean Slavin	Term 3 Years, Expires 2020
Dan Durawa	Term 3 Years, Expires 2020
Diane Demoe	Term 3 Years, Expires 2020
Jesse Burton	Term 3 Years, Expires 2020
William Fielder	Term 3 Years, Expires 2020

#### **REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

John S. Alley	Term 3 Years, Expires 2018
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#### **BOARD OF REGISTRARS**

Bernice H. Kirby	Term 3 Years, Expires 2018
Rufus Peebles	Term 3 Years, Expires 2019
Antone H. Rezendes, Jr.	Term 3 Years, Expires 2020

**SHELLFISH CONSTABLE**

Ray Gale Term 3 Years, Expires 2020

**SHELLFISH ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Will Whiting	Peter Vann
Richard C. Karney	Jason Gale
Virginia Jones	David Merry
John Hoy	

**SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS**

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

**TOWN ACCOUNTANT**

Bruce Stone Term 3 Years, Expires 2019

**CARE OF TOWN CLOCK**

Malcolm W. Young Term 1 Year

**TREASURER**

Katherine Logue Term 3 Years, Expires 2020

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**

Jennifer Rand Term 1 Year

**TOWN COUNSEL**

Ronald Rappaport Term 1 Year

**TRI TOWN AMBULANCE COMMITTEE**

Cynthia E. Mitchell Term 1 Year

**TRUANT OFFICER**

Dan Rossi Term 1 Year

**VETERANS' GRAVES OFFICER**

Brian Athearn Term 1 Year

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

Nancy Cole	Term 4 Years, Expires 2018
Larry Schubert	Term 5 Years, Expires 2020
Julius Lowe	Term 5 Years, Expires 2021
Tony Higgins	Term 5 Years, Expires 2021
Toni Cohen	Term 5 Years, Expires 2022
Tucker Hubbell-Associate	Term 2 Years, Expires 2018
Bob Schwier-Associate	Term 2 Years, Expires 2019

\*resigned

## **REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

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2017 has been a year of activity and growth in a variety of areas from groundbreaking legal decisions to extensive community projects. Staying abreast of changes in technology and state and federal laws, while honoring the history and bucolic way of life in town has presented the board with many interesting trials throughout the year.

One of the more important and challenging projects that came before us has been the Scott's Grove Affordable Housing Project, located behind Fire Station One and the Gretchen Manter Memorial Ball Field. The Affordable Housing Committee and Trust have worked with Island Housing Trust, the Community Preservation Committee and other boards and committees to launch this complex but essential town project. We are happy to see that the development is well underway and wish to thank all involved with its success.

In the interest of utilizing town land and buildings, the Board voted to appoint a committee to study the possible reuses of the Old Courthouse Road building. In June, based on a report from the Old Courthouse Reuse Committee, the Selectmen elected to demolish the building with the hopes of using the lot for future affordable housing.

The town has recently taken part in the "Complete Streets" program. The Massachusetts Department of Transportation funded program assists municipalities in providing safe and accessible travel via all modes of transportation. The Planning Board appointed committee will continue to study and make recommendations for improvements.

The history of West Tisbury was celebrated this year with a plaque commemorating the Mill Pond, donated by the Friends of the Mill Pond and the mounting of the Dukes County Academy Bell, donated by Tara Whiting, longtime resident and Town Clerk. We would like to thank all involved in these wonderful projects.

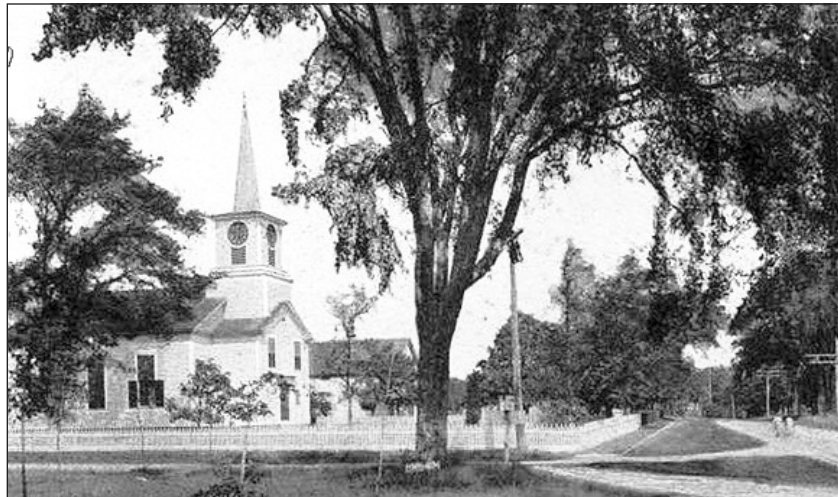
Personnel changes that occurred this year were the appointment of Anthony Cordray to the position of Animal Control Officer and Meaghan Gouldrup to the position of Assistant Animal Control Officer. Kevin Hatt was appointed to the position of Highway Laborer. Congratulations and welcome to these new employees.

The Town will leave less of an ecological footprint going forward with the lease of three electric cars this year. The cars, used by various departments have been a very successful addition to the fleet of Town Vehicles and there is now a charging station in front of the Town Hall available to anyone with an electric vehicle.

We would like to thank the town boards and committees, as well as the townspeople who make West Tisbury such a great place to live. We would also like to thank Phyllis Meras for organizing the Town party this year, it is a lot of work and was enjoyed by all who attended.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Skipper Manter  
Cynthia E. Mitchell  
Kent Healy



Town Center

## REPORT OF THE STATE REPRESENTATIVE

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Dylan Fernandes  
State Representative  
Barnstable, Dukes & Nantucket

District Liaison  
Kaylea Moore  
kaylea.moore@mahouse.gov

Dear West Tisbury friends:

It is an honor to wake up everyday and serve you and our beautiful district at the State House. Advancing affordable housing, protecting our environment, and combating the opioid and heroin epidemic remain top priorities for our office. We are fighting to promote these issues at the state level and I filed nearly a dozen bills related to these priorities.

While we tackle comprehensive policy issues at the State House like criminal justice reform and advancing women's reproductive rights, my team and I remain committed to addressing the needs of local residents. Over the past year alone, we have worked on 120 constituent cases. I love being on island, so much in fact that this past year I took 96 boat trips and attended 247 meetings across the district.

In a tight budget year, we secured money for Vineyard programs ranging from shellfish propagation to healthcare access for Islanders to funds for homelessness prevention. We have made it a priority to fight for local aid and support for our unique island community.

In November I delivered my maiden speech in support of my bill joining Massachusetts onto the Paris Agreement. After the speech, the House voted overwhelmingly to pass the legislation. I want to thank all of the West Tisbury residents who helped advocate for it.

My team and I will always be here to serve you. Community engagement, transparency, and accessibility were tenants of my campaign and are the foundation of my office. Please feel free to reach out to us at any time. My email is [dylan.fernandes@mahouse.gov](mailto:dylan.fernandes@mahouse.gov) and our office line is 617-722-2430 (ext. 6). You can also reach out to Kaylea Moore, our Island Liaison at [kaylea.moore@mahouse.gov](mailto:kaylea.moore@mahouse.gov).

Yours,

Dylan



## REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

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### 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, births by name will no longer be published in the town report. The total number of births for West Tisbury in 2017 was 27.

### MARRIAGES

DATE	NAME	Surname after Marriage	Residence
<b>April</b>			
15	Mark Joseph Fuentes Ilikea Scott	Fuentes Fuentes	West Tisbury, MA
<b>June</b>			
10	Scott Robert Yapp Melissa Faye Carpenter	Yapp Yapp	West Tisbury, MA Arlington, MA
17	David Hale Brodnick Elizabeth Marie Mattern	Brodnick Mattern	Brooklyn, NY
24	Chez Brenado Powell Jessey Christina Myers	Powell Powell	West Tisbury, MA
<b>July</b>			
22	David Andrew Tasman Iona Philadelphia Whittaker	Tasman Whittaker	Brooklyn, NY
<b>September</b>			
9	Gert Mark Michiels Rebecca White Rattner	Michiels Rattner	New York, NY
16	Josh Rynd Montoya Kotchapan Somparn	Montoya Somparn	West Tisbury, MA
16	Joshua Louis Snyder Emily Rose Helpen	Snyder Helpen	Washington, DC
<b>October</b>			
21	David John Ferguson Kristin Emily Hall	Ferguson Ferguson	Chilmark, MA

### Marriages (Continued)

DATE	NAME	Surname after Marriage	Residence
<b>November</b>			
4	Daniel Connor Comen Trisha Ann Curtis	Comen Comen	Wallingford, CT
<b>December</b>			
10	Steven Feinsmith Dawn Frances Feinsmith	Feinsmith Feinsmith	West Tisbury, MA West Tisbury, MA
29	Nicholai Maurice Evans Brittany Nacole Finegan	Evans Evans	West Tisbury, MA Springfield, MA

### DEATHS

DATE	NAME	DATE	NAME
<b>January</b>		<b>July</b>	
2	Cheryl Barbara Stark	6	Thomas Finley O'Quinn
<b>February</b>		<b>August</b>	
1	Howard Robert Attebery	5	Deborah Cottle Raymond
4	Carol Dreschler Brandon	<b>September</b>	
9	Pearle S. Perkins	17	Donald Thomas Luce
18	Thomas Leo Brennan	<b>October</b>	
22	Eleanor Louise Waldron	22	Patricia Clegg Hawkes
<b>April</b>		<b>November</b>	
22	Catherine Carleton Carr	23	Roger Blake Jr.
<b>May</b>		25	Juan Narciso More Laso
1	Anne Eaton Parker	<b>December</b>	
22	Shirley Gray Kaeka	2	Helen Louise Brown
<b>June</b>		7	Alicia Gervais
9	Ronnee Lyle Schultz	8	Christine H. Abrams
11	Daniel A. Ely		
24	Sidra Bullard Dumont		
27	Samuel Alexander Campbell		

## **ANNUAL TOWN MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS**

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### **Annual Town Meeting**

**April 11, 2017**

**The meeting was called to order by the Moderator at 7:10 pm who declared a presence of a 5% quorum, there being 210 qualified voters present. All articles were duly moved, seconded and voted upon. There were two floor amendments. The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 pm.**

#### **Passed:**

**ARTICLE 1:** To elect Officers on the Official Ballot and to vote Yes or No Ballot Question.

**ARTICLE 2:** Reports from Town Officers and Committees.

**ARTICLE 3:** Vote to Raise and Appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town Charges and Expenses for Fiscal Year 2018.

**ARTICLE 4:** Vote to authorize the Treasurer and Collector to enter into Compensating Balance Agreements during Fiscal Year 2018 as permitted by M.G.L. c.44, §53F.

**ARTICLE 5:** Vote to amend the Personnel By-law at Sections 26.3 (Pay Schedule Year Round) to reflect a wage adjustment of 2% effective July 1, 2017.

**ARTICLE 6:** Vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of \$29,939.76 to pay the Town's assessed share of the Dukes County debt authorized by Chapter 287 of the Acts of 2014.

**ARTICLE 7:** Vote to transfer unused balances of \$19,655.38 from Article 16 and \$7,500.00 from Article 22 voted at the 2015 Annual Town Meeting, \$5,000.00 from Article 33 and \$3,633.87 from Article 17 voted at the 2014 Annual Town Meeting and \$64,210.75 from Overlay Surplus for a total sum of \$100,000.00 for repairs and upgrades to town buildings.

**ARTICLE 8:** Vote to approve up to \$2,500,000.00 borrowing authorized by vote of the Martha's Vineyard Refuse Disposal and Resource Recovery District for the purpose of financing the cost of capital improvements toward the restructuring of Traffic flow and Residential Drop-Off at the Edgartown Transfer Station, or take any action relative thereto providing all 4 towns vote in the affirmative to do so.

**ARTICLE 9:** Vote to Raise and Appropriate \$15,280 to fund the Town of West Tisbury's share of the expense of the All Island School Committee's contract for ACE in fiscal year 2018.

**ARTICLE 10:** Vote to reauthorize revolving funds previously established by vote of the Town under M.G.L. c.44, §53E1/2, for Fiscal Year 2018.

**ARTICLE 11:** Vote to Raise and Appropriate \$7,839.00 as the Town's propor-

tionate share (14.79%) of Fiscal year 2018 adjusted cost of \$53,000 to fund the CORE (Counseling, Outreach and Referral for the Elderly) program as developed by the Councils on Aging cooperatively with MVCS Island Counseling Center in 2011.

**ARTICLE 12:** Vote to appropriate \$460,000 to pay costs of purchasing and equipping a new pumper fire truck to replace the current 1987 Ford Pumper fire truck.

**ARTICLE 13:** Vote to Appropriate from Overlay Surplus \$ 27,500.00 to purchase and equip one (1) All Wheel Drive Police Cruiser. This will be added to the \$15,000 appropriated in Article 13 of the 2016 ATM for a total of \$42,500.00; and to dispose of a 2010 Ford Expedition in the best interest of the town.

**ARTICLE 14:** Vote to Appropriate from Overlay Surplus \$31,000 to purchase and equip a vehicle for the Animal Control Department.

**ARTICLE 15:** Vote to Appropriate \$82,420 for reconstruction work on town roads under the provisions of Section 34 of Chapter 90 of the M.G.L. or any other enabling authority, which amount is the Town's FY2017 state allocation which will be reimbursed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and is therefore considered an available fund.

**ARTICLE 16:** Vote to Raise and Appropriate \$12,866.00 as the Town's proportionate share (14.79%) of Fiscal Year 2018 adjusted cost of \$86,990.00 to fund the FirstStop information and resource service as recommended by Healthy Aging Martha's Vineyard.

**ARTICLE 17:** Vote to Appropriate from Overlay Surplus \$45,000 to transfer to the Retired/Separating Employees Compensated Absences Reserve Fund as provided for by M.G.L. c. 40, § 13D.

**ARTICLE 18:** Vote 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, FY2017 revenues: Open Space reserve \$50,000, Historical Resources reserve \$50,000 (10% of estimated FY2018 Community Preservation Fund revenues), Community Housing reserve \$50,000 (10% of estimated FY2017 Community Preservation Fund revenues), Undesignated reserve \$325,500 (65% of estimated FY2017 Community Preservation Fund revenues). And to appropriate for the FY2017 Administrative Expenditures of the Community Preservation Committee \$25,000 (5% of estimated FY2017 Community Preservation Fund revenues).

**ARTICLE 19:** Vote to Appropriate \$10,000 from the Community Preservation Undesignated reserve for the purpose of rehabilitating, restoring and refurbishing the basketball court and soccer fields at the West Tisbury School.

**ARTICLE 20:** Vote to appropriate \$500,000 to assist the Island Housing Trust in the development of the Fire Station Lot Affordable Housing Project (Scott's Grove).

**ARTICLE 21:** Vote to appropriate \$57,500 from the Community Preservation Fund Undesignated reserve for the Scott's Grove borrowing.

*Note: This is the first of a maximum of ten installments.*

**ARTICLE 22:** Vote to Appropriate \$65,000 from the Community Preservation Undesignated reserve to fund the creation of ADA compliant at the Vineyard Baseball Park.

**ARTICLE 23:** Vote to Appropriate \$80,000 from the Community Preservation Undesignated reserve to support the rental assistance program of the Dukes County Regional Housing Authority for West Tisbury residents.

**ARTICLE 24:** Vote to Appropriate \$50,000 from the Community Preservation Undesignated reserve to partially fund a fire suppression water tank for the Fire Station Lot Affordable Housing Project (Scott's Grove).

**ARTICLE 25:** Vote to amend the language of Article #34 approved at the Annual Town Meeting April 14, 2015 to read: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$50,000 to fund restoration by the Martha's Vineyard Museum of the wood shingled Marine Hospital Roof.

**FAILED**

**ARTICLE 26:** Vote to Raise and Appropriate \$146, 633 for the purpose of reducing the Up-Island Regional School District's Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Liability.

**ARTICLE 27:** Vote to Appropriate from Overlay Surplus \$2,500 to fund the cost of a hearing officer who is charged with hearing appeals from violations of the building and fire codes.

**ARTICLE 28:** Vote to Appropriate from Free Cash \$575,000 and from Overlay Surplus \$19,000 to reduce the tax levy in Fiscal Year 2018.

**ARTICLE 29:** To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following bylaw:

DEPARTMENTAL REVOLVING FUNDS (See full text in warrant)

**ARTICLE 30:** Vote to request the Selectmen to authorize law enforcement and all Town officials to refrain from using Town funds and/or resources to enforce federal immigration laws, *in keeping with current practice*, unless presented with a criminal warrant or other evidence of probable cause, as required by the Fourth Amendment of the United States Constitution.

**ARTICLE 31:** Vote to amend the Personnel Bylaw to read as follows, the amended text appearing in **bold print**:

**ARTICLE 31A**

By adding the following new subsections to Section 9 Police Department

9-7 Shift Differential

9-8 Working on Vacation

(See full text in warrant)

**PASSED AS AMENDED**

**ARTICLE 31 B**

Section 16:

16 .0 Family and Medical Leave

(See full text in warrant)

MOTION TO POSTPONE INDEFINITELY PASSED

**ARTICLE 32:** Vote to amend the following Town Bylaw, to make it consistent with the current West Tisbury Personnel Bylaw. Pursuant to Chapter 41 Section 108C of the General Laws, there shall be established a Personnel Board consisting of five members ~~\*who shall be residents of the Town and~~ who shall be responsible for proposing personnel by-laws for voter approval and administering personnel by-laws, and who shall advise the Town of any matters pertaining thereto, in accordance with Chapter 41 Section 108C General Laws.

The Board of Selectmen shall initially appoint one member to serve for one year, two members to serve for two years and two members to serve for three years each; the Board of Selectmen shall in each succeeding year thereafter appoint for terms of three years each as many members are required to replace those members whose term expire in the year during which said appointments shall be made. ~~The Personnel Board shall not include employees, and/or elected or appointed officials of the Town.~~

*One of the members shall be a Town employee nominated and elected by the employees and appointed by the Selectmen.*

**PASSED AS AMENDED** Insert \**“at least four (4) of whom shall be town residents”*

**ARTICLE 33:** Vote to amend Section 4.4-3, subsection 1 of the zoning bylaw by striking the following language:

~~*The lot, dwelling and apartment shall be in single ownership. and the owner shall occupy either the principal or accessory unit. The owner must be domiciled year-round in West Tisbury. At no time are both the principal and the accessory units to be rented.*~~

This amendment will allow for an accessory apartment to remain an affordable year-round rental unit regardless of ownership.

**ARTICLE 34:** Vote to adopt the following bylaw: No operator of a diesel truck shall use engine braking (also called exhaust braking or Jake braking) while operating a vehicle on a public way in the Town of West Tisbury.

**ARTICLE 35:** Vote to amend the existing deadline for warrant articles or subjects now appearing in the Town Bylaws in the part entitled “Annual Town Meeting Date”.

**FAILED**

**ARTICLE 36:** Vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59 Section 5 Clause 54, which shall establish a minimum fair cash value for the taxation of Personal Property accounts subject to taxation of \$10,000.

**ARTICLE 37:** Vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59 Section 57A. Note: this allows once annual billing of personal property tax bills under \$100.

**ARTICLE 38:** Vote to accept the provisions of Section 193 of Chapter 218 of the Acts of 2016. Note: this allows the municipality to opt-in to M.G.L c. 90, §17C, thereby authorizing the Selectmen to reduce the statutory speed limit from 30 mph to 25 mph on any or all city- or town-owned roadways within a thickly settled or business district.

**ARTICLE 39:** Should the Town provide childcare for Town Meetings?

**(By Petition)**

**FAILED.**



Look Family - Crow Hollow

## ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

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### 13 April 2017-Annual Town Election

Registered Voters 2,558; Total Ballots Cast-667 (26.08%)

#### MODERATOR

Blanks	95
Daniel A. Waters	570
Write-in	2

#### SELECTMAN

Blank	9
Kent A. Healy	409
Richard R. Knabel	248
Write-ins	1

#### BOARD OF HEALTH

Blank	124
Eric B. Lowe	542
Write-in	1

#### BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Blanks	175
Maria G. McFarland	491
Write-in	1

#### TAX COLLECTOR

Blank	136
Brent B. Taylor	528
Write-in	1

#### TOWN CLERK

Blank	84
Tara J. Whiting	583
Write-in	0

#### TREE WARDEN

Blanks	135
Jeremiah Armstrong Brown	531
Write-in	0

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE

	<b>Vote for 2</b>
Blank	442
Gary Montrowl	473
Katherine Triantafillou	418
Write-ins	3

#### LIBRARY TRUSTEE

##### Vote for 2 (3 years)

Blanks	359
Elaine Marie Barnett	356
Robert JP Hauck	270
Wendy G. Nierenberg	349
Write-in	0

#### LIBRARY TRUSTEE (2 years)

Blanks	201
Amy Falvo Hoff	466
Write-ins	0

#### LIBRARY TRUSTEE (1 years)

Blanks	181
Gina L. Solon	485
Write-ins	1

#### PARKS & RECREATION

##### Vote for 2

Blanks	339
Suzanne Hammond	484
Cheryl A. Lowe	510
Write-in	1

#### CONSTABLE

Blanks	109
John J. Powers	556
Write-ins	2

#### LAND BANK COMMISSIONER

Blanks	188
Mary Robin Ravitch	478
Write-ins	1

#### QUESTION 1

(eliminating mopeds)

YES	571
NO	50
BLANKS	46

#### QUESTION 2 (establishing a regional housing bank)

YES	458
NO	149
BLANKS	6



## **REPORT OF THE REGISTRARS OF VOTERS**

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To the Board of Selectman:

The number of registered voters in

	December 2017 was:	December 2007:
Democrat	1,061	766
Republican	160	158
Green Party USA	1	4
Green Rainbow	0	11
Libertarian	3	4
American Independent	0	0
MA Independent	0	0
Un-enrolled	1,309	1,123
Others	29	2
Total	2553	2,087

The Street List of Residents in December 2017 was:

Voter	2,555
Non-Voter	615
Total	3,170

Respectfully submitted,

Bernice Kirby  
Rufus Peebles  
Antone H. Rezendes, Jr.  
Tara J. Whiting, Clerk

## **REPORT OF THE WEST TISBURY AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE**

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West Tisbury Affordable Housing Committee (WTAHC) and West Tisbury Affordable Housing Trust (WTAHT) are looking forward to the coming year with prospective new developments and the opening of the Scott's Grove Project to renters. The committees remain focused on promoting and providing a supply of affordable housing for the residents of West Tisbury. Although no new homes were added to the roster in 2017 we are hoping 2018 brings several new affordable homes to town.

Since the start of the WTAHC and WTAHT in West Tisbury, 43 home/home site lots have been created, 42 affordable accessory apartments (one this year) are rented or used by family members and 14 apartments are presently being subsidized for affordable housing with CPC funding. The accessory apartments are monitored and overseen by the WTAHC with the aid of the Dukes County Regional Housing Authority (DCRHA). The rental assisted apartments and two rental facilities are overseen by DCRHA.

### **Scott's Grove Project**

The WTAHC, WTAHT and IHT broke ground Oct. 2017 on the Scott's Grove Project at 565 West Tisbury-Edgartown Rd. The towns' people overwhelming voted to support and proceed with the development in Nov. 2015 at a Special Town Meeting. The IHT hopes to have the nine (9) affordable rental units (three-3 bdrm, three-2 bdrm, three -1 bdrm with 1 of these being handicap accessible) completed by the summer of 2018.

### **Other Projects**

The WTAHC and WTAHT continue to work and support projects of affordable housing by non-profits and other private developers. Several developments are in progress around the island notable the Kuehn's Way Project of IHT in Vineyard Haven.

WTAHC also is searching through town owned land parcels for possibilities of affordable housing development. They hope to start the process for developing several town properties in 2018.

### **Housing Production Plan (HPP)**

The final report of the Housing Production Plan (HPP) confirmed the need for affordable housing, which we all know has turned desperate. The study assessed the housing availability, housing cost, and community solutions. The HPP states that close to a third of all year-round households have low/moderate income. Of these more than ½ of these households spend more than 50% of their total gross income on housing.

Available year-round housing is decreasing according to census. Rental units, especially, are needed. DCRHA has a rental waiting list of 197 house-

holds and this is growing every day though many people are just leaving the island as rental housing, let alone affordable year-round, becomes impossible to find.

The visions/goals suggested in the HPP were cluster housing with “dense pockets”, repurposing large homes for rental, combining residential and commercial development. Possible ways to achieve these visions stated were possible amendments to zoning laws (density areas, co-housing, etc.), creating a room tax on weekly rentals put toward affordable housing thus creating a housing fund similar to the Land Bank Fund, continuing to donate publicly owned property for affordable housing, reaching out to private donors, adopting fee waivers or reductions for affordable housing and working together as a whole island community to develop affordable housing for the community.

Some of these visions/goals are being brought up at the State level by our representatives. They have been working on creating legislature bills to bring before the full legislature. These bills range from creating Housing Bank similar to the Land Bank, rental excise tax on AirBnBs and summer home rentals to inclusionary bills.

#### **How You Can Help**

As 2017 closes the WTAHC and WTAHT encourage West Tisbury residents to become involved in this housing deficit. Here are several ways how:

1. Homeowners with large lots 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. Create an affordable accessory apartment (See Zoning Bylaw Section 4.4).
3. Donate to the West Tisbury Affordable Housing Trust. This is a municipal trust whose funds are used solely on affordable housing.
4. In your will/estate planning leave you house to the West Tisbury Affordable Housing Trust or Town specifying for affordable housing use.
5. Instead of renting your home or guest house seasonally consider renting year-round to give someone a stable home.
6. Speak to the WTAHC about converting your home into an affordable home with a deed rider.

Handouts addressing the process for these housing creations have been created and are available at the WTAHC desk on the third floor. They may also be downloaded from the town website.

The committee continues to update its comprehensive handbook, which contains the WTAHC guidelines to assist prospective affordable homeowners and developers seeking information on zoning issues and bylaws that affect affordable housing in West Tisbury. The handbook is available on the third floor of town hall, by calling (508-696-0102 ext. 121) the WTAHC administrative assistant or by emailing [affordhouse@westtisbury-ma.gov](mailto:affordhouse@westtisbury-ma.gov).

**Membership**

At the end of 2017 Vickie Thurber resigned. Vickie was an active member with insight into the housing needs of the community and an asset to the committee over many years. She will be missed.

The WTAHC announces our newest member, Rise Terney, Planning Board Representative.

At present, there is one vacant alternate position open.

The WTAHT announces the newest member, Kent Healy.

The committee extends a welcome to the townspeople to join the committee in supporting housing. Anyone with ideas and a willingness to help create affordable housing should come to the meetings held on the second and fourth Tues. of the month at 6:30 PM in town hall.

**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.

Respectfully submitted,

West Tisbury Affordable Housing Committee

Larry Schubert, Building Dept. Rep. (Chair)  
Mike Colaneri, Board of Assessor's Rep. (Vice Chair)  
Glenn Hearn, Selectmen's Rep.  
Ted Jochsberger, At-Large Rep.  
Vickie Thurber, Board of Health Rep, (Resigned)  
Susan Feller, New At-Large Rep  
Rise Terney, Planning Board Rep. (New of Nov.)  
Angela Prout, Alternate  
Rhonda Conley, Administrative Assistant

West Tisbury Affordable Housing Trust

Skipper Manter, Chair  
Kent Healy  
Cynthia Mitchell  
Along with WTAHC members

## **REPORT OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER**

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To the Board of Selectmen and  
West Tisbury Residents:

I would like to thank Joan Jenkinson for her dedication to the town and her support. I have always admired how Joannie kept a friendly and open department. I believe in that vision so my door is always open, call or email anytime.

This first year as your animal control officer has been full of new experiences. The town sent me to the Animal Control Officers Association of Massachusetts Academy last spring. It was held at the Boylston Police Academy, one day a week, for a 12 week period. It was one of the best run academies I have attended. The knowledge of the instructors and information presented was excellent. I also have an assistant, Meaghan Gouldrup. She just recently started, is eager to learn the job and she is a capable person.

My mission is to bring all that I have learned to the Animal Control Department. The animal control laws have changed a lot over the last 2 to 3 years. Just the record keeping portion of the laws has increased quite a bit. Since I have started I have been working with the other ACOs on the island to continue and develop programs such as the spay wagon and rabies clinic. We have a West Tisbury Animal Control Facebook page that we will post these program schedules and any missing or found animals. My main goal will be to reunite people with their pets as quickly and safely as possible.

We have had over 600 calls in 2017. Everything from dog bites, restrained animals, livestock in the road or lose and one of the trickier calls I deal with, barking dogs. Dogs bark. It is in their nature but it is really annoying whether it is 5 AM or all afternoon. Almost all the people I have dealt with understand this, but the dogs don't. It can be a lot of work to get the dog to stop. While doing this job one thing I found out about livestock in West Tisbury, it is everywhere. I have always known West Tisbury is a friendly place for livestock. I think it is a great thing that the town encourages and protects this culture. This is a tradition I will continue to uphold. Thank you for the opportunity to be your animal control officer.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony Cordray

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

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In calendar year 2017 we completed a revaluation year review of all properties in the Town as mandated by the State for fiscal year 2018. Values were based on the analysis of valid sales from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017. The fiscal year 2017 tax rate is set at **\$6.06**. Property values are available on our GIS website [www.caigisonline.com](http://www.caigisonline.com) or by contacting the office.

The final fiscal year 2017 total number of applications for Real Estate and Personal Property tax abatements was thirty six. All applications have been successfully settled by the Board of Assessors. The Board has one Appellate Tax Board appeal for request of exemption pending.

The final approved tax rate information for fiscal year 2018 is as follows:

<b><u>TAX RECAPITULATION</u></b>	<b><u>FY2018</u></b>
<b><u>TAXABLE VALUE BY CLASS</u></b>	
Residential	2,492,323,821
Commercial	72,658,904
Industrial	8,961,000
Personal Property	42,047,520
<b>TOTAL TAXABLE VALUE</b>	<b><u>2,615,991,245</u></b>
<b><u>ANNUAL TAX LEVY</u></b>	
Appropriations	19,588,233.59
Other Local Expenditures	40,669.95
State & County Assessments	198,663.00
Overlay	82,852.41
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE RAISED</b>	<b>19,910,418.95</b>
 Total estimated Receipts & Available Funds	 4,057,512.00
 <b>NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION</b>	 <b><u>15,852,906.95</u></b>
<b>TOTAL LEVY</b>	

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During calendar year 2018 (fiscal year 2019) the office will continue to look for ways to provide quality work to our citizens as efficiently as possible, mitigating costs wherever we can. The staff will continue to further their education in their efforts to serve the Town to the best of their abilities.

The office is located on the third floor of Town Hall. We are open from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday. Information about the department is available on the Assessor's page of the Town's website, [www.westtisbury-ma.gov](http://www.westtisbury-ma.gov) . Citizens can download their property records, generate abutters lists and view property photos at [www.caigisonline.com](http://www.caigisonline.com) .

Please contact the office if you have any questions or concerns about what we do. We look forward to continuing to serve the Town.

Sincerely,

Michael Colaneri, Chair  
Richard Cohen, Member  
Maria McFarland, Member  
D. Barnes, Principal Assessor  
Tammis Sprague, Data Collector/Assistant Assessor



Factory Bridge

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

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### **Tick Borne Illness reduction program**

The Tick Program had another busy and highly successful year in 2017. We conducted 98 yard surveys: 23 in West Tisbury, 22 in Chilmark, 26 in Edgartown including 13 on Chappaquiddick, 9 in Tisbury and 6 in Oak Bluffs. We made 14 public presentations, including school Health Fairs, the Hospital Health Fair, Libraries, Senior Centers, Community Centers, the Local Wild Food Challenge, The Rod and Gun Club and the Wampanoag Tribe/EPA conference on vector borne diseases.

Another major effort involved encouraging private property owners to allow deer hunting on their properties. Male and female ticks mate on deer in the fall and utilizing the host deer for the necessary blood meal to support egg female production, produce an annual crop of deer tick eggs. Those fall eggs develop into tick larvae each spring. Reducing deer density is proven to reduce the number of ticks in the environment. We worked with 27 different landowners and were successful in arranging deer hunting on 20 properties totaling over 100 acres. In addition, an Island conservation group allowed limited hunting on 50 acres of their land for the first time.

The Tick Program collaborated with The Island Grown Initiative (IGI) to accept donated deer at the State Forest deer check station that had been harvested during the two-week shotgun-hunting season. The deer were transported and stored in a cooler operated by IGI to be held for processing in a commercial kitchen at The Larder in Tisbury. The venison produced from the donated deer is mixed with 20% USDA pork fat, ground into burger and frozen. We accepted 4 donated deer as part of this first year effort on the Vineyard modeled on a similar 3 year old program on Nantucket. The venison this program yields cannot be sold or distributed in stores but is earmarked and approved for donation to the Island Food Pantry for distribution. The Massachusetts Department of Public Health – Food Protection Program, the Tisbury Board of Health, The Larder and IGI are all thanked for their participation in this groundbreaking new effort. 200 lbs. of donated venison was delivered to the food pantry in late December as a result of this effort.

The Vineyard Gazette, MV times, WMVY and WCAI radio stations all provided publicity and helped us get the word out, including 3 Op-Ed pieces in the Gazette and two interviews on WMVY. We also received substantial financial support from the public, receiving over \$40,000.00 in larger donations to pay for this year's activities and to increase services next year, as well as over \$5000.00 in contributions from homeowners in response to yard surveys.



Richard Johnson is both the field biologist and public educator working for the island Boards of Health to deliver this island-wide program to reduce tick borne illness.

**Fertilizer Applicator Certification:**

The spring, summer and fall of 2015 was the first year of working with the newly adopted Turf Fertilizer regulations that went into effect on January 1, 2015. The fertilizer regulations were conceived to protect the Island's surface and ground waters from impairment from excess nitrogen and phosphorus loading. Generally, excess nitrogen threatens coastal estuaries and drinking water, while excess phosphorus is a greater concern for fresh water ponds and streams. Both nutrients are important for plant growth and health and when applied in the correct amounts are absorbed by turf. In excess or used incorrectly, they threaten the island's drinking water and coastal ponds. Beginning in 2015 ACE MV did an outstanding job and deserves big thanks for arranging the classes and instructors, administering the certification tests and distributing certifications to the students. This program provided a great first step toward helping manage the nutrient contribution to the Vineyard embayments from fertilizer.

We would like to remind all residents that the Visiting Nurse Association of Cape Cod conducts Free Wellness Clinics at the Howe's House on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 11:00-1:00pm, and at the West Tisbury Library on the 4th Wednesday of each month from 1:00-3:00pm. Questions call CCVNA at 508-957-7613 or the Board of Health at 508-696-0105

The Board would like to remind residents that a prescription drug drop off box is located at the West Tisbury Police Department. Residents wanting to properly dispose of unused medications can contact the Police department at 508-693-0020 for drop-off information.

Mass Department of Public Health (MDPH) continues to issue date certain Emergency Management "deliverables" or mandates for the BOH to satisfy. The Board works with many different agencies locally such as the Hospital, Martha's Vineyard Medical Reserve Corp, Dukes County Emergency Management, and the six Town's Boards of Health. As part of the MDPH's "Region 5B Coalition" (Cape & Islands) the BOH continues to make progress establishing a functioning "Medical Reserve Corp" (MRC) of medically trained and none medically trained volunteers who are able to help in the event of an emergency. For more information on becoming a medical or non-medical volunteer you can contact the MRC at their website ([www.mvmedicalreservecorps.org](http://www.mvmedicalreservecorps.org)), by e-mail at [admin@medicalreservecorps.org](mailto:admin@medicalreservecorps.org), by phone at 508-696-3811, or by fax at 508-696-3841.

This year the Island Wide Flu Clinics was held at the Martha's Vineyard High School on October 14th. The clinic was all walk in and was setup in the cafeteria for adults, children and their families.

The Board issued the following licenses and permits in 2017.

Semi-Public Swimming Pool Permits .....	2
Bathing Beaches.....	7
Bed & Breakfast Permits .....	1
Camp Permits.....	2
Well Permits.....	23
Septic System Permits .....	46
Lawn Fertilizer License .....	22
Food Establishment Permits .....	34*
Temporary Food Establishment Permits.....	96**
Motel Permit (Youth Hostel) .....	1
Tent Permits .....	4
Septic Pumping permits .....	126
Septic Hauler License .....	9
Septic Installer License.....	19
Tobacco Vendors License .....	2
Pool Permits.....	3
Barn Permits.....	0

\* Includes restaurants, food stores, caterers & bakers with approved home kitchens.

\*\* Vendors at Farmers’ Market, Fair, and other special events.

The Refuse District processed and shipped over 8,120 tons in 2017 of waste and construction material. Over 7,000 tons of the material was delivered to SEMASS Waste to Energy Facility in Rochester Ma., and the remaining tonnage (1,000) was recycled Construction Material delivered to New England Recycling located in Taunton, Ma. Our recycling efforts also removed over 1,200 tons of mixed single stream recycling, 280 tons of various metals, over 250 batteries, 20 tons of tires, and 500 tons of leaves/brush.

We are proud to announce that over 500 households participated in the District’s Hazardous Household Waste Collection program during 2017. After 28 years, the program will change from four collections dates per year to three. The two fall events have been merged together for only one fall event in the month of October.

Harmful Household Hazardous Waste Collection dates are held on the ***third Saturday of May and July with October held on the second Saturday October 13, 2018*** all at no charge to residents.

Each event is from 9am – 12pm for residents.

12pm – 12:30pm for commercial (fee, please call for appointment)

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

Mercury Elements and Florescent light bulbs accepted at all four District drop-off center at no charge during regular business hours.

*Compostable food waste is now accepted at the District drop-off centers, see District web site for more information.*

**New Additions:**

The Board welcomes Animal Inspectors Anthony Cordray and his assistant Meaghan Gouldrup whose duties are not only important to the safety of the animals and people of the town, but whose efforts are greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Barnett, Chairman  
Erik Lowe  
Hans Van Nes



SM Mayhew

## REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

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Single Family Residences (SFR)	13	Solar Array- Roof Mount	21
Modular SFR	1		155.65kW
Guest House	4	Solar Array- Ground Mount	8
Guest House/ Detached Bed/Garage	1		321.51kW
Residential Duplex	4	Solar Array- Commercial	1
Residential Additions	14	Private Swimming Pool	2
Residential Alterations	17	Pool House	1
Residential Addition/Alteration	4	Fence over 6'	1
Residential Addition/Renovation	3	Retaining Wall	0
Residential Renovation	3	Demolition	10
Residential Renovation/Alteration	1	Trench	1
Residential Reno/Add/Alter	1	Move Structure	1
Detached Accessory Apartment	2	Roofing	21
Detached Garage	6	Foundation Only	3
Detached Bedroom	3	Wood Stove	5
Detached Accessory Structure	0	Insulation	8
Garage w/Detached Bedroom	1	Minor Work	58
Dry Studio	1	Minor Work +	8
Screened Porch	1	Minor Work S	0
Change of Use	3	Repair	3
Change of Contractor	1	Sign	4
Craft Workshop	0	Commercial Minor Work	1
Barn	1	Commercial New Construction	2
Pickle Ball Court	0	Commercial Alteration	0
Enforcement Order	2	Commercial Addition	0
Shed	1	Commercial Renovation	0
Temporary Tent	21	Sprinkler System	1
Tent for Storage	2	Annual Inspection	11
Camping Vehicle	1	Fire Protection System	8
Tent License	3	Smoke Detector Installation	49
Temporary Office Trailer	2	Sheet Metal	47
		Electric Permits	176
		Gas Permits	84
		Plumbing Permits	86
Total Permit Fees Collected			\$145,254.12
LPG License (2000+ Gallons)	1	Underground Oil Tank Removal	2
LPG Construction	66	Underground Oil Tank	
LPG Removal	1	License (renewal)	1
Fuel Oil Tanks & Burners	19		
Total Fire Permit Fees Collected			\$4,850.00

Respectfully submitted,

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

# **REPORT OF THE CAPE LIGHT COMPACT**

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## **West Tisbury Activities**

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 200,000 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 and reconstituted 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***

Electricity pricing in 2017 was less volatile than prior years due to relatively stable natural gas prices, which resulted in lower and more stable electricity pricing overall. Worth noting is that, unlike in years past, residential and commercial pricing for June through December was higher than for January through June due to increased capacity market costs beginning in June 2017. The capacity market is managed by New England's bulk power grid operator, ISO New England, and is designed to ensure that enough electric generation capacity is built and available to provide power when called upon to meet peak demand. Capacity market costs are paid for by all New England electricity customers through their power supply prices.

The most notable change in the Compact's power supply program is that, in January 2017, the Compact went 100% green! Being a green aggregation means that 100% of Compact's power supply customers' annual electricity usage is met with renewable energy certificates (RECs). Each REC represents the generation of 1 megawatt hour (1,000 kilowatt hours) of electricity produced by a renewable resource, such as wind or solar. By retiring RECs to match the Compact's customers' usage, Compact customers are financially supporting renewable energy resources, including resources located on Cape Cod and southeastern Massachusetts.

The Compact also selected a new residential supplier, NextEra Energy Services of Massachusetts (NextEra), who has been serving the Compact's commercial customers since 2014, which means that all of the Compact's residential, commercial, and industrial customers are now served by NextEra. In addition to being the Compact's green aggregation supplier, NextEra

pledged to deposit all premiums paid for 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. Now, by purchasing electricity through the Compact, all Compact power supply customers are supporting renewable energy and acting locally to combat climate change. The Compact is proud that our residential price under the new green aggregation program was lower than Eversource's basic residential pricing for all of 2017.

At the regional market level, despite stable pricing this year, New England continues to face electricity pricing challenges associated with the limited pipeline capacity that delivers natural gas to electric generators, which supply over fifty percent of New England's electricity. The pipeline constraint is only an issue for a limited number of hours in the winter, when natural gas is also used for heating homes, creating a supply shortage and increased pricing for generators, thereby increasing the price for every megawatt hour they produce. Until such time as this issue is addressed, either through additional 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.

As of December 2017, the Compact had approximately 1,945 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 2017, the Compact continued its focus on grid modernization, reviewing the plans submitted by the utilities in August 2015. The Compact was granted full intervenor status in 2016 in Eversource's grid modernization plan review docket at the Department of Public Utilities (DPU), which allowed the Compact to take an active role in the adjudicatory review process of the plan. This included retaining experts to analyze Eversource's plan and present expert witness testimony, submitting information requests to Eversource, and submitting briefs. The Compact expects the DPU to issue a decision on the matter in 2018.

In January 2017, Eversource filed a rate case with the DPU, which is the first fully litigated rate case since the 1980's. This will determine the charges that Eversource is allowed to impose on the distribution side of the electric bill, which will affect all residents and businesses on Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard. The Compact was granted full party status in this proceeding as well. The Compact has several concerns with the proposal, as it decreases customers' ability to manage their bills by imposing increased customer charges and introducing demand charges for customers that did not previously have demand charges. Increased customer charges and demand charges decrease the incentive to participate in energy efficiency programs and install behind the meter generation. Eversource sought a 10.5% return on equity as

part of the rate case, which is higher than the national average for a regulated utility. In their revised filing on June 1, 2017, Eversource proposed to shift approximately \$30 million per year of costs from Western MA customers (and Eastern MA commercial customers) on to Eastern MA residential customers, which includes the Cape and Vineyard. The Compact opposed this shift, because charges incurred to serve those customers should be paid for by those customers and not subsidized by Eastern MA residential customers.

On November 30, 2017, the DPU issued the first rate case Order which allowed a 10% return on equity, approved energy storage pilot projects in Wellfleet and Martha's Vineyard, and approved an electric vehicle charging infrastructure buildout, among other decisions. The DPU did not approve the other aspects of Eversource's proposed Grid Modernization Base Commitment, instead stating that those would be decided as part of the grid modernization docket, a decision consistent with separation of the rate case and grid modernization dockets that the Compact and other parties advocated for. All rate design-related issues, including the Western to Eastern MA cost shifting, increased customer and demand charges, and the Monthly Minimum Reliability Charge for net-metered customers will be decided in the second Order, expected by the end of December 2017. The Compact will inform stakeholders of the DPU decisions on the rate case once the review of the decisions is completed.

The Compact also participated in regulatory proceedings at the DPU related to the retail electric market, pushing for policies that promote a competitive power supply market while ensuring common-sense protections for consumers.

#### *ENERGY EFFICIENCY*

Jan – Nov 2017	# of Participants	Customer Savings	kWh Saved	Rebates/ Incentives Paid to Customers
Low Income	3	\$598.40	2,292	\$1,216.82
Residential	180	\$35,013.80	175,069	\$172,068.17
Commercial	10	\$1,045.20	5,226	\$5,564.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>\$36,657.40</b>	<b>183,287</b>	<b>\$178,848.99</b>

*\*Please note that this data does not include activity that occurred in December 2017. Please visit [www.capelightcompact.org/reports](http://www.capelightcompact.org/reports) for complete information.\**

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 (\$0.02301 for residential customers and \$0.01823 for commercial and industrial customers).

Other Cape Light Compact efforts include:

- 14 ENERGY STAR® qualified homes were built in the Town of West Tisbury.
- The Cape Light Compact's Energy Education Program continues to support teachers and students through classroom materials, standards-based education curriculum, teacher training and sponsors the all-island 5th grade Solar Car Race held in June. In addition, the Compact helps to sponsor educational efforts of the Living Local Festival held at the grange hall in October.
- Engineering review and services were completed at several locations including the Martha's Vineyard Airport and Martha's Vineyard Waste Water Facility.

West Tisbury Representative – Sue Hruby

West Tisbury Alternate – Jennifer Rand



Dukes County Academy



## REPORT OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLANNING COMMITTEE

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### 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 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 FY2019 capital budget, as well as projections for the capital program for the next five years, through FY2024.

### Summary

If all of the FY2019 requests are approved, we will spend a total of \$2,083,203 on new and existing capital expenditures (including regionally assessed debt). For FY2019, this spending breaks down as follow:

- \$1,057,064 in general fund debt payments
- \$392,500 on Town projects funded by CPA
- \$633,639 in free cash, redirected prior appropriations or other general funds.

### Policy

- The Town and the Board of Selectmen 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.

### Recommendations

- The Committee recommends that the Town continue the process that will result in a formal and permanent Facilities Management Program, by ensuring that the implementation phase is adequately staffed and funded going forward.
- The Committee recommends that the Board of Selectmen work with the Council on Aging to begin a needs assessment no later than FY2020 for a future renovation of the Howes House and that the use of Community Preservation Historic funds be pursued as part of the funding mechanism.
- Currently, Town departments take responsibility for maintenance of the buildings and other physical assets under their control in their annual

budgets. The committee recommends that the Town move to budgeting for and management of its facilities on a town-wide basis.

- The Committee recommends that the Town and the Finance Committee support maintenance budget lines adequate to maintain the value and condition of the Town’s buildings and equipment in a proactive manner.
- The Committee recommends that the new Facilities Maintenance Program should incorporate energy efficiency as a central part of its mission, and work in concert with the Energy Committee to carry that out.

#### **Recent Capital Events**

- The affordable housing project to develop nine apartments in seven buildings at Scott’s Grove broke ground in the fall of 2017 and is expected to be completed by the end of the summer of 2018. The project is being developed and managed by Island Housing Trust and is funded in part by \$1.4 million in Town Community Preservation funds.
- With support from grant funds, three new all-electric Nissan Leafs were leased in the spring of 2017 and are being used by the Building, Health and other Town Hall departments. The new Animal Control vehicle was put into use during the fall of 2017 and the new pumper fire truck is under construction.
- The county completed purchase and renovation of the building acquired to house the Island Senior Center. Administrative offices were moved there in January 2018 and the senior day program was expected to begin operating entirely from this new location before the end of February 2018.
- At this writing, the structural and roof replacement work at the Howes House is nearly complete. Similar work on the Field Gallery structure will follow and is expected to be completed before Town Meeting.
- The repairs to the Library “bump-out” have been completed and will be paid for entirely by the building’s contractor, architect and project manager firms.
- The MV Refuse District is proceeding with the revised layout of their central facility and plans to have engineering plans ready for review in the spring of 2018. Construction bids will go out during the summer and completion of the project is currently expected in early 2019.

#### **Requested Capital Projects FY2019 – FY2024**

Following is a chart with accompanying notes for the FY2019 items. The Committee has set priorities for the capital requests using the following coding:

<u>Priority Code</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
1	This project <b>must be completed</b> , as it is necessary for public health and safety, to meet our legal obligations or for reasons of fiscal prudence.
2	This project should <b>be completed</b> 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 may get a higher priority as time goes by.)

Affordable Housing. At the 2018 annual Town Meeting, the Affordable Housing Committee is requesting a total of \$300,000 in Community Preservation funds, \$250,000 to be held in reserve for retaining the affordable status of a house going to foreclosure, and \$50,000 to be used by the Town's Affordable Housing Trust to continue funding predevelopment costs of any upcoming affordable housing developments by the Town or other organizations. They will also be requesting approval for use of some Town owned land for affordable housing development.

Energy Committee. The town's energy efficiency gain is 21.6%, relative to our baseline year of 2011. The improvement is the result of both more energy efficient buildings (Town Hall, Library, Police) and the energy efficiency measures from the Green Communities program. The last project at Fire Station 1 for a new propane heater is expected to be completed in 2018. The remaining money left in the Green Communities Grant will be allocated to priority projects which are energy efficient from the Town's maintenance list. The Town realized nearly \$60,000 in savings with the solar array through credits and payments from other project partners in FY 2017. No other major energy efficiency projects are currently planned.

Fire Department. The department is requesting \$50,000 to upgrade and expand the existing fire hydrant tank at Fire Station #1, in part due to the affordable housing development at the adjacent property. A matching \$50,000 appropriation from CPA Affordable Housing funds was already made at the 2017 annual Town Meeting.

Highways. With major road resurfacing now complete, the Town plans to continue to accumulate Ch. 90 state grant funds, and to begin to set aside funds beginning in FY2020 or 2021 toward future road repairs in a stabilization fund that was set up for that purpose in the fall of 2013. Smaller scale road repair and resurfacing projects will be undertaken as needed in the meantime, using available Ch. 90 state grant funds.

The Planning Board has formed a subcommittee to work on the Town's participation in the State's Complete Streets program. The Complete Streets Committee held a public forum in the spring of 2017 and gathered input from some members of the community regarding areas of concern throughout the town. Maps were then placed in various locations throughout the town and the public was asked to write any comments or suggestions on specific areas of concern and how best to calm traffic. The Town applied for a grant from Mass DOT and received \$35,000 to hire a consulting firm to draft a prioritization plan based on the findings of the information gathered from the community. The firm, Howard Stein Hudson, has compiled a prioritization plan that the committee will be reviewing before the 2018 annual Town Meeting.

Mill Brook Watershed. The Mill Brook Watershed Study Planning Committee has exhaustively reviewed the data from the ESS Group's baseline assessment of the watershed along with other data collected and recorded by local/regional project partners. The Committee will issue a report with key findings, conclusions and recommendations to the Selectmen as to how the Town can best continue to monitor and responsibly manage this critical resource. The report is now expected to be complete in early March 2018. A public meeting releasing the report and seeking public feedback is planned before the Annual Town Meeting.

Police. The police have adopted a program of replacing one vehicle each year, and the FY2019 \$44,225 request is the amount needed to purchase the next police vehicle.

Schools. A study is underway for several alternatives to repair, upgrade and renovate or replace the high school building. In January 2018, the school department learned that they had not received MSBA (state) funding support for this work. This project is now forecast to cost at least \$100 million, so the Town will be looking to the school district to provide concrete plans and cost projections for the next 10-20 years. Regardless of funding sources, this project will have an enormous financial impact on the entire island community.

At the 2018 annual Town Meeting, the MV Regional High School District will be seeking approval to set up a stabilization fund for high school capital costs. In addition, the Up Island Regional School District will seek \$40,414 in funding beyond the regular budget assessment for the final phase of alarm upgrades at the West Tisbury School, and work on the HVAC system at the Chilmark School. This amount is West Tisbury's share of a full cost of \$305,815.

Town Buildings. In FY2014, the Town began to set aside funds annually toward future building repairs and maintenance in a stabilization fund. For FY2017 and FY2018, a number of deferred maintenance items requiring immediate attention were funded directly instead with annual appropriations of \$100,000. The report of the facilities management consultant reveals that this will be the case for at least one more year, as the town catches up on deferred maintenance. Very substantial progress has been made toward bringing a town-wide Facilities Management Plan to fruition. This work will help the Town to implement the migration of major maintenance items to one new central line in the annual budget and to fund that line, as well as to fund an annual stabilization fund contribution at appropriate levels beginning in FY2020.

In addition, it is likely that the Howes House, which houses the Up Island Council on Aging, will need a full renovation approximately five years from now. The building was last renovated and expanded in the late 1980s. Preliminary planning for this project should begin in 2020.

Tri-Town Ambulance. There are three Tri-Town ambulances, one stationed in each town. One ambulance was replaced in FY2014; a second is scheduled to

be replaced in FY2018. Since the ambulance service began charging insurance companies, it has reserved 25% of the receipts for such capital expenditures; those reserves are expected to be sufficient to purchase the next ambulance, and most of the third ambulance which is likely to be purchased within the next three years. The ambulance service goal is to purchase a new ambulance every five to six years thereafter. It is also possible that plans will be developed some time in the next five years for a new space to house the Ambulance administrative office and equipment barn in the Town of Chilmark; West Tisbury may bear up to one-third of this cost, yet to be determined.

The Committee thanks the Town departments and regional entities for their assistance and input. We are still missing one At-Large member, and encourage any interested parties to contact the Selectmen's Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Orcutt (Finance Committee)  
Michael Colaneri (Assessors)  
Richard Knabel (At-Large)  
Cynthia Mitchell (Selectmen)  
Kathy Logue (Treasurer)  
Leah Smith (Planning Board)  
Bruce Stone (Town Accountant)  
Joseph Tierney (Building Inspector)

**FY2019 CAPITAL BUDGET AND PROJECTED CAPITAL PROGRAM FY2020-2024**

Department	Capital Item	Total Amount	Priority	Funding Method(l)	Voted FY2018	Proposed FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	PAYOFF
<b>Projected Capital Program:</b>												
Affordable Housing	Predevelopment/preservation costs	\$300,000	1	CPA		300,000						
Fire	Upgrade hydrant at Station #1	100,000	1	CPA/Taxes	50,000	50,000						
Fire	Fire Station #1 repaving	75,000	1	Taxes		75,000						
Fire	New Chief Vehicle	60,000	1	Taxes		60,000						
Highways	Highway Repair/Maintenance	Ongoing	2	Taxes		0		50,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	
Police	Vehicles	Ongoing	1	Taxes	27,500	44,225	45,000	45,000	45,000	45,000	45,000	
Schools	Repairs to Up Island Schools	405,000	1	Taxes		40,414	8,000					
Town Buildings (2)	Town Building Maintenance	Ongoing	1	Taxes	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	
	Subtotal Projected Capital Program				177,500	669,639	153,000	195,000	245,000	245,000	245,000	
<b>Existing Projects:</b>												
Affordable Housing	Scott's Grove Housing Project	\$1,400,000	2	CPA/Bond	0	56,500	61,250	60,000	58,750	57,500	56,250	2027
Animal Control	New ACO Vehicle	\$31,000	2	Taxes	31,000	0						
Chilmark School (3)	Construction	\$338,500	1	Reg. Assess	18,826	16,933						2019
County Building	Center for Living County Bldg.	1,600,000	3	Reg. Assess	29,940	29,218	28,497	27,775	27,054	26,453	25,852	2026
Fire	Fire Trucks	460,000	1	Bond	60,000	88,000	86,400	84,800	83,200	81,600	0	2023
Highway	Highway Building	925,500	1	Bond	109,637	116,289	114,072	111,854	109,637	107,420	105,202	2026
Highway	Road resurfacing	2,588,800	1	Bond/St. Grant	197,683	194,483	191,283	183,133	180,033	176,933	173,639	2028
Library	Expand building	1,500,000	1	Bond	127,275	125,275	123,275	121,275	119,275	117,275	115,150	2035
MVRHS (2013) (3)	Roof/Exterior Repairs	304,000	1	Reg. Assess	34,848	33,984	33,120	32,256	31,392	30,528	29,664	2024
Police	New station	2,495,000	1	Taxes/Bond	187,600	183,850	180,725	176,975	173,225	169,475	160,800	2035

Department	Capital Item	Total Amount	Priority	Funding Method(1)	Voted FY2018	Proposed FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	PAYOFF
Refuse District	Redesign/expansion	2,500,000	1	Reg. Assess	0	35,941	35,069	34,197	33,325	32,453	31,581	2037
Town Hall	Construction/Expansion	4,450,000	1	Bond	321,944	315,481	308,431	301,381	294,331	287,134	279,644	2029
WT School (2011)	Repair/renovate exterior	1,200,000	1	Reg. Assess	132,450	130,050	127,500	124,650	121,575	0		2022
WT School (2016)	Repair/renovate Interior	995,000	1	Reg. Assess	88,555	87,560	86,565	85,570	95,520	92,336	89,152	2025
		Subtotal Existing Capital Program			1,339,757	1,413,564	1,376,186	1,343,866	1,327,317	1,179,106	1,066,933	
Total					\$1,517,257	2,083,203	\$1,529,186	\$1,538,866	\$1,572,317	\$1,424,106	\$1,311,933	

(1) 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.

(2) Two Stabilization Funds were authorized in April 2013, to begin funding ongoing repairs/maintenance of town buildings and roads, as major construction/renovation projects were nearing completion. In addition, State Ch. 90 funds of approximately \$80,000 should also be available annually; these funds are not shown the chart above. Near term building maintenance expenditures will be spent from annual warrant articles to catch up with deferred maintenance.

(3) School debt assessments are tied to percentage enrolled per town, so these figures will fluctuate annually with enrollment; the total amounts shown are that portion (approx.) of the total that the Town of West Tisbury will be assessed over the life of the bond.

## **REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS**

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To the Voters and Taxpayers:

The West Tisbury Cemeteries have been, as usual, beautifully maintained this year. The Cemetery Commissioners would like to thank Richard Olsen, Highway Department Superintendent and his assistants, Jesse Oliver and Kevin Hatt for their hard work.

We would also like to extend our thanks to Cemetery Superintendent, John Alley and his assistants, Brian Athearn and Jesse Oliver. Dan Defoe has done a wonderful job keeping the cemetery grounds looking great and so we extend our thanks to him as well.

A special thanks to Alan Gowell for his work in behalf of the town and to Maria McFarland for her diligence in maintaining the database.

There were 9 burials and the town sold 11 cemetery lots in 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Skipper Manter, Chair  
Cynthia E. Mitchell  
Kent Healy  
Cemetery Commissioners



Music Street



## REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

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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;

FY2007	-	100%	FY2012	-	44%
FY2008	-	100%	FY2013	-	84%
FY2009	-	94%	FY2014	-	51%
FY2010	-	55%	FY2015	-	47.5%
FY2011	-	44%	FY2016	-	32.8%

This translates into \$2,211,615 of State funding since the adoption of the Community Preservation Act by the Town of West Tisbury.

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

Information about the CPC and the projects currently under consideration is available on the Town website,  
[http://www.westtisbury-ma.gov/CPC/index\\_cpc.html](http://www.westtisbury-ma.gov/CPC/index_cpc.html). 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 FY2017, the CPC received 9 applications, On the basis of eligibility, public input and its own evaluation, the CPC denied 3 of the applications and recommended the remaining 6 projects for funding on the Warrant for Annual Town Meeting in April 2017. The following is the list of projects and the resulting Town Meeting vote.

West Tisbury School Recreational Space Renovation, (\$10,000) – Approved

- Martha's Vineyard Museum Marine Hospital Roof Renovation Amendment, (\$0) - Denied
- Island Housing Trust, Scott's Grove Affordable Housing Development, (557,500) – Approved
- Vineyard Baseball Parking Area Renovation for ADA compliance, (\$65,000) – Approved

- Affordable Housing Trust, Scott's Grove Water Tank, partial funding, (\$50,000) – Approved
- Dukes County Regional Housing Authority, Rental Assistance, (\$80,000) - Approve

In the fall of this year, the CPC received 11 applications, 2 of which were denied and 1 on which no action was taken. 1 of the proposals will receive funding from the 2018 Administrative Budget. The remaining 7 proposals will be presented to the voters at the 2018 Annual Town Meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Bea Phear, Planning Board-Chair  
 Nancy Dole, Historic District Commission  
 Lesley Eaton, Member at Large  
 Glenn Hearn, Affordable Housing Committee  
 Chuck Hodgkinson, Finance Committee  
 Cheryl Lowe, Park and Recreation  
 Dale Julier, Dukes County Reg. Housing Authority  
 Scott Stearns, Member at Large  
 Tara Whiting, Conservation Committee



Mayhew Homestead 1920

## **REPORT OF THE LOCAL HISTORIC COMMISSION**

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The mission of the Historic Commission is to identify, preserve and protect the historic, archaeological, and cultural resources of the community and to ensure that the goals of historic preservation are thus considered in the planning and future development of the town.

The Commission reviewed only 2 properties this year, the Agricultural Hall (cultural) and the Old Courthouse Fire Station (historic).

The Martha's Vineyard Commission has approached the Historic Boards of all of the towns of Martha's Vineyard and Gosnold in working to provide more complete inventories of their historic properties to aid in their determinations and for each community's use. They propose to aid the towns in updating their inventory forms with the assistance of the Massachusetts Historic Commission. West Tisbury has the most complete inventory at present having done the majority of their forms in 2011 which are available for all on the town website. It is estimated there are 20 more forms to be done. In reviewing some of the forms this past year, we noted that a further project for the WTLHC would be to update and increase the information on these forms.

Respectfully submitted,

Annie Fisher, chair  
Jill Bouck  
Richard Burt  
Leslie Gray  
Karin Stanley  
Ellen Weiss

## **REPORT OF THE WEST TISBURY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**

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The Historic District Commission is very proud of the historic homes in our town. We have houses in the District built in the 17th century. These houses are another way that makes West Tisbury unique to most other towns in our country. When people visit West Tisbury and the island of Martha's Vineyard, they know they are visiting a special place. In 2017, the HDC reviewed and approved changes to several houses in the District that we felt would maintain that quality.

In the coming year, the HDC is starting a voluntary sign program to help the owners of historic homes to obtain appropriate signage for their homes.

On July 9, 2017, with the approval of the West Tisbury Selectmen, the HDC had a plaque installed at the Mill Pond. It relates the history of the pond, the brook and the succession of mills. Thanks to the Friends of Mill Pond and the general public, it was paid for entirely by private funds. It was installed by Alan Gowell, an artist at moving massive stones. Almost 50 people attended the ceremony and David McCullough said a few words.

The pond was given to the town by the Campbell family in 1948 and we have an obligation to maintain their wonderful gift. The last time it was dredged was in the 1970s.

Beyond its historic importance and the obvious natural beauty of the pond and the current wildlife, the pond also serves an important ecological function. It acts as a sink for excess nitrogen and other pollutants and thereby protects the Tisbury Great Pond.

The first mill was built in the 1670s. It is the reason why the English people settled here, so far from the sea. It is the reason why there is a town of West Tisbury.

Today as the only pond visible year-round from the road and also accessible to the public, it is the jewel of West Tisbury.

We invite one and all to stop by and see the plaque and enjoy the simple serenity that is the Mill Pond.

Respectfully submitted,

Sean Conley, Chair. of the WTHDC and my fellow Commissioners;

Nancy Dole

Ken Lieberman

Annie Fisher

Mark Mazer

Charlie Kernick

Ben Moore

## **REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

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To The Board of Selectmen:

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 Orders of Condition were issued for projects in or near inland wetlands and coastal resource areas. The Commission is also charged with managing Town owned conservation land and participates in the review of Conservation Restrictions between land owners and conservation groups.

If you are interested in participating in the work of the Commission there are two Associate Member positions available.

### **Administrative Reviews**

Map 3 Lot 46 (Broach/minor exterior renovations)  
Map 7 Lot 15 (Morse/remove hazardous tree)  
Map 7 Lot 122 (Hansen/Shed)  
Map 7 Lot 127 (Newman/Shed)  
Map 32 Lot 95 (Town of West Tisbury/Mill Pond Plaque)  
Map 32 Lot 30 (Burt/Storm damage tree removal)  
Map 39 Lot 4 (Moore/tree trimming/solar array exposure)  
Map 39 Lot 9 (Almost endofthedirtroad LLC/Phragmites management)

### **Determinations**

Map 7 Lot 13 (Medowski/ solar array)  
Map 7 Lot 57 (Allen/septic system upgrade)  
Map 7 Lot 170 (Smith/enclosed deck/ ramp)  
Map 36 Lot 25 (Lewis/ septic system upgrade)  
Map 36 Lot 27 (Russell/pruning)

### **Orders of Conditions**

Map 3 Lot 63/ SE 79-378 (MacLeod/ addition and workshop)  
Map 6 Lot 7/SE79-377 (Dunster Realty LLC/landscaping)  
Map 13 Lots 5 & 8/SE79-376 (Ephraim Road LLC/view channel)  
Map 31 Lot 3/SE79-375 (Burt/landscaping)  
Map 31 Lot 6/SE79-379 (Fales/addition)

### **Amended Orders of Conditions**

Map 14 Lot 2/SE79-368 (Drier/Water Lily View LLC/demolition/reconstruction)

### **Extension Permits**

Map 6 Lot 8/SE79-307 (Milton Estates LTD/renovate existing structure)

### **Certificates of Compliance**

Map 7 Lot 15/2/SE79-348 (Morse/new house)

Map 7 Lot 27.2/SE79-369 (Campbell/Septic system upgrade)  
Map 34 Lot 10.1/SE79-336 (Yale/landscaping)

**Conservation Restrictions: None**

**Ongoing projects:**

Map 3 Lot 91/Lambert's Cove Beach monitoring: Thanks to Reid Silva and the staff of Vineyard Land Surveying & Engineering for continuing to monitor the elevation of the dune where the path to Lambert's Cove Beach sits.

**James Pond:** At the 2017 town meeting the Town approved a request for \$9,000 for surveying and engineering work as part of the permitting process for a joint project with Johnny Hoy, the Herring Warden, and Brad Chase of the Division of Marine Fisheries for a permit to open and maintain the channel at James Pond for fish passage. Over the course of the year, we worked with Vineyard Land Surveying and Engineering on a project plan. Whit Griswold has obtained permission for access to the work site from Riparian Owners. We hope to have the project begin this spring.

**Tisbury Great Pond:** In 2013 the Town received the results of the study of the Tisbury Great Pond done as part of the Massachusetts Estuary Project (MEP). The MEP is a collaborative effort of Mass DEP, the University Of Massachusetts School Of Marine Science and Technology, the Martha's Vineyard Commission, the EPA, the US Geological Survey and the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs to identify and address nitrogen pollution in 70 estuaries in southeastern Massachusetts.

In July, DEP issued its draft TMDL report for Tisbury Great Pond. Under the Federal Clean Water Act, States are required to develop total maximum daily loads for water bodies that do not meet water quality standards. Total Maximum Daily Load for Total Nitrogen (TMDL) establishes the maximum amount of a pollutant that a water body can accept and still meet water quality standards. The board submitted written comments in September and held two meetings to begin discussions with interested parties on the way forward to improve water quality in the Pond.

**Grant Opportunities:** In January, the board worked with the Highway Department on a grant application to the Division of Ecological Restoration to secure funding to collect field data for a project to replace the Witch Brook culvert on North Road. Part of this grant included training for Highway Department staff involved in culvert replacement projects. The application scored well, but was not awarded a grant because of greater need elsewhere in the State.

In June, another grant opportunity became available for culvert replacement from the Division of Ecological Restoration. This grant round would have provided funding for all phases of a replacement project. While this project was not chosen, we are looking forward to working with the Highway Department in 2018 on a project to replace the culvert on Tiah's Cove Road.

Both of these culverts were identified as not meeting the Massachusetts Stream Crossing standards for fish and wildlife passage in a 2012 Division of Ecological Restoration study that evaluated aquatic habitat connectivity in the Mill Brook and Tiasquam River.

**Conservation Land Management:**

**Brandy Brow:** In 2016, the Land Bank entered into an easement agreement with the Welles family to provide access from the edge of Brandy Brow to the library property boundary line. This board will maintain a path through Brandy Brow that will connect to the Land Bank easement.

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

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 agencies.

**Members:**

In February, Peyton Wallace joined the board for a short tenure as an Associate Member. Due to work and a growing family, Peyton resigned from the board in December. With Peyton's departure there are two open associate member seats. Our thanks to Peyton.

In addition to their Conservation Commission duties, members also serve as appointees to other committees. In 2017, Binnie Ravitch was elected as a full member of the Land Bank Commission. Peter Rodegast has stepped into her role as the board's appointee to the West Tisbury Land Bank Advisory Board. Tara Whiting continues to serve as the appointee to the Community Preservation Committee and Prudy Burt as the appointee to the Mill Brook Watershed Management Planning Committee.

The Commission office also fielded numerous calls concerning jurisdiction over a variety of minor projects in the Buffer Zone and monitored the progress of ongoing or under 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 second and fourth Tuesdays of every month at 5:00 P.M. Our meetings are held in the Selectmen's meeting room on the second floor of Town Hall and are open to all. We welcome your presence and your participation.

Tara Whiting, Chair  
Whit Griswold, Vice-Chair  
John Brannen  
Prudy Burt  
Michael Turnell  
Binnie Ravitch  
Peter Rodegast  
Maria McFarland, Board Administrator

## **REPORT OF THE DATA PROCESSING DEPARTMENT**

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To the Board of Selectmen and  
West Tisbury Residents:

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. Major accomplishments during FY2017 included the following:

We issued an RFP to install conduit and pull fiber optic cabling between the Town Hall, the Library, and the Howes House. This project was successfully completed as the fiscal year came to a close, and tied these buildings together for faster data transmission and sharing. Not only will it ensure more frequent and reliable backups for all three buildings, but should also allow for more economies of scale in the future. After the cabling was installed by Sertex, Educomp installed new switch panels at each building and completed the necessary connections and programming.

Our prior year's thorough trial of restoring data from backups proved timely, as the Town Hall was subjected to a ransomware attack in the fall of 2016. Compromised files were quickly isolated and removed from the network, and data was restored as necessary to replace them. While this made for an aggravating couple of days, we lost virtually no data and were able to treat the event as a learning experience rather than a disaster.

We applied for and received a \$12,000 state Community Compact Grant for improving citizen engagement through an updated and enhanced town website. A request for proposals was sent out in December 2017. We expect to award the contract to the winning proposal in February 2018 and expect the project to be substantially completed by the close of the 2018 fiscal year.

A number of workstations, printers and monitors were upgraded or replaced as part of our ongoing program. We also updated peripherals related to the Town Hall servers.

Every year, more information is available online on the town's website: [www.westtisbury-ma.gov](http://www.westtisbury-ma.gov). The tax collection software can be found from the Tax Collector's webpage or directly at the following link:

<https://epay.cityhallsystems.com/?key=westtisbury.ma.us>

The Assessors' data on each parcel of land, including GIS maps and building photographs, can be found from their webpage or directly at <http://westtisbury.patriotproperties.com/default.asp>

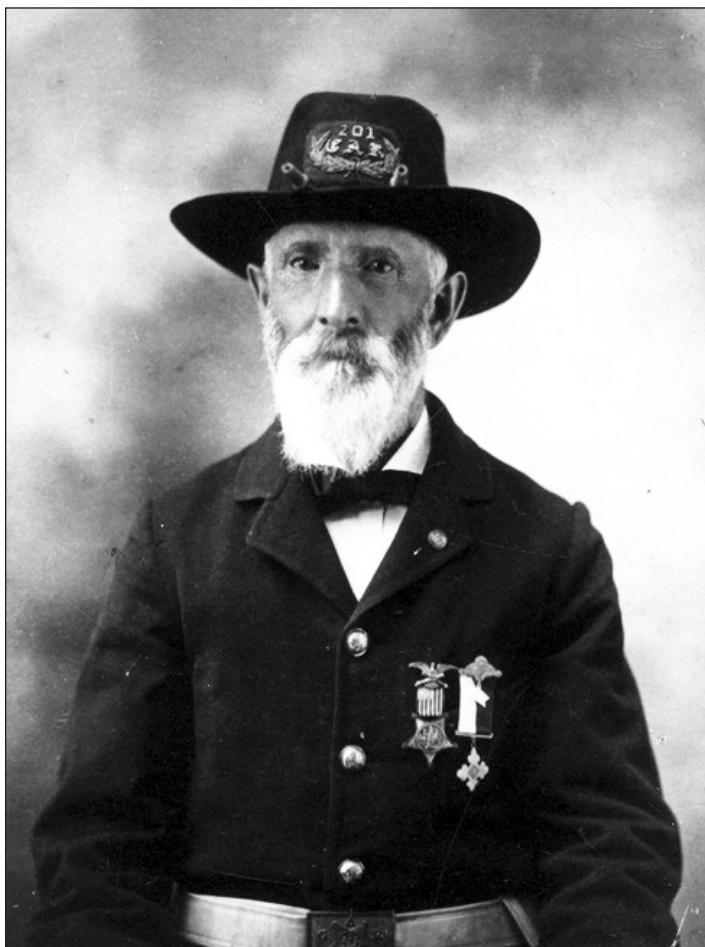


The Town Clerk has made the agendas and minutes of the various town committee and board meetings available from the town website or directly at the following website, where you can subscribe to notices of any meetings you are interested in: <http://www.mytowngovernment.org/02575>

We thank you for your support of our ongoing efforts to keep the town up to date.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Logue & Bruce K. Stone  
Data Processing Department



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## **REPORT OF THE DUKES COUNTY REGIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY**

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The Dukes County Regional Housing Authority is publically chartered and locally funded to assist the towns of Martha's Vineyard to address the Island's growing need for stable community housing opportunities. The Housing Authority collaborates with town, state bodies and regional and island organizations to provide year-round rentals and rental assistance, homebuyer training, lottery support, affordability monitoring, homelessness prevention as well as advocacy and planning for future housing development, management and support.

2017 saw the continuation of increased displacement of year-round Island renters at all income levels due to second home sales and summer season rental demand, welcome news in other parts of our economy. The Housing Authority participated in and supported town planning and zoning discussion of modifications to by-laws effecting accessory apartments, multifamily development, top-of-the shop rentals as well as ongoing follow-up to Housing Production Planning facilitated by the Martha's Vineyard Commission. The Housing Authority continued its support of needed permanent rental development by the Island Housing Trust at Scott's Grove for the Town of West Tisbury; by the Town of Edgartown at Meshacket Road; by the Trust at Kuehn's Way in Tisbury; by the Town of Oak Bluffs on two potential sites; and by the Town of West Tisbury on their former fire station site as well as at a private development including proposed rentals with a preference for teachers and school related personnel.

The Housing Authority currently manages eighty-five affordable, year-round apartments on thirteen properties in five towns including annual income certifications, inspections and compliance with multiple funding source requirements as well as with Affirmative Fair Housing strictures. The six towns also dedicate Community Preservation Act funding to the Rental Assistance program administered by the Housing Authority for an average annually of sixty-five working households who can afford at least half of a fair market rental. We provide the usage, need, cost and landlord availability necessary for thorough committee deliberation before Town meeting funding votes. In addition, the Housing Authority provides income certifications and administrative assistance for town programs such as accessory apartments and resident homesite subdivisions; maintains rental housing waitlist numbering two hundred and sixty households; and partners with the Housing Assistance Corporation, The Resource Inc, the County Manager's office and other organizations that offer assistance with rent, utilities, emergency support or apartment rehabilitation to island tenants and their landlords.

The Housing Authority's work on homeownership in 2017 included a lottery for resale of a community home in Edgartown with lottery agency, homebuyer training and Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing; preparation with the Town of Aquinnah for lottery of two community homes in 2018; preparation with the Town of Edgartown for lottery of a resident homesite in 2018; serving as affordability monitor for properties in six towns including seven affordable home re-finance efforts this past year; twenty-seven referrals through Edgartown's Demolition Delay by-law; and maintenance of the Homebuyer Clearinghouse used to publicize homebuyer opportunities and currently numbering over four hundred island households.

In 2017 the Housing Authority completed a restructuring of its offices at 21 Mechanic Street off State Road in Vineyard Haven to host a homelessness prevention caseworker through the Housing Assistance Corporation of the Cape and Islands and increase capacity for affordable rental development through the work of the Island Housing Trust in partnership with the island towns.

The DCRHA Board of Directors and Staff:

Harvey Beth, Oak Bluffs  
Ann Wallace, Chilmark  
Melissa Norton Vincent, Edgartown  
Richard Skidmore, Aquinnah  
Dan Seidman, Tisbury  
Kristin Zern, West Tisbury  
Linda Mott-Smith, Governor's Appointee  
Lucy Morrison, At-Large

David Vigneault, Executive Director  
Terri Keech, Administrator  
Barbara Hoffman, Administrative Coordinator  
Karin Kugel, Administrative Assistant

## **REPORT OF THE ELDER SERVICES OF CAPE COD AND THE ISLANDS, INC**

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To the Board of Selectman:

Elder Services of Cape Cod & the Islands Inc. is a private not-for-profit community-based organization serving the changing needs of the elder population. Since 1972, we have been dedicated to enhancing the quality of life of elders and assisting them to maintain 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). Elder Services of Cape Cod & the Islands also hosts the federal Corporation of National and Community Senior Service Corps.

In FY 17 our Nutrition program (Meals on Wheels, Senior Dining) served 45,318 meals provided through our contract with the Martha's Vineyard Hospital. There were 245 seniors served at Elder Services Dining sites, and 262 seniors received meals delivered to their homes by a corps of over 70 Meals on Wheels volunteers. Under the oversight of the Elder Services registered Dietitian, all meals are prepared by 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, Edgartown, and Up Island Councils on Aging. Our Nutrition program also participates in the Island Food Equity Network Summit.

Our Home Care Program provides eligible elders 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 FY 17, The Home Care Program served 236 elders on MV. There were 17,681 hrs. provided through; personal care assistance, skilled nursing, meal prep, shopping, chore, and laundry services. In addition, 76 elders were enrolled with the Personal Emergency Response System (PERS) and the cost for our consumers to attend the MV Center for Living Supportive Day Program was covered by our Home Care Program.

The Elder Service's Mature Workers program participants are receiving on-the-job training at Felix Neck Sanctuary. Senior Service Corps Volunteers are providing transportation services for Vineyard Village at Home. A Volunteer Nursing Home Ombudsman regularly visits residents of Windemere Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Elder Services has also been an active member of The Dukes County Health Council since its inception. We also serve on the Oversight Committee of its Healthy Aging Martha's Vineyard task force as

well as the Falls Prevention sub-committee. Our Protective Services unit has joined MV Community Services' Connect to End Violence elder abuse prevention effort and Safe Seniors collaboration. We look forward to active and ongoing participation in these local initiatives.

In addition to the Elder Services' in-house programs that serve the elder population, the AAA distributes Older America Act funds to other community agencies/organizations to provide needed care and assistance. Martha's Vineyard was awarded funds for several programs. MV Center for Living (Medical Transportation, \$6,000). Island Health Care Community Health Center ('My Life My Health" Stanford model) chronic disease self-management program, \$ 4,943). MV Community Services (bi-monthly caregiver support group \$5,220 and Assessment, intervention and referral for mental health/substance abuse services \$ 5,220).

Elder Services uses federal, state, town and private funds to provide services and maintain programs. 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 resources to meet the challenges of the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Rose, MV Director



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## **REPORT OF THE WEST TISBURY ENERGY COMMITTEE**

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The Committee would like to acknowledge the work of Sander Shapiro who retired as Chair this year. Sandy was instrumental in overseeing the Town's Solar Array at the Dump, among other initiatives.

The Energy Committee seeks to enhance the ability of the Town and its Residents to shape their future through conservation and the introduction of alternative (renewable) energy technologies. Our intent is to minimize energy usage and reduce costs.

This year, the town's energy efficiency gain is 21.6%, or, for weather-adjusted data we have an improvement of 19%. This is relative to our baseline year of 2011. The improvement is the result of both more energy efficient buildings (Town Hall, Library, Police) and the energy efficiency measures from the Green Communities program. We have not yet completed the last project at Fire Station 1 as we had planned. It was delayed by a reassessment of the proposed heating system. A new propane heater is expected to be completed this year. The remaining money left in the Green Communities Grant will be allocated to priority projects from the Town's Maintenance list that are energy efficient.

No other major energy efficiency projects are currently planned. We also represent the Town on the Cape Light Compact, which purchases electricity and runs energy efficiency programs on behalf of Cape and Vineyard residents, governments and businesses, and it advocates on behalf of the Cape and Vineyard. More detail on CLC can be found in their report.

Our Committee is participating in the new Vineyard Sustainable Energy Committee (VSEC) Committee representing all 6 towns. That Committee's current focus is to encourage those towns that have not implemented the Green Communities program to do so. West Tisbury is providing input on our experience. The Committee is also focusing on the longer term goal of advocating for 100% renewable energy on the island.

The Town's solar array at the Town Dump produced 862,140kwh, for FY 17 (ending June, 2017): The Town and School used 710,603 kWh, that is, 36.15% was used by the Town, and 50.56% was used by the school. (Since the town pays for 75% of the school, we indirectly benefit from the lower electricity costs to the school.) Other Cape Towns purchased the rest of the electricity produced. The town received a net income of \$54,175.15 from net-metering credits minus its power purchase agreement expenses, plus an additional income of \$5,877 from the other Cape towns.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Hruby, Chair  
Richard Andre  
Don D'agostino

## **REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

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To the Town of West Tisbury:

The Finance Committee has the statutory duty to “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.” (Chapter 39, Section 16) To that end, the Committee has met nearly monthly for the past year and more often during the budget cycle – January through March. The Committee is also represented on the West Tisbury Community Preservation Committee and Fin Com members routinely attend budget meetings for the Up Island Regional School District (UIRSD) as well as the Martha’s Vineyard Regional High School (MVRHS). Some of the highlights of our work over the past year include:

### Schools

The Finance Committee continued its support to the UIRSD in its efforts to obtain relief for the Town of West Tisbury because of costs incurred through the School Choice program. School Choice allows students to choose whichever Island school they wish to attend dependent upon space availability. The “receiving school” is reimbursed a fixed amount for each student. Because the amount received by the Town as reimbursement covers only a part of the education costs associated with School Choice Students and West Tisbury receives a disproportionate share of School Choice Students in comparison to other Island towns, the UIRSD sought an amendment to the formula by which compensation is determined. The All Island School Committee agreed to a new formula which is currently in the process of being implemented. Although it was anticipated that this formula would be phased in over 9 years, the amended formula has progressed more rapidly than expected with the result that it now should be fully implemented in half that time.

Again, in a continuation of its efforts from last year, the Committee has supported the West Tisbury Selectmen in their engagement with other UIRSD towns to seek a more equitable sharing of school district costs. A reformulation proposal drafted by a Selectmen’s Committee, in which a Finance Committee representative participated, was presented to the towns of Chilmark and Aquinnah and several meetings have been held by town Selectmen to review cost structure related to the West Tisbury and Chilmark schools. These discussions are expected to continue through the coming year.

Our schools account for approximately 55 % of the town's total budget. The high school's operating budget alone is over \$20 million and larger than our town budget. West Tisbury's share of the high school assessment is about \$2.9 million or roughly 16 % of the total. This assessment is determined by a state formula that considers several factors, the most dominant being our share of



the student population. Our school committees and school administrators work diligently to seek efficiency without sacrificing the quality of education. To better understand how school budgets are developed and to provide input early in the process, representatives of our Committee regularly participate in the lengthy annual budget planning meetings that begin during the summer. In the MVRHS budget (and to a lesser degree in the UIRSD budget) there are four significant structural factors driving increased costs; salaries, facilities maintenance, unfunded Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) liabilities and rising health insurance premiums. These elements account for the largest share of the increase in this year's budget. To give a sense of the impact these factors have upon the budget, if one were to exclude these four elements from this year's high school operating budget it would increase only 2.0 %. When included, however, the total high school budget increases by approximately 6.5 %. There will also be the additional significant expense incurred in the next couple of years to renovate the 175,000 sq. ft. high school facility. The cost is currently estimated to be between \$60 and \$100 million. If this amount is funded via a long-term bond, the Town of West Tisbury's share of this bond would add between \$600,000 to \$990,000 to our existing high school budget assessment annually over the life of the loan.

#### Personnel

Over the course of the past few years the Finance Committee has been engaged in an ongoing dialogue with town Selectmen to urge that consideration be given to merging the positions of Treasurer and Tax Collector and making it an appointed position versus an elected one. This was in recognition that the duties associated with the Tax Collector position have evolved over time and that the duties associated with this combined position could capably be handled by a single individual with support from a part-time assistant. Two articles to affect these changes are on the Warrant this evening for your vote.

Payroll increases occur annually for a variety of reasons. We have spent some time understating the reasons for them to determine if there are opportunities for mitigation without jeopardizing services or the Town's ability to attract new staff.

Last year, out of a concern for ever-escalating payroll costs, we took a look at the Town's wage scale (grades and steps) and its Annual Wage Adjustment process. Although both are the ultimate obligation of the Personnel Board, we thought a closer look at these issues was warranted.

In West Tisbury, wage step increases are 5 % per step for all grades. This is one of the highest rates in Massachusetts, and the highest rate among Island towns, whose step increases range from 2.5 % to 4 percent. At 5 % per year, the Town's payroll increases 41% over 8 years. Stated another way, a new employee with positive reviews each year will receive a cumulative 41% raise at the end of 8 years.

The Finance Committee presented a proposal to the Personnel Board to reset step increases at 3.5%. Using the assumptions above, the savings would result



in approximately \$400,000 over 8 years, or a 27% vs. 41% increase. We intentionally avoided any recommendations regarding specific steps or grades, as it is not our role to address the appropriateness of matching these to job descriptions. Nor are we recommending pay reductions; only addressing the year-over-year increases. Although this has yet to be adopted, the Personnel Board continues to consider the proposal.

In addition, we asked the Personnel Board to adopt a standard formula for determining the Town's Annual Wage Increase. We are pleased that we were heard and that we are now seeing a consistent approach to this process.

#### OPEB

Another area of great concern to the Committee is the continuing liability for Other Post-Employment Benefits or OPEB. These are future benefits paid to former town employees other than pensions and include items such as health insurance, long term care or life insurance. The current unfunded accrued liability for the Town of West Tisbury is \$1,754,239 as of June 30, 2017. This is very good news as it reflects the town's commitment to bringing this liability down to a manageable size by paying what is called the Annual Required Contribution (ARC) and some recalculation by the governing authorities because the Town has been making more than the required contribution. (The previous actuarial study dated July 1, 2014 reflected a town liability of \$4,730,284.)

Both the Martha's Vineyard Regional School District and the Up-Island Regional School District have also begun to address the long and short-term issues involved with their OPEB liabilities. We were pleased that the School Committees reacted positively to our reports on OPEB submitted to them in 2016 and are making an effort to implement the recommendations. As of June 30, 2017, the UIRSD had an unfunded accrued liability of \$9,165,665 and the MVRSD had an unfunded accrued liability of \$25,236,214. The Schools have been steadily increasing their payments but as they are quick to acknowledge, more needs to be done, especially by the MVRSD whose ARC is approximately \$2,332,089. The MVRSD is paying only \$1,004,370 toward its OPEB obligation which is about half of what needs to be paid annually to avoid an ever-increasing liability.

OPEB liabilities should be at the forefront of everyone's mind, especially as districts/regional entities consider hiring new personnel or incurring new costs for other programs or buildings.

The Martha's Vineyard Commission has an unfunded liability of \$1,011,386 and the Martha's Vineyard Refuse and Disposal District has an unfunded liability of \$1,555,305. Neither of these entities are paying enough towards this obligation (ARC) to avoid escalating costs. On the other hand, we applaud Dukes County for making a "catch-up" contribution which means they are on track with current ARC payments. Two other entities – Tri-Town Ambulance and WT Council on Aging – have large unfunded liabilities but we understand that the Up-Island Towns have committed to working through the contribution formulas to make sure that ARC payments are made in the near future.

# REPORT OF THE WEST TISBURY FIRE DEPARTMENT

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## HELP

**The Department is looking for men and women to join the Department we are getting short handed please if you want to join a great organization please call or stop by any Sunday morning at 10 a.m.**

Fire Alarms .....	110	Gas Alarms .....	15
Carbon Monoxide Alarms.....	15	Drills.....	85
Burning Permits .....	140	All Inspections.....	497
Administration Work.....	130	Car Accidents .....	13
Brush Fires .....	2	Illegal Burning .....	4
Meetings .....	296	Car Fires .....	3
Smoke Investigations .....	4	House Fires.....	2
Mutual Aid.....	11	L.P. Gas Leak .....	2
Oil Spills.....	2	First Responder .....	3
Classes .....	6	Stuck in Elevator .....	1
Chimney Fire.....	1	Gas Alarm.....	15
Stove Fire .....	1	Gas Grill Fire.....	1
Pole Fire .....	3	Rescue Calls .....	2

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Manuel Estrella III

## REPORT OF THE WEST TISBURY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Our library continues to provide a lively, enriching, and supportive community space.

Circulation increased 19% (both print and e-materials), visitors were up by 9% with over 160,000 visitors this past year, and program attendance increased 24% with almost 20,000 people attending library programs.

The library continued to bring income to Town from passport acceptance fees (over 326 passports = \$8150 to the Town), fines, and fees for scans, faxes, and copies. The building continued to see heavy use of small meeting rooms by Island non-profits and individuals and the large program room was used for many community events.

The David and Rosalee McCullough Program Room was well used once again for programming for families, children, tweens and teens, boomers, and community elders. Our programming encourages life-long learning, promotes literacy and a love of reading, supports children and youth, and enriches the lives of our residents and the wider island community. A sampling of the diverse array of the offerings (all free to the public) included:

- o After-school learning lab for kids to do homework, explore the internet in a supervised setting, try their hands at coding, and have a space of their own
- o Local artists' exhibits
- o Harry Potter "Dumbledore's Army," Lego & chess clubs
- o "What Makes West Tisbury Tick?" when approximately 80 people attended to learn about Town government and how to get involved at the grassroots level
- o Balance workshops, yoga & Pilates classes
- o Live musical performances from local and visiting artists from the classical, jazz, and world music genres
- o Death cafés
- o "Conversations with Tweed" series
- o Drag queen story time
- o Live NASA streaming of total solar eclipse and outdoor viewing of the partial eclipse
- o Obituary writing workshop
- o Author talks
- o Flower arranging
- o Popular regular programs like the spring egg hunt, summer reading program, Halloween party, computer & tech help, fairy houses, holiday party, story-times

Many of the wonderful programs and events offered at the library are funded by the Friends and the Foundation. Congratulations to the Friends, who topped themselves again with their most successful book sale to date! The Friends' provided funding for artist's receptions, free music programs, the summer reading program and staff training. The Foundation provided funding for the library's landscaping, adult and children's programming, furniture and IT purchases, and the creation of an endowment to support the library's future. Thank you to the Friends and Foundation for your hard work!

The library secured several grants to support its programming and community outreach, including MV Cultural Grants, LSTA Federal Grant on Customer Service, and charitable grants from the local Cape Cod Five Cents Savings Bank and Martha's Vineyard Savings Bank. We also received 5 stars from the Library Journal!

The library continues to work toward building strong collaborations with many non-profits and other Island libraries through the Martha's Vineyard Library Association.

The trustees thank the staff and volunteers, who provide gracious, attentive service to everyone who enters our library. Their commitment and hard work makes our library the top-notch community resource we know and love. With special appreciation for Beth Kramer, who has provided the Town with 10 years of leadership, dedication and service as our library's director. We would not have the excellent library we have without her. Thank you, Beth!

Respectfully submitted,

Caroline Flanders, Chair  
Elaine Barnett  
Robert Hauck  
Wendy Nierenberg  
Wayne Smith, Treasurer  
Gina Solon

## REPORT OF THE HERRING WARDEN

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To the Board of Selectman:

2017 was a good year for James Pond, which got more herring in than we've seen in a while. It seems like we're getting more every year and that the hard work of the volunteers is really having a positive effect. As of January 2018, after a long process, we have been permitted to dig a small channel with a small excavator on the inside of the pond in March, to provide better access for the fish. Volunteer labor will augment these efforts and it should make it a lot easier for them to get in during all moon phases throughout the run. The cooperation and support of the abutters is much appreciated. The volunteers were: Mike Cassianni and his son Matt, my son Gus Nye Hoy, Doyle Bunch, Jessie Leaman, Amanda Dickinson, Angelo Dimeglio, Roy Hope, Whit Griswold, Chris Morse, his daughter Kate, and Peter D'Angelo.

The Tisbury Great Pond (TGP) and the fish ladders in its tributary streams in both the Tiasquam and Mill Brook did not fare so well due to problems with location and timing of openings which did not allow many fish in. The stream channels were carefully cleared, the weir pools rebuilt, fish ladders repaired, modified and cleared of winter debris, the dam spillways adjusted to direct the right amount of water down the ladders, hay bales placed to catch road run-off, and all was in readiness for the herring but few were able to gain access to the Great Pond, so the jury is still out on the effectiveness of the fish ladders. As usual, the herring preferred to spawn in the heads of the coves. For that reason it's important to limit road runoff and nitrogen runoff from farms into the coves. Good clean water is essential to spawning success. Not to mention the health of the oysters and clams.



The TGP was opened a total of 4 times between March 28th and May 11th, twice by machine and twice by hand. After being opened on March 28th, on a very high pond, it closed the night of April 17th. Unfortunately the herring run had just begun. On May 9 it was opened by machine on a low pond because I suspected that there were still fish along south beach, but it closed that night. Herring were seen beaching around the opening so I went down to check the next day and brought shovels suspecting that the opening had failed. It had closed overnight. I called Whit Griswold and told him I was down there digging and thankfully he walked down with a shovel and Rose, his dog, and together we finished opening it. After a few hrs of furious digging Whit's wife Laura came along with sandwiches and Tylenol. Again herring were seen frantically beaching themselves as they ran into the cut. Unfortunately that opening too, closed overnight.

The next morning I returned with Doug Green, Cynthia Riggs son in law. Together we dug it again, and again saw more herring pushing in. We got some help from passing surf casters, Abe Pieciek and a friend who realized the importance of what was happening. (They also realized how good the fishing would be if the opening succeeded). That opening did succeed and lasted 37 days. Unfortunately, perhaps because the streams were so warm by then, the fish headed up the coves to spawn in the cold spring water at the tips and, as far as could be seen, the ladders were not utilized by the fish.

We look forward to this year's run to put what has been learned in the past to good use. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers, especially Whit Griswold who is always game for all herring related adventures and misadventures, also my son Gus who helps me without complaint.

John Hoy Herring Warden, Feb. 6, 2018

## **REPORT OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD CENTER FOR LIVING**

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### **Mission statement:**

“Martha’s Vineyard Center for Living strives to improve the quality of life for those impacted by issues of aging and impairment.”

In March of 2016 Dukes County purchased the building at 29 Breakdown Lane, (funded by all six towns), and over the next several months, the Center for Living negotiated a long term lease with the County to renovate and occupy the first floor of the building. Municipal Agreements were drawn up with all six towns for the Center for Living to provide regional services to island seniors, including the Supportive Day Program.

Because of their expertise in designing spaces for those with dementia, the team of Marc Maxwell, Architect and John Zeisel, Design Consultant, were hired to draw up plans for the renovation. Trademark Services LLC, owned by Mark Nicotera, was engaged to renovate the first floor space according to those plans, and this work was begun in April of 2017. As of January 2018, the renovations are complete and we are in the process of moving our offices and programs.

### **Martha’s Vineyard Center for Living Programs & Services:**

#### **Supportive Day Program:**

The Supportive Day Program (SDP) is a professionally run social program for individuals who would be at risk if left alone and are unable to participate independently in the programs and offered at the municipal Senior Centers. Of equal importance is the respite provided for families and caregivers of SDP participants. Many of the clients of the SDP suffer from various and sometimes multiple conditions and/or chronic illnesses, including Alzheimer’s disease or other dementias, but wish to remain at home in the care of their families. At the SDP, a wide range of engaging activities are tailored to individual capacity. Most importantly, loving, careful attention is paid to the individual physical and emotional needs of our clients. A nutritious meal and snacks are provided daily. Transportation is available.

In 2017, 43 individuals, along with their families and caregivers were served at the SDP; providing over 20,000 hours of quality direct care and respite for families and caregivers. At \$40 for full day and \$30 for half day attendance, this is a highly cost effective and affordable alternative to private in-home care and/or long term care (nursing home) costs. The SDP partners with families in the care of their loved ones at home; to extend and enhance a safe, nurturing environment into the community. Due to space constraints, we have been limited in our ability to increase the number of families served by this program. The anticipated move to the new building will become a reality in



2018 and provide the opportunity to expand the program to 5 days and increase the number of clients on a daily basis from 18 to 25.

**Dementia Family Support Services:**

In January 2017, with a \$5,000 pilot grant from the Permanent Endowment for Martha's Vineyard, the Center for Living launched additional services for families and caregivers dealing with a loved one with dementia. Dementia Family Support Services include a Dementia Caregiver Support Group twice a month, consultations via phone or in-home assessments with the clinician, and community education programs for emergency service personnel, professionals and the general public. The goal for FY19 and beyond is for MV Center for Living to collaborate with the local Councils on Aging and other professionals, to make Martha's Vineyard a Dementia Friendly Community.

**Memory Café:**

In 2017, we continued to expand the Memory & Music Café, with funding from the Department of Developmental Services a local grant from Vineyard Golf Foundation and private fundraising efforts. The Café is for folks with memory loss, their family members and caregivers. It is also an inclusive program offered to older adults with developmental disabilities who are more likely to develop an early dementia than the general population. The Memory and Music Cafe takes place once a week, at the American Legion Hall and occasionally at the Portuguese American Club (PA) when the Legion Hall is unavailable. It is a welcoming place where people can socialize and enjoy the company of others without fear or stigma. Our café activities center around music, sing-a-long, discussion, art activities and Martha's Vineyard Museum programs. There is no charge to participants and this program has grown in popularity, with 25 to as many as 40 participants on a weekly basis. We expect to permanently move the Café to the new Center for Living building in 2018.

**Funding Sources:** Department of Developmental Services (State), Vineyard Golf Foundation Fund-raising

**Medical Taxi (transportation to off-Island medical appointments):**

In FY2017 (Sept 2016 – Oct 2017), the Medical Taxi program provided 215 Islanders with transportation 1080 one way trips to and from medical appointments throughout Cape Cod. The direct cost of this program was \$19,696. MV Center for Living provides management and administrative support for this program. MV Center for Living continues to seek new or additional and more cost effective ways to provide this service. With the help of the MV Commission Transportation Planner, the Cape Cod Commission and the transportation authorities (SSA, VTA and CCRTA) we hope to move closer to a solution in 2018.

**Funding Sources:**

Elder Services of Cape Cod & Islands Title IIIB Grant - \$6,000; grant from Elder Services of Cape Cod & the Islands,



Department of Elder Affairs Grant - \$6,000; (through Oak Bluffs Council on Aging)

Voluntary donations from participants - \$5240

All grants and donations go toward the direct cost of this service.

**Emergency Food Program:**

MV Center for Living is the island's lead sponsoring agency of the Greater Boston Food Bank Emergency Food Distribution Program. As such MVC4L coordinates five designated Emergency Food Pantries (four Senior Centers and the Serving Hands Pantry, located at the Baptist Church Parish House on Williams St. in Vineyard Haven). On a monthly basis, each of the 5 sites orders a variety of nutritious foods from the Greater Boston Food Bank in Boston. MV Center for Living is responsible for coordinating the pick up and delivery of these shipments for distribution to needy islanders of all ages.

Island Food Products (IFP) continues to provide crucial support by picking up food at the Greater Boston Food bank twice a month for distribution at the 5 pantry sites. Without IFP this lifeline against food insecurity would be cut off. This program serves an average of 250-300 households monthly, including children and elders. The Faith Community also orders food from the Food Bank during December, January and February, to support their Community Suppers and Homeless Shelter program. Through the Greater Boston Food Bank we also have access to grant funding to increase capacity by providing additional refrigeration and/or freezer storage at sites where this is feasible.

**2017 Emergency Food Program Funding sources:**

Project Bread Grant \$2,000 (annual)

Vineyard Committee on Hunger donation \$3627

Stop & Shop donations (Food for Friends Program) \$4377

78,038 pounds of food received from GBFB

Value of food received \$89,819

Cost of purchased food \$3810.99

Island Food Products donation (truck, time, storage, Steamship Authority) valued at over \$30,000

Transportation costs reimbursed to IFP: \$4,000

We also partner with the Island Grown Initiative Gleaning program to distribute fresh produce at our pantry sites, gleaned from local farms during the harvest season. Our local Stop & Shop stores have designated the Emergency Food Program as the recipient organization for their "Meat the Needs" program, as well as their holiday "Food for Friends" program.

**55PLUS Times: Information and Referral**

The 55PLUS Times is a comprehensive resource with information pertaining to programs and services available to all 55+ Islanders and their families. It is published in the Martha's Vineyard Times on the last Thursday of each month. MV Center for Living is responsible editing and submitting all the information published in the 55Plus Times. The cost for this publication is \$7200 annually.

**Older Americans Act / Senior Nutrition Program:**

The Elder Services Nutrition Program, under the Older Americans Act (Meals on Wheels and Senior Dining Centers), is supported financially by the six Vineyard towns through the Martha's Vineyard Center for Living budget. In FY2017, the towns on Martha's Vineyard contributed a combined total of \$36,750 to Elder Services of Cape Cod & the Islands in support of this vital nutrition program.

**Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Luncheon Program:**

MV Center for Living coordinates with the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Culinary Arts Department to offer a three course gourmet meal for \$12 per person once a month in the Culinary Arts dining room at the High School. Under the direction of Chef Jack O'Malley, Culinary Arts students plan, prepare and serve the meal. Students from the Music Department, under the direction of Michael Tinus, provide musical entertainment. Between 25 and 40 seniors attend these luncheons each month. Proceeds go to the Culinary Arts Department.

**Home Delivered Holiday Meals:**

Martha's Vineyard Center for Living coordinates and provides funding for a home delivered holiday meal to seniors who are alone and/or homebound on the Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter holidays. The Martha's Vineyard Hospital food service prepares and packages the meals on each of these holidays. The local Councils on Aging coordinate the volunteers to deliver the meals in their towns. In the 2017 holiday season, on Thanksgiving Day 71 meals were delivered and on Christmas Day 74 meals were delivered to homebound seniors.

Through Martha's Vineyard Center for Living programs and services, 55+ islanders have benefited from the generous support, both financial and in spirit, of the town Boards of Selectmen, Finance Committees, Councils on Aging, other municipal agencies and the community at large. This on-going support and generosity makes 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**

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen  
and Citizens of West Tisbury:

The Martha's Vineyard Commission (MVC or Commission) is the regional planning agency for Dukes County offering planning services to the six towns on Martha's Vineyard, Cuttyhunk, the Elizabeth Islands, and the County, as well as reviewing Developments of Regional Impact. The Commission's enabling legislation also allows the towns of Martha's Vineyard to adopt special regulations targeting Districts of Critical Planning Concern (DCPC) and requires the Commission to review Developments of Regional Impact (DRI) on the Vineyard. The year 2017 was a demanding one for The Martha's Vineyard Commission. Along with completing reviews and decisions on projects; large scale planning efforts were also at the forefront.

The Commission's major planning focus for 2017 again focused on the control and removal of nitrogen from Island great ponds and the provision of housing for Island residents. The Commission also considered important planning issues such as services to elderly residents, revisions to the DRI water quality policy, the development of an Island-wide economic and demographic database, and a database of historical structures.

The seventeen-member Commission is made up of nine members elected Island-wide biennially and one appointed member each from the Dukes County Commission, the six Vineyard Town Boards of Selectmen, and the Governor of Massachusetts. Commission officers in 2017 were Jim Vercruysse of Aquinnah, Chairman; Rob Doyle of Chilmark, Vice-Chairman; and Ernie Thomas of West Tisbury, Clerk-Treasurer. The Commission is supported by a professional staff of eleven. More detail is provided below and is available on the Commission's website: [www.mvcommission.org](http://www.mvcommission.org).

### **COMMISSION FOCUS 2017**

#### **The Removal of Nitrogen from Island Ponds**

Testing - Commission staff completed the third year of extensive testing of the Island ponds. Sampling was conducted in multiple locations in 16 ponds. Samples were collected that demonstrated nitrogen content, pond visibility, temperature, salinity and other factors. This testing was conducted in the same locations and manner that the Massachusetts Estuaries Program utilized so that results could be compared. A comprehensive report was completed in February 2017 that detailed the results of the testing and evaluated the current trends for each pond for the period 2015 to 2016. A similar report will be completed in early 2018.

Water Quality Policy - A wastewater subcommittee was established and began evaluating the MVC's ten-year-old DRI water quality policy. The committee evaluated data results, technologies, and recent DRI approvals. The subcommittee is in the process of developing their report to the full Commission along with recommendations for amendments to the policy.

#### **Provision of Housing**

A major focus of 2017 was the continuing effort to address the Island's housing needs. The Commission obtained funding to enable the Towns to collectively hire consultants to assist them in individually developing Housing Production Plans, or HPPs, that quantify and number and type of housing units for each Town and their potential general locations. MVC staff and the All-Island Planning Board developed a scope of work designed to permit each town to consider and complete an HPP that reflected their needs and focus. The Planning Boards hired two experienced firms to lead the project.

Each Town held a series of workshops assessing the Town's housing needs, developing housing goals and policies, and identifying implementation methods specific to the Town. Completed production plans were provided to the Planning Boards and Boards of Selectmen.

Staff has received further funding toward assisting the Towns implement their HPPs.

The project was funded by the Commission and the State Department of Housing and Community Development. Reports and background documents are found at [www.mvcommission.org/housing-production-plan](http://www.mvcommission.org/housing-production-plan).

#### **Healthy Aging Task Force**

During the later portions of 2017, the Commission collaborated with the Health Aging Task Force to provide technical services for fact collection and other services. The Task Force is an Island-wide group that coordinates services to persons over 60. In the coming year, the Commission will work on offering trend analysis and other information to forward the groups strategic goals.

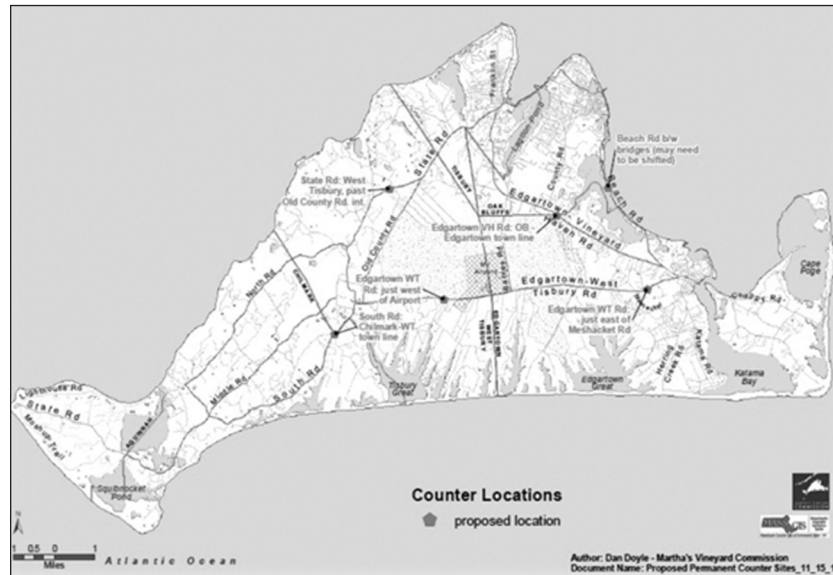
#### **Automated Traffic Counter Data Gathering**

The MVC was given funding from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) to plan and implement a permanent count station program. Permanent count stations are automated traffic counters that provide digital result data on traffic conditions. This data is offered in real time. The Commission has funds to install six counters in various island locations. In West Tisbury, these locations will be on Edgartown-West Tisbury Road just west of the Airport; on State Road past the intersection with Old County Road, and on the Town Boundary with Chilmark on South Road.

#### **Inventory of Historical Structures**

In 2017, the MVC began the process of scanning, cataloging and organizing historic structure surveys into a searchable database that will include each

historic structure on the Island. The database will be based on the Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System (MACRIS) database, with additional information to be obtained from the Massachusetts Historical Commission's inventory forms, and possibly from additional on-site survey work. The second objective of this project is to start outlining another round of historical inventories.



### **Herbicide Spraying**

The MVC worked with the Towns of Edgartown, Tisbury and Oak Bluffs to investigate the permitting and spraying of herbicides along the electricity line rights of way on the Island by Eversource. The MVC corresponded with both Eversource and the Department of Agricultural Resources, the State department in charge of approving herbicide applications. The MVC also worked with Protect Our Cape Cod Aquifer (POCCA) to try to prevent the herbicide application in 2017. MVC staff and the Tisbury Board of Health agent met with Eversource representatives to have the procedures and practices more fully explained. Eversource has agreed to meet with the Island Board of Health agents and MVC Commissioners to discuss application methods in the future.

### **Mapping and Graphics**

The MVC's mapping department provides maps as requested by Town departments, Island non-profits, and private entities. This mapping resource permits the spatial display of demographics, zoning, natural resources, transportation, and assessing data. In 2017, some of the major mapping efforts included linking of Town water & sewer data to the Town's parcel data and preparing the Island's trail network data for use in an upcoming trail app.

**Finances:** The Commission's FY2017 income was \$1,580,475, of which 64.1% came from town assessments, 32.8% from grants and contracts, and 3.1% from other sources. The Commission received \$512,000 in grant funding, a 41% increase over the previous fiscal year. FY 17 Expenses were \$1,555,086, of which 55.2% was for salaries, 23.8% for salary-related costs, 8.0% was for 3rd party consultants, and 13.0% for other expenses. The annual audit by an independent auditor showed fiscal soundness. The budget and audited financial statements are on the website.

### **ALL ISLAND EFFORTS**

The Commission's regulatory reviews of Developments of Regional Impact (DRI) generally result in considerable improvements to projects to mitigate their environmental, traffic, and other impacts. Commission decisions must be consistent with Chapter 831 Mass Statutes.

**Projects Reviewed:** In 2017, 45 projects were reviewed in some manner by the MVC through the DRI process. These projects can be classified as follows: 11 were full DRI's reviewed with public hearings that were approved with conditions; 0 were a full DRI reviewed with public hearings that were denied; 5 were minor modifications of existing DRI's that were approved and remanded back to their towns without a DRI public hearing review; 5 were projects referred to the MVC for concurrence review that were sent back to their towns without DRI public hearing review; 2 were previously approved DRI's returning to LUPC for approval of their landscape plan; 4 projects were withdrawn before a decision was made; 7 are on hold at the applicant's request; 5 are still under review; 1 previously approved DRI's were granted extensions; 4 were projects approved in December 2016 that had written decisions finalized in January 2017; and 1 project that was referred did not trigger DRI review. Additionally, a number of previously approved DRI's were reviewed for compliance with DRI conditions.

The MVC also adopted a revised DRI Checklist (Version 13) that became effective on April 15, 2017.

### **Economic Development**

- **Downtown Revitalization and Community Planning:** MVC staff continued to provide technical assistance to complete the *Oak Bluffs Downtown Streetscape Master Plan Phase II*. MVC staff assisted Oak Bluffs in drafting a Complete Streets Policy for adoption and received approved from MassDOT. MVC staff supported Tisbury's ongoing Visioning efforts including identifying grant opportunities such as Complete Streets and Mass Works.
  - o Additional MVC Sponsored Webinars and Workshops:
    - MassDevelopment Workshops.
    - TA Connect Webinars:
      - Placemaking

- Creative Economy, Innovation, & Technology
  - District Management Strategies for Downtowns
- o The MVC provides the towns, business community and public with economic and demographic information from federal and state sources while also responding to more than 400 requests for information.
- **The Cost of a Decline in Water Quality:** MVC Staff has begun to quantify the Economic and Fiscal Implications to the Towns if Water Quality is not addressed by the Island.
- **Inter-regional Collaboration:**
  - o **Statewide Population, Workforce, and Housing Projections:** MVC Staff in collaboration with MAPC, Cape Cod Commission, and Nantucket Planning & Economic Development Commission on Workforce Housing and Population Projections as part of Mass DOT's Transportation Plan for the Commonwealth. Christine Flynn and Bill Venio have participated in this process since 2017.
  - o **Blue Economy:** MVC Staff supported the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce in an Island-wide Planning Session as well as attended the launch of the Blue Economy Foundation and Blue Economy Implementation Plan.
  - o **Cape and Islands Workforce Investment Board Regional Planning Meetings:** MVC Staff participated in planning sessions related to enhancing workforce development and opportunities for the Cape and Islands region.
- **Development of an Island Statistical Profile:** MVC staff developed a statistical profile of the Island with a focus on population, housing growth, economic conditions, jobs and other metrics. The report not only considered current statistics, but also evaluated trends and other analysis. In 2018, the MVC will solicit input from the Towns to identify data and trends that are the most useful to Town Boards.

#### **Affordable Housing:**

- **Housing Production Plan:** Along with the five other towns on the Vineyard, West Tisbury participated in a process to produce a Housing Production Plan (HPP) in 2017. The HPP includes an assessment of the Town's housing needs, goals to assist with meeting those needs, and strategies toward achieving the goals. A series of three workshops were held at the Public Safety Building to solicit public opinions about the future of affordable housing in West Tisbury. The West Tisbury Affordable Housing Committee, Planning Board and Board of Selectmen collaborated and were able to approve the document in 2017. More information can be found: <http://www.mvcommission.org/westtisbury-hpp>.
- **FY 2017 Community Development Block Grants (CDBG):** MVC staff worked with Edgartown's consultant to provide supplemental materials and coordinated Public Hearings for FY 2017 CDBG Grant Application for approximately \$1.2 million, which was awarded in July 2017. Edgartown



and Oak Bluffs, the two CDBG lead communities for Dukes County, were awarded over \$2 million for the Housing Rehabilitation Program and Childcare Subsidy Program. Both programs assist individuals and families that are income qualified earning at or below 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI), which for an individual is \$46,000 and a family of four is \$65,500. The Town of Edgartown, along with Aquinnah, West Tisbury, and Gosnold, was awarded \$1,207,147 in funding to rehabilitate 25 homes providing 0% interest deferred payment forgivable loans. The funds will also assist low to moderate income families pay for childcare, allowing parents to work and go to school knowing that their children are safe and well-cared for. The Town of Oak Bluffs, along with Tisbury, was awarded \$921,014 to rehabilitate approximately 21 homes and provide childcare assistance. (Chilmark has to sit out of the CDBG Applications for the next two years.)

- **FY 2018 CDBG Funding:** MVC staff will continue to assist the Towns and grantwriter Alice Boyd of Bailey Boyd Associates with the CDBG application process.

#### **GIS:**

The MVC's cartography and spatial data staff provides spatial analysis and cartographic production to aid MVC and town planning efforts, including custom cartographic services to towns, organizations, and individuals.

- **Data Updates and Distribution:** The MVC cartography staff maintains and continuously updates a county-wide GIS (Geographic Information System) spatial data warehouse. The MVC uses the GIS to provide data to Towns, consulting groups working on Town projects, academics conducting research, state agencies, and local residents. In 2017, the cartography staff focused on updating the open space data. In particular, identifying the year each property was acquired into conservation.
- **GIS/Mapping Software Installation, Training, and Support:** MVC staff provides technical support for the County's Island-wide GIS software contract, giving all Island towns and the MVC unlimited GIS software licensing at a fixed fee. Technical support to towns included software installs, on-site training, and technical support via phone and email.
- **Assistance to MVC Planning Projects and Island-Wide Efforts:** Several Towns began to update their Open Space Plans this year. The MVC provided maps to assist with those efforts. Also, the mapping department prepared the Island-wide trails network data for use in an upcoming Trails App to be released by the Sheriff's Meadow Foundation in 2018.

**Coastal, Ocean, and Hazard Planning:** The MVC works with towns, the Commonwealth, and federal agencies on planning coastal areas, ocean conservation and development, and mitigating natural hazards.

- **Climate Change Adaptation:** The MVC continued technical work and outreach on impacts of sea-level rise and climate change, and related mitigation strategies. The main challenge here is preparing to adapt to



coming changes with vulnerability assessments and mitigation strategies to improve the Island's resiliency. MVC staff assisted three towns with successful applications for the MVP (Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness) project to strategize and prioritize mitigation actions for climate change adaptation. MVC staff continues to assist the three towns.

- **Hazard Management:** The *Dukes County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan* includes management tools, as well as keeping the towns eligible for federal funding for mitigation projects. Mitigation measures were highlighted and discussed in various planning sessions. MVC staff tracked progress in preparation for the next update.
- **Wetlands Vulnerability and Adaptation:** MVC staff continued assessing the vulnerability of wetlands to the impacts of climate change, particularly inundation. MVC staff and others are prioritizing vulnerable wetlands to target for protection and continued assessment, and continued a program of sophisticated wetland elevation monitoring to assess wetlands' abilities to grow in height as sea level rises. Measurements were recorded at the first monitoring station at Felix Neck, hosted by Mass Audubon with funding from the Friends of Sengekontacket and the Edey Foundation.
- **Massachusetts Ocean Management Plan:** The MVC Coastal Planner is the Governor's appointed representative for the MVC on the Massachusetts Ocean Advisory Commission. In 2017, the group participated in development and review of the Northeast Ocean Plan.
- **Martha's Vineyard Wind Energy Area:** The MVC, Towns, and Tribe kept in close contact with the leaseholders for wind development south of Martha's Vineyard. MVC staff participated (for the MVC Chair) in the BOEM – State-Towns Task Force to keep this partnership up to date. MVC staff participated in planning for transmission for the projects to be developed.



MVC display at Living Local – Coastal Planner Jo-Ann Taylor and Commissioner Richard Toole

**Collaboration:** The Commission facilitates collaboration on many fronts.

- **Education and Training:** The Commission hosted courses and information sessions on topics of interest to Town officials, the business community, and

members of the general public. The Commission hosted courses and information sessions on topics of interest to Town officials, the business community, and members of the general public. The MVC helped sponsor the *Living Local* event for the third year. *Living Local* promotes sustainability in lifestyle choices.

- **Island Collaboration:** The MVC facilitates meetings of Town Boards and other organizations to foster exchange of information and collaboration, such as the Joint Affordable Housing Group and Island Conservation Commissions. MVC staff participated in meetings of the All-Island Planning Board and supported an effort initiated by the All-Island Selectmen to improve taxi regulations.

### **Transportation**

The MVC performs transportation planning for the Vineyard, in association with the Towns, Martha's Vineyard Transit Authority, Martha's Vineyard Airport, Steamship Authority, public, and the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT). MassDOT contracts for planning in the region and provides approximately \$300,000 to the MVC budget for transportation planning and related services such as mapping.

- **Joint Transportation Committee:** The Commission facilitates meetings of the JTC, made up of appointees from each town, the County, Vineyard Transit Authority (VTA), MVC staff, and the Airport, with MassDOT as Ex-Officio Members, to coordinate Island transportation planning. In 2017, the JTC met to formulate, discuss, release for public comment, and approve the certification documents required to continue to qualify for federal and state funding for transportation projects in the region. The certification documents developed in 2017 included the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2018 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and the Martha's Vineyard Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for FFY 2018-2022. The UPWP and TIP are produced annually on Martha's Vineyard. In addition, the Martha's Vineyard Public Participation Plan (PPP) was developed to provide an overview of transportation planning and outline the public process.
- **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 available federal and state funds. In Federal Fiscal Year 2017, **\$643,418** in federal funds were obligated for Martha's Vineyard. **The 2017 update on Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Projects:**

#### **Correllus State Forest Path Resurfacing – Phase 1 #608529**

In January 2017, due to project readiness of the Beach Road project, the JTC amended the funding to support the resurfacing of the paths in the Correllus State Forest. MVC staff continues planning support toward resurfacing of the Correllus State Forest paths with the Department of Conservation Resources, MassDOT, and the Towns. An endangered

species evaluation was conducted of which none were identified. The project went out to bid in December of 2017. Work is anticipated to begin in the spring of 2018.

#### **Bus Purchases**

In November 2017, the JTC amended the FFY 2019 element of the TIP for use of 5339 – Low or No Emission Vehicle Program (LoNo) funds in the amount of \$1,200,000. The monies will be flexed from FHWA-to-FTA for use by the VTA to purchase a 35-ft electric bus and an energy storage system.

#### **Bicycle-Pedestrian Network Improvements**

Two links in the island planned shared use path (SUP) network are under design, both are along *Beach Road, one section in Tisbury and the other begins at the Lagoon Pond Bridge heading into Oak Bluffs* to improve bicycle and pedestrian facilities. The 75% design plans for the Beach Road project were submitted to the Town in 2017.

- **Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC):** MVC staffs the BPAC, an advisory committee to the JTC and the wider community on bicycling and pedestrian matters. The Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) members continued efforts and support toward improved facilitation of bicycle and pedestrian facility improvements in their respective towns.
- **Complete Streets:** MVC Regional Planner has assisted the Towns of Tisbury (Tier 3), West Tisbury (Tier 2) and Oak Bluffs (Tier 2) in adopting a complete streets policy.
- **Trails Planning:** A portion of the MVC Senior Planner's time is contracted by the Land Bank to work with towns and landowners to protect and extend the Island's trail network.
- **Data Collection:** During 2017, MVC staff conducted automatic traffic recording counts at various locations, and performed Turning Movement Counts at some intersections. Summer interns continue to build a historical database for the MVC.

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

- **Massachusetts Estuaries Project:** 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 way to solve them. In 2017, the MEP completed final reports for Menemsha and Squibnocket Ponds. MVC staff worked with the Friends of Sengekontacket, Tisbury Waterways, the Lagoon Pond Committee, the Edgartown Great Pond Foundation and the Joint Lagoon Pond Watershed Wastewater Committee to devise plans to address excess nitrogen.
- **Water Testing:** MVC staff took water samples of the following ponds: Farm, Sengekontacket, Lagoon, Tashmoo, Edgartown Great, Chilmark,

Katama, Cape Pogue, Pocha, Tisbury Great, James, Menemsha, Squibnocket and Oak Bluffs Harbor. MVC staff collected samples for analysis with the Dartmouth School of Marine Science and Technology (SMAST). Results will be compared with data used for the analysis and recommendations of the MEP to determine the status of the coastal ponds.

- **Water Alliance and Associations:** The MVC Water Resources Planner is an active participant in the Martha's Vineyard Water Alliance, which meets monthly at the MVC offices, and all of the Island pond advisory committees.
- **Groundwater Monitoring:** In conjunction with the United States Geological Survey (USGS) Water Resources Planner measures groundwater elevation at nine well sites around the Island monthly, and maintains a database of this information.
- **Edey Funding:** The MVC received an Edey grant to partner with the University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth, School for Marine Science and Technology (SMAST). The main focus of this partnership is to consolidate all historic and present nutrient related water quality data into a unified database for our most impaired watersheds: Lagoon Pond, Lake Tashmoo, Sengekontacket, and Edgartown Great Ponds. This database will serve as a baseline and allow synthesis and analysis of the almost two decades of water quality data that has been collected. As the Towns and the MVC move forward with implementation, there is a need to unify all of these data sets in order to gauge improvements, as well as meet the compliance monitoring criteria of the estuary specific nutrient Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) developed by the MassDEP.

#### **Collaboration and Education:**

- **Island Collaboration:** The MVC facilitates and participates in many joint meetings of Town boards and organizations to foster the exchange of information. Among there were the Joint Affordable Housing Group, All-Island Boards of Selectmen, Island Conservation Commissions, and the MV Water Alliance.
- **Education and Training:** The Commission hosted two-hour workshops targeted to Planning Boards and Zoning Boards of Appeals, but also open to the public. Two workshops from the Citizen Planner Training Collaborative – *Special Permits and Variances*, and *Municipal Vulnerability and Resilience Planning* – were brought to the Island.
- **MARPA:** The Commission is a member of the Massachusetts Association of Regional Planning Agencies. The thirteen regional planning agencies that form MARPA are advisory bodies to member communities, private business groups, and state and federal governments. MARPA meets monthly to discuss legislation, programs, and funding with senior Commonwealth officials.
- **State Socio-economic Projections:** Staff joined representatives from other regional planning agencies to review and comment on the State's efforts to develop new population and workforce housing forecasts out to the year 2040. Ostensibly for use in long-range transportation planning, the State's

methodology revealed a couple of significant erroneous assumptions for the Cape and Islands that would have greatly under-projected the area's population growth and housing stock/affordability. The final projections are to be released in spring 2018.

- **Rural Policy Advisory Commission:** The MVC is one of eight regional planning agencies represented on a 15-member Governor's commission within the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development. The Commission is charged with making recommendations over a four-year period to enhance the economic vitality of the Commonwealth's rural communities and advance the health and well-being of its rural residents. (FYI, the State has defined rural as having populations of no more than 500 people per square mile – which excludes Oak Bluffs and Tisbury). The RPAC has been looking at the characteristics of rural communities and reported on its conclusions. <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/rural-policy-advisory-commission-rpac>

### **SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES FOR WEST TISBURY**

In addition to the efforts described above, the MVC undertook the following activities in West Tisbury.

#### **Coastal, Ocean, and Hazard Planning**

- **Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP):** MVC staff assisted West Tisbury with securing a \$15,000 grant to participate in the MVP program; to select and prioritize measures for climate change adaptation. MVC staff continues to assist the Town with executing the project.

#### **DCPCs - Island Road District**

- The MVC received a nomination from the Planning Board for Manter's Path as a new Special Way. MVC held a Public Hearing and voted in Manter's Path. The Town declined to present Manter's Path for vote by Town Meeting, and the designation expired.
- MVC staff began with the Planning Board discussion of developing cutting regulations for the Major Road Zone.

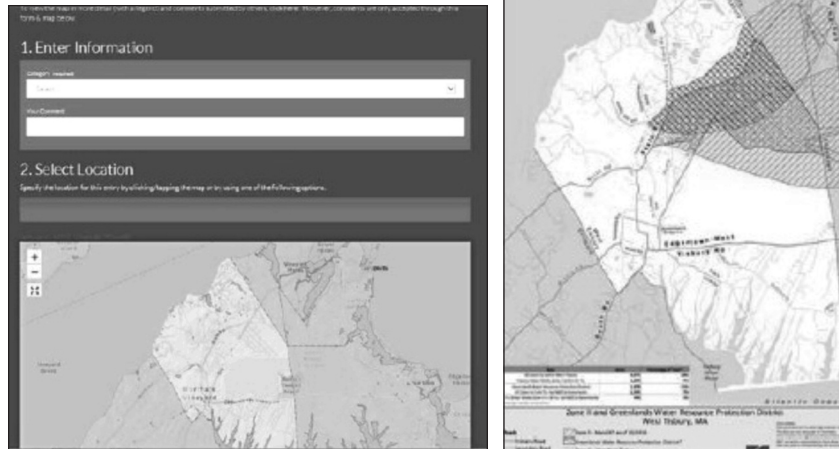
#### **Economic Development and Affordable Housing**

- MVC staff will continue to assist West Tisbury with the FY 2018 CDBG Application.
- MVC staff worked with the Planning Board and the Board of Selectman to completed and adopt the Towns Housing Production Plan
- MVC staff worked with The Resource Inc. (TRI), which received funding for an Island-wide Community Preservation Act Application, to create an Island-wide Interest Free Housing Loan Program. TRI has applied for a second year of CPA funding for 2018 ATM.

#### **Geographic Information Systems**

- The Conservation Commission and Planning Board received mapping assistance from the MVC for various projects, including the expansion of the

Greenlands zoning overlay district; identification of Town-owned parcels; Open Space/Conserved Land inventories; and interactive maps for residents to indicate problem traffic areas around town and to identify zoning districts on their property.



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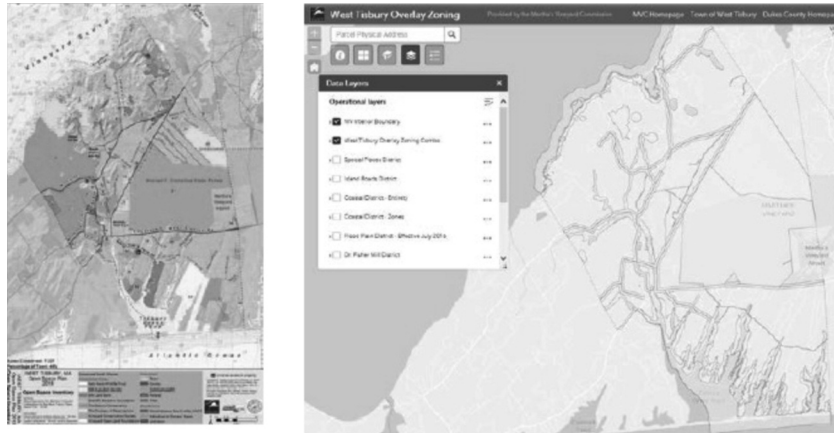
**Transportation:** As the Regional Planning Agency, the MVC is responsible for coordinating transportation planning on the Island, in association with the Martha’s Vineyard Transit Authority, and the Massachusetts Department of Transportation.

- **Developments of Regional Impact:** Provided traffic impact analysis for the Medical Marijuana Dispensary, and the Old Courthouse demolition.
- **Data Collection:** As part of the MassDOT Regional Planning Agency Traffic Counting Program, the MVC conducted traffic counts at 8 locations this year.
- **Local Technical Assistance:** The MVC provided assistance to the Town in becoming recognized as a “Complete Streets” community. Staff provided technical support in helping the Town establish new speed zones within the business district.

**Water Quality:** The Commission continued its scientific and community work helping to protect the Vineyard’s water quality, especially our 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 Biodiversity Works. MVC staff collected samples of algae blooms for analysis and determination.
- **Massachusetts Estuaries Project (MEP):** MVC staff assisted in the arrangement of a meeting with Massachusetts DEP for a hearing to





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- A series of maps focusing on the Mill Brook Watershed were created for the Mill Brook Committee. This work also included geo-referencing elevation data acquired at Mill Pond and calculating the change in elevation of the pond's floor/bottom.



announce the Total Maximum Daily Loads for the Tisbury Great Pond, meeting will be held in January 2018.

- **Community Assistance:** The MVC Water Resource Planner serves when needed as technical advisor to the Mill Brook Watershed Committee and the Tisbury Great Pond Riparian owners. MVC staff met with West Tisbury Conservation Commission to help create a response plan for algae events and to review water quality data that has been collected through the years.

#### **Developments of Regional Impact**

In 2017, 3 projects in West Tisbury were reviewed in some manner by the MVC through the DRI process. These projects are classified as follows:

1 was a full DRI reviewed with a public hearing that was approved with conditions:

- ❖ Medical Marijuana Cultivation Building (DRI 618-M2): Proposal to establish a Registered Medical Marijuana grow operation. The proposal originally included distribution but was modified on May 26, 2017 to remove the dispensary portion of the proposal based on input from the neighborhood. *Referred on March 21, 2017; approved on June 22, 2017, written decision signed on July 18, 2017.*

1 project was referred and was determined to not require DRI Referral:

- ❖ Fuller Landscaping Containers (DRI 644-M): Modification was found to not trigger DRI review.

1 project was referred and is still under review at year's end:

- ❖ Old West Tisbury Town Hall/Fire Station Demolition (DRI 680): Demolition of a structure built in 1982 that has served in the past as the West Tisbury Town Hall and as a fire station, for possible use as affordable housing. *Referred on December 8, 2017.*







### **Commissioners**

Gail Barmakian	Appointed by the Oak Bluffs Board of Selectman
Clarence “Trip” Barnes	Tisbury, elected Member at Large
Christina Brown	Edgartown, elected Member at Large
Robert Doyle	Vice Chairman, Chilmark, elected Member at Large
Josh Goldstein	Tisbury, elected Member at Large
Fred Hancock	Chair of the LUPC, Oak Bluffs, elected Member at Large
Lenny Jason	Appointed by the Dukes County Commissioners
James Joyce	Appointed by the Edgartown Board of Selectman
Michael Kim	Appointed by the Governor of Massachusetts
Joan Malkin	Chair of the PED, appointed by the Chilmark Board of Selectman
Kathy Newman	Appointed by the Aquinnah Board of Selectman
Ben Robinson	Appointed by the Tisbury Board of Selectman
Doug Sederholm	West Tisbury, elected Member at Large
Linda Sibley	West Tisbury, elected Member at Large
Ernest Thomas	Appointed by the West Tisbury County Board of Selectman
Richard Toole	Oak Bluffs, elected Member at Large
Jim Vercruysse	Chairman, Aquinnah, elected Member at Large

### **Staff**

Sheri Caseau	Water Resource Planner
Daniel Doyle	Transportation Planner
Christine Flynn	Economic Development and Affordable Housing
Paul Foley	DRI Coordinator
Michael Mauro	Transportation Program Manager
Lucy Morrison	Administrative Assistant
Chris Seidel	GIS Coordinator
Curt Schroeder	Administrator and Chief Fiscal Officer
Jo-Ann Taylor	Coastal Planner and DCPC Coordinator
Adam Turner	Executive Director
Bill Veno	Senior Planner

## REPORT OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD CULTURAL COUNCIL

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

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 for the purpose of improving the quality of life of all Island residents. Our grants are modest in size, but their effects resound mightily through the Vineyard community.

The council members are:

Anne DuCharme, Claire Chalfoun, and Lori Stone - Edgartown  
Dyan Demers, Linda Thompson, Wendy Weldon - Chilmark  
Harvey Beth (treasurer), Wallace Bullock, vacancy - Oak Bluffs  
Elizabeth Witham (secretary), Macy Dunbar, vacancy - Aquinnah  
Robert Cropper, Laura O'Brien, vacancy - Tisbury  
Linda Vadasz, Niki Paton, Robert Hauck (chair) - West Tisbury

Each year the Council meets to vote on the distribution of grants for the current fiscal cycle. Grant applicants must be residents of the Commonwealth and at work on projects in the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences. Instructions, program guidelines, and application forms are available at [www.mass-culture.org](http://www.mass-culture.org), as well as at each town hall and public library. The Martha's Vineyard Cultural Council gives priority to projects originating on the Island and benefitting the year-round Island community.

In November 2017 the Commonwealth allocated to the MVCC \$26,400 for local re-granting. The six Island Towns also contributed generously; Aquinnah, Chilmark, Edgartown, Oak Bluffs, Tisbury, and West Tisbury voted \$1,000, \$3,000, \$2,500, \$1,500, \$2,500, and \$3,000, respectively. Together with interest and unclaimed grant funds from the previous cycle, the total available for granting was \$41,112.

In 2017 the MVCC received 47 applications requesting a total of \$123,000.

The 43 awards granted by the MVCC on December 3, 2017, Annual Grant Meeting are listed below

Applicant	Title	Award (\$)
Martha's Vineyard Playhouse	Virginia's VIP Drama Club	1,353
Elise LeBovit	Egg Hunt	637
Jonah Maidoff/MVPCS	Farm to Factory	539
Lynn Thorp	MV Signs Then & Now	1,118
Abby Bender	Built on Stilts	1,542
Lara O'Brien	Women's Writing Retreat	420
MV Mini Maker Faire	Mini Maker Faire	920
MV Library Association	MV Library Symposium	730

MV Library Association	Summer Reading Kick-off	699
Island Children's School, Inc	Community to Classroom	746
Tisbury School First Grade	Attend Wheelock College Production	371
WT School	Musical STEAM Instrument	925
The MV Film Festival	Island Films	1,049
Cinema Circus	Cinema Circus	1,363
Laura Hearn	Young Adult Literacy Mural	692
Christina Montoya	Cuban Dance	1,080
Abby Bender	Schmantze Theater	780
Heidi Carter	MV Signs Then & Now	486
MV Conservation Society	5th Art of Conservation	1,125
MV Film Society	Int. Film Festival	1,310
The Yard	Making It Initiative	1,836
Mabelle Felipe	News & Weather with Bella	1,300
Donna Swift	IMPS- Teens Holiday Show	1,033
WT School	Drum Workshop	1,000
Felix Neck	Nature Peace Pole	914
Mark Alan Lovewell	Songs to the Fisherman	956
Robert Kirn	Winter concert/sing	1,615
Musicians of Old Post Road	Concert and Outreach	711
Davis Bates	Sea Songs & stories for Seniors	539
MV Museum	Summer Art Ed. for Special Needs Children	1,111
Polly Hill Arboretum	MV Kindergartens for Monarchs	1,028
Allyson Malik	OB African- American Lit & Culture Festival	1,411
African American Heritage Trail	Anne P. Jennings dedication	935
The VH Band	Celeb of 150 Years	1,314
MV Chamber Music	Artist in Residency Concert Support	1,298
Marine and Paleobiological Research Institute	Fossil Day	756
Vineyard Arts Project	New Works Lab	995
WT School	Artificial Reality	724
Liz Witham	Archival Media Transfers	1,081
Nathan Luce	Island Winters	983
Lauren Serpa	Creative Dramatics at WT School	694
WT Zero Waste Schools	Zero Waste Schools	120
Jim Norton	Handel's Messiah	873

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the MVCC,

Rob Hauck, Chair

## REPORT OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD LAND BANK COMMISSION

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3381 acres, representing 5.9% 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](http://www.mvlandbank.com); and at the Land Bank office in Edgartown.

### **Acquisitions:**

The glaciers rived the land on the west side of the Lagoon Pond, leaving behind intriguing topography. A new conservation area - the 6.0-acre ***Beech Tree Preserve*** — was created by the Land Bank in 2017, comprising a wide scooped bowl, a rise and then a plunging ravine down to the water. 160 feet of beach there are now publically-owned. The core of the preserve was acquired from Malcolm Watson at a price of \$760,000.

As hard as it is to imagine, sometimes Vineyard land lies dormant for decades because its title appears indecipherable. Searching out the identities of the original owners' heirs, in order to reassemble the ownership, is arduous — but is worthwhile if the land sits in a sensitive area. A 5.1-acre lot on the west side of the Menemsha Creek, containing more than 900 feet of beach braced by a moor backland, was targeted by the Land Bank in 2007; a decade later, the final 0.7116% interest was acquired. The sellers were Yvonne Miles et al. and the aggregate price was \$100,284. The lot was incorporated into the Land Bank's ***Menemsha Neck Preserve***.

The Land Bank paid \$250,000 to Jan Whiting, land court commissioner, for 3.2 acres of sandy grassland adjacent to its ***Toad Rock Preserve***. Nearby, the Land Bank paid \$1,300,000 to Donald Worley et al. for a 66% interest in a 46.5-acre property known for more than a century as the Hebron Wamsley Homestead. Many of the original stonewalls are extant and the land is sliced by multiple streams.

Later, and separately, Mr. Worley and his family sold a 1.4-acre lot to the Land Bank, for inclusion in its ***Aquinnah Headlands Preserve***. The price was \$110,000.

A hole in the Land Bank's ***Three Ponds Reservation*** was plugged via the purchase of 4.3 acres from Karen Stephens. The price was \$312,500.

Gregory Mayhew and the members of his family and extended family allowed the Land Bank to plat a conservation subdivision for their land, resulting in three building lots and the balance in conservation. The protected land abuts and will be assimilated into the ***Middle Line Woods Preserve***. The conservation lot comprises 6.0 acres and cost \$668,404.

A two-step process brought 7.5 acres of grassland into Land Bank fee-simple ownership. In 2001 the Land Bank purchased, for \$225,000, an agricultural preservation restriction from Barbara and Edward Child over their Old County Road land; in 2017 the Land Bank paid their sons \$150,000 to acquire the land outright. The land has been known as the *Child Farm East*.

In addition, the Land Bank continued to pursue and purchase partial interests in properties across the island.

#### **Land management:**

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Ecological inventories and studies continued at many Land Bank properties: Aquinnah Headlands Preserve, Edgartown Great Pond Beach, Fulling Mill Brook Preserve, Gay Head Moraine, Great Rock Bight Preserve, Manaquayak Preserve, Middle Line Woods Preserve, Paint Mill Brook Preserve, Pecoy Point Preserve, Poucha Pond Reservation, Quammox Preserve, Sepiessa Point Reservation, Toad Rock Preserve, Tiasquam Valley Reservation, Tisbury Great Pond Beach, Tisbury Meadow Preserve, Waskosim's Rock Reservation and the Wilfrid's Pond Preserve.

The commonwealth approved management plans for the Little Duarte's Preserve and the expanded Fulling Mill Brook Preserve. The Land Bank applied for, and received, a permit for the grassland-protection fence at the Trade Wind Fields Preserve. Pending is the management plan for the Middle Line Woods Preserve.

The final phase of trail installation was completed at the expanded Manaquayak Preserve. In 2016 the Land Bank opened the preserve's new trailhead, on the Lamberts Cove Road, plus its new pond-access trail; in 2017 a loop spotlighting an unusual slough that only intermittently earns its name — Rainwater Pond — was finished.

The Land Bank hunting subcommittee recommended, and the Land Bank commission approved, revisions to the agency hunting policy; the goal is to increase the deer harvest.

Pines were removed from the grassland at the Trade Wind Fields Preserve; pine is a particularly invasive species and will overwhelm a field if not controlled. Similar prophylaxis led the Land Bank to remove woody vegetation along the rock embankment at the Priester's Pond Preserve dam.

The Land Bank renovated the cottage at the Ocean View Farm Preserve, which serves as housing for several of its summer rangers, in order to extend its working life.

The Land Bank continued specialized grassland management at its Waskosim's Rock Reservation and Fulling Mill Brook Preserve via its goat herd, boosted this year by 75 kids.

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

**Cross-island hike:**

To celebrate the twenty-fifth — the first took place in 1992 — of its annual cross-island hikes observing National Trails Day, the Land Bank in 2017 guided hikers on a peregrination that passed through each of the six island towns. Quirks helped: 66% of the towns were checked off by executing a gyre around the Four-Town Bound, and hikers kept their feet dry by simply padding onto the 0.4 acres of Aquinnah that happens to be located on the Chilmark side of the Menemsha Creek. The trek began at South Beach and ended at Menemsha Beach. Some 80 individuals hiked at least some of the route; 30 completed the entire 25-mile course. Thirteen ancient ways were utilized and 20 conservation properties were crossed.

**Budget and related matters:**

The following chart synthesizes the Land Bank's annual finances. Anyone wishing to read the budget in its entirety, which includes a narrative describing the purpose of each line item expenditure, is welcome to obtain a copy at the land bank office:

	fiscal year 2017 budgeted	fiscal year 2017 actual	fiscal year 2018 budgeted
	cash amount and percentage of total	cash amount and percentage of total	cash amount and percentage of total
Revenues	\$11,075,000	\$13,635,100	\$10,075,000 *
Administrative Expenses	(\$ 539,605) 5%	(\$ 505,230) 4%	(\$ 544,201) 5%
Land Management Expenses	(\$ 1,173,898) 11%	(\$ 1,093,851) 8%	(\$ 1,112,886) 11%
Debt Service Expenses	(\$6,127,000) 55%	(\$ 6,205,614) 45%	(\$ 5,140,046) 51%
Reserve Expenses	(\$ 30,000) 0%		(\$ 30,000) 0%
Unencumbered New Receipts	\$ 3,179,497 29%	\$ 5,919,392 43%	\$ 3,247,867 32%

As of December 1, 2017 the Land Bank treasury contained some \$12.7 million 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.

**Gifts:**

The land bank gratefully accepted a gift of \$100 in memory of Wayne Kallman; and a gift of \$14,000 from H. Keasby Bramhall, Jr. and Elizabeth Bramhall.

**Transfer fee revenues:**

Fiscal Year 2017 transfer fee revenues were:

	Transfer fee revenues received July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017	Percent of total
Aquinnah Fund	\$143,969	1 %
Chilmark Fund	\$1,199,647	9 %
Edgartown Fund	\$2,785,812	20 %
Oak Bluffs Fund	\$968,693	7 %
Tisbury Fund	\$911,342	7 %
West Tisbury Fund	\$808,087	6 %
<i>central fund</i>	<i>\$ 6,817,550</i>	<i>50%</i>
	\$13,635,100	100%

This represented a 3% increase over the previous year.

**Commissioners and staff:**

The Land Bank commission comprises the following members: Pamela Goff, Chilmark; Wesley Mott, commonwealth; John Anthony Nevin, Tisbury; Mary Robin Ravitch, West Tisbury; Priscilla Sylvia, Oak Bluffs; Sarah Thulin, Aquinnah; and Edward Vincent, Jr., Edgartown. The year-round Land Bank staff comprises the following individuals: Jean-Marc Dupon, conservation land assistant; Maureen Hill, administrative assistant; Jeffrey Komarinetz, conservation land assistant; Cynthia Krauss, fiscal officer; James Lengyel, executive director; Ian Peach, superintendent; and Julie Russell, ecologist.

Respectfully submitted,

James Lengyel  
Executive Director



## **REPORT OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD SHELLFISH GROUP**

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To the Honorable Boards of Selectmen:

The Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group, Inc. continued its programs to preserve and enhance the shellfish resources of Martha's Vineyard and the clean water they require. In 2017, our program received funding from the six Island towns, the US Environmental Protection Agency, the Wampanoag Tribe of Aquinnah, the Jewish Communal Fund, the Great Pond Foundation, the Edey Foundation, the Permanent Endowment Fund for Martha's Vineyard and many private donors. Highlights of our 2017 program are as follows:

### **Seed Shellfish Production for Municipal Enhancement**

In 2017, we produced over 12.5 million seed quahogs; remotely set 11 million eyed oyster larvae in both Tisbury and Edgartown Great Ponds, and produced over 20 million seed scallops. Working with the Island's shellfish constables, these seed shellfish were planted in the Island's ponds in a successful and ongoing shellfish enhancement effort.

### **The Richard C. Karney Solar Shellfish Hatchery**

The lower half of the public stairs on Tisbury Town land on which the Solar Hatchery holds a lease, were repaired at the end of 2017. The job was made possible through funding from the Community Preservation Act, granted through the Town of Tisbury. The top half is in dire need of repair, and the project is awaiting CPA funds to be allocated at the 2018 Town Meeting.

### **John T. Hughes Hatchery and Research Station**

In 2017, we continued a cooperative venture with the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries at the John T. Hughes Hatchery (former State Lobster Hatchery) in Oak Bluffs. Under the lease agreement, *Marine Fisheries* supplies funds for utilities and systems maintenance, while we act as stewards for the property, and use it to complement our existing programs. Grants from the Permanent Endowment Fund for Martha's Vineyard (in 2013, 2014, 2016 and 2017) help us increase larval and nursery capacity, construct new systems, increase awareness of our programs, as well as properly staff and maintain the large facility.

### **Oyster Restoration**

We continued our oyster restoration programs in Edgartown and Tisbury Great Ponds with the overall goal of restoring the oyster populations to levels at which this keystone species can again provide vital ecosystem functions and balance to the local marine environment. In light of our efforts, we are observing a continued expansion of the oyster populations in both ponds. We observed expanding eelgrass habitat in Edgartown Great Pond again this year. Unfortunately, a thick green seaweed bloom in parts of Tisbury Great Pond

persisted for much of 2017 and may have caused some oyster mortalities. Green seaweeds/macroalgae are indicative of high nitrogen levels. Pathology tests of oysters from both ponds showed low levels of Dermo disease - a disease that is lethal to only oysters and has been present in the Great Ponds since the 1990's - and no other abnormalities.

#### **Pilot Kelp Culture Project**

Under a grant from the Edey Foundation, we continued a pilot study of the potential to culture sugar kelp, *Saccharina latissima*, on the Island. Like shellfish, cultured sea vegetables have potential to improve water quality through their uptake of nitrogen while providing a healthful local food product. Kelp from a small harvest in the early spring of 2017 was served at Beach Road Restaurant and at our April fundraising event in Chilmark. We observed the greatest growth among several kelp growing sites in Massachusetts. This winter we did not spawn and grow juvenile kelp in our nursery, but instead focused on utilizing a new site off of Menemsha Beach as well as on the Cottage City Oyster farm in Oak Bluffs.

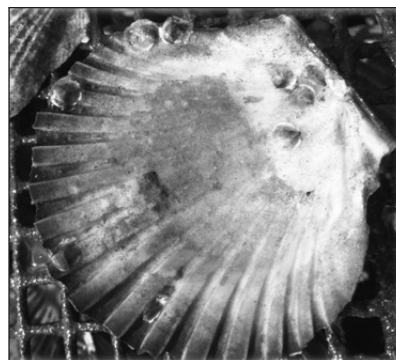
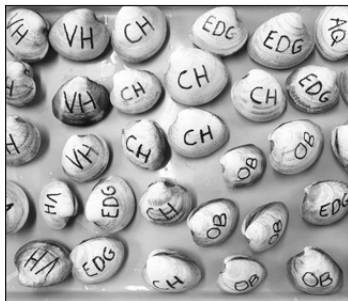
#### **EPA-funded Study on Using Phragmites to Remove Nitrogen**

Nitrogen overloads are recognized as one of the greatest threats to estuarine water quality and shellfish resources. Under a grant from the EPA we continued a 2.5-year investigation into the potential of nitrogen removal through Phragmites harvest. The project relies on many Island partners as well as researcher Dr. Jamie Vaudrey from the University of Connecticut. The project will conclude in March and results will be available to the community. The Regional High School's MViironment Club was inspired to initiate their own, complimentary, energy-based project, *Phragmites Pellets: Engineering Biomass* and received both state and national awards for their work

Reports and pictures of our work are posted on our website:  
[www.mvshellfishgroup.org](http://www.mvshellfishgroup.org)  
and on our Facebook page.

Respectfully submitted,

Emma Green-Beach  
Amandine Surier Hall  
Directors



**SEED SHELLFISH DISTRIBUTED IN 2017 by MVSG**

	<b><u>Town</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
<b>1mm Quahogs</b>	Aquinnah	2,461,000
	Chilmark	2,461,000
	Edgartown	2,461,000
	Oak Bluffs	2,461,000
	Tisbury	2,461,000
	MA DMF*	325,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>12,632,000</b>

<b>Scallops seed</b>		
	Aquinnah	4,511,000
	Chilmark	4,511,000
	Edgartown	4,511,000
	Oak Bluffs	4,511,000
	Tisbury	4,511,000
	Wampanoag Tribe*	150,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>22,705,000</b>

<b>Scallop Eggs</b>	Lagoon Pond	61,225,000
	Menemsha Pond	79,000,000

<b>Scallop Larvae</b>	Menemsha (Quitsa) Pond	4,000,000
	Sengekontacket	11,000,000
	Tashmoo	9,300,000
	Cape Pogue	11,200,000

<b>Oysters</b>	<b>Tisbury Great Pond</b>	<b>Edgartown Great Pond**</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Eggs</b>	133,612,500	133,612,500	<b>267,226,000</b>
<b>Larvae</b>	20,175,000	11,685,000	<b>31,860,000</b>
<b>Remote set</b>	5,240,000	5,875,000	<b>11,115,000</b>
<b>Singles</b>	105,000	77,000	<b>182,000</b>

\*Provided under contract

\*\*Provided under private foundation funding

# REPORT OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

**Fiscal Year 2017**



**July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017**

## ***Advisory Board***

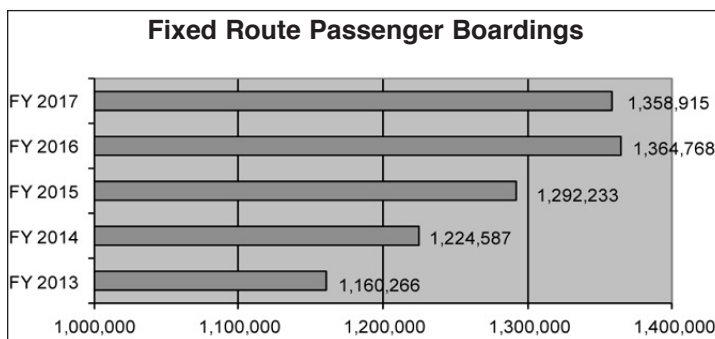
Alice Butler, Chairman	Oak Bluffs
John Alley	West Tisbury
June Manning	Aquinnah
Jay Grande	Tisbury
Leonard Jason	Chilmark
Louis Paciello	Edgartown
Vacant	Rider Community Representative
Vacant	Disabled Community Representative
Angela E. Grant, Administrator	Martha's Vineyard Transit Authority

## **Ridership**

Fiscal Year 2017 showed an overall decrease of 0.42%, or 5,853, passenger boardings from FY 2016. Passenger boarding analysis showed a 3.11% increase in the FY 2017 off-season ridership from FY 2016 and a continuing increase of multi-day travel passes, specifically one, three and seven day passes.

### Fixed Route Ridership

	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
July	275,455	282,606	293,708	311,650	313,181
August	291,568	303,175	323,949	330,173	327,343
September	126,859	129,661	140,739	162,236	153,404
October	57,637	71,666	76,286	72,149	78,144
November	29,986	30,053	32,380	34,625	35,234
December	24,661	24,617	28,628	31,295	29,946
January	22,162	21,299	22,395	24,683	26,601
February	20,106	21,624	20,032	23,816	24,580
March	27,036	26,033	26,877	31,708	29,941
April	39,240	41,834	42,506	43,062	45,035
May	87,167	92,847	106,798	104,230	97,394
June	158,389	179,172	177,935	195,141	198,112
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,160,266</b>	<b>1,224,587</b>	<b>1,292,233</b>	<b>1,364,768</b>	<b>1,358,915</b>

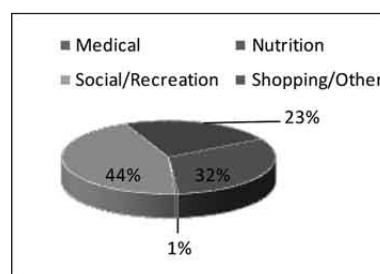


### “Lift” Ridership

Fiscal Year 2016 showed an increase in medical and social/recreational service trips on “The Lift” resulting in a 13.2% increase over FY 2015.

#### **Fiscal Year Ridership Change**

Fiscal Year	Ridership	Change
FY 2007	14,408	
FY 2008	15,265	5.9%
FY 2009	14,578	-4.5%
FY 2010	15,997	9.7%
FY 2011	15,577	-2.6%
FY 2012	14,681	-5.8%
FY 2013	13,219	-10.0%
FY 2014	13,302	0.6%
FY 2015	14,471	8.8%
FY 2016	16,381	13.2%
FY 2017	15,707	-4.1%



### **Fare Increase**

The VTA is now in the final year of their multi-year fare increase, which began in January 2014, as approved by the VTA Advisory Board:

	<b>Date of Last Increase</b>	<b>Current Fare</b>	<b>1/1/2018</b>
One Day Pass	January 2015	\$8.00	same
Three Day Pass	January 2014	\$18.00	same
Seven Day Pass	January 2016	\$30.00	same
31 Day Pass	April 2017	\$60.00	same
Annual Pass	January 2017	\$130.00	\$150.00
Senior Annual - Island	January 2017	\$30.00	\$40.00
Youth Annual - Island	January 2017	\$40.00	\$50.00
Zone Fare - Fixed Route	January 2015	\$1.25	same
Zone Fare - Lift	January 2015	\$2.00	same
Senior/Disabled Zone Fare	January 2015	\$0.75	same
Medivan	January 2015	\$15.00	same

### **Electric Bus Project**

The VTA placed an order for four (4) battery all-electric transit buses with the California bus manufacturer Build Your Dreams (BYD) Motors. The VTA's order of four buses is the first step in a larger project, *Electric Drives the Future*, in which the VTA plans to transition its entire fleet to all-electric. This will include installing solar canopies in the parking lot and solar roof panels at their Operations & Maintenance Facility to charge an onsite energy storage system so the buses can be charged with renewable energy.

The BYD buses ordered by the VTA are approximately the same size as the buses in their current fleet, but can hold more passengers because they don't need room for an engine. The batteries on BYD buses have an iron phosphate chemistry and are guaranteed to last the 12-year life cycle of the buses.

This first order of all-electric transit buses will be delivered in June 2018 and put into operation next summer. Moving forward, the VTA plans to pursue funding to expand the number of all-electric vehicles in their fleet and invest in the charging infrastructure needed to support these vehicles on route. The VTA has applied for various grants for assistance in these areas.

**Fiscal Year 2017 Audit Report****Statement of Net Position  
June 30, 2017 and 2016**

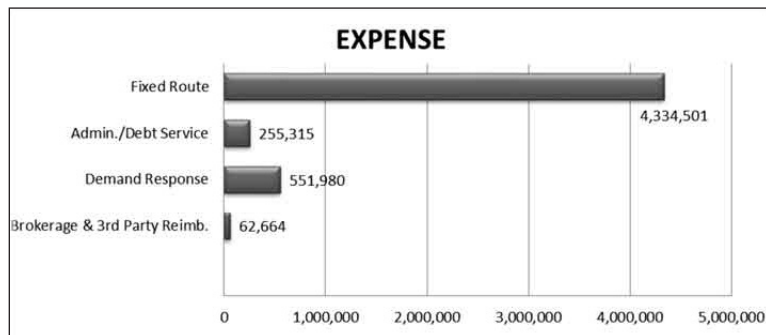
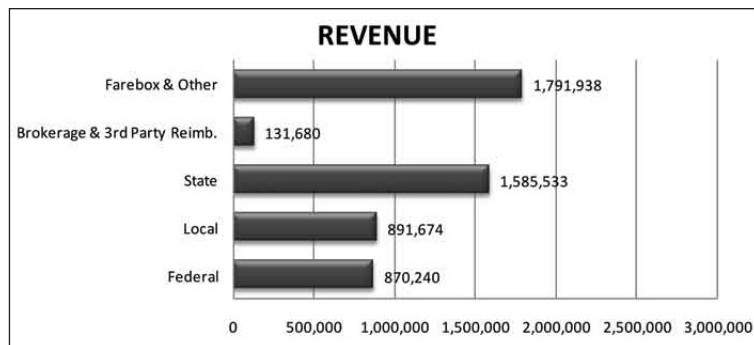
<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 899,588	\$ 959,025
Receivable for operating assistance	\$ 1,903,787	\$ 1,797,504
Other current assets	\$ 568,263	\$ 488,750
Prepaid fuel hedge	\$ -	\$ 284,966
Total current assets	\$ 3,371,638	\$ 3,530,245
Restricted & Noncurrent Assets		
Restricted assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 194,386	\$ 168,288
Receivable for capital assistance	\$ 2,224,684	\$ 1,788,713
Total restricted assets	\$ 2,419,070	\$ 1,957,001
Receivable for operating assistance	\$ 333,117	\$ 387,325
Capital assets, net	\$ 12,118,141	\$ 10,778,886
Total restricted assets & noncurrent assets	\$ 14,870,326	\$ 13,123,212
Total assets	\$ 18,241,966	\$ 16,653,457
Deferred Outflows of Resources		
Deferred outflows of resources related to pension	\$ 87,849	\$ 45,785
Total assets & deferred outflows of resources	\$ 18,329,815	\$ 16,699,242
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued expense	\$ 308,983	\$ 207,224
Total current liabilities	\$ 308,983	\$ 207,224
Restricted and noncurrent liabilities		
Liabilities payable from restricted assets		
Accounts payable and accrued expense	\$ 1,979,117	\$ 1,674,899
Total liabilities payable from restricted assets	\$ 1,979,117	\$ 1,674,899
Other post-employment benefits	\$ 39,104	\$ 257,178
Net pension liability	\$ 314,025	\$ 267,629
Revenue Anticipation Notes	\$ 1,504,027	\$ 1,500,000
Total restricted and noncurrent liabilities	\$ 3,836,273	\$ 3,699,706
Total liabilities	\$ 4,145,256	\$ 3,906,930



	2017	2016
Deferred Inflows of Resources		
Deferred inflows of resources related to pension	\$ -	\$ -
Total liabilities & deferred inflows of resources	<u>\$ 4,145,256</u>	<u>\$ 3,906,930</u>

#### NET POSITION

Invested in capital assets	\$ 12,118,141	\$ 10,778,886
Restricted	\$ 439,953	\$ 282,102
Other current assets	\$ 1,626,465	\$ 1,731,324
Total net position	<u>\$ 14,184,559</u>	<u>\$ 12,792,312</u>



# **REPORT OF THE MILL BROOK WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE**

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen  
and Residents of the Town of West Tisbury:

Since mid-2014, the Mill Brook Watershed Management Planning Committee has been working on the Mill Brook watershed study and assessment, as well as performing a thorough review of all other relevant data, documents and reports. The primary goals of this work are: 1.) to produce a baseline assessment and full appendix of all related significant data and studies, including those of the subset area of Mill Pond; 2.) to identify gaps in data related to key indicators of the environmental and ecological health of the area; 3.) to draw initial conclusions from the available data and new baseline assessment about the current health of the watershed; and 4.) to provide recommendations and direction to the Board of Selectmen concerning the ongoing monitoring (including filling data gaps and a range of other shorter-term actions) and future plans to responsibly manage this critically valuable natural resource (including recommendations for ongoing funding as well as in-kind resources).

The Committee is nearing completion of the final phase of its assignment. Data gathering and reporting by the ESS Group and BiodiversityWorks is finished. The Committee is fine-tuning its report (we are currently on draft #12) and working in weekly meetings to finalize conclusions and recommendations. We are looking to a March or April 2018 initial release date, and will seek public comment prior to final publication.

Kent Healy and Bill Wilcox have proven to be invaluable resources to the Committee, lending their long collective professional experience to our review in nearly every meeting we have held. We are deeply grateful to them both.

We also wish to recognize and thank the following organizations for their technical assistance throughout our assignment: the Polly Hill Arboretum, Sea Run Brook Trout Coalition, Sheriff's Meadow Foundation, Vineyard Conservation Society, the Martha's Vineyard Commission (particularly Chris Seidel, GIS Coordinator), the West Tisbury Conservation Commission (especially Maria McFarland, Board Administrator) and the Tisbury Printer.

We thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Mitchell, Co-Chair  
Chuck Hodgkinson, Co-Chair  
Tim Boland  
Prudy Burt  
Kristen Fauteux  
Selena Roman  
Rez Williams

## **REPORT OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

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Dear Board of Selectmen:

The Parks and Recreation Committee is pleased to report another successful year of providing quality programs and activities to the community of West Tisbury.

Our annual chess club began in January following the holiday break. We enrolled 36 students in grades one through six. The eight week session is held Wednesday afternoons in the cafeteria at the West Tisbury School. The club finishes with a tournament and awards party. All players receive a participation trophy and individual trophies are given to the top three finishers in each level, beginner, intermediate and advanced. This year's grand winner was Quinn Cathey. We offered three eight week sessions of adult yoga held on Tuesday evenings at the Howes House which is greatly appreciated by the participant's. Both ball fields continue to see a lot of use from the school, MV Little League, Men's and Women's softball, MV Youth Soccer as well as many private groups. We accepted a donation this year from The Field Fund to do extra aeration and maintenance of the school field. We are working closely with the Affordable Housing Trust regarding the Scott's Grove project and how it relates to Manter Field. This year we were pleased to participate in the First Annual Town Picnic, held on the grounds of the Agricultural Hall. We coordinated traditional games such as egg toss, sack and egg races. Ribbons were given to the winners.

Our summer season is always busy between Seth's Pond, Lambert's Cove Beach and tennis and basketball courts. The swim program at Seth's Pond enrolled 22 students in the American Red Cross certified lessons. We had six weeks of basketball camp for grades one through eight in July and August. The tennis courts continue to see steady use. We ordered replacement wheels for the beach wheel chair which gets used daily at Lambert's Cove Beach. We ask the community and guests to respect the carry in carry out trash policy at the beach.

The annual Halloween Party as always is a big success. The community enjoyed pizza, cider, snacks, games and prizes. The spooky hayride through the cemetery is still the most popular tradition. Freddie Fisher and sons brought approximately 100 people on the ghostly thrill ride. This year's addition of the Headless Horseman was an added bonus! The committee would like to thank all those that decorate and engage the riders for their time and effort!

The Winter Recreation program is always a highly anticipated program for first through fifth graders. The ten week program runs from the weekend after

Thanksgiving to February break. Over 40 students participated in sports, art and theater activities on Saturday mornings at the West Tisbury School. Total revenue for all programs this year was \$74,505.

The Parks and Recreation Committee is proud of the work we have done and the programs we offer to the community. We look forward to another productive year.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Lowe, co-chair  
Hap Bernard, co-chair  
Suzanne Hammond  
Skip Manter  
Lisa Amols  
Peggy Stone, Board Administrator



Volleyball West Tisbury Fairgrounds

## **REPORT OF THE PERSONNEL BOARD**

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We had one board member change this year. Gerry Gallagher joined the board in 2012 serving as Chair for 4 years before stepping down this summer. The Board would like to thank Gerry for his service to the Town. In his place, the Board welcomed Leon Brathwaite.

At the April annual Town Meeting, voters approved the Board's recommendation of a 2% wage adjustment for all Town employees for FY2018.

Congratulations are extended to Sergeant Garrison Vieira who was promoted to his position in March. He replaced Jim Neville who left to take a position with the Sheriff's Department. Best wishes to Jim and Garrison in their new positions. Nikolaj Wojtkielo was hired to fill the Patrolman's position.

Kevin Hatt joined the Highway Department to replace Dwight Kaeka.

Anthony Cordray is the new Animal Control Officer. His assistant is Meghan Gouldrup.

The Library added new part-time circulation assistants; Dee Leopold, Emily Milstein, Robin Moriarty, Lyn Neilly, Alexandria Pratt and Lauraye White.

The Board extends its best wishes to all new employees.

As always, the Board reviewed and acted upon annual job performance reports, confirmed appointments, and approved job descriptions and classification placement for new positions.

The Board wishes to recognize with appreciation the input and support of all departments and employees in the ongoing administration and continuing evolution of the town's personnel plan.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Vincent, Chair  
Leon Brathwaite  
Matthew Gebo, Employee Representative  
Norman Perry  
Ben Retmier

## **REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD**

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2017 has been a busy year on many levels for the Planning Board, with some complex and time consuming challenges. Working with other boards, committees and town officials, we strive to maintain the rural character, open lands and scenic vistas throughout the town.

The number of Form A, Form C, and Site Plan Review Applications submitted have been typical. Most Form A applications requested a simple lot line change for the purpose of selling off a parcel, or creating space for a building or well. We have approved several Site Plan Review applications for applicants seeking to create a craft workshop on their property. The board is mindful to make sure any workshops or studios have two forms of egress for fire safety purposes if they are to be located on the second floor. We are also careful to advise that studios and craft workshops are not to be used for habitation. We reviewed a greater number of applications for houses over 3000 square feet, most of which were located on larger lots. Each application that we processed provided adequate consideration of neighboring properties. We are careful to physically review these properties to measure and confirm that the applicants have adhered to the zoning bylaw height restrictions on wooded and open landscape which help to conceal the structures from neighboring properties and from other vistas and the water. During the review process, for each application we request energy efficient construction with low maintenance materials, downward facing lights (if any) outside for safety purposes only, non-reflective glass in windows, native vegetation for landscaping, and organic fertilizer and pesticides. Our goal is to protect our land, air and water, as well as ourselves and flora and fauna.

We have worked with the Byways Committee to preserve our special ways for the enjoyment of walkers, bicyclists and horseback riders, and to preserve the historical character they embody. Some of these ways date back to the Revolutionary War. Through careful location of driveways and the use of alternative vehicle access points when available, we can maintain the character of the ways and their immediate surroundings. By minimizing additional vehicular use, retaining natural vegetation alongside the ways, and preventing the ways from being blocked, their character is preserved for the future. This year, the Byways Committee created a brochure for the public that provides the names and locations of the trails and cart paths throughout town. The committee held a public forum and presented a map of the town that Cynthia Aguilar created. Several speakers were on hand to present other old maps and provide a brief history of the younger days of West Tisbury.

On the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting of 2017, the board included a zoning bylaw amendment to Section 4.4-3 A1, by deleting language that requires that properties with accessory apartments be owner-occupied. The language was removed at the request of a town citizen. Although the language was removed, accessory apartments shall continue to be designated affordable housing units regardless of the presence of the property owner.

Board members serve the Town in many other capacities. Susan Silva represents us on the Land Bank's Town Advisory Board. Leah Smith serves on the Capital Improvements Planning Committee. Henry Geller is our Associate Member. Bea Phear is our representative and the Chairman of the Community Preservation Committee. We recently appointed Rise Terney as our representative to the Affordable Housing Committee. She will be updating us on the topics of their meetings. Jane Rossi, our Board Administrator, attends the Complete Streets Committee meetings and reports back to the Planning Board. Virginia Jones is a member and current chairman of the Shellfish Advisory Committee. Board members rotate attending various other board and committee meetings when the agenda is applicable to the Planning Board.

After several years of reviewing and analyzing the town roads for safety, the town is currently working with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation on a funding program called Complete Streets. Through an application process that is approved by the Board of Selectmen, the program provides guidance on evaluating our roadways to make them safer for automobile traffic, bicyclists, pedestrians and public transit. This is a program that will provide funding for a specialist to review our roads to determine and recommend improvements where they are needed, and there is funding available to contribute to the costs of those improvements. The committee is currently in the process of formulating a prioritization plan with the assistance and expertise of a consulting firm. Howard Stein Hudson has physically reviewed the town roads and has drafted a plan providing recommendations to make our roads safer and our traffic calmer. The committee will select their top priorities from a long list of recommendations, and will apply for a grant of up to \$400,000.00 to implement those improvements. The committee is working with the Highway Department to brainstorm remedies to our most critical danger zones.

Finally, we would like to thank Town Counsel Ron Rappaport and his colleague Michael Goldsmith, The Byways Committee for their continued efforts to protect our Special Ways, Berta Geller and the Complete Streets Committee, Zoning Inspector Joe Tierney and his assistant Jeff Fisher, Health Agent Omar Johnson, Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman Nancy Cole and ZBA members, members of the Conservation Commission, Electrical Inspector Tom Colligan, Road Inspector Leo DeSorcy, Fire Chief Manny Estrella and the entire staff of the West Tisbury Town Hall for the guidance, assistance and hard work they have provided to our board this year. We also greatly appreciate the assistance that we receive from the Martha's Vineyard Commission: Adam Turner, Bill Veno, Paul Foley, Priscilla Leclerc, Christine Flynn, Chris Seidel, Jo-Ann Taylor, and the entire staff. Thanks also to the Land Bank staff and board.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia C. Jones, Chairman  
Susan Silva, Vice-Chairman  
Leah Smith

Beatrice Phear  
Matthew Merry  
Henry Geller, Associate Member

## REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

*“Protecting and maintaining the quality of life for all”*

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To the Board of Selectmen:

This will be my final report to the Selectman as Chief of Police due to my retirement on June 2, 2018. It has been a pleasure working for the town over the past twenty five years, the last eight as Chief. I can't say enough how grateful I am to the Board of Selectmen, past and present, other town departments and the community for always supporting the department. It has been an honor and privilege to be part of the West Tisbury Police.

By the time you read this report, this department will be the first on the island to be fully accredited by the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission. This shows that this department has taken extraordinary steps to demonstrate its pride and professionalism by living up to a body of critical law enforcement standards in areas of management, operations, and technical support activities to deliver quality police services to its community. Last year the department received the first accreditation reward of certification, the second phase of full accreditation will be happening in early 2018.

Maybe I have said this a lot, but I will say it again. West Tisbury has one of the best, if not the best police department on the island. This I will miss most by retiring. I have the deepest admiration for all department members, both past and present.

As always I would like to thank the Fire Department, Highway Department, Animal Control, Tri-Town Ambulance and all town hall personnel.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel R. Rossi  
Chief of Police





**Police Department Statistics**  
**01/01/17 to 12/31/17**  
**Incidents By Type By Month**

Type	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Total
911 ABANDONED		1				1		1	1		1		5
911 HANG-UP					2		1	5	2	2			12
911 MIS-DIAL		2	2		1			3	2	1			11
911 NON ER	1		1	3	1	3	1	1			3		14
911 OPEN LINE						1		1			1		3
911 SUSPICIOUS							2	1					3
ACCIDENTS GEN											1		1
AIRCRAFT INCIDE								2					2
ALARM / BURGLAR	13	12	20	13	20	10	10	12	21	13	18	28	190
ALARM / FIRE	5	5	2	1	5	6	11	6	8	7	5		61
ALARM / GAS		3	1	2	5			2	2		1		16
ALARM / HOLDUP													0
ALARM / MEDICAL	1	1			1					1		1	5
ALARM / PANIC	1	2				1	1	1		1	1		8
ALARM / UNIDENT													0
ALARM AUDIBLE											1		1
ALARM/CO2					1	1		3			1	1	7
ALARMS			2			1	2	1					6
ANIMAL CONTROL	1	3	2	1	3	7	4	4	5	8	6	9	53
ASSAULT								1					1
ASSAULT & BATTE				1									1
ASSAULT/PROG												1	1
ASSIST AGENCY G	2			1	2		1	1	3	3			13
ASSIST CITIZEN	7	7	6	13	9	7	11	5	6	12	5	6	94
ASSIST LIFT							3	1				1	5

BICYCLE ACCI				1		1	2					4
BOAT INCIDENT						1				1		2
BREAKING & ENTE		1	1		2		1	2		1	1	10
BUILDING FIRE	1											1
BURN PER										1		1
CALLS FOR SERVI						2			2			4
CCFDI				4	1		1		1		1	8
CCWDI												0
CIVIL COMPLAINT	1					1						2
CIVIL MATTER	1					1						2
COMMUNICATIONS	2	1			2	3	4	3	3	3	2	24
COURTESY TRANSP	1		1			4		2	1	1		10
CRIMINAL INVEST	2				1	1	1	1	2			8
DEATH NOTIF						1						1
DEER INCIDENT	5	3	4	1		1	3	2	2	5	11	47
DETAIL LOC		3		1	3		1	1	1		6	20
DIRTBK COMP				1	1				1			3
DISPUTE	2					1	2	2	1			8
DISTURBANCE			1									1
DOM RELATED	5	1	1	5	2	1	2	1	1		2	23
DOMESTIC COMPLA	2	1		1	1		2	1	1	1	1	12
DOMESTIC RELATE		1		1					1			4
ELDER ASSIST		3	2									5
FIGHT							1					1
FIRE	2		2	2	1		1			1		10
FIRE MV							1			1		2
FIRE POLE WIRE										1		1
FORGERY												0

FOUND PROPERTY		1	1		1		1	1	2	2		1	10
GEN BROADCASTS		1				2		1	1	5	2	2	14
GENERAL ASSIST	1						1		1				3
GENERAL INFO			1	2		1	3	1	6	12	4		30
HARRASSMENT			1	3	1	1					1	3	10
HAZARDOUS CONDI					1	1	2	1	1			1	7
HAZMAT / BIOLOG					1		1						2
HIGHWAY DEPT IN	1	1	1	1				2	1			1	8
HUNTING COMPLAI											2		2
ILLEGAL DUMPING					1						1		2
INTOXICATED PAR			2		1	2		3	2	1			11
JUV MATTER					1					1			2
LANDLORD/TENNEN		2		3	2	1				1			9
LARCENY/PAST	1		1	2			2	4	3	1	1		15
LIFELINE	2	1	4	4	4	5	2	2		1	1		26
LOCKOUT	6	4	3	5	8	7	8	10	6	2	8	10	77
LOST PROPERTY		1	2		1		5	3					12
MC COMP					1		1						2
MCYCLE ACC										1			1
MEDICAL EMERGEN	11	1	12	15	17	13	16	33	13	12	14	8	165
MENTAL HEALTH		2	1	2	1	2	4					2	14
MISSING PERS									1				1
MISSING PERSON		1	1				2						4
MOPED ACC													0
MOPED COMP							1	4					5
MOTOR VEHICLE I	1				1	3	1	1				1	8
MV ABANDONDED		1			1						1		3
MV ACC	6	3	1	2	4	6	12	11	6	9	4	4	68
MV ACC H/R		1	1		2	1		1	1	1		1	9
MV ASSIST MOTOR												1	1

MV COMPLAINT				1		2	1	1	3	1	1		10
MV DISABLED	4		2	1	8	5	5	6	3	1	4	2	41
MV ERRATIC OPER	3	3	5	8	6	10	25	18	9	11	7	5	110
MV FAIL TO STOP								2					2
MV LEAKING FLUI												1	1
MV LIC/REG CHEC	7	5	4	2	6	10	8	10	5	7	5	3	72
MV PARKING COMP					1	3	8	11	3			1	27
MV STOP	50	37	68	50	91	137	82	61	69	87	60	63	855
MV TOW						1			1				2
MV UNAUTHORIZED									1				1
NOISE COMPLAINT					1	2	4	2	3			1	13
OFF RD MV ACC													0
OIL/FUEL SPILL													0
OVERDUE PARTY									1		1		2
POWER OUTAGE					1							1	2
PROPANE/GAS LEA								1					1
PROPERTY DAMAGE							1		1	1			3
PROTECTIVE CUST			1	1									2
PUBLIC UTILITY	1	1	4	2			1		3	7		2	21
RECORDS CHECK													0
REMOVE PARTY							2	1	1		1		5
ROAD CLOSED													0
RUNAWAY JUV					1								1
SCHOOL DETAIL									1	2	3	3	9
SERVICE OF PAPE			2		6	4	2	1	1	5	1	5	27
SEXUAL ASSAULT												1	1
SMOKE BUILDING											1		1
SMOKE INVESTIGA	2						1						3
STOL PROPERTY					1		1	2			3		7
STOLEN MOTOR VE		1				1	1						3

STOLEN PROPERTY						1						1	2
SUICIDE THREAT	1												1
SUSP ACTIVITY	2	2		1		3	2	2	6	1		4	23
SUSP CONDITION		1		1	6		2	5	7	4		1	27
SUSP PERSON	2	1		1	2	2	2	3	3	2	1	1	20
SUSP PHONE CALL	1		1	1	1					1		2	7
SUSP SMELL							1	1			1		3
SUSP VEHICLE	3	1	2	2	2		2	1	3	7	2	4	29
SUSP: GENERAL			1					2			1		4
SWIMMING INCIDE													0
TAXI COMPLAINT													0
TESTING						3							3
THREATS										1		1	2
TRAFFIC CONTROL							2						2
TRAFFIC HAZARD		6				2	4	3		10	2	1	28
TRESPASSING				1		2	4		1	2			10
UNSECURED PREMI													0
VANDALISM					1	1		3	1	1	2		9
VIOLATION RESTR	2			1									3
WARRANT CHECK						2						1	3
WARRANT CONFIRM					1								1
WEAPONS COMPLAI		2		2	2	1		1	1	1	3	1	14
WELFARE CHECK	4		4	3	5	3	5	1	3	2	2		32
TOTAL	166	130	174	168	256	292	299	284	239	266	210	209	2693

## **REPORT OF THE WEST TISBURY SHELLFISH ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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During 2017 very little changed from the prior year except that we did, finally, receive an identification of the algae. By the end of the summer most, if not all the algae had disappeared and as I write (In February of 2018) the waters, and more importantly the oyster beds, are clear of algae. This may be because we did not have such an extended and extensive drought as in previous years, and the opening to the ocean was maintained long enough to thoroughly flush the Pond.

In order to get context and information for this year's report (without repeating everything) please read the report in the 2016 Town Report.

The committee wishes to acknowledge and thank Rick Karney for his long service directing the MV Shellfish Group and Hatchery, and welcome his successors Emma Green-Beach and Amandine Surier Hall. The island and town are fortunate indeed to have their services and the benefit of their experience and knowledge in managing waterways and their resources. We also thank William Wilcox, former water resources person at the MVC, for his continued assistance. Finally, we are very grateful that the Riparian Owners of Tisbury Great Pond continue to support our efforts and that they continue to pay for the costs associated with periodically opening the Pond to the Atlantic, as they have done for many years.

During the year and acting with the WT Conservation Commission we pursued the identification of the algae growth. Pond water sampling took place on a periodic basis (checking on the continuing health of the Pond) and periodic openings of the Pond to the Atlantic took place ensuring good flushing and the appropriate salinity for the shellfish.

In September our committee and the Conservation Commission held a very productive joint meeting which was well attended, with officials from the DEP and the MVC present. During the meeting we exchanged a lot of information and agreed on some goals and priorities. At a meeting of our committee, we recommended that the season be opened in early November, closing in late April, for both commercial and recreational fishing.

In the fall we proposed that a part time assistant be hired (by the Board of Selectmen) to undertake Pond management tasks for the ConCom and the Shellfish Committee. The job description has been drafted and it will be proposed in 2019 to the Town for approval and funding.

A very impactful project to search for, dredge/remove sand, and clean up and destroy potential ordnance was pursued by the Army Corps of Engineers (A \$10 million dollar project) at South Beach, on the eastern end of the Barrier Beach. The grass will be replanted in the spring. So far I have not heard of any

discoveries of unexploded ordnance except on the beach owned by the Trustees of Reservations, and even then it was a nominal amount.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia C. Jones, Chair  
Rick Karney  
John Hoy  
David Merry  
Jason Gale  
Peter Vann  
Will Whiting  
with Ray Gale as a regular attendee



Cliff Athearn

## **REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

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Michael Marcus, Chairperson  
Martha's Vineyard Superintendency  
All Island School Committee

Dear Mr. Marcus:

In accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth, I am pleased to submit my 2017 annual report as Superintendent of Schools to the members of the six school committees of the Martha's Vineyard Public Schools. The schools on the Island continue to strive to provide our students with a quality education that prepares them with the skills necessary to compete in today's world.

There have been minimal personnel changes at the Central Office. Edith Rousseau has retired as Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent after eighteen years on the job; she will be greatly missed. However, I am excited that Ruda Stone will be taking her place. We also welcome Susan Conlan, who'll be working as our Coordinator of Shared Service Programs. Our Shared Services Programs include our Bridge, Compass, and Project Headway programs. Susan has extensive experience working with students with special needs.

This year we have been busy building budgets and addressing facility issues. In order to learn, students must be comfortable in their learning environment, and it is incumbent on us to create welcoming and safe schools. With this in mind, we will be looking closely at our health and wellness programs to evaluate how we are delivering information to our students around making healthy choices. By reviewing how we deliver this instruction, and the protocols we follow to address mental health issues, we can begin to analyze how to best serve our students. Keeping our students healthy is a priority.

Our Strategic Plan is in place and we'll use this document as a guide when making educational decisions around curriculum and instruction. I thank everyone for their input into the development of the plan. An important piece is the safety and well-being of our students and staff. For that reason, Synergy Solutions has conducted safety training in all our schools at the beginning of this school year. By partnering with the towns, we have developed emergency response plans for all of our buildings to make sure that we're prepared in the event of an emergency. Additionally, starting in January, Jim Shillinglaw will continue his evaluation of our special education programs by looking at services at the High School. The study is aimed to help us provide our students with the best education possible while using our resources in the most efficient manner.

At the High School, we continue to upgrade our facility to ensure that the building is safe for our students and staff, and that the teachers have the



resources they need to provide our students with the best education possible. We will continue to pursue all avenues to upgrade and improve the facility.

Several staff members will be retiring this year and I would like to recognize them for their dedication to our students. At the Tisbury School, Nancy Nevin and Leslie Williamson will be moving on. At the Central Office, Grants Coordinator Pat Ingalls and School Psychologist Lorraine Wells are retiring. John Nelson will be retiring from the High School. And, lastly, thank you to Mara Coleman and Sarah Murphy from the West Tisbury School. Collectively, these staff members have dozens of years of service to the Island's students.

I am truly privileged and honored to be serving as the Island schools' Superintendent. Happy New Year!

Matthew D'Andrea, L.P.D.  
Superintendent of Schools



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## **REPORT OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL**

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Dear Dr. D'Andrea:

It is my pleasure to present to you a summary of the accomplishments of our departmental staff at MVRHS in the service of our students and community. There are many things to be proud of. As an all-Island school, we strive to represent the best of this unique community through our high-performing academic core, our hands-on Career and Technical Programs, our abundantly talented performing and visual arts departments, and our very competitive sports teams. It is through the dedication and support of the towns, school committee, staff, students, community partnerships, and parents that all of this is made possible on a daily basis.

### **Art, Design & Technology**

The MVRHS Art, Design & Technology Department had a full and productive year in 2017. Our annual art show was held in May in coordination with the Performing Arts Department. We showcased our "Art Throwdown" – a lively collection of interactive and sometimes competitive art, design, and technology events. The MVRHS yearbook and our art and literary magazine, SEABREEZES, both had successful publications this year.

21 students won a total of 26 awards in the 2017 Scholastic Art Awards. Six of them advanced to the national competition, including one senior portfolio. One student was awarded a National Gold Medal in Video Game Design, one of only three students in the country to win this top prize.

16 students attended Portfolio Day in Boston this November and prepared senior portfolios for college admission, as well as for the national Young Arts portfolio contest. Art students also took a field trip to the Institute of Contemporary Art in Boston.

A graduating senior was showcased in an exhibit at the Old Sculpin Gallery. Several photography students each designed solo exhibits at the West Tisbury Library and the 51 Art Gallery. Many students participated in a group photography show and a pottery exhibit sale at Featherstone, as well as the Vineyard Conservation Society's "The Art of Conservation" competition and exhibit. A few students competed in Rep. Keating's Congressional Art Contest in Plymouth. Seven students won awards in the 2017 Cape Cod Times' "Classroom Times" photography contest.

Fashion and photography students joined forces with the Performing Arts Department in the spring and produced an exhibit of 1940s film noir black-and-

white Hollywood-style portraits. Students participated in a captioned photography and virtual reality exchange with high schools in Pakistan and Taiwan.

A new AP Computer Science Principles class is now in its second year and a second AP course in Studio Art (2-D Design) is being planned for 2018. Students in the Digital Video Production course created a pilot for MVRHS News in the spring and this year's students have turned the format into a monthly news show.

Two teachers successfully led portions of the CTE Department's expanded Freshman Exploratory course in 2017-18, introducing 9th graders to product development and technology. Two teachers also completed their M.Ed. degrees.

### **Athletics**

The 2017 MVRHS Athletic year had ups and downs. The following teams all made appearances in the post-season play: boys' basketball, indoor track, boys' and girls' tennis, baseball, outdoor track, boys' soccer and field hockey. The boys' soccer team and the boys' and girls' tennis teams were Eastern Athletic Conference champions. The highlight of the year had to have been the girls' tennis team winning their third straight MIAA State Championship. In addition to the success of the aforementioned teams, we had two spring coaches honored with Coach of the Year awards: Nina Bramhall for girls' tennis and Joe Schroeder for girls' outdoor track. We must also give credit to Liz Roberts. Nina, by definition, is the girls' tennis coach, but both Liz and Nina coach the team together. We would be remiss to not mention Liz in the same breath as Nina. Congratulations to Nina, Liz, and Joe. We are lucky to have them on staff coaching our children.

Some of our programs have had issues with participation numbers, which have resulted in programs having to have been canceled or waivers for junior high school students to participate on high school teams. As we see the numbers increase in the upcoming years, we hope this downturn in participation will reverse course and we'll see participation numbers rising. We should give credit to those junior high athletes who have taken this opportunity to begin their high school careers a year or two early. That can be very daunting for a 7th or 8th grader, and they and their parents should be commended.

### **Career and Technical Education**

Career and Technical Education (CTE) at MVRHS offers students exposure to a variety of pathways depending on their choices after high school. The skilled trades continue to be the hardest positions to fill, not only here on the Island but across the Commonwealth. Middle-skill jobs, jobs that require education and training beyond high school but less than a bachelor's degree, are a significant part of the economy. CTE addresses the needs of high-growth industries and helps close the skills gap.

Students can continue on to a 2- or 4-year college, pursue additional licensing and training, or go directly into the workforce. The number of program offerings is growing to meet the needs of the Island community.

Under the direction of Ken Ward, the Automotive Technology Department has undergone some significant equipment updates. The automotive students continue to earn their 10-hour OSHA General Industry Certification.

Health care occupations, many of which require an associate degree or less, are projected to have greater than 10% job growth over the next few years. The Health Assisting program continues to grow and expand its presence in the community with its partnership with Martha's Vineyard Hospital and Windemere and the experiences it offers the students. We celebrated Mary Vivian's retirement in June and welcomed back Susan McHugh. In August, we earned Department of Public Health approval to conduct our own certified nursing-assistant program.

The Horticulture Department is ushering in a new era. We are preparing for a new greenhouse and overall make-over for this portion of our facility. This program has seen the retirement of John Wojtkielo and the addition of Kyle Crossland. Kyle joins our staff from Crossland Landscaping. The horticulture students continue to earn their 10-hour OSHA General Industry Certification.

Chef Kevin Crowell joined the Culinary Arts Department to work with Chef Jack O'Malley and the students who are always busy preparing a delicious meal for members of the Island community. Culinary Arts continues to host events for local groups, always with an eye towards including produce grown in the horticulture program and the school garden, which is supported by Island Grown Schools. Culinary Arts students work on an annual basis to become ServSafe and OSHA 10 certified.

Over the last year, our Building Trades Department, taught by Bill Seabourne, has continued with its shed building program. The building trades students continue to earned their 10-hour OSHA General Construction Certification.

Maritime Sciences, with Brock Callen at the helm, continues to expand its presence within CTE. This is the ninth year MVRHS has offered Maritime Science with the support of Sail MV. The program is the first of its kind in the state. The Maritime Sciences program has helped several students, with the credentials obtained through the program, to attend Maritime colleges or enter into the maritime industry.

Brian Jakusik continues to expand the business offerings at the High School to include a sequence of marketing courses to broaden the opportunities for all students at MVRHS. Participation in DECA continues to grow under Brian's leadership.

We have added the Arts, Design & Technology Dept. to the exploratory rotation, which offers students an opportunity to explore a variety of career pathways.

WYOB 105.5FM is the Island's newest radio station, broadcast directly from MVRHS. We are proud of this student-run endeavor, and thankful to Skip

Finley and Bill Narkiewicz for their tireless efforts in fundraising and managing this station.

Career Technical Education programs continue to benefit from biannual advisory meetings. Advisory groups are made up of industry professionals and provide valuable oversight of programs. The departments rely on them for curriculum, equipment, and budgetary advice.

### **English**

Once again, students who took the AP Literature and Composition exams last spring performed very well, with an impressive number of passing scores rivaling or exceeding state and national averages.

In addition, all general education sophomores passed the MCAS exam with the percentage of students receiving an advanced score exceeding the state average.

The Poetry Out Loud school competition took place in February with novelist, Nicole Galland; West Tisbury teacher, Peter Forrester; Island poet, Clark Myers; and memoirist, Sian Williams, serving as judges. Over 20 students participated in the competition and open mic. Danielle Hopkins was awarded first prize, but could not attend the regional competition. However, second place winner and freshman, Anne Culbert, took her place by representing MVRHS at the regional competition.

The third annual Writers Week featured visits from over 25 Island writers and poets. Pulitzer Prize winning authors, Geraldine Brooks and Tony Horwitz, kicked off the event with a talk in the library during which time they shared with student's stories about their lives as writers. Students hosted author visits, participated in school-wide writing activities, and attended the culminating Writers Week Coffeehouse organized and directed by the staff of the literary magazine, *Seabreezes*.

The MVRHS student newspaper, *The High School View*, continues to win impressive awards at the New England Scholastic Press Association's annual conference held at Boston University. The High School View won the "Highest Achievement Award" in its category. The newspaper also earned second place honors in the prestigious "All-New England" award category. The awards honor the outstanding efforts of the newspaper's editors in chief -- Danielle Hopkins, Sophia McCarron, and Willa Vigneault -- to lead a staff of 30. In addition, four students received individual "Special Achievement Awards" for excellence in scholastic editing and publishing. Sophomore Mackenzie Condon won for her news story, "Poetry Takes Center Stage"; senior Annika Schmidt won for her news story, "Addiction Expert States the Facts"; senior Danielle Hopkins won for her news story, "Turf Debate Divides Community"; and senior Ali Barlett won for her news photo, "Guys and Dolls Fill the House." MVRHS English teacher, Kate Hennigan, and newly retired English department chair, Dan Sharkovitz, serve as the newspaper's faculty advisers. Dan was also honored this year by NESPA with

the “Robert Baram Award,” which honors a distinguished adviser from this region who has helped students raise their sights and their standards in the practice of school journalism.

William McCarthy’s students had the pleasure of seeing Shakespeare’s *A Midsummer Night’s Dream* performed at the Trinity Rep last March, while David Wilson’s students sojourned at Walden Pond in the fall.

Rachel Schubert’s AP English 11 students wrote and received letters from students at an all-girls school in Senegal as part of a pen pal program started by Ms. Schubert and Peace Corps volunteer, Ian Thompson. Thompson is an educator and a facilitator of the Michelle Sylvester Scholarship program, which provides scholarships to academically talented girls who are at risk of being pulled out of school for marriage to older villagers. The letter exchange began in November and will span the duration of the 2017-2018 school year.

### **ESL**

The English as a Second Language (ESL) Department has had a busy year. The yearly Massachusetts ACCESS test, which assesses a student’s English language proficiency skills, went online. Thus, department chair, Dianne Norton, and teacher, Cheri Cluff, underwent training on administering the online test. Late in January, 45 ELLs took ACCESS online. Looking ahead to ACCESS in January 2018, 63 ELLs will be administered the assessment, a 40% increase.

In addition to new testing procedures, the ESL department worked to develop and introduce several Newcomer courses to service the growing number of students arriving from Brazil and other countries with no English language skills. These courses, including ESL Social/Lingual Skills and ESL US Culture, are designed to provide students with a program of structured English language instruction that will support students’ transition into the US school system and mainstream classes in a timely manner. The program is underway and will be evaluated at the end of this year.

### **Guidance**

The culmination of our four-year developmental guidance program helped 177 graduates develop transitional plans during their post-secondary planning process. As a result, the Class of 2017 had 68% of students attending a four year college; 13% attending two-year college/technical/college/prep school; 12% entering the work force; 7% were admitted to college but took a gap year; and 6% pursued other alternatives including travel. The generosity of our community was demonstrated by the \$1,792,113 awarded to seniors, post-graduates, and other Island students. Our 2017 graduates received 488 scholarship and post-graduates received 228.

In 2017, Michael G. McCarthy retired from a 41-year career in education, serving the last 19 years as MVRHS Director of Guidance. Mary K. MacDonald succeeded Michael, bringing to the position her considerable

experience and knowledge of 30 years of education experience, with the previous 24 years of her career as a MVRHS Guidance Counselor. Michelle Lynch, a MVRHS 2002 alumni, has joined us as Guidance Counselor. Michelle spent the past ten years of her career in a Boston Public Charter School working with students from all walks of life, helping them with their career and college planning.

12 years running, Peer Outreach trained an additional 40 students and 4 faculty members during the annual retreat in October 2017. This effective, peer-driven program trained students to identify and assist their peers who are struggling and to refer to adults as needed. There are currently close to 100 Peer Outreach students at MVRHS.

In December 2017, at the 14th annual Race Culture retreat, 40 faculty-nominated students took part in a two-day retreat to discuss race, diversity, and culture.

In its second year, the 2016 senior project SWEAR (Stand With Everyone Against Rape) trained fifteen junior boys and five junior girls. This sexual assault awareness and prevention program is run in collaboration with CONNECT to End Violence. It is a predominantly male-focused program with the idea in mind that rape and sexual assault is not just a women's issue but a men's issue as well. SWEAR members hold an annual assembly for the junior class, educating students on the myths, stereotypes, and repercussions of sexual assault and rape. In collaboration with CONNECT and The MV Film Society, "The Hunting Ground", is a documentary about the sexual assault epidemic on college campus. The film is shown to the senior class, followed by small group discussions. With the trained SWEAR and Peer Outreach students, we are facilitating small-group conversations with each class to educate the student body about healthy relationships, consent, and the repercussions of harassment and sexual assault.

In May, we held our third annual eighth-grade orientation program at the High School. STING (Smooth Transition into Ninth Grade) was a senior project that has morphed into an annual event. It is the first time the entire incoming freshmen class is together for a day of games, activities, and information about transitioning to MVRHS. This program is facilitated by our upperclassmen.

### **History**

With the retirement of Dr. Cawley-Weintraub at the end of the 2016-2017 school year, the History Department has a new department chair, Olsen Houghton. This year, the department piloted a peer observation program, which is not evaluative but, instead, was designed for teachers to reflect on their own practice through observation. Four out of seven teachers participated from the beginning and a fifth teacher joined the group later. The group decided to use the same primary source analysis tool as our medium, and for four weeks the teachers had meetings, observations, and debriefings as they



tried to explore the best way to teach and incorporate this analytical tool. The results were extremely positive. The collaboration, camaraderie, and boost to morale were a wonderful experience for all involved.

The department has a number of new courses being offered this year. There is an eleventh grade Humanities class, co-taught by Ena Thulin and a member of the English department and two new electives are offered: Global Revolutions, and Global Government and Politics. Global Revolutions, being offered this fall, is concentrating on political and cultural revolutions of the Twentieth century. Global Government and Politics, offered this spring, will focus on contemporary issues facing the world today. The Leadership elective is being offered again this year. They have been charged with helping to improve school climate and culture. Students are required to design and implement action plans for this purpose. Examples of some of the action plans are implementation of a teacher/student disciplinary council, a school-wide capture the flag fundraiser for Breast Cancer research, developing an honor code for the school, and dedicating a month to celebrating our diversity here at MVRHS. This spring, the freshman history classes will go on the African-American Heritage Trail and create multimedia projects based on their experiences.

The History Department welcomes Jeremy Light, who joins us from the Charter School. He previously worked in Florida for 11 years teaching Advanced Placement World History, and is currently teaching sections of Global I, Global II, and a mythology elective. Jeremy has a positive energy that quickly made him a valued member of not only the History Department but also the school community. He has a great relationship with the students and we look forward to having him here for many years.

### **Math**

The Math Department is completing work on a few curriculum changes that will be implemented in 2018-2019. We are offering an extended Algebra I program to help ensure the understanding of these key concepts and to better prepare some students for the MCAS exam. We are also offering a “Mathematical Literacy” course designed to provide students with the knowledge and background to thrive financially in today’s world. The Math Lab continues to work with students utilizing “Vineyard Time/Flex Block”.

Department teachers Melissa Braillard and Mary Lee Carlomagno have earned their master’s degree in a conjunctive program with Fitchburg State College and ACE MV.

MVRHS scored well with regards to the 2017 math standardized test results. The average SAT score was 543, one of our three highest since the test was re-centered. The average on the Math Level I subject test was 578 and the Level II test was 620. The BC calculus AP scores averaged 2.91, with 73% scoring a three or higher. We again recorded the highest number of students ever taking an AP exam. The MCAS results continue to be encouraging, with 83% of



students scoring proficient or higher and 54% scoring advanced. Both scores were above the state average and students recorded their highest Student Growth Percentile (SGP) of the last six years.

### **Performing Arts**

In addition to our curricular classes offered both to performing and non-performing students, the Performing Arts Department offered opportunities to students outside the school day. Singers and string players participated in the Southeast District Music Festival last January and the All-Cape and Island Festival in February. Christian Schmidt performed with the All State Chorus at Symphony Hall in conjunction with the All State Conference. Students in the Musical Theatre Production Class presented their annual Cabaret at Alex's Place.

In February, the entire department was part of the production of the musical 'Guys and Dolls.' Community instrumentalists, history classes, art classes, and faculty joined the student cast in four performances, with an amazing photographic display supplied by the art department and the Martha's Vineyard museum.

Choral students had the opportunity to sing with the elementary school students at the annual All-Island Choral Festival. Our clinicians were three graduates from Berklee College of Music who presented workshops and performed at the elementary schools and the high school as well as an evening concert for the community.

The Minnesingers traveled to Italy, and performed in Verona at the military base in Vicenza and at the iconic St. Mark's Basilica in Venice. They had the opportunity to visit many amazing venues such as La Scala, Il Duomo, and take a ride on the infamous gondolas. Students sang their way across northern Italy, performing in many informal concerts. They returned to the Island to present their Spring Shows, 'Reach for the Stars.'

In May, the department concert was combined with the Pops Concert, featuring all the performing groups as well as solo and small group numbers. Several singers and instrumentalists performed in the Coffee House and in the hallways at Evening of the Arts. Chorus, Vocal Ensemble, Minnesingers, Concert Band, and Jazz Band participated in the graduation ceremonies at the Tabernacle, celebrating another successful group of seniors leaving the High School. Over the summer, the High School male a cappella group, SoundWave, performed around the Island, and some of the Minnesingers held a karaoke party at Anchors in Edgartown.

September auditions were held for the upcoming school musical, 'West Side Story.' Community members, along with the History, Art, and English Departments, and local musicians join the students in rehearsals. 'West Side Story' will run performances in February 2018.

All 39 singers and string players who auditioned for the All Cape Festival this fall were chosen to perform at the festival, and Christian Schmidt and Victoria Scott will represent MVRHS at the Southeast District Festival.

The Winter Concert featured the String Orchestra, combined instrumental groups, Concert Band and Jazz Band, Chorus, and Vocal Ensemble, who were joined by the Martha's Vineyard Children's Chorus. The Minnesingers presented their annual Winter Concerts at the Whaling Church, joined by several iconic Island musicians, in a true celebration of the holiday season. Instrumentalists continue to entertain at the Senior Citizen lunches and the Minnesingers performed for the community several times during the holiday season.

### **Physical Education**

This year our health and physical education department continued to reconstruct and grow to meet the ever changing needs of our student population. The spring semester of '17 contained health education as a stand-alone course offered only to sophomores and restricted health conversations with other grades. Starting in September, along with physical education for every grade we infused health lesson for each grade. This decision was made to address drug-related issues statewide as well as all students needing age-appropriate developmentally designed lessons. As a department, we strived to align with the school and address social and emotional learning within our lessons, addressing the whole child and their needs.

We are extremely fortunate to have dedicated and generous community relations and connections with the Sound Foundation, YMCA, Youth Task Force, Felix Neck, and Connect to End Violence. They were also among some of our health class visitors. In Physical Education, The Yard, YMCA, and Felix Neck all played a critical role in supporting our students with engaging opportunities in fitness and recreation.

### **Project Vine**

In order to become "Project Vine," the Alternative Program here at MVRHS went through a process of rebranding. Students wrote assignments in Ms. Fletcher's English class about different ways we, as a small learning community, could work to "rebrand." Building on the success of things like Project Greenlight, Project Gutenberg, and Dani Fletcher's former Alternative Program, Project '79, many students wanted to include the idea of a "project," defined as "an individual or collaborative enterprise that is carefully planned and designed to achieve a particular aim." But they also wanted the name to reflect the community of Martha's Vineyard itself.

The "Vine" of Project Vine represents the vines of Martha's Vineyard. Symbolically, the members of the program are also like vines themselves: they need roots to grow; they climb higher when given the right supports; they might have thorns, but they are for protection and if properly nurtured, they are productive, strong, connected, and eventually have the power to define their landscape.

Students and Ms. Fletcher developed and maintained a program website ([www.projectvinewebly.com](http://www.projectvinewebly.com)) through their enrichment class to document

Project Vine's ongoing activities. The seniors also wrote and produced a short movie about Project Vine that was shared with staff. A shorter version was created to inform students. It is being used this year to help inform freshman about Project Vine as an option for second semester. The website and movies have been helpful to parents and students who are interested in learning about Project Vine.

We have continued our focus on integrating SMARTS executive functioning, habits of mind, and the Character Report Card into our academic work. Students focus on process and skills of "learning to learn," as well as their content. We began honors breakfasts with a focus on student-directed goal setting, and reflection on their goals and how to meet them. Much of this work supported students in leading student-directed team conferences in the spring with their parents and all four academic teachers.

Student learning in Project Vine has been active and engaged in and out of the classroom. Students traveled throughout the year to Providence to see "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime" and to New York City to travel the steps of Holden Caulfield from "Catcher in the Rye." On the Island, we worked on collecting data from the State Forest for the Harvard Forest Project, monitoring salamanders at Felix Neck, collecting soil samples at Long Point and in the MVRHS School Garden. In the classroom, catapults were built and tested in math while examining parabolic functions. In history, students built structures important to Aztec culture.

### **Science**

In the past 12 months, the teachers in the Science Department actively engaged in education, community outreach, and collaboration. Our science teachers took classes in educating diverse populations and in curriculum design, including general curriculum design, physics curriculum design, and computer-based STEM design. Teachers attended the National Science Teachers Association Conference and an Engineering Design Conference that focused on engaging students in STEAM-based projects. The department has worked with several local groups (on-Island and off-Island), including BiodiversityWorks, Felix Neck, the Shellfish Hatchery, Island Grown Schools, and Cape Light Compact to provide project opportunities for students.

The 2017 science fair was very successful, with several students competing at the regional fair. MVRHS continued their success at the state and regional science fairs.

Jason Neago continued his leave of absence with a position in a DOD school in Japan. Louis Hall has again been teaching Chemistry and Biology courses in his absence.

The increased awareness and access to science electives for students has brought more students in contact with curriculum they have a particular interest in, and we have seen an increase in enrollment in these classes. We are hoping to add an AP Environmental science course to the program of studies

next year so our students with an interest in that field can pursue more in-depth studies in environmental sciences.

Dr. Fyler has been working in conjunction with Dr. Kevin Esvelt from MIT to look at the growing issue of tick-transmitted Lyme disease on Martha's Vineyard. Dr. Fyler and a number of students have been collecting and extracting tick DNA to better understand the transmission of the disease and its spread on the Island.

The Engineering Challenge continued to build on its success, offering over 40 students an opportunity to engage in competitive engineering design work. The strongest of these students were invited to attend the Cape and Islands Engineering Challenge in Woods Hole.

The department has set goals to study the new standards put forth by the State and align our curriculum to better fulfill those standards. We continue to try to identify best-practice standards and implement common skills, assessments, and overacting ideas that can be incorporated throughout the science curriculum.

We have continued to improve our co-teaching program, having added two Earth science classes for this coming academic year. Early indication is that these are being well received by the students and teachers involved.

MVRHS students continue to do well on the biology MCAS with students scoring proficient or well above the state average.

### **Special Education**

The role of the Special Education Department is to identify eligible students and provide them with specialized instruction to help them fulfill their potential towards college and/or career readiness. Specialized instruction and supports are provided on a continuum from academic support, in-class support, co-teaching, and small group instruction to substantially separate programs. These services/programs are designed with the belief that all students can learn together in the same school to prepare for adult living after graduating/transitioning from the High School.

The focus of the department is to build a positive collaborative environment and continue to be an integral part of the school community at large. In the first few days of the year, during teacher professional development, we were able to meet with all teachers and staff. We presented how best to support the different individual needs that are included in our classrooms.

This year, there have been some changes to our specialized programs. We have changed the name of our Life Skills program to the Navigator Program. Our Therapeutic Program is now called The Compass Program. We have these programs in order to provide a continuum of services from our elementary programs through high school.

We have been meeting with a group of community members, parents, and teachers to re-imagine our program for students who are 18-22 and require

specialized instruction. This program will be called the Voyager Program. It is designed to focus on ensuring that our students gain the skills necessary for them to be successful members of their community. In addition, we have been working with Community Services to develop more supports and services outside of the school day for families and students who have disabilities. Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission has had a representative at our school for one day each month to provide supports for students who qualify while in high school and after they graduate.

We continued to develop our co-teaching with training in Falmouth last spring. This included more special education teachers as well as regular education teachers and allowed us to add more classes at the freshman level. The consultant who provided the training continued after school ended and into this 2017-2018 school year, with observations and consultation directly to teachers. This is an exciting process that reflects the inclusive nature of the school's culture and a commitment by our administration and staff to support this initiative.

We continue to develop a transition process to meet the needs of incoming freshman with IEPs. The MVRHS Special Education Department meets regularly with representatives of each sending school. A Parents' Meet/Greet Night was held to provide parents an opportunity to meet the staff and learn about the overview of special education services. This event allowed teams to hold a focused individual student's transition meeting in the spring.

Our Department meets on a monthly basis to review special education regulations, practices, compliance, and to ensure that appropriate supports and services are in place to meet the needs of our students with disabilities receiving specialized instruction. Each Special Education teacher also participates in monthly content department meetings as a representative for the special education department.

### **World Language**

In the spring, the Portuguese teachers and the department chair participated in an educational fair organized by the Brazilian consulate. At this event, we shared our curriculum and met with teachers from other native/heritage Portuguese programs. Later in the year, Jane Sampaio and Juliana Germani attended the annual Portuguese Language conference at UMass Dartmouth. They connected with the ambassador to the Brazilian consulate. Through that connection they organized an on-Island event to educate students on their Brazilian citizenship and offer consular services. The event was a huge success for our students and the community.

The World Language and ESL Departments were lucky enough to coordinate the scheduling of Portuguese II and ESL II this year. The classes meet during the same period and often collaborate to put their language learning to the test! In our Island community, one of the biggest challenges of learning a new language can be finding the opportunity to practice in an

authentic way with native speakers: with this collaboration we are able to provide that opportunity for both English and Portuguese learners. This not only builds language skills, but also community.

In order to prepare for a schedule that includes teaching both Spanish and French, Cindy West attended an eight-week intensive French program at the Middlebury Institute of International Studies over the summer. While there, Cindy was also able to experience and acquire best practices guided by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL). Pierre and Lisa Bonneau also attended a two-day training over the summer to learn more about the ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) process. Justine DeOliveira and Erin Slossberg presented the pedagogical strategies for English Language Learners which can be applied in the World Language Classroom, and this fall six members of the department went to Dennis-Yarmouth High School to participate in "Foreign Languages for Everyone," an informative and timely workshop on teaching foreign languages to students with learning disabilities.

The department continues to strive to create more opportunities for students to practice their spoken language in an authentic and meaningful way. Students in Spanish I had the opportunity to practice their language skills with a guest speaker. Rocio Andrada, a native speaker from Uruguay, spent time with classes sharing her language and culture. Additionally, every Wednesday during Flex time students can participate in a Portuguese/English Language Learners Speaking Social Hour. This is a great opportunity for students that are learning either language to practice their skills and make connections with their peers. The 24 Spanish students that will be participating in the trip to Spain over April break have started to hold monthly meetings in order to get to know one another, learn about the places that they will visit, and practice speaking Spanish in real-life situations.

Another exciting component of the year has been our outreach to the elementary schools. In the spring, we hosted an informational night for students and parents. This fall, students taking French and Portuguese traveled to the Island's elementary schools with their teachers and the department chair to introduce our language program and course options to the eighth graders. The presentations were informational, fun, and well-received, and the High School students did an excellent job of representing our school.

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**

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February 5, 2018

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, 2017.

FY2017 Assessment  
Balance Sheet  
Expenditures – Budget vs Actual

Respectfully submitted,

Marylee Schroeder  
Treasurer

**MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL  
FY17 ASSESSMENT**

Operating & Capital Budget	\$18,663,094.35	Total							
Charter School/School Choice Tuition	950,231.00								
	<u>19,613,325.35</u>	19,613,325.35							
Less									
Chapter 70 State Aid	2,756,975.00								
Chapter 71 Regional Transportation Aid	223,545.00								
Other Revenues	207,461.00								
E&D Offset	-								
	<u>3,187,981.00</u>	3,187,981.00							
<b>Net Amount for Assessments</b>		<b><u>\$16,425,344.35</u></b>							
<b>Town Apportionments</b>									
(i) Required Minimum Local Contribution	108,726.00	Edgartown	Oak Bluffs	Tisbury	West Tisbury	Total			
(ii) Excess of NSS over Required Minimum	157,114.10	1,860,189.00	1,936,832.00	1,590,931.00	1,122,424.00	6,893,129.00			
(iii) Transportation	7,733.85	2,291,247.82	2,513,826.14	1,898,462.48	1,387,841.52	8,562,720.35			
(iii) Capital	10,009.17	112,785.36	123,741.65	93,450.73	68,315.70	421,495.00			
(iii) Other Costs	45.87	145,967.13	160,146.79	120,944.19	88,414.37	545,000.00			
Gross Assessments	283,629.00	668.96	733.94	554.28	405.20	2,500.00			
Less E&D Offset	-	4,410,858.27	4,735,280.53	3,704,342.68	2,667,400.79	16,425,344.35			
<b>FY17 Assessments Per Statutory Assmt Method</b>	<b><u>\$283,629.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$4,410,858.27</u></b>	<b><u>\$4,735,280.53</u></b>	<b><u>\$3,704,342.68</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,667,400.79</u></b>	<b><u>\$16,425,344.35</u></b>			

This schedule presents the town apportionments consistent with DESP's Statutory Assessment Methodology format. Numbers may be off due to rounding

Member Town % Based on Statutory Assessment Method (voted by School Committee)	1.72677%	3.797991%	28.829110%	22.552603%	16.239543%				
<b>School Population based on Town (10/1/17)</b>	11	28	169	177	98	643			



**MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL  
BALANCE SHEET FY17**

	<b>General</b>	<b>Special Revenue</b>	<b>Capital Projects</b>	<b>Enterprise</b>	<b>Trust &amp; Agency</b>	<b>General Long-Term Obligations</b>	<b>Total</b>
Cash and Investments	\$3,325,043.61	\$600,887.25	\$866,099.31	-	\$779,174.16	-	\$5,571,204.33
Receivables	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Assets</b>	3,325,043.61	600,887.25	866,099.31	-	779,174.16	-	5,571,204.33
Liabilities and Fund Equity							
Liabilities							
Warrants/Accounts Payable	753,803.03	63,073.90	24,991.59	-	194,676.22	-	1,036,544.74
Deferred Revenue - Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Notes Payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Accrued Payroll/withholdings	1,437,409.79	85,627.39	-	-	313,951.69	-	1,836,988.87
Due To Other Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Liabilities	53,358.20	188.22	-	-	-	-	53,546.42
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	2,244,571.02	148,889.51	24,991.59	-	508,627.91	-	2,927,080.03
<b>Fund Equity</b>							
Reserved for Encumbrances	463,114.13	-	-	-	-	-	463,114.13
Reserved for Expenditures	288,783.00	-	-	-	-	-	288,783.00
Reserved for Special Purposes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unreserved	328,575.46	451,997.74	841,107.72	-	270,546.25	-	1,892,227.17
Designated for Deficits	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Fund Equity</b>	1,080,472.59	451,997.74	841,107.72	-	270,546.25	-	2,644,124.30
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Equity</b>	\$3,325,043.61	\$600,887.25	\$866,099.31	\$	\$779,174.16	\$	\$5,571,204.33

**MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL  
BUDGET VS ACTUAL 2017**

<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Original Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance</b>
<b>Supt/Shared Services: Administration</b>			
Administration: Salaries	\$146,854.60	\$144,010.97	\$2,843.63
Administration: Expenses	11,535.00	10,171.44	1,363.56
Administration Subtotal	158,389.60	154,182.41	4,207.19
<b>Supt/Shared Services: Instruction</b>			
Instruction: Salaries	254,669.00	247,333.55	7,335.45
Instruction: Expenses	38,820.00	49,583.99	(10,763.99)
Instruction Subtotal	293,489.00	296,917.54	(3,428.54)
<b>Supt/Shared Services: Operation and Maintenance of Plant</b>			
Operation and Maint. Of Plant: Salaries	-	1,835.99	(1,835.99)
Operation and Maint. Of Plant: Expenses	23,630.00	21,713.20	1,916.80
Operation and Maint of Plant Subtotal	23,630.00	23,549.19	80.81
<b>Supt/Shared Services: Fixed Costs</b>			
Fixed Costs: Salaries	36,726.60	43,902.33	(7,175.73)
Fixed Costs: Expenses	40,133.55	29,845.92	10,287.63
Fixed Costs Subtotal	76,860.15	73,748.25	3,111.90
<b>TOTAL Supt/Shared Services</b>	<b>552,368.75</b>	<b>548,397.39</b>	<b>3,971.36</b>

<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Original Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance</b>
<b>High School Programs: Administration</b>			
Administration: Salaries	115,407.00	134,122.54	(18,715.54)
Administration: Expenses	133,129.00	133,129.00	-
Administration Subtotal	248,536.00	267,251.54	(18,715.54)
<b>High School Programs: Instruction</b>			
Instruction: Salaries	9,626,326.96	9,706,866.17	(80,539.21)
Instruction: Expenses	643,365.15	566,687.02	76,678.13
Instruction Subtotal	10,269,692.11	10,273,553.19	(3,861.08)
<b>High School Programs: Other School &amp; Community Services</b>			
Other School & Community Services: Salaries	1,493,578.41	1,742,949.28	(249,370.87)
Other School & Community Services: Expenses	716,346.09	618,229.92	98,116.17
Elementary Transportation Reimbursement	(794,100.00)	(868,905.16)	74,805.16
Other School & Community Services Subtotal	1,415,824.50	1,492,274.04	(76,449.54)
<b>High School Programs: Operation and Maintenance of Plant</b>			
Operation and Maint. Of Plant: Salaries	596,148.85	603,551.94	(7,403.09)
Operation and Maint. Of Plant: Expenses	999,248.20	1,052,866.89	(53,618.69)
Operation and Maint of Plant Subtotal	1,595,397.05	1,656,418.83	(61,021.78)

<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Original Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance</b>
<b>High School Programs: Fixed Costs</b>			
Employee Retirement	899,794.81	884,943.56	14,851.25
Other Post Employment Benefits	200,000.00	200,000.00	-
Insurance - Employee Related	2,058,083.44	2,223,217.73	(165,134.29)
Insurance - School Related	301,818.42	303,998.90	(2,180.48)
Miscellaneous Fixed Charges	2,500.00	2,020.00	480.00
Bus/Vehicle Capital Purchase	325,000.00	301,367.00	23,633.00
Roof Project Principal	180,000.00	180,000.00	-
Roof Project Interest	40,500.00	40,500.00	-
Residential Care Tuitions	573,579.27	587,102.70	(13,523.43)
Fixed Costs Subtotal	4,581,275.94	4,723,149.89	(141,873.95)
<b>TOTAL High School Programs</b>	<b>18,110,725.60</b>	<b>18,412,647.49</b>	<b>(301,921.89)</b>
<b>TOTAL Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$18,663,094.35</b>	<b>\$18,961,044.88</b>	<b>\$(297,950.53)</b>

## **REPORT OF THE CHILMARK SCHOOL PRINCIPAL**

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Dr. Matthew D'Andrea, LP.D.  
Superintendent of Schools  
4 Pine Street  
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568

Dear Dr. D'Andrea:

In 2017, the Chilmark School has had several changes! Class sizes have grown, teachers have changed, we've increased our project/STEAM activities, and added several after school clubs, including dance, art, chess, and photography.

Our school community grew from 43 students in three classrooms; a K/1 class, a 2/3 class and a 4/5 class to 52 students. It may be only 10 students, but it represents a 20% increase.

Our 4/5 teacher, Jackie Guzalak, took the year off for maternity and childcare. Elaine Barnett, one of the teacher mentors on the Island, stepped in and took over the 4/5 group. Eleanor Neubert, the assistant in the K/1 and Jill Rosenkranz, our special education teacher, both retired last year. They were a staple at the school for many, many years. Although they are missed, we hope they are both enjoying their retirement. Skylah Forend joins our staff as the K/1 assistant and Lucy Leopold joins as the new special education teacher. Hannah Beford, our speech pathologist, has been spending more time in classrooms instead of just working individually with students, so all students benefit from her lessons. All of our additions this year have really fit in well and become part of the Chilmark School Family

We have an all-school morning circle daily to start our day as a community. We often have several parents participating with us each morning. During this time we celebrate birthdays, have a thought for the day, pledge the flag, sing a song, share news, and end with a symphonic musical selection from the "MusicWorks! Everyday" program developed by the Cape Cod Symphony.

The Responsive Classroom is the social curriculum of choice at the Chilmark School. This approach to building a learning community is built around six central components that integrate teaching, learning, and caring into the daily routine. These components are expressed in the context of commonly shared values such as honesty, fairness, and respect. They are implemented through the development and strengthening of social skills such as cooperation, assertion, responsibility, empathy, and self-control. In addition, our counselor, Joan Rice, visits each classroom weekly to share activities from the Second Step Program. This program focuses on integrating social-emotional learning into the classrooms and schoolwide.

Our school continues to focus on project-based learning. Project-based learning is "a teaching method in which students gain knowledge and skills by working for an extended period of time to investigate and respond to an

engaging and complex question, problem, or challenge.” An example of this at the Chilmark School would be the 2/3’s investigation of whaling. They began the year learning about whalers and whaling ships in social studies. Their reading lessons also utilized books about whaling. Students researched why whales were hunted, so they could understand the resources that the whales provided. They built a town that would have existed in early whaling times and each student was a proprietor of a shop in town. Field trips were taken. They visited a whaling museum and participated in a whale watch. They ended the unit by making whales to scale, so that replicas could fit in the classroom

The K/1 studied trees and they worked in teams to build trees, study their roots, learn about animals that live in trees, took a skype visit to CA to speak with a forest ranger, listed all the products we get from trees (did you know we get gum from trees?), and culminated with each K/1 student building a model magic tree showing a tree, the roots, and animals that live in them. These types of activities keep students actively engaged in learning by being immersed in a specific topic. The current focus on STEAM activities (combining science, technology, engineering, art, and math) is very similar to project-based learning and enlists just a few changes to be incorporating the STEAM concept in all of our lessons.

Chilmark School has many “Whole School Activities” involving the entire school community. These activities allow students to get to know and work cooperatively with children of different ages and abilities. Whole School Activities, as well as the multi-age classroom model, allow for maximum differentiation of curriculum as well as helping students develop leadership skills. Teachers within each multi-age classroom encourage older students to become role models and to demonstrate leadership skills. With our proximity to the Chilmark Preschool and their participation in our various Whole School Activities, even our kindergarten students can begin to learn leadership skills. Our recess time is also multi-age, so students can participate in a variety of activities with students of all ages and abilities.

To promote physical awareness as well as self-regulation, we have continued to embrace mindfulness and yoga instruction. Theater instruction for all students encourages self-expression and self-assurance. Our hot lunch program continues to grow as we promote Island grown foods and healthy lunches. Outdoor recesses during the day help promote healthy living, as well.

We are in our 3rd year of utilizing “Math in Focus- Singapore Math.” This is the same program being utilized at the West Tisbury School, ensuring continuity to our graduates that move on to 6th grade at the West Tisbury School.

The Lucy Calkins Writing Program helps students produce a great product in the area of writing. This year, teachers continue to work together monthly to be sure that students’ compositions are graded similarly, based on required skills and elements.

In the computer lab, students utilize various programs to improve their skills on the computer while participating in academic learning. They use “Type to Learn,” for keyboarding skills, “Aleks” and “Dreambox” for math, and “Lexia” for reading. These programs are web-based, which allows the student to work at their own pace both at school and home. Students also work with

the web-based Suite, developed by Google, which incorporates creating documents, spreadsheets, drawings, and more.

Many traditions make our school special, starting with the 4/5 outdoor education week of sailing aboard the tall ship, Alabama, during the first full week of school. Since this trip takes place during the school year, with teachers on board, students complete all of their lessons while on the ship. The 4/5 class sponsors a fundraiser at the end of October. This year we raised funds for "UNICEF." The K/1 and 2/3 classes visit the residents at Windemere once a month. The K/1 students do a short performance for the residents, while the 2/3 students meet with them to share photos of the Island. In November, we hold the Turkey Trot, where students "race" a mile down Middle Road. We then return to school for a reading of 2 versions of Stone Soup, followed by comparing and contrasting the different stories. We then eat Stone Soup for lunch. This year, the stories were read by two of our new teachers, Lucy Leopold and Skylah Forend. In February, the 5th graders visit Sugarloaf Mountain in Maine for our annual ski trip. At the beginning of May we have a May Day Celebration. The 4/5 students perform a May Pole Dance. Afterward they organize games as a Whole School event. At the end of May we travel to Menemsha to listen to "Taps," played by students, and to throw flowers in the water in memory of our veterans. An annual end-of-year tradition is our 5th grade graduation. A high school senior who attended the Chilmark School joins us to read their scholarship-winning essay about their experience here. All 5th graders share a speech about their time at the school and then we have a Whole School potluck lunch. Our final tradition of the year is a kayak trip for the 3rd and 4th graders. This prepares the students for their adventure on the Alabama the following fall. These traditions foster community involvement and help create the uniqueness of our school.

This past year we started offering tours of the Chilmark School. These tours are led by a parent and/or a current student. Community members and perspective families have come for tours. These tours help show the unique characteristics and teaching methods that the Chilmark School offers. One unintended side effect of these tours has been the pride felt by the students who have led these tours. Many have commented about this in their graduation speeches.

There are many contributors that support the Chilmark School's success. The staff, a group of talented individuals, work closely to meet the needs of all students. The school PTO and School Advisory Council put in countless hours and are a valuable resource. The Chilmark School parent body makes the school a true community. Volunteers bring their unique experiences and expertise, giving students another perspective. The Up-Island School Committee works to help our school be successful. I would like to thank all those who have contributed and helped the Chilmark School continue to be a place where children come "to live, to love, and to learn."

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Stevens  
Head of School

## Chilmark School Students 2017

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### Kindergarten

Pablo Begle	Charlotte Bologna	Brea Borell
Duke Broderick	Ezekiel Broderick	Roland Georges
Stella Glickman	Liam Keene	Lewis Moore
Zoe O'Sullivan	Maryum Samad	

### First Grade

Maybeline Brown	Lucy Doyle	Rasmus Mayhew
Clovis Smith	Moses Thomson	Dylan Waldman
Kiyla Weiner	Annalee Wike	Genevieve Wise

### Second Grade

Tauras Biskis	Emme Carroll	Mira Davis
Oscar Flanders	Erick Moore	Asiyah Samad

### Third Grade

Isabella Arters	Zeb Athearn	Arjuna Begle
Malia Bodnar	Cuinn Borella	Emmett Taylor
Leah Thomson	Aki Weiner	Fletcher Zack

### Fourth Grade

Zaida Aaron	Haile Barbosa	Grazina Biskis
Hunter Broderick	Cian Davis	Jean Flanders
Grady Keefe	Lathrop Keene	Walter Prescott
Anthony Smith	Claus Smith	

### Fifth Grade

Elizabeth Chavtal	Katherine Chavtal	Laila Fenner
Hayden Higgins	Rodeo Purves-Langer	Charlotte Scott



## Chilmark School Staff 2017

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### Full Time Staff:

Principal/Head of School Susan Stevens

#### Teachers:

K/1	Robin Smith
2/3	Gretchen Snyder
4/5	Elaine Barnett

#### Educational support Professionals:

K/1	Skylah Forend
2/3	Celeste Drouin
4/5	Mariah MacGregor
Enrichment (50%)	Jed Katch

Head Custodian: Lisa Nichols

### Part Time Staff:

School Secretary (85%) Mary Ambulos

#### Specialists:

Special Education (80%)	Lucy Leopold
Music (20%)	Donna Swift
Instrumental Music (10%)	Ruth Scudere-Chapman
Physical Education (20%)	Channon Capra
Art (20%)	Mariah MacGregor
Guidance Counselor (40%)	Joan Rice
Computer coordinator (30%)	Rebecca Barca-Tinnus
School Nurse (20%)	Janice Brown
Reading (30%)	Jessica Whiteley
Yoga (20%)	Jesse Keller
Library (20%)	Jane Katch

## **REPORT OF THE WEST TISBURY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL**

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Dr. Matthew T. D’Andrea, LP.D.  
Superintendent of Schools  
4 Pine Street  
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568

Dear Dr. D’Andrea:

I am pleased to present to you this report for calendar year 2017 for the West Tisbury School. We continue to experience an increase in student enrollment. Over the last six years, our enrollment has grown from 259 to 350 students. Our current student enrollment in kindergarten through eighth grade is representing with the following class size breakdown:

Kindergartens ~ 17 and 17  
First Grades ~ 13 and 16  
Second Grades ~ 19 and 21  
Third Grades ~ 19 and 21  
Fourth Grades ~ 20 and 20  
Fifth Grades ~ 15 and 16  
Sixth Grades ~ 42\*  
Seventh Grade ~ 54\*  
Eighth Grade ~ 40\*

\*students configured differently in various courses.

New colleagues joined our staff this year, including Kyle Anderson, Suzanne Cosgrave, Triva Emery, Jamie Labbe, Mila Lowe, Maura Martin, Celia Mercier, Nika Mone, Cathy Proulx, Kellie Ricker, and Lais Schoenherr. Susan Gilligan, our special education teacher, retired in September. We appreciate her many years of service and dedication to the West Tisbury School and its community.

We have built on the changes initiated last year, including continuing to refine our implementation of the new state science standards utilizing an interdisciplinary approach to the learning called STE(A)M, an acronym for science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics. A new initiative this year was redesigning our health and wellness programs to ensure all students in grades kindergarten through eighth are getting a comprehensive health education. Full implementation of this programming is planned in two phases, and we hope to be able to have the program fully implemented in the 2018-2019 school year. After much research and thorough study, we accomplished a complete redesign and rebuild of our website in-house. We are extremely pleased with its new attractive, current, and accessible features, and look forward to enhanced communication while better serving our parents and community.

Through the support of all Up-Island Community Preservation Committees and private donations, we were able to renovate our basketball court and playing fields. These improved areas are now getting a lot of use after having been sorely underutilized to their disrepair. We are now working on our final phase of the renovation of the playground and outdoor learning areas. Through fundraising, we hope to be able to complete the renovation of the kindergarten through second grade area of the playground next summer.

Last spring, we administered the Commonwealth of Massachusetts newly-developed MCAS 2.0 assessments in the areas of English, math, and science. Results were strong in many areas even with the bar for proficiency moving higher. We are analyzing our results now and will use this analysis to refine instruction to support all students reaching proficiency.

Our School Advisory Council is working hard on four school improvement goals for the current school year. These include identifying and supporting implementation of the latest research and best practices, methods, and programs for special education and 504s, unstructured time recommendations, the aforementioned renovation of playground and outdoor learning areas, as well as supporting continuous growth in the area of school health and wellness. Along with measuring progress on our current goals, the council is identifying goal areas for the upcoming school year.

As always, the support of community members is paramount to the success of our school. I thank them all for their unstinting support of the West Tisbury School and its mission of “providing a solid academic foundation to inspire a love of learning for the sake of learning, to foster an understanding of basic human values with a working knowledge of the rights and responsibilities associated with those values, and to promote independent thinking through cooperative and inclusive learning while maintaining the unique values of our diverse, rural Island community.” I am eager to continue this successful collaboration with educators, parents, volunteers, community members, organizations, and business partners to ensure the advancement of our school and the achievements and success of all our students.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Lowell-Bettencourt  
Principal

**REPORT OF THE  
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OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD**

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January 29, 2018

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Marylee Schroeder  
Treasurer

**UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
FY2017 ASSESSMENT**

	TOTAL	AQUINNAH	CHILMARK	WEST TISBURY	TOTAL
<b>ASSESSMENT PART A (SHARED)</b>	\$ 1,366,633.62	\$ 126,550.27	\$ 288,223.03	\$ 951,860.32	\$ 1,366,633.62
<b>ASSESSMENT PART B (SCH COMM)</b>	1,627,938.12	150,747.07	343,332.15	1,133,858.90	1,627,938.12
School Committee Circuit Breaker Offset	(131,432.00)	(12,170.60)	(27,719.01)	(91,542.39)	(131,432.00)
<b>TOTAL PART A &amp; B</b>	<b>2,863,139.74</b>	<b>265,126.74</b>	<b>603,836.17</b>	<b>1,994,176.83</b>	<b>2,863,139.74</b>
<b>ASSESSMENT PART C</b>					
Chilmark Operating Budget	1,203,513.35	229,269.29	744,974.76	229,269.29	1,203,513.35
Chilmark School Choice Offset	(40,952.95)	(7,801.54)	(25,349.88)	(7,801.54)	(40,952.95)
W. Tisbury Operating Budget	6,475,737.67	501,869.67	955,818.88	5,018,049.12	6,475,737.67
W. Tisbury Circuit Breaker Offset	(19,000.00)	(1,472.50)	(2,804.40)	(14,723.10)	(19,000.00)
W. Tisbury School Choice Offset	(275,042.50)	(21,315.79)	(40,596.27)	(213,130.43)	(275,042.50)
<b>TOTAL PART C</b>	<b>7,344,255.57</b>	<b>700,549.13</b>	<b>1,632,043.09</b>	<b>5,011,663.34</b>	<b>7,344,255.57</b>
<b>ASSESSMENT PART D</b>					
Chilmark Principal & Interest	181,150.00	18,115.00	144,920.00	18,115.00	181,150.00
W. Tisbury Exterior Renovations	168,562.50	11,613.96	22,088.54	134,850.00	168,562.50
Short-Term Borrowing - WT	76,930.51	5,300.51	10,085.59	61,544.41	76,930.51
Short-Term Borrowing - CH	31,026.99	3,102.70	24,821.59	3,102.70	31,026.99
<b>TOTAL PART D</b>	<b>457,670.00</b>	<b>38,132.17</b>	<b>201,925.73</b>	<b>217,612.11</b>	<b>457,670.00</b>
<b>TOTAL PART A, B, C &amp; D</b>	<b>\$ 10,665,065.31</b>	<b>\$ 1,003,808.04</b>	<b>\$ 2,437,804.99</b>	<b>\$ 7,223,452.28</b>	<b>\$ 10,665,065.31</b>

ANTICIPATED REIMBURSEMENT		GENERAL FUND	SCHOOL CHOICE	CIRCUIT BREAKER
Chapter 70 - State Aid	\$	821,922.00		
Chapter 71 - Reg1 Transportation		163,500.00		
Charter School Sending Tuition		(931,826.00)		
Charter School Tuition Reimbursements		103,289.00		
SPED Circuit Breaker		-		
Medicaid Reimbursements		100,000.00		
School Choice Sending Tuition		(113,764.00)		
School Choice Receiving Tuition		-	315,995.00	
<b>Total Reimbursements</b>		<b>143,121.00</b>	<b>315,995.00</b>	<b>190,948.00</b>
ANTICIPATED REVENUES				
E&D Offset		-		
Interest Income		8,000.00		
Misc. Revenue		4,000.00		
<b>Total Revenues</b>		<b>12,000.00</b>		
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUE</b>		<b>155,121.00</b>	<b>14,364.20</b>	<b>32,715.02</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSESSMENTS</b>		<b>\$ 10,509,944.31</b>	<b>\$ 989,443.83</b>	<b>\$ 2,405,089.97</b>
				<b>\$ 7,115,410.50</b>
				<b>\$ 10,509,944.31</b>
UIRSD FY 2017 FORMULAS				
School Attended				
Town of Residence	Chilmark	West Tisbury	Total	Does Not Include Students Tuitioned Out-of-District
Aquinnah	8	21	29	Charter School 40
Chilmark	26	40	66	School Choice 9
West Tisbury	8	210	218	Residential 2
<b>District Enrollment</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>313</b>	
School Choice	7	47	54	
<b>Total Enrollment</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>FY16 Foundation Enrollment = 364</b>

Cost Share For Part "A" & "B"					
Supt & Sch. Comm.:	Aquinnah =	Based on the total enrollment per town divided by the total district enrollment.	Chilmark =	W. Tisbury =	
		9.26%	21.09%		69.65%
Cost Share For Part "C" Sites					
Chilmark School:	Aquinnah =	Based on the enrollment per town in each school divided by the district enrollment of each school.			
W. Tisbury School:	Aquinnah =	19.05%	Chilmark =	W. Tisbury =	19.05%
		7.75%	Chilmark =	W. Tisbury =	77.49%
			14.76%		
Cost Share For Part "D" Debt					
Chilmark School:	Aquinnah =	Owning Town pays at least 80%; non-owning Towns pay remaining 20% based on enrollment per Town.			
W. Tisbury School:	Aquinnah =	10.00%	Chilmark =	W. Tisbury =	10.00%
		6.89%	Chilmark =	W. Tisbury =	80.00%
			13.11%		

**UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BALANCE SHEET  
JUNE 30, 2017**

<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>General</b>	<b>Special Revenue</b>	<b>Capital Projects</b>	<b>Enterprise</b>	<b>Trust &amp; Agency</b>	<b>General Long-Term Obligations</b>	<b>Total</b>
Cash and Investments	\$1,747,527	\$569,205	\$182,341	-	\$30,382	-	\$2,529,455
Receivables	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Amount to be Provided	-	-	-	-	-	750,000	750,000
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>1,747,527</b>	<b>569,205</b>	<b>182,341</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,382</b>	<b>750,000</b>	<b>3,279,455</b>
<b>Liabilities and Fund Equity</b>							
<b>Liabilities</b>							
Warrants/Accounts Payable	602,513	5,965	-	-	1,097	-	609,575
Deferred Revenue - Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Notes Payable	-	-	895,500	-	-	-	895,500
Accrued Payroll/Withholdings	739,735	52	-	-	-	-	739,787
Due To Other Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Liabilities	18,299	-	-	-	-	-	18,299
Bonds Payable	-	-	-	-	-	750,000	750,000
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>1,360,547</b>	<b>6,017</b>	<b>895,500</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,097</b>	<b>750,000</b>	<b>3,013,161</b>
<b>Fund Equity</b>							
Reserved for Encumbrances	868	-	-	-	-	-	868
Reserved for Expenditures	162,391	-	-	-	-	-	162,391
Reserved for Special Purposes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unreserved	223,721	563,188	(713,159)	-	29,285	-	103,035
Designated for Deficits	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Fund Equity</b>	<b>386,980</b>	<b>563,188</b>	<b>(713,159)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>29,285</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>266,294</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Equity</b>	<b>\$1,747,527</b>	<b>\$569,205</b>	<b>\$182,341</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$30,382</b>	<b>\$750,000</b>	<b>\$3,279,455</b>



**UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BUDGET AND ACTUAL EXPENDITURES JUNE 30, 2017**

<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Original Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance</b>
<b>SUPT/SHARED SERVICES</b>	\$1,366,633.62	\$1,304,948.28	\$61,685.34
WT TEACHERS/STAFF SALARIES	2,989,898.00	2,938,423.38	51,474.62
WT OTHER MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	21,376.00	24,623.93	(3,247.93)
WT UNDISTRIBUTED SUPPLIES	52,000.00	38,787.20	13,212.80
WT UNDIST. TEXTBOOKS/RESOURCES	32,000.00	31,590.78	409.22
WT FIELD TRIPS	8,140.00	4,022.42	4,117.58
WT CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS	35,450.00	24,782.12	10,667.88
WT KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM EXPENSES	2,000.00	1,422.84	577.16
WT INSTRUCTIONAL COMPUTERS	144,143.00	146,049.26	(1,906.26)
WT INSTRUCTIONAL COPIER	12,000.00	14,530.17	(2,530.17)
WT FURNITURE EXPENSE	10,000.00	9,534.78	465.22
WT SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT	844,314.16	925,986.94	(81,672.78)
WT LIBRARY SERVICES	134,779.12	136,751.80	(1,972.68)
WT AUDIO VISUAL	900.00	48.28	851.72
WT GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT	197,900.24	199,964.95	(2,064.71)
WT HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	84,884.83	87,062.41	(2,177.58)
WT OTHER FOOD EXPENSES	1,850.00	1,899.24	(49.24)
WT CUSTODIAL SERVICES	251,219.92	247,048.00	4,171.92
WT FUEL	72,000.00	34,422.04	37,577.96
WT UTILITIES'	50,800.00	36,403.87	14,396.13
WT GENERAL MAINTENANCE	178,280.00	157,921.22	20,358.78
WT EMPLOYEE INSURANCE	949,869.90	916,831.18	33,038.72
WT INSURANCE	102,890.00	90,129.84	12,760.16
WT CROSSING GUARDS	5,000.00	5,415.00	(415.00)
<b>TOTAL WEST TISBURY SCHOOL</b>	<b>6,181,695.17</b>	<b>6,073,651.65</b>	<b>108,043.52</b>
CH TEACHERS/STAFF SALARIES	627,837.50	634,800.20	(6,962.70)
OTHER MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	11,300.00	13,258.93	(1,958.93)
CH ENRICHMENT	8,476.00	7,476.00	1,000.00
CH SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	11,188.00	8,435.50	2,752.50
CH TEXTBOOKS	9,500.00	4,812.03	4,687.97
CH FIELD TRIPS	800.00	800.00	-
CH CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS	3,900.00	985.28	2,914.72
CH KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM EXPENSES	2,500.00	1,030.89	1,469.11
CH INSTRUCTIONAL COMPUTERS	41,650.00	42,979.84	(1,329.84)
CH COPIER LEASE MAINTENANCE	6,800.00	6,034.00	766.00

<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Original Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance</b>
CH FURNITURE	300.00	259.91	40.09
CH SPECIAL			
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT	91,202.00	96,093.50	(4,891.50)
CH LIBRARY SERVICES	4,850.00	1,499.40	3,350.60
CH GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT	38,761.60	39,537.00	(775.40)
CH HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	16,561.40	16,889.47	(328.07)
CH OTHER FOOD EXPENSES	2,500.00	1,165.86	1,334.14
CH CUSTODIAL SERVICES	75,020.00	80,788.56	(5,768.56)
CH FUEL	15,000.00	8,422.70	6,577.30
CH UTILITIES	15,300.00	12,177.02	3,122.98
CH GENERAL MAINTENANCE	63,825.00	67,609.42	(3,784.42)
CH EMPLOYEE INSURANCE	91,782.90	95,960.62	(4,177.72)
CH INSURANCE	23,506.00	22,124.89	1,381.11
<b>TOTAL CHILMARK SCHOOL</b>	<b>1,162,560.40</b>	<b>1,163,141.02</b>	<b>(580.62)</b>
SCHOOL COMMITTEE/DISTRICT	1,262,906.12	1,309,344.90	(46,438.78)
DEBT	457,670.00	353,923.76	103,746.24
TRANSPORTATION	233,600.00	233,034.79	565.21
RESIDENTIAL TUITIONS	-	-	-
TRANSFERS TO CAPITAL FUNDS	-	144,212.92	(144,212.92)
<b>TOTAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE</b>	<b>1,954,176.12</b>	<b>2,040,516.37</b>	<b>(86,340.2)</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$10,665,065.31</b>	<b>\$10,582,257.32</b>	<b>\$82,807.99</b>

## REPORT OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

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We have been fortunate to have Tarra Corcoran open up a new chapter of the Charter School PTO this year. The Spring Fling was a great success. And the teachers are grateful for the teacher appreciation days and all the support the parents and families give to the school.

We thank Garden Gate Pre-school for asking the Charter School to join them in the fabulous Art exhibition at Featherstone. The collaboration between the schools resulted in an impressive two-day wonderful display of art. I thank Marie Larsen, Emily Histén and our students for their contributions on behalf of the Charter School.

Our high school students are to be congratulated for their work on the Farm to School legislation that Gov. Baker signed into law this year. And we are thankful for Rep. Fernandes' visit to the school to spend time with our students. Sam Greene and Scott Goldin have done wonderful work with our students in the school garden and understanding the value of healthy living. Jonah Maidoff and Jane Paquet have made "Sustainability" a "must take" course in our high school.

The Grade 3-4 classrooms' collaboration with MV Museum and The Yard in their study of Grey's Raid was fabulous. Under Karin Nelson's and Alyssa Mayrand's coordination and the contributions from the MV Museum and the Yard this became an engaging learning experience for our grade 3-4 students resulting in an extraordinary performance for the public.

Young King Arthur and the Sword in the Stone was wonderful. Thank you to Heather Capece, and all the actors and actresses. Basketball and Volleyball are extraordinary activities for our middle school students. Thank you goes to Tim Penicaud and Asil Cash for their direction and time.

I want to take a minute to thank the school and community for the welcome and support this community gives to all our students. The teachers and community provide a safe and welcoming school for our LGBTQ and ELL students. Thank you for building an environment where everyone feels welcomed, honored and celebrated.

The small miracles that occur every day are important, too. A five year old reading their first story aloud, an eight year old sitting at lunch with someone so they will not sit alone, and a ten year old offering up their writing to a friend for a peer edit. Or an 11th grade student working with a first grade student an hour a week to help him understand flight and aviation.

Robert M. Moore, Director

## **REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES**

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To the Voters and Taxpayers:

Collected

Fiscal 2018 Real Estate	\$8,137,534.40
Fiscal 2017 Real Estate	8,064,611.88
All Other Years Real Estate	44,632.25
Fiscal 2018 Personal Property	3,290.78
Fiscal 2017 Personal Property	232,338.45
All Other Years Personal Property	14,450.06
2017 Motor Vehicle	542,989.20
All Other Years Motor Vehicle	49,356.28
TOTAL	<u>\$17,089,203.30</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Brent B. Taylor  
Collector

## **REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT**

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To the Board of Selectmen:

In accordance with Chapter 41, Section 61 of the Massachusetts General Laws, I hereby submit my Annual Report for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 and Appropriations for the period July 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

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, 2017
- 2) Activity including receipts and expenditures of all other town funds for the year ended June 30, 2017
- 3) Payments to Vendors in excess of \$2,000 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017
- 4) Wages Paid to Employees during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017
- 5) Appropriation Analysis for fiscal year 2017
- 6) Combined Balance Sheet showing all funds as of June 30, 2017
- 7) Report of Balance Sheet accounts for all funds as of June 30, 2017
- 8) Schedule of Debt Outstanding as of June 30, 2017
- 9) Summary of Appropriation Accounts for the period July 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017

All reports included are pending final audit.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce K. Stone  
Town Accountant

**TOWN OF WEST TISBURY**  
**General Fund**  
**Revenue and Expenditures vs Budget**  
**July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017**

	Actual	Revised Budget	Under (Over) Budget
<b>REVENUE</b>			
Tax Revenue			
Real Estate Tax	14,868,386.37	14,748,373.34	(120,013.03)
Personal Property Tax	227,707.03	240,756.85	13,049.82
Tax Liens Redeemed	47,457.20	0.00	(47,457.20)
Vessel Excise	(22.85)	0.00	22.85
Penalties & Interest	83,602.20	70,000.00	(13,602.20)
Motor Vehicle Excise	585,372.33	535,000.00	(50,372.33)
In Lieu of Taxes	1,647.84	1,000.00	(647.84)
Sub-total : Tax Revenue	15,814,150.12	15,595,130.19	(219,019.93)
Fines & Forfeits			
Fines & Forfeits	3,590.40	6,000.00	2,409.60
Sub-total : Fines & Forfeits	3,590.40	6,000.00	2,409.60
Departmental Revenues			
Other Dept Revenue	307,682.87	291,000.00	(16,682.87)
Park & Recreation	73,405.00	75,000.00	1,595.00
Inspections	89,260.50	80,000.00	(9,260.50)
Rentals	52,779.23	51,000.00	(1,779.23)
Sub-total : Departmental Revenues	523,127.60	497,000.00	(26,127.60)
Licenses & Permits			
Licenses	12,473.25	15,000.00	2,526.75
Permits	96,806.08	80,000.00	(16,806.08)
Sub-total : Licenses & Permits	109,279.33	95,000.00	(14,279.33)
State Revenue			
Cherry Sheet	931,388.00	931,191.00	(197.00)
CMVI	2,263.60	0.00	(2,263.60)
Miscellaneous	452.00	0.00	(452.00)
Veterans Benefits	73.00	0.00	(73.00)
Sub-total : State Revenue	934,176.60	931,191.00	(2,985.60)
Intermunicipal Revenue			
Council on Aging	163,268.42	164,000.00	731.58
Sub-total : Intermunicipal Revenue	163,268.42	164,000.00	731.58
Miscellaneous			
Miscellaneous	35,333.87	1,800.00	(33,533.87)
Sub-total : Miscellaneous	35,333.87	1,800.00	(33,533.87)
Investment			
Investment	9,832.41	7,000.00	(2,832.41)
Sub-total : Investment	9,832.41	7,000.00	(2,832.41)
Transfers In			
From Special Revenue Funds	1,406.50	0.00	(1,406.50)
Sub-total : Transfers In	1,406.50	0.00	(1,406.50)
<b>Total : REVENUE</b>	17,594,165.25	17,297,121.19	(297,044.06)

	Actual	Revised Budget	Under (Over) Budget
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
<b>FY 2017 Appropriations/Budget</b>			
<b>General Government</b>			
114-5110 Moderator Salary	370.00	370.00	0.00
114-5700 Moderator Expenses	755.00	1,170.00	415.00
122-5110 Selectmen Salaries	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
122-5120 Selectmen Pers Serv	159,879.64	160,898.99	1,019.35
122-5700 Selectmen Expenses	18,523.07	20,200.00	1,676.93
131-5120 FinCom Pers Serv	2,336.57	2,339.40	2.83
131-5700 FinCom Expenses	905.00	2,225.00	1,320.00
132-5700 Reserve Fund	0.00	4,377.37	4,377.37
133-5300 Annual Audit	12,500.00	12,500.00	0.00
135-5120 Accountant Pers Serv	90,162.98	90,162.98	0.00
135-5700 Accountant Expenses	1,582.44	1,720.00	137.56
141-5110 Assessors Salaries	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
141-5120 Assessors Pers Serv	142,915.84	142,916.19	0.35
141-5305 Assessors Legal	10,333.75	30,000.00	19,666.25
141-5700 Assessors Expenses	17,615.61	25,260.00	7,644.39
145-5110 Treasurer Salaries	89,043.21	89,043.21	0.00
145-5700 Treasurer Expenses	4,832.31	4,845.00	12.69
146-5110 Collector Salaries	93,112.69	93,112.69	0.00
146-5700 Collector Expenses	19,254.30	23,335.00	4,080.70
151-5305 Legal	39,451.12	50,000.00	10,548.88
152-5120 Personnel Bd Pers Serv	2,441.41	10,576.92	8,135.51
152-5700 Personnel Bd Expenses	279.14	800.00	520.86
155-5120 Data Proc Pers Serv	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00
155-5700 Data Proc Expenses	63,355.44	79,685.00	16,329.56
158-5305 Tax Foreclosure Legal	2,006.25	6,750.00	4,743.75
158-5700 Tax Foreclosure	150.00	150.00	0.00
161-5110 Town Clerk Salaries	57,028.50	57,028.50	0.00
161-5700 Town Clerk Expenses	816.84	1,445.00	628.16
162-5120 Elections Pers Serv	1,232.00	3,134.00	1,902.00
162-5700 Elections Expenses	4,613.31	9,600.00	4,986.69
163-5120 Registrars Salaries	250.00	250.00	0.00
163-5700 Registrars Expenses	907.51	1,700.00	792.49
171-5120 ConCom Pers Serv	43,434.22	45,480.76	2,046.54
171-5700 ConCom Expenses	712.61	3,350.00	2,637.39
175-5110 Planning Bd Salaries	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
175-5120 Planning Bd Pers Serv	45,188.18	50,448.11	5,259.93
175-5700 Planning Bd Expenses	2,985.57	6,245.00	3,259.43
176-5120 ZBA Pers Serv	53,435.84	58,861.95	5,426.11
176-5305 ZBA Legal	954.00	4,000.00	3,046.00
176-5700 ZBA Expenses	1,653.58	3,725.00	2,071.42
177-5600 MV Commission	132,716.00	132,716.00	0.00
179-5120 AH Com Pers Serv	8,917.70	8,955.00	37.30
179-5700 AH Com Expenses	385.28	1,000.00	614.72
179-5305 AHC Legal	642.25	3,000.00	2,357.75
192-5700 Town Hall Expenses	77,348.29	77,500.00	151.71
193-5700 Property Insurance	102,216.40	104,632.50	2,416.10
194-5700 Town Electric	43,583.80	47,300.00	3,716.20
195-5700 Town Report Expenses	6,100.00	6,100.00	0.00

	Actual	Revised Budget	Under (Over) Budget
196-5120 Town Clock Pers Serv	0.00	250.00	250.00
197-5600 DCRHA Administrative	47,246.35	48,032.00	785.65
Sub-total : General Government	1,425,674.00	1,548,691.57	123,017.57
Public Safety			
210-5120 Police Pers Serv	1,066,769.10	1,087,216.24	20,447.14
210-5700 Police Expenses	116,486.06	126,700.00	10,213.94
220-5120 Fire Pers Serv	116,000.00	143,000.00	27,000.00
220-5700 Fire Expenses	165,973.45	167,600.00	1,626.55
231-5600 Tri-Town Ambulance	260,151.74	260,151.74	0.00
241-5120 Bldg Inspect Pers Serv	147,550.01	151,323.04	3,773.03
241-5700 Bldg Inspect Expenses	15,247.05	15,845.00	597.95
291-5120 Emer Mgmt Pers Serv	13,750.00	13,750.00	0.00
291-5700 Emergency Management	2,288.41	8,220.00	5,931.59
292-5120 ACO Pers Serv	53,955.09	58,731.15	4,776.06
292-5700 ACO Expenses	13,187.49	14,830.00	1,642.51
294-5110 Tree Warden Salaries	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
294-5120 Tree Warden Expenses	440.00	528.00	88.00
294-5700 Tree Warden Expenses	17,657.77	24,000.00	6,342.23
297-5700 Insect Pest Control	0.00	500.00	500.00
298-5120 Shellfish Dept Pers Serv	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
298-5700 Shellfish Dept Expenses	3,891.59	3,950.00	58.41
299-5700 MV Shellfish Group	37,000.00	37,000.00	0.00
Sub-total : Public Safety	2,037,847.76	2,120,845.17	82,997.41
Education			
311-5600 Up-Island RSD	7,115,410.50	7,115,410.50	0.00
313-5600 MVRHS District	2,667,400.79	2,667,400.79	0.00
Sub-total : Education	9,782,811.29	9,782,811.29	0.00
Public Works			
421-5120 Super Streets Pers Serv	29,500.00	29,500.00	0.00
422-5120 Highway Pers Serv	106,231.29	107,507.90	1,276.61
422-5700 Highway Expenses	62,915.45	63,700.00	784.55
423-5700 Snow & Ice	91,031.95	60,000.00	(31,031.95)
424-5700 Street Lights	163.13	700.00	536.87
Sub-total : Public Works	289,841.82	261,407.90	(28,433.92)
Sanitation			
433-5120 Town Landfill Pers Serv	0.00	50.00	50.00
433-5600 Town Landfill Intergov	12,643.58	46,000.00	33,356.42
433-5700 Town Landfill Expenses	2,373.84	3,400.00	1,026.16
439-5600 MVRDRRD Intergov	115,280.08	115,280.08	0.00
Sub-total : Sanitation	130,297.50	164,730.08	34,432.58
Health & Human Services			
491-5120 Cemeteries Pers Serv	2,216.76	3,200.00	983.24
491-5700 Cemeteries Expenses	15,523.17	15,750.00	226.83
510-5110 BOH Salaries	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
510-5120 BOH Pers Serv	79,201.70	87,333.50	8,131.80
510-5700 BOH Expenses	10,161.09	10,165.00	3.91
522-5700 Health Services	10,063.89	17,636.00	7,572.11
525-5600 Vineyard Health Care Access	46,202.40	47,002.18	799.78
540-5700 MV Center for Living	55,388.15	66,388.26	11,000.11
541-5120 Upland COA Per Serv	260,488.04	260,695.76	207.72



	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Revised Budget</b>	<b>Under (Over) Budget</b>
541-5700 UpIsland COA Expense	17,059.69	19,525.00	2,465.31
543-5700 Veterans Benefits	6,603.39	9,000.00	2,396.61
Sub-total : Health & Human Services	505,908.28	539,695.70	33,787.42
Culture & Recreation			
610-5120 Library Pers Serv	446,368.24	460,835.61	14,467.37
610-5700 Library Expenses	244,750.00	244,750.00	0.00
620-5110 P&R Com Salaries	664.00	830.00	166.00
620-5120 P&R Pers Serv	20,818.52	20,818.52	0.00
620-5700 P&R Expenses	1,007.29	1,450.00	442.71
632-5120 Beaches Pers Serv	65,314.50	79,736.69	14,422.19
632-5700 Beaches Expenses	13,110.85	15,375.00	2,264.15
640-5120 Rec Programs Pers Serv	10,236.74	10,273.68	36.94
640-5700 Rec Programs Expenses	7,527.00	8,600.00	1,073.00
650-5700 Town Grounds	5,897.64	10,250.00	4,352.36
691-5700 Historical Commission	0.00	350.00	350.00
690-5700 Historic District	152.95	500.00	347.05
692-5600 MV Cultural Council	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
Sub-total : Culture & Recreation	818,347.73	856,269.50	37,921.77
Debt Service			
710-5910 Principal-Long Term	742,000.00	742,000.00	0.00
751-5915 Interest-Long Term	230,702.50	230,702.50	0.00
752-7925 Interest-Short Term	6,405.76	13,500.00	7,094.24
Sub-total : Debt Service	979,108.26	986,202.50	7,094.24
Benefits			
911-5170 County Retirement	421,587.00	421,587.00	0.00
912-5170 Workers Comp Ins	9,673.00	10,500.00	827.00
913-5170 Unemployment	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
914-5170 Health Insurance	700,826.08	783,000.00	82,173.92
915-5170 Life Insurance	2,300.96	2,500.00	199.04
916-5170 Employers Medicare	41,467.58	44,000.00	2,532.42
945-5740 Public Official Liability	14,199.00	15,435.00	1,236.00
Sub-total : Benefits	1,190,053.62	1,280,022.00	89,968.38
Cherry Sheet Assessments			
820-5600 State-Air Pollution	3,237.00	3,237.00	0.00
821-5600 State-RTA	117,563.00	117,563.00	0.00
824-5600 State Non-Renew MVE	5,620.00	4,180.00	(1,440.00)
830-5600 County Assessment	64,122.77	65,732.00	1,609.23
Sub-total : Cherry Sheet Assessments	190,542.77	190,712.00	169.23
FY2017 Warrant Articles			
ATM2016 Term Employee Fund	8,000.00	8,000.00	0.00
ATM2016 Assessors Reval	0.00	24,000.00	24,000.00
ATM2016/17 Police Vehicle	940.00	42,500.00	41,560.00
ATM2016 Adult Ed Program	15,280.00	15,280.00	0.00
ATM2016 CORE Program	0.00	7,600.00	7,600.00
ATM2016 First Stop	11,563.90	13,292.07	1,728.17
ATM2016 Fire Equipment Stab Fd	60,000.00	60,000.00	0.00
STM 11-2016 James Pond Survey	0.00	9,000.00	9,000.00
STM 11-2016 Highway Chipper	18,105.00	22,000.00	3,895.00
ATM2017 Term Employee Reserve	45,000.00	45,000.00	0.00
ATM2017 Municipal Hearing Officer	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
ATM2017 Building Maintenance	690.00	100,000.00	99,310.00

	Actual	Revised Budget	Under (Over) Budget
ATM2017 Animal Control Vehicle	0.00	31,000.00	31,000.00
Sub-total : FY2017 Warrant Articles	162,078.90	380,172.07	218,093.17
<b>Total : FY 2017 Appropriations/Budget</b>	17,512,511.93	18,111,559.78	599,047.85
<b>PRIOR YEAR CARRIED FORWARD</b>			
FY2016 Encumbrances			
Highway Plow	5,229.03	5,229.03	0.00
Data Processing Educomp	4,176.91	4,498.50	321.59
Police Taser Supplies	0.00	888.05	888.05
Bldg Dept WB Mason	2,067.40	2,067.40	0.00
Fire Dept Hull Repairs	8,600.00	8,600.00	0.00
Library Educomp	4,821.74	4,821.74	0.00
Sub-total : FY2016 Encumbrances	24,895.08	26,104.72	1,209.64
Prior Year Warrant Articles			
ATM2015 Assessors Reval	0.00	24,000.00	24,000.00
ATM2015 Police Vehicle	0.00	283.47	283.47
ATM2015 Highway Bldg Design	5,500.00	5,500.00	0.00
ATM2015 Dukes Cty ISC Debt	30,661.20	33,667.20	3,006.00
ATM2015 Mill Brook Watershed	3,872.83	5,372.52	1,499.69
ATM2015 Veteran Monument	9,980.00	12,000.00	2,020.00
STM 11-2015 Howes House Repairs	0.00	7,300.00	7,300.00
STM 11-2015 Old County Streetlight	0.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
STM 11-2015 Cemetery Fence Repair	5,909.90	5,909.90	0.00
ATM2016 Facilities Consultant	13,000.00	20,000.00	7,000.00
ATM2016 Building Maintenance	33,478.79	45,000.00	11,521.21
ATM2016 Landfill Swale	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
ATM2014 Assessors Revaluation	0.00	24,000.00	24,000.00
ATM2014 Personnel Comp Study	0.00	1,050.00	1,050.00
ATM2013 18 Assessors Reval	15,762.50	18,373.12	2,610.62
STM 11-15-11 Greenlands Maintenance	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Town Hall Renovation	9,600.00	23,974.54	14,374.54
Road Reconstruction ATM 2012	0.00	65,430.03	65,430.03
Library Project	0.00	8,200.00	8,200.00
Police Station	1,900.00	4,105.75	2,205.75
Sub-total : Prior Year Warrant Articles	129,665.22	319,166.53	189,501.31
<b>Total : PRIOR YEAR</b>			
<b>CARRIED FORWARD</b>	154,560.30	345,271.25	190,710.95
<b>Total : EXPENDITURES</b>	17,667,072.23	18,456,831.03	789,758.80

**TOWN OF WEST TISBURY**  
**Other Fund Activity (Non-General Fund)**  
**July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017**

**SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

**Emergency Management Grant**

7/01/16 Opening Balance	(2,254.00)
FY 2017 Receipts	2,254.00
FY 2017 Expenditures	(4,690.56)
6/30/17 Closing Balance	(4,690.56)

**Martha's Vineyard Cultural Council**

7/01/16 Opening Balance	41,486.66
FY 2017 Receipts	39,504.15
FY 2017 Expenditures	(37,494.09)
6/30/17 Closing Balance	43,496.72

**MV Fire Training Council**

7/01/16 Opening Balance	7,900.75
FY 2017 Receipts	3,000.00
FY 2017 Expenditures	(5,279.94)
6/30/17 Closing Balance	5,620.81

**Chapter 90 Highway**

7/01/16 Opening Balance	0.00
FY 2017 Receipts	88,209.01
FY 2017 Expenditures	(89,200.87)
6/30/17 Closing Balance	(991.86)

**Refuse District Revolving Fund**

7/01/16 Opening Balance	0.00
FY 2017 Receipts	96,312.99
FY 2017 Expenditures	(96,312.99)
6/30/17 Closing Balance	0.00

**State Aid, Elderly Persons**

7/01/16 Opening Balance	0.00
FY 2017 Receipts	6,690.00
FY 2017 Expenditures	(6,690.00)
6/30/17 Closing Balance	0.00

**Green Community State Grant**

7/01/16 Opening Balance	24,454.97
FY 2017 Receipts	0.00
FY 2017 Expenditures	0.00
6/30/17 Closing Balance	24,454.97

<b>Electric Vehicle State Grant</b>	
7/01/16 Opening Balance	0.00
FY 2017 Receipts	0.00
FY 2017 Expenditures	(13,840.00)
6/30/17 Closing Balance	(13,840.00)
<b>Recycling Dividends State Grant</b>	
7/01/16 Opening Balance	0.00
FY 2017 Receipts	2,100.00
FY 2017 Expenditures	0.00
6/30/17 Closing Balance	2,100.00
<b>Library MVCC Grant</b>	
7/01/16 Opening Balance	0.00
FY 2017 Receipts	535.00
FY 2017 Expenditures	(535.00)
6/30/17 Closing Balance	0.00
<b>Library Troubador Grant</b>	
7/01/16 Opening Balance	355.00
FY 2017 Receipts	2,167.00
FY 2017 Expenditures	(2,522.00)
6/30/17 Closing Balance	0.00
<b>Library Permanent Endowment Grant</b>	
7/01/16 Opening Balance	0.00
FY 2017 Receipts	1,000.00
FY 2017 Expenditures	(1,000.00)
6/30/17 Closing Balance	0.00
<b>State Aid to Libraries</b>	
7/01/16 Opening Balance	21,824.61
FY 2017 Receipts	9,678.64
FY 2017 Expenditures	0.00
6/30/17 Closing Balance	31,503.25
<b>State Library LSTA Grant</b>	
7/01/16 Opening Balance	2,975.30
FY 2017 Receipts	7,500.00
FY 2017 Expenditures	(10,317.11)
6/30/17 Closing Balance	158.19
<b>WT Library Foundation Grant</b>	
7/01/16 Opening Balance	19,358.09
FY 2017 Receipts	28,000.00
FY 2017 Transfer to General Fund	(28,825.03)
6/30/17 Closing Balance	18,533.06

<b>State Library LEED Grant</b>	
7/01/16 Opening Balance	79,536.92
FY 2017 Receipts	2,500.00
FY 2017 Expenditures	(55,771.31)
6/30/17 Closing Balance	26,265.61
<b>Library, Beagary (Morse Memorial) Grant</b>	
7/01/16 Opening Balance	2,872.54
FY 2017 Receipts	0.00
FY 2017 Expenditures	(301.99)
6/30/17 Closing Balance	2,570.55
<b>Library, Comcast Technology Grant</b>	
7/01/16 Opening Balance	5,739.22
FY 2017 Receipts	0.00
FY 2017 Expenditures	(4,859.38)
6/30/17 Closing Balance	879.84
<b>Library, Friends WTFPL Grant</b>	
7/01/16 Opening Balance	11,292.71
FY 2017 Receipts	20,846.75
FY 2017 Expenditures	(15,882.56)
6/30/17 Closing Balance	16,256.90
<b>Library, Brannen/Hemberger Grant</b>	
7/01/16 Opening Balance	151.24
FY 2017 Receipts	2,000.00
FY 2017 Expenditures	(148.54)
6/30/17 Closing Balance	2,002.70
<b>Library&gt;NNLN/NNE Grant</b>	
7/01/16 Opening Balance	0.00
FY 2017 Receipts	0.00
FY 2017 Expenditures	(558.34)
6/30/17 Closing Balance	(558.34)
<b>Sale of Cemetery Lots</b>	
7/01/16 Opening Balance	56,510.65
FY 2017 Receipts	9,600.00
FY 2017 Refund Prior Receipt	0.00
6/30/17 Closing Balance	66,110.65
<b>Wetlands Protection</b>	
7/01/16 Opening Balance	30,385.21
FY 2017 Receipts	1,141.00
FY 2017 Expenditures	0.00
6/30/17 Closing Balance	31,526.21

**Health Services Revolving Fund**

7/01/16 Opening Balance	1,406.50
FY 2017 Receipts	0.00
FY 2017 Expenditures	0.00
Close Unreauthorized Revolving Fund	<u>(1,406.50)</u>
6/30/17 Closing Balance	0.00

**Septic System Repairs**

7/01/16 Opening Balance	88,970.96
FY 2017 Receipts	5,570.12
FY 2017 Expenditures	<u>0.00</u>
6/30/17 Closing Balance	94,541.08

**Insurance Proceeds**

7/01/16 Opening Balance	0.00
FY 2017 Receipts	9,836.96
FY 2017 Expenditures	<u>(9,836.96)</u>
6/30/17 Closing Balance	0.00

**Wetlands By-Law Fees**

7/01/16 Opening Balance	850.00
FY 2017 Receipts	350.00
FY 2017 Expenditures	<u>0.00</u>
6/30/17 Closing Balance	1,200.00

**Gifts**

7/01/16 Opening Balance	8,991.52
FY 2017 Receipts	28,099.80
FY 2017 Expenditures/Transfers	<u>(24,270.25)</u>
6/30/17 Closing Balance	12,821.07

**Community Preservation Fund**

7/01/16 Opening Balance	1,428,351.21
FY 2017 Receipts/Surcharge	405,209.21
FY 2017 Receipts/State Match	126,310.00
FY 2017 Receipts/Penalties & Interest	1,128.94
FY 2017 Receipts/Investment	7,985.78
FY 2017 Receipts/Tax Liens Redeemed	1,374.07
FY 2017 Receipts/Tax Liens Pen & Int	163.35
FY 2017 Expenditures	<u>(288,094.39)</u>
6/30/17 Closing Balance	1,682,428.17

## CAPITAL PROJECT

### Highway Building/Truck/HH Roof

7/01/16 Opening Balance	951,370.00
FY 2017 Old BAN Paid	(887,500.00)
FY 2017 BAN Proceeds	827,500.00
FY 2017 Expenditures	(824,106.86)
6/30/17 Closing Balance	<u>67,263.14</u>

## NON-EXPENDABLE TRUSTS

### Perpetual Care

7/01/16 Opening Balance	<u>54,790.00</u>
6/30/17 Closing Balance	54,790.00

### F.E. Mayhew

7/01/16 Opening Balance	<u>1,000.00</u>
6/30/17 Closing Balance	1,000.00

### W.J. Rotch

7/01/16 Opening Balance	<u>4,000.00</u>
6/30/17 Closing Balance	4,000.00

### J.C. Martin

7/01/16 Opening Balance	<u>200.00</u>
6/30/17 Closing Balance	200.00

### P. Hancock

7/01/16 Opening Balance	<u>5,343.45</u>
6/30/17 Closing Balance	5,343.45

## EXPENDABLE TRUSTS

### Perpetual Care

7/01/16 Opening Balance	5,615.23
FY 2017 Interest Earned	(146.20)
FY 2017 Expenditures	(1,854.93)
6/30/17 Closing Balance	<u>3,614.10</u>

### F.E. Mayhew

7/01/16 Opening Balance	151.93
FY 2017 Interest Earned	10.40
FY 2017 Expenditures	0.00
6/30/17 Closing Balance	<u>162.33</u>

### W.J. Rotch

7/01/16 Opening Balance	590.41
FY 2017 Interest Earned	41.75
FY 2017 Expenditures	0.00
6/30/17 Closing Balance	<u>632.16</u>

**J.C. Martin**

7/01/16 Opening Balance	74.59
FY 2017 Interest Earned	0.69
FY 2017 Expenditures	0.00
6/30/17 Closing Balance	<u>75.28</u>

**P. Hancock**

7/01/16 Opening Balance	1,945.90
FY 2017 Interest Earned	18.25
FY 2017 Expenditures	0.00
6/30/17 Closing Balance	<u>1,964.15</u>

**Library Gift Fund**

7/01/16 Opening Balance	7,765.41
FY 2017 Additions	3,869.89
FY 2017 Expenditures	(2,217.95)
6/30/17 Closing Balance	<u>9,417.35</u>

**Conservation Fund**

7/01/16 Opening Balance	62,713.99
FY 2017 Interest Earned	159.47
Return Unexpended Appropriation	1,000.00
6/30/17 Closing Balance	<u>63,873.46</u>

**Affordable Housing Trust Fund**

7/01/16 Opening Balance	154,070.89
FY 2017 Receipts	0.00
FY 2017 Interest Earned	388.01
FY 2017 Expenditures	(2,672.97)
6/30/17 Closing Balance	<u>151,785.93</u>

**Stabilization Fund**

7/01/16 Opening Balance	498,624.00
FY 2017 Interest Earned	3,072.03
FY 2017 Transfer from General Fund	0.00
6/30/17 Closing Balance	<u>501,696.03</u>

**Stabilization Fund-Ambulance**

7/01/16 Opening Balance	55,968.11
FY 2017 Interest Earned	(134.12)
FY 2017 Transfer to General Fund	0.00
6/30/17 Closing Balance	<u>55,833.99</u>

**Stabilization Fund-Fire Equip**

7/01/16 Opening Balance	3,368.96
FY 2017 Interest Earned	258.82
FY 2017 Transfer from General Fund	60,000.00
6/30/17 Closing Balance	<u>63,627.78</u>



**Separation Benefits Reserve**

7/01/16 Opening Balance	40,800.96
FY 2017 Interest Earned	205.22
FY 2017 Transfer From General Fund	53,000.00
FY 2017 Expenditures	(37,623.49)
6/30/17 Closing Balance	56,382.69

**Stabilization Fund-Building Maintenance**

7/01/16 Opening Balance	35,880.91
FY 2017 Transfer From General Fund	0.00
FY 2017 Interest Earned	217.09
FY 2017 Transfer to General Fund	0.00
6/30/17 Closing Balance	36,098.00

**AGENCY FUNDS****Retiree & Firefighters Benefits Contribution**

7/01/16 Opening Balance	(234.00)
FY 2017 Receipts	80,674.68
FY 2017 Expenditures	(80,440.68)
6/30/17 Closing Balance	0.00

**Due to Police Special Detail**

7/01/16 Opening Balance	6,336.00
FY 2017 Receipts	63,538.75
FY 2017 Expenditures	(69,687.75)
6/30/17 Closing Balance	187.00

**Due to Comm. of Mass.(PD Firearm Licenses)**

7/01/16 Opening Balance	687.50
FY 2017 Receipts	4,000.00
FY 2017 Expenditures	(4,000.00)
Transfer to General Fund	0.00
6/30/17 Closing Balance	687.50

**Due to Comm Of Mass F&W (Town Clerk)**

7/01/16 Opening Balance	0.00
FY 2017 Receipts	3,629.37
FY 2017 Expenditures	(3,736.90)
6/30/17 Closing Balance	(107.53)

**Consultants, Chap. 44, Sect. 53G**

7/01/16 Opening Balance	6,996.03
FY 2017 Interest	17.52
FY 2017 Receipts	0.00
FY 2017 Expenditures	0.00
6/30/17 Closing Balance	7,013.55

**Misc Escrow**

7/01/16 Opening Balance	50,187.51
FY 2017 Interest	125.59
FY 2017 Receipts	0.00
FY 2017 Expenditures	0.00
6/30/17 Closing Balance	<u>50,313.10</u>

**Due to Collector's MLC Fees**

7/01/16 Opening Balance	0.00
FY 2017 Receipts	5,250.00
FY 2017 Expenditures	<u>(5,250.00)</u>
6/30/17 Closing Balance	0.00

**WT School Share of Solar Project**

7/01/16 Opening Balance	0.00
FY 2017 Receipts	39,131.50
FY 2017 Expenditures	<u>(41,594.18)</u>
6/30/17 Closing Balance	(2,462.68)

**Due to Other Municipalities**

7/01/16 Opening Balance	19.95
FY 2017 Receipts	132.95
FY 2017 Expenditures	<u>(152.90)</u>
6/30/17 Closing Balance	0.00

**TOWN OF WEST TISBURY**  
**PAYMENTS TO VENDORS (OVER \$2,000)**  
**July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017**

VENDORS			
Name		Amount	
Up-Island Regional School District		7,260,410.50	
MV Regional High School District		2,682,680.79	
Radius Bank		991,905.75	
US Bank		850,282.51	
Cape Cod Municipal Health Group		770,291.97	
Dukes County Contributory Retirement		673,113.54	
Cape Building Systems Inc		671,228.46	
EFTPS		434,755.90	
Town of Chilmark		261,037.90	
MV Refuse District		224,701.23	
County of Dukes County		213,891.72	
Empower Retirement Services		193,349.63	
MV Insurance Agency		182,606.04	
Dukes County Pooled OPEB Trust		150,643.96	
Comm of Mass (Withholding)		137,016.88	
MV Commission		132,716.00	
Dukes County Regional Housing Authority		102,183.35	
Richard T Olsen & Son Inc		86,731.15	
Lawrence Lynch Corp		86,228.87	
MHQ Municipal Vehicles		73,206.00	
Cape & Vineyard Electric Cooperative Inc		73,033.83	
Rockland Trust		64,739.09	
Name		Amount	
Educomp Inc		64,406.25	
Foggy Bottom Company LLC		55,815.00	
Hi-Voltage Associates		55,148.00	
Baker & Taylor		46,649.04	
Reynolds Rappaport & Kaplan		44,141.73	
MV Shellfish Group		37,000.00	
Amazon		35,400.09	
MV Law Enforcement Council		33,699.14	
Industrial Protection Services		30,890.60	
Air Cleaning Specialists of Ne LLC		30,840.00	
MV Camp Meeting Association		30,000.00	
Cafeteria Plan Advisors Inc		26,539.68	
CLAMS Inc		25,015.24	
Unibank For Savings		24,420.00	
Vineyard Baseball Inc		23,804.14	
Overdrive Inc		23,611.22	
Richard M Hull		22,122.20	
Daedalus Projects Incorporated		21,500.00	
Bardwell Electronics		20,492.00	
Patriot Properties Inc		19,400.00	
Vermeer Northeast		18,105.00	
daRosa Corporation		18,039.81	

<b>Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Thomas H Colligan	17,334.70	Serusa Welding	8,790.00
R L Fullin & Daughters	16,837.50	Goodale Construction Co Inc	8,710.92
Napa Auto & Truck Parts	15,642.69	Land By Hand	8,205.25
Tea Lane Nursery & Farms Inc	15,469.75	Certified Radon Solutions	8,093.00
MV Transit Authority	15,088.15	Vineyard Gardens Inc	8,046.00
MC Clements Tree Service	14,750.00	Diane K Braun	8,000.00
Eversource	14,649.42	Travis T. Thurber D/B/A	7,675.00
Alan Gowell D/B/A MV Monuments	14,573.00	Factor Systems	7,439.11
Associated Elevator Companies Inc	14,567.00	Oakleaf Landscape Inc	7,259.40
MV Inspectors LLC	13,967.90	RM Packer Co Inc	7,253.99
Contour Landscape Construction	13,310.00	Fort Dearborn Life	7,238.65
Vineyard Generator LLC	13,135.38	Brynn Schaffner	6,903.83
Accela Inc	12,895.11	MV Times	6,629.59
EC Cottle Inc	12,641.43	Bruno's Rolloff Inc	6,126.37
R E Brown & Company	12,500.00	Locke Lord LLP	5,791.50
Comcast	11,819.20	EBSCO	5,729.86
Bulldog Fire Apparatus Inc	11,800.36	Verizon	5,400.99
Verizon Wireless	10,502.56	Joseph K. Tierney Jr (Expense Reimb)	5,397.09
Ellen M Hutchinson, Law Office Of	10,333.75	Stop & Shop	5,100.00
W B Mason Co Inc	10,218.29	Vineyard Bottled Waters	4,896.02
Vineyard Propane & Oil	9,865.13	JL Maintenance Inc	4,766.00
VNA/Cape Cod	9,688.89	Mid-Island Repair Inc	4,718.72
Keith M. Fenner	9,600.00	Daniel De Foe D/B/A	4,700.00
Comcast Business	9,368.11	John Christensen (Expense Reimb)	4,690.56
MIIA Workers Compensation Group Inc	9,264.00	AFLAC	4,666.32
Tyler Technologies Inc	9,228.15	City Hall Systems Inc	4,500.00
Steamship Authority	8,854.50	Reserve Account (Postage)	4,500.00

<b>Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Beth Kramer (Expense Reimb)	4,439.30	Roundabout LLC	3,263.75
Demco	4,410.72	Shirley's Hardware	3,146.94
Clipper Creek Inc	4,233.14	Haynes Plumbing & Caretaking Inc	3,145.40
Advanced Imaging Technologies Inc	4,212.00	Nissan Motor Acceptance Corp	3,060.00
CAI Technologies	4,200.00	Boston Mutual Life Ins Co-Partic.	3,053.65
Door Concepts Inc	4,099.80	NCPERS Group Life Ins	2,976.00
Legacy Mark LLC	4,099.38	Carlysle Engineering Inc	2,965.00
Margaret Stone (Expense Reimb)	4,017.77	Verizon New England Inc	2,953.58
Dept of Criminal Justice Info Service	4,000.00	Bruce K Stone (Expense Reimb)	2,940.49
Hewlett-Packard Financial Services Co	3,992.02	Axion Business Technologies	2,939.31
Fire Tech & Safety	3,980.00	Sharp Electronics Corporation	2,862.84
Clivus New England Inc	3,927.50	Maciel Land And Tree	2,842.71
BTU Control Inc	3,923.57	Indian Hill Power Equipment	2,779.50
Omar M Johnson (Expense Reimb)	3,906.00	MV Film Society	2,753.00
Buddy's Auto & Truck Repair Service Inc	3,810.76	Signs By J	2,625.00
B Anthony Cordray (Expense Reimb)	3,726.50	Hobin & Hobin Inc	2,599.21
AT&T Mobility	3,676.73	MV Cultural Council	2,500.00
Metropolitan Life Insurance Co	3,657.60	Trident Insurance	2,500.00
LHS Associates Inc	3,585.35	Unibank Fiscal Advisory Services Inc	2,500.00
Dukes County Fire Chiefs Assn	3,554.64	Vineyard Playhouse Company Inc	2,444.00
New Horizon Communications	3,524.69	Carol L Aranzabe	2,400.00
Vineyard Cash & Carry	3,504.66	ESS Group Inc	2,397.47
Witmer Public Safety Group	3,450.41	American Heritage Life	2,302.48
Compass Rose Construction LLC	3,407.00	Office Resources Inc	2,260.17
Findaway	3,309.69	Emergency Communications Network Inc	2,144.39
MV Film Festival	3,280.00	MV Library Assn	2,142.00
Cronin's Market	3,270.47	Aquinnah Cultural Center	2,136.00
		Abby Bender	2,132.00

**TOWN OF WEST TISBURY  
EMPLOYEE WAGES  
July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Department/Position</b>	<b>Wages</b>	<b>Overtime</b>	<b>Paid Details</b>	<b>Total</b>
Rossi, Daniel	Police	137,574.85	785.16		138,360.01
Gouldrup, Daniel	Police	93,217.32	13,576.62	23,919.50	130,713.44
Mincone, Matthew	Police	110,389.81	16,387.14		126,776.95
Vieira, Garrison	Police	92,820.44	26,547.00	1,760.00	121,127.44
Rand, Jennifer	Town Administrator	118,533.84			118,533.84
Gebo, Matthew	Police	91,175.84	17,755.68	5,060.00	113,991.52
Cortez, Bradley	Police	76,084.40	24,740.36	8,822.00	109,646.76
Manter, Jeffrey	Police	106,490.49		1,100.00	107,590.49
Taylor, Brent	Tax Collector	98,362.69			98,362.69
Kramer, Beth	Library	97,739.42			97,739.42
Stone, Bruce	Town Accountant	89,813.68			89,813.68
Stone, Bruce	Data Processing	1,500.00			1,500.00
De Oliveira, Leomar	Police	83,455.86	7,515.11		90,970.97
Logue, Katherine	Treasurer	88,741.58			88,741.58
Logue, Katherine	Data Processing	2,000.00			2,000.00
Albertine, Joyce	Council on Aging	83,514.24			83,514.24
Barnes, Dawn	Assessors	79,846.76			79,846.76
Tierney, Joseph	Inspector	74,619.38			74,619.38
Reynolds, Ellen	Council on Aging	68,345.77			68,345.77
Powers, John	Health Agent	65,477.59			65,477.59
Oliver, Jesse	Highway	58,619.48	708.65		59,328.13
Oliver, Jesse	Fire	3,600.00			3,600.00
Sprague, Tammi	Assessors	62,315.48			62,315.48

<b>Name</b>	<b>Department/Position</b>	<b>Wages</b>	<b>Overtime</b>	<b>Paid Details</b>	<b>Total</b>
Decker, Cornelia	Library	59,881.61			59,881.61
Whiting, Tara	Town Clerk	57,128.50			57,128.50
Neville, James	Police	53,944.13	995.66	880.00	55,819.79
Larsen, Tanya	Council on Aging	54,592.23			54,592.23
Harrington, Clare	Board of Appeals	52,805.97			52,805.97
Coit, Laura	Library	49,201.23			49,201.23
Thors, Pamela	Selectmen Office	40,852.10			40,852.10
Thors, Pamela	Community Preservation	7,990.55			7,990.55
Smith, Samantha	Police	48,830.08			48,830.08
Johnson, Omar	Health Agent	48,267.24			48,267.24
Kaeka, Dwight	Highway	46,911.28	334.80		47,246.08
McFarland, Maria	Conservation Commission	43,229.30			43,229.30
McFarland, Maria	Personnel Board	2,578.80			2,578.80
McFarland, Maria	Election Worker	85.00			85.00
Rossi, Jane	Planning Board	45,152.43			45,152.43
Estrella, Manuel	Fire Chief	45,000.00			45,000.00
Rooney, Rachel	Library	37,422.62	413.79		37,836.41
deBettencourt, Bethany	Council on Aging	36,899.10			36,899.10
Durawa, Daniel	Police	20,559.65	2,001.38	14,300.00	36,861.03
Wojtkielo, Nikolaj	Police	25,499.88	3,824.87	1,760.00	31,084.75
Hearn, Laura	Library	29,295.65			29,295.65
Olsen, Richard	Highway Superintendent	27,000.00			27,000.00
Fisher, Jeffrey	Local Inspector	23,898.10			23,898.10
Jenkinson, Joan	Animal Control	23,546.28	268.65		23,814.93
Colligan, Thomas	Inspector	22,920.00			22,920.00
Larsen, Olivia	Library	22,310.95			22,310.95
Stone, Margaret	Parks & Recreation	21,590.91			21,590.91

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Fisher, Prudence	Animal Control	18,563.90	286.47		18,850.37
Quigley, Ann	Library	18,252.58			18,252.58
Bradshaw, Maximilian	Police	13,986.16	550.68	2,640.00	17,176.84
Hall, Maureen	Library	17,150.48			17,150.48
Norton, Ginger	Library	13,701.23			13,701.23
Drogin, Caroline	Library	13,240.96			13,240.96
Schroeder, Joseph	Parks & Recreation	13,240.45			13,240.45
Hoff, Amy	Library	12,294.34			12,294.34
Cotnoir, Charles	Council on Aging	12,152.70			12,152.70
Flanders, Martha	Library	12,063.95			12,063.95
Christensen, John	Fire	12,000.00			12,000.00
Ciancio, Michael	Inspector	11,260.00			11,260.00
Harcourt, Maya	Parks & Recreation	10,202.02			10,202.02
Demoe, Diane	Police	0.00	0.00	9,446.25	9,446.25
McGee, Matthew	Library	9,112.03			9,112.03
Conley, Rhonda	Affordable Housing Committee	8,847.02			8,847.02
Berry, Constance	Library	8,658.88			8,658.88
Pachico, Gregory	Fire	8,584.80			8,584.80
Haynes, William	Inspector	8,520.00			8,520.00
Fleishman, Giulia	Library	8,484.99			8,484.99
Cordray, Bruce	Animal Control	5,167.07			5,167.07
Cordray, Bruce	Fire	2,400.00			2,400.00
Neville, Julia	Parks & Recreation	7,515.62			7,515.62
McDonough, Patrick	Parks & Recreation	7,402.20			7,402.20
Healy, Allen	Animal Control	6,563.16			6,563.16
Neilley, Dorelyn	Library	6,147.77			6,147.77
Schroeder, Michael	Parks & Recreation	6,124.68			6,124.68



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White, Lauraye	Library	6,033.76			6,033.76
Murphy, Clarissa	Library	5,604.03			5,604.03
Norris, Lucy	Parks & Recreation	5,504.20			5,504.20
Schaffner, Brynn	Fire	5,436.00			5,436.00
Cotterill, John	Fire	5,300.00			5,300.00
Mitchell, Cynthia	Selectman	5,000.00			5,000.00
Gale, Raymond	Shellfish Warden	4,950.00			4,950.00
Hunt, Amber	Library	4,857.78			4,857.78
Stone, Barry	Inspector	4,740.00			4,740.00
Hartenstine, Russell	Fire	4,600.00			4,600.00
Histen, Emily	Library	4,341.15			4,341.15
Mastromonaco, Kenneth	Fire	4,286.00			4,286.00
Medeiros, Eric	Fire	4,050.00			4,050.00
Ferry, Shelby	Parks & Recreation	3,976.71			3,976.71
Knabel, Richard	Selectman	3,923.00			3,923.00
Marzbanian, Wendy	Council on Aging	3,894.66			3,894.66
Stone, Matthew	Parks & Recreation	3,619.07			3,619.07
McDonough, Meagan	Library	3,511.62			3,511.62
Hull, Richard	Fire	3,250.00			3,250.00
Dorr, Katherine	Parks & Recreation	3,070.50			3,070.50
Early, John	Fire	3,000.00			3,000.00
GordonBeck, Alexander	Parks & Recreation	2,922.27			2,922.27
Walt, Galya	Parks & Recreation	2,859.96			2,859.96
Capobianco, Rose	Parks & Recreation	2,826.53			2,826.53
Marzbanian, Peter	Fire	2,750.00			2,750.00
Roig, Laia	Library	2,714.04			2,714.04
De Geofroy, Louis	Fire	2,700.00			2,700.00

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department/Position</u>	<u>Wages</u>	<u>Overtime</u>	<u>Paid Details</u>	<u>Total</u>
Dorr, Alexander	Fire	2,550.00			2,550.00
Leopold, Deirdre	Library	2,547.69			2,547.69
Brown, Jeremiah	Fire	2,500.00			2,500.00
Estrella, Manuel	Fire	2,500.00			2,500.00
Olsen, Keith	Highway Superintendent Asst	2,500.00			2,500.00
Pratt, Alexandra	Library	2,367.90			2,367.90
Lowe, Erik	Board of Health	1,000.00			1,000.00
Lowe, Erik	Fire	1,300.00			1,300.00
Bettencourt, Mark	Fire	2,250.00			2,250.00
Girouard, John	Library	2,235.60			2,235.60
Milstein, Emily	Library	2,227.58			2,227.58
West, Christopher	Fire	2,200.00			2,200.00
Urbany-Joyce, Margo	Finance Committee	2,174.02			2,174.02
Alley, John	Cemetery Superintendent	2,156.44			2,156.44
Fontes, Michael	Fire	1,900.00			1,900.00
LaRue, Elijah	Parks & Recreation	1,791.29			1,791.29
Rivers, Marques	Fire	1,700.00			1,700.00
DeBlase, Glenn	Fire	1,550.00			1,550.00
Haynes, Bruce	Fire	1,400.00			1,400.00
Shannon, John	Fire	1,400.00			1,400.00
Serusa, Stephen	Fire	1,300.00			1,300.00
Edwards, Kenneth	Fire	1,200.00			1,200.00
Barnett, Timothy	Board of Health	1,000.00			1,000.00
Barnett, Timothy	Elections	88.00			88.00
Healy, Kent	Selectman	1,077.00			1,077.00
Cohen, Richard	Board of Assessors	1,000.00			1,000.00
Colaneri, Michael	Board of Assessors	1,000.00			1,000.00

<b>Name</b>	<b>Department/Position</b>	<b>Wages</b>	<b>Overtime</b>	<b>Paid Details</b>	<b>Total</b>
Edwards, Clay	Fire	1,000.00			1,000.00
Jones, Virginia	Planning Board	1,000.00			1,000.00
Merry, Matthew	Board of Health	1,000.00			1,000.00
Phear, Beatrice	Planning Board	1,000.00			1,000.00
Silva, Susan	Planning Board	1,000.00			1,000.00
Smith, Leah	Planning Board	1,000.00			1,000.00
Van Nes, Hans	Board of Health	1,000.00			1,000.00
Hennessey, Robert	Fire	950.00			950.00
Berman, David	Parks & Recreation	940.76			940.76
Morris, Georgia	Library	841.92			841.92
Bettencourt, Connor	Fire	700.00			700.00
Haynes, Nathaniel	Fire	700.00			700.00
Medeiros, Evelyn	Fire	700.00			700.00
Scott, Madeline	Fire	700.00			700.00
Chaves, Jose	Parks & Recreation	615.44			615.44
Wilson, Julianne	Parks & Recreation	558.04			558.04
Kaeka, Elizabeth	Fire	550.00			550.00
White, Granville	Fire	500.00			500.00
Montrowl, Dionis	Elections	378.00			378.00
Waters, Daniel	Moderator	370.00			370.00
Conlin, Clancy	Parks & Recreation	298.00			298.00
Conner, Rebecca	Parks & Recreation	279.02			279.02
Tilton, Lily	Parks & Recreation	268.20			268.20
Schwab, David	Inspector	180.00			180.00
Maley, Timothy	Elections	170.00			170.00
Amols, Lisa	Parks & Recreation	166.00			166.00
Bernard, Mark	Parks & Recreation	166.00			166.00

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Hammond, Suzanne	Parks & Recreation	166.00			166.00
Lowe, Cheryl	Parks & Recreation	166.00			166.00
Broadley, Shawn	Fire	136.00			136.00
Colaneri, Karen	Elections	134.00			134.00
Uva, Joseph	Fire	100.00			100.00
Powers, Linda	Elections	85.00			85.00
Steere, Bonnie	Elections	84.00			84.00
Barnett, Elaine	Elections	80.00			80.00
Jones, Kenneth	Asst Shellfish Warden	50.00			50.00
Kirby, Bernice	Board of Registrars	50.00			50.00
Peebles, Rufus	Board of Registrars	50.00			50.00
Rezendes, Antone H.	Board of Registrars	50.00			50.00
Perry, Norman	Elections	48.00			48.00
Haynes, Janice	Elections	40.00			40.00
Russell, Elaine	Elections	40.00			40.00

**TOWN OF WEST TISBURY  
APPROPRIATION ANALYSIS FY 2017**

<b>FY 2016 BUDGET</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>Appropriations/ Balance Forwards as of 07/01/2016</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>During FY Appropriations/ Transfers/</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>Revised Total Appropriations</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>Expenditures/ Charges</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>Balance Forward 06/30/2017</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>Closed to Surplus Revenue 06/30/2017</b>
<b>General Government</b>												
114-5110 Moderator Salary		370.00				370.00		370.00				0.00
114-5700 Moderator Expenses		1,170.00				1,170.00		755.00				415.00
122-5110 Selectmen Salaries		10,000.00				10,000.00		10,000.00				0.00
122-5120 Selectmen Pers Serv		160,898.99				160,898.99		159,879.64				1,019.35
122-5700 Selectmen Expenses		14,200.00		6,000.00		20,200.00		18,523.07				1,676.93
131-5120 FinCom Pers Serv		2,339.40				2,339.40		2,336.57				2.83
131-5700 FinCom Expenses		2,225.00				2,225.00		905.00				1,320.00
132-5700 Reserve Fund		46,000.00		(41,622.63)		4,377.37						4,377.37
133-5300 Annual Audit		12,500.00				12,500.00		12,500.00				0.00
135-5120 Accountant Pers Serv		90,162.98				90,162.98		90,162.98				0.00
135-5700 Accountant Expenses		1,720.00				1,720.00		1,582.44				137.56
141-5110 Assessors Salaries		3,000.00				3,000.00		3,000.00				0.00
141-5120 Assessors Pers Serv		142,916.19				142,916.19		142,915.84				0.35
141-5305 Assessors Legal		30,000.00				30,000.00		10,333.75				19,666.25
141-5700 Assessors Expenses		25,260.00				25,260.00		17,615.61				7,644.39
145-5120 Treasurer Pers Serv		88,720.58		322.63		89,043.21		89,043.21				0.00
145-5700 Treasurer Expenses		4,845.00				4,845.00		4,832.31				12.69
146-5110 Collector Salaries		93,112.69				93,112.69		93,112.69				0.00
146-5700 Collector Expenses		23,335.00				23,335.00		19,254.30				4,080.70
151-5300 Legal		50,000.00				50,000.00		39,451.12				10,548.88
152-5120 Personnel Bd Pers Serv		10,576.92				10,576.92		2,441.41				8,135.51

	Appropriations/ Balance Forwards as of 07/01/2016	During FY Appropriations/ Transfers/	Revised Total Appropriations	Expenditures/ Charges	Balance Forward 06/30/2017	Closed to Surplus Revenue 06/30/2017
152-5700 Personnel Bd Expenses	800.00		800.00	279.14		520.86
155-5120 Data Proc Pers Serv	3,500.00		3,500.00	3,500.00		0.00
155-5700 Data Proc Expenses	79,685.00		79,685.00	63,355.44	16,329.56	0.00
158-5305 Tax Foreclosure Legal	6,750.00		6,750.00	2,006.25		4,743.75
158-5700 Tax Foreclosure	150.00		150.00	150.00		0.00
161-5110 Town Clerk Salaries	57,028.50		57,028.50	57,028.50		0.00
161-5700 Town Clerk Expenses	1,445.00		1,445.00	816.84		628.16
162-5120 Elections Pers Serv	3,134.00		3,134.00	1,232.00		1,902.00
162-5700 Elections Expenses	9,600.00		9,600.00	4,613.31		4,986.69
163-5120 Registrars Salaries	250.00		250.00	250.00		0.00
163-5700 Registrars Expenses	1,700.00		1,700.00	907.51		792.49
171-5120 ConCom Pers Serv	45,480.76		45,480.76	43,434.22		2,046.54
171-5700 ConCom Expenses	3,350.00		3,350.00	712.61		2,637.39
175-5110 Planning Bd Salaries	5,000.00		5,000.00	5,000.00		0.00
175-5120 Planning Bd Pers Serv	50,448.11		50,448.11	45,188.18		5,259.93
175-5700 Planning Bd Expenses	6,245.00		6,245.00	2,985.57		3,259.43
176-5120 ZBA Pers Serv	58,861.95		58,861.95	53,435.84		5,426.11
176-5305 ZBA Legal	4,000.00		4,000.00	954.00		3,046.00
176-5700 ZBA Expenses	3,725.00		3,725.00	1,653.58		2,071.42
177-5600 MV Commission	132,716.00		132,716.00	132,716.00		0.00
179-5120 AH Com Pers Serv	8,955.00		8,955.00	8,917.70		37.30
179-5700 AH Com Expenses	1,000.00		1,000.00	385.28		614.72
179-5305 AHC Legal	3,000.00		3,000.00	642.25		2,357.75
192-5700 Town Hall Expenses	77,500.00		77,500.00	77,348.29		151.71
193-5700 Property Insurance	104,632.50		104,632.50	102,216.40		2,416.10

	Appropriations/ Balance Forwards as of 07/01/2016	During FY Appropriations/ Transfers/	Revised Total Appropriations	Expenditures/ Charges	Balance Forward 06/30/2017	Closed to Surplus Revenue 06/30/2017
194-5700 Town Electric	38,300.00	9,000.00	47,300.00	43,583.80	2,462.23	1,253.97
195-5700 Town Report Expenses	6,100.00		6,100.00	6,100.00		0.00
196-5120 Town Clock Pers Serv	250.00		250.00	0.00		250.00
197-5600 DCRHA Administrative	48,032.00		48,032.00	47,246.35		785.65
Sub-total : General Government	1,574,991.57	(26,300.00)	1,548,691.57	1,425,674.00	18,791.79	104,225.78
Public Safety						
210-5120 Police Pers Serv	1,087,216.24		1,087,216.24	1,066,769.10		20,447.14
210-5700 Police Expenses	126,700.00		126,700.00	116,486.06	10,213.94	0.00
220-5120 Fire Pers Serv	143,000.00		143,000.00	116,000.00		27,000.00
220-5700 Fire Expenses	167,600.00		167,600.00	165,973.45	1,525.00	101.55
231-5600 Tri-Town Ambulance	260,151.74		260,151.74	260,151.74		0.00
241-5120 Bldg Inspect Pers Serv	145,023.04	6,300.00	151,323.04	147,550.01		3,773.03
241-5700 Bldg Inspect Expenses	15,845.00		15,845.00	15,247.05	417.32	180.63
291-5120 Emer Mgt Pers Serv	13,750.00		13,750.00	13,750.00		0.00
291-5700 Emer Mgt Expenses	8,220.00		8,220.00	2,288.41		5,931.59
292-5120 ACO Pers Serv	63,961.15	(5,230.00)	58,731.15	53,955.09		4,776.06
292-5700 ACO Expenses	9,600.00	5,230.00	14,830.00	13,187.49		1,642.51
294-5110 Tree Warden Salaries	2,500.00		2,500.00	2,500.00		0.00
294-5120 Tree Warden Pers Serv	528.00		528.00	440.00		88.00
294-5700 Tree Warden Expenses	9,000.00	15,000.00	24,000.00	17,657.77	3,750.00	2,592.23
297-5700 Insect Pest Control	500.00		500.00	0.00		500.00
298-5120 Shellfish Pers Serv	5,000.00		5,000.00	5,000.00		0.00
298-5700 Shellfish Expenses	3,950.00		3,950.00	3,891.59		58.41
299-5700 MV Shellfish Group	37,000.00		37,000.00	37,000.00		0.00
Sub-total : Public Safety	2,099,545.17	21,300.00	2,120,845.17	2,037,847.76	15,906.26	67,091.15

	Appropriations/ Balance Forwards as of 07/01/2016	During FY Appropriations/ Transfers/	Revised Total Appropriations	Expenditures/ Charges	Balance Forward 06/30/2017	Closed to Surplus Revenue 06/30/2017
Education						
311-5600 Up-Island RSD	7,115,410.50		7,115,410.50	7,115,410.50		0.00
313-5600 MVRHS District	2,667,400.79		2,667,400.79	2,667,400.79		0.00
Sub-total : Education	9,782,811.29	0.00	9,782,811.29	9,782,811.29	0.00	0.00
Public Works						
Public Works						
421-5120 Super Streets Pers Srv	29,500.00		29,500.00	29,500.00		0.00
422-5120 Highway Pers Serv	107,507.90		107,507.90	106,231.29		1,276.61
422-5700 Highway Expenses	63,700.00		63,700.00	62,915.45		784.55
423-5700 Snow & Ice	60,000.00		60,000.00	91,031.95		(31,031.95)
424-5700 Street Lights	700.00		700.00	163.13		536.87
Sub-total : Public Works	261,407.90	0.00	261,407.90	289,841.82	0.00	(28,433.92)
Sanitation						
433-5120 Town Landfill Pers Serv	50.00		50.00	0.00		50.00
433-5600 Town Landfill Intergov	46,000.00		46,000.00	12,643.58		33,356.42
433-5700 Town Landfill Expenses	3,400.00		3,400.00	2,373.84		1,026.16
439-5600 MVRDRRD Intergov	115,280.08		115,280.08	115,280.08		0.00
Sub-total : Sanitation	164,730.08	0.00	164,730.08	130,297.50	0.00	34,432.58
Human Services						
491-5120 Cemeteries Pers Serv	3,200.00		3,200.00	2,216.76		983.24
491-5700 Cemeteries Expenses	15,750.00		15,750.00	15,523.17		226.83
510-5110 BOH Salaries	3,000.00		3,000.00	3,000.00		0.00
510-5120 BOH Pers Serv	87,333.50		87,333.50	79,201.70		8,131.80
510-5700 BOH Expenses	10,165.00		10,165.00	10,161.09		3.91
522-5700 Health Services	17,636.00		17,636.00	10,063.89	2,295.00	5,277.11



	Appropriations/ Balance Forwards as of 07/01/2016	During FY Appropriations/ Transfers/	Revised Total Appropriations	Expenditures/ Charges	Balance Forward 06/30/2017	Closed to Surplus Revenue 06/30/2017
525-5600 Vineyard Health Access	47,002.18		47,002.18	46,202.40		799.78
540-5700 MV Center for Living	66,388.26		66,388.26	55,388.15		11,000.11
541-5120 Upland COA Per Serv	260,695.76		260,695.76	260,488.04		207.72
541-5700 Upland COA Expense	19,525.00		19,525.00	17,059.69		2,465.31
543-5700 Veterans Benefits	4,000.00	5,000.00	9,000.00	6,603.39		2,396.61
Sub-total : Human Services	534,695.70	5,000.00	539,695.70	505,908.28	2,295.00	31,492.42
Culture & Recreation						
610-5120 Library Pers Serv	460,835.61		460,835.61	446,368.24		14,467.37
610-5700 Library Expenses	244,750.00		244,750.00	244,750.00		0.00
620-5110 P&R Com Salaries	830.00		830.00	664.00		166.00
620-5120 P&R Pers Serv	20,818.52		20,818.52	20,818.52		0.00
620-5700 P&R Expenses	1,450.00		1,450.00	1,007.29		442.71
632-5120 Beaches Pers Serv	79,736.69		79,736.69	65,314.50		14,422.19
632-5700 Beaches Expenses	15,375.00		15,375.00	13,110.85		2,264.15
640-5120 Rec Programs Pers Serv	10,273.68		10,273.68	10,236.74		36.94
640-5700 Rec Programs Expenses	8,600.00		8,600.00	7,527.00		1,073.00
650-5700 Town Grounds	10,250.00		10,250.00	5,897.64		4,352.36
690-5700 Historic District	500.00		500.00	152.95		347.05
691-5700 Historical Commission	350.00		350.00	0.00		350.00
692-5600 Cultural Council	2,500.00		2,500.00	2,500.00		0.00
Sub-total : Culture & Recreation	856,269.50	0.00	856,269.50	818,347.73	0.00	37,921.77
Debt Service						
710-5910 Principal-Long Term	742,000.00		742,000.00	742,000.00		0.00
751-5915 Interest-Long Term	230,702.50		230,702.50	230,702.50		0.00
752-7925 Interest-Short Term	13,500.00		13,500.00	6,405.76		7,094.24
Sub-total : Debt Service	986,202.50	0.00	986,202.50	979,108.26	0.00	7,094.24

	Appropriations/ Balance Forwards as of 07/01/2016	During FY Appropriations/ Transfers/	Revised Total Appropriations	Expenditures/ Charges	Balance Forward 06/30/2017	Closed to Surplus Revenue 06/30/2017
<b>Benefits</b>						
911-5170 County Retirement	421,587.00		421,587.00	421,587.00		0.00
912-5170 Workers Comp Ins	10,500.00		10,500.00	9,673.00		827.00
913-5170 Unemployment	3,000.00		3,000.00	0.00		3,000.00
914-5170 Health Insurance	783,000.00		783,000.00	700,826.08		82,173.92
915-5170 Life Insurance	2,500.00		2,500.00	2,300.96		199.04
916-5170 Employers Medicare	44,000.00		44,000.00	41,467.58		2,532.42
945-5740 Public Official Liability	15,435.00		15,435.00	14,199.00		1,236.00
Sub-total : Benefits	1,280,022.00	0.00	1,280,022.00	1,190,053.62	0.00	89,968.38
<b>TOTAL BUDGET ITEMS</b>	<b>17,540,675.71</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>17,540,675.71</b>	<b>17,159,890.26</b>	<b>36,993.05</b>	<b>343,792.40</b>
<b>FY 2017 WARRANT ARTICLES</b>						
ATM2016 Term Employee Fund	8,000.00		8,000.00	8,000.00	0.00	0.00
ATM2016 Assessors Revaluation	24,000.00		24,000.00	0.00	24,000.00	0.00
ATM2016 Police Vehicle	15,000.00		15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00	0.00
ATM2016 Adult Ed Program	15,280.00		15,280.00	15,280.00	0.00	0.00
ATM2016 CORE Program	7,600.00		7,600.00	0.00	7,600.00	0.00
ATM2016 First Stop	13,292.07		13,292.07	11,563.90		1,728.17
ATM2016 Fire Equip Stab Fund	60,000.00		60,000.00	60,000.00	0.00	0.00
STM 11-2016 James Pond Surveying		9,000.00	9,000.00	0.00	9,000.00	0.00
STM 11-2016 Highway Dept Chipper		22,000.00	22,000.00	18,105.00	3,895.00	0.00
ATM2017 Building Maintenance		100,000.00	100,000.00	690.00	99,310.00	0.00
ATM2017 Police Vehicle		27,500.00	27,500.00	940.00	26,560.00	0.00
ATM2017 ACO Vehicle		31,000.00	31,000.00	0.00	31,000.00	0.00
ATM2017 Accrued Benefit Reserve		45,000.00	45,000.00	45,000.00	0.00	0.00

	Appropriations/ Balance Forwards as of 07/01/2016	During FY Appropriations/ Transfers/	Revised Total Appropriations	Expenditures/ Charges	Balance Forward 06/30/2017	Closed to Surplus Revenue 06/30/2017
ATM2017 Municipal Hearing Officer		2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL FY 2017 WARRANT ARTICLES</b>	<b>143,172.07</b>	<b>237,000.00</b>	<b>380,172.07</b>	<b>162,078.90</b>	<b>216,365.00</b>	<b>1,728.17</b>
<b>PRIOR YEAR BALANCE FORWARD</b>						
FY2016 Encumbrances						
Data Processing Educomp	4,498.50		4,498.50	4,176.91		321.59
Police Equipment	888.05		888.05	0.00		888.05
Fire Dept Station 1	8,600.00		8,600.00	8,600.00		0.00
Bldg Dept Work Area	2,067.40		2,067.40	2,067.40		0.00
Highway Dept Plow	5,229.03		5,229.03	5,229.03		0.00
Library Educomp	4,821.74		4,821.74	4,821.74		0.00
Sub-total : FY2016 Encumbrances	26,104.72	0.00	26,104.72	24,895.08	0.00	1,209.64
Prior Year Warrant Articles						
ATM2015 Assessors Reval	24,000.00		24,000.00		24,000.00	0.00
ATM2015 Police Vehicle	283.47		283.47			283.47
ATM2015 Highway Bldg Design	25,065.38	(19,565.38)	5,500.00	5,500.00		0.00
ATM2015 Dukes Cty ISC Debt	33,667.20		33,667.20	30,661.20	3,006.00	0.00
ATM2015 Mill Brook Watershed	5,372.52		5,372.52	3,872.83	1,499.69	0.00
ATM2015 Veteran Memorial	12,000.00		12,000.00	9,980.00	2,020.00	0.00
STM 11-2015 Howes House Repairs	7,300.00		7,300.00	0.00	7,300.00	0.00
STM 11-2015 Old County Streetlight	4,000.00		4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00	0.00
STM 11-2015 Cemetery Fence Repair	5,909.90		5,909.90	5,909.90		0.00
ATM2016 Facilities Consultant	20,000.00		20,000.00	13,000.00	7,000.00	0.00
ATM2016 Building Maintenance	45,000.00		45,000.00	33,478.79	11,521.21	0.00
ATM2016 Landfill Swale Repair	10,000.00		10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.00

	Appropriations/ Balance Forwards as of 07/01/2016	During FY Appropriations/ Transfers/	Revised Total Appropriations	Expenditures/ Charges	Balance Forward 06/30/2017	Closed to Surplus Revenue 06/30/2017
ATM2014 Assessors Revaluation	24,000.00		24,000.00	0.00	24,000.00	0.00
ATM2014 Personnel Comp Study	1,050.00		1,050.00	0.00	1,050.00	0.00
ATM2014 State Rd Crosswalk	5,000.00	(5,000.00)	0.00			0.00
ATM2015 TH Bathrooms	7,500.00	(7,500.00)	0.00			0.00
ATM2013 Assessors Revaluation	18,373.12		18,373.12	15,762.50	2,610.62	0.00
ATM2014 Courthouse Rd Bldg Repairs	3,633.87	(3,633.87)	0.00			0.00
STM 11-15-11 Greenlands	1,000.00	(1,000.00)	0.00			0.00
Balance of TH Renovation	23,974.54		23,974.54	9,600.00	14,374.54	0.00
Library Project Balance	8,200.00		8,200.00		8,200.00	0.00
Police Station Balance	4,105.75		4,105.75	1,900.00	2,205.75	0.00
Road Resurfacing ATM 2012	65,430.03		65,430.03		65,430.03	0.00
Sub-total : Prior Year Warrant Articles	354,865.78	(36,699.25)	318,166.53	129,665.22	188,217.84	283.47
<b>TOTAL PRIOR YEAR BALANCE FORWARDS</b>	<b>380,970.50</b>	<b>(36,699.25)</b>	<b>344,271.25</b>	<b>154,560.30</b>	<b>188,217.84</b>	<b>1,493.11</b>
Other Budget Items						
Debt Service Int Raised on Recap			0.00			
State Cherry Sheet Assessments	190,712.00		190,712.00	190,542.77		169.23
<b>GRAND TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>18,255,530.28</b>	<b>200,300.75</b>	<b>18,455,831.03</b>	<b>17,667,072.23</b>	<b>441,575.89</b>	<b>347,182.91</b>

**Town of West Tisbury, Massachusetts**  
**Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups**  
**as of 30 June 2017**

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Types	General Long-term Obligations	Totals (Memo Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Trust & Agency		
<u>Assets &amp; Other Debits</u>						
Cash and cash equivalents	2,000,962	2,064,234	67,263	1,066,128		5,198,586
Property Tax Receivable:						
Real Estate	245,461	5,987				251,448
Personal	51,615					51,615
Allowance for A/E	(152,427)					(152,427)
<u>Other Receivables</u>						
Motor Vehicle Excise	152,080					152,080
Boat Excise	1,866					1,866
Tax Liens	15,234	326				15,360
Other Assets (Foreclosures)	75,064	258			900,000	75,322
Bonds Authorized (Memo)						900,000
Amounts to be provided for retirement of long term obligations						
Total Assets & Other Debits	2,389,855	2,070,804	67,263	1,066,128	8,689,500	8,689,500
<u>Liabilities &amp; Fund Equity</u>					9,589,500	15,183,550
Warrants Payable	140,423	21,845				162,267
Other Liabilities	34,190			55,631		89,821
Deferred Revenue						
Property Tax	144,649	5,987				150,636

	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Trust & Agency	General Long-term Obligations	Totals (Memo Only)
Motor Vehicle Excise	152,080					152,080
Boat Excise	1,866					1,866
Tax Liens	15,234	326				15,560
Foreclosures	75,064	258				75,322
Bonds Authorized and Unissued (Memo)					900,000	900,000
Landfill Closure & post closure cost					77,000	77,000
BANs Payable					827,500	827,500
Bonds Payable					7,785,000	7,785,000
Total Liabilities	563,506	28,416	0	55,631	9,589,500	10,237,052
Fund Balances						
Reserved						
Encumbrances & Continuing Articles	441,576	1,372,770	67,263			1,881,609
Endowments/Non-Expendable				65,333		65,333
Unamortized Bond Premium	22,374					22,374
Unreserved						
Designated	594,000	669,619		443,467		1,707,086
Unprovided Abatement/Exemptions	0	0				0
Appropriation Deficit (Snow & Ice)	(31,032)					(31,032)
Undesignated	799,431			501,696		1,301,127
Total Fund Equity	1,826,349	2,042,389	67,263	1,010,497	0	4,946,498
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	2,389,855	2,070,805	67,263	1,066,128	9,589,500	15,183,550

**TOWN OF WEST TISBURY**  
**COMBINED BALANCE SHEETS BY FUND**  
as of June 2017

**GENERAL FUND**

Assets/Debit Balances		Liabilities/Fund Equity	
Cash	2,000,961.58	Allowance Abatements & Exemptions	152,426.93
Real Estate Tax Receivables	246,823.51	Warrants Payable/Accounts Payable	44,359.83
Personal Property Tax Receivables	51,615.21	Warrants Payable/Payroll	96,062.67
Deferred Revenue/FY 2018 RE Tax	1,362.65	FY 2018 RE Tax Receivable	1,362.65
Tax Liens	15,234.00	Unclaimed Checks	34,190.27
MVE Tax Receivables	152,079.79	Deferred Revenue/Property Taxes	146,011.79
Vessel Tax Receivables	1,866.38	Deferred Revenue/Tax Liens	15,234.00
Tax Foreclosures	75,063.66	Deferred Revenue/Tax Foreclosures	75,063.66
UFB/Appropriation Deficit (Snow)	31,031.95	Deferred Revenue/MVE	152,079.79
		Deferred Revenue/Vessel Excise	1,866.38
		Fund Balance/Encumbrances	36,993.05
		Fund Balance/Continuing Appropriations	404,582.84
		Fund Balance/Reserved for Expenditure	594,000.00
		Fund Balance/Reserved for	
		Unamort Bond Premium	22,374.00
		Undesignated Fund Balance	799,430.87
	<u>2,576,038.73</u>		<u>2,576,038.73</u>

# **SPECIAL REVENUE**

Cash	2,064,233.75	Warrants Payable/Payroll	1,449.93
CPA Surcharge Receivables	5,987.08	Warrants Payable/Accounts Payable	20,394.80
CPA Surcharge Tax Liens Receivables	325.63	Deferred Revenue CPA Surcharge	5,987.08
CPA - Tax Foreclosures	257.98	Deferred Revenue CPA Tax Liens	325.63
Sceptic Loans Receivable	(0.03)	Deferred Revenue CPA Foreclosures	257.98
		Deferred Revenue Sceptic Loans	(0.03)
		CPA:	
		Fund Balance/Reserved for Appropriations	1,372,770.05
		Fund Balance/Encumbrances	0.00
		Fund Balance/Reserved for Open Space	0.00
		Fund Balance/Reserved for Housing	0.00
		Fund Balance/Reserved for Historic Presev	123,929.28
		Fund Balance/Unrestricted	185,728.84
		Fund Balance/Chapter 90 (State)	(991.86)
		Fund Balance/Emergency Management (State)	(4,690.56)
		Fund Balance/EV (State)	(13,840.00)
		Fund Balance/EPM (State)	2,100.00
		Fund Balance/MV Cultural Council (State)	43,496.72
		Fund Balance/State Aid to Libraries	31,503.25
		Fund Balance/Library LSTA (State)	158.19
		Fund Balance/Green Community Grant (State)	24,454.97
		Fund Balance/Other Government	5,620.81
		Fund Balance/MVCC Grant	
		Fund Balance/Library Foundation Grant	18,533.06



Fund Balance/Library Friends Grant	16,256.90
Fund Balance/Library Morse Mem Grant	2,570.55
Fund Balance/Library Branner/Hemberger Grant	2,002.70
Fund Balance/Comcast Tech Grant	879.84
Fund Balance/Library NNLN/NE Grant	(558.34)
Fund Balance/Sale of Cem.Lots	66,110.65
Fund Balance/Wetlands Protection	31,526.21
Fund Balance/Septic Sys. Repairs	94,541.08
Fund Balance/Library LEED Grant	26,265.61
Fund Balance/Gifts	12,821.07
Fund Balance/Revolving Fund Refuse Dist	0.00
Fund Balance/Revolving Fund BOH	0.00
Fund Balance/Revolving Wetland By-Law Fees	1,200.00
	<u>2,070,804.41</u>

#### CAPITAL PROJECTS

Warrant Payable	0.00
Balance Authorized for Highway Building	7,074.14
Balance Authorized for Highway Truck	189.00
Balance Authorized for Howes House Repairs	60,000.00
	<u>67,263.14</u>

Cash

<b>NON-EXPENDABLE TRUSTS</b>	
Cash	
	65,333.45
	<u>65,333.45</u>
	59,790.00
	<u>5,543.45</u>
	65,333.45
<b>EXPENDABLE TRUSTS</b>	
Cash	
	945,163.25
	Warrants Payable
	0.00
	Fund Balance/Stabilization
	501,696.03
	Fund Balance/Stabilization-Ambulance
	55,833.99
	Fund Balance/Stabilization-Bldg Maint
	36,098.00
	Fund Balance/Stabilization-Fire Department
	63,627.78
	Fund Balance/Terminated Emp Reserve
	56,382.69
	Fund Balance/Cemeteries
	4,408.59
	Fund Balance/Affordable Housing Trust
	151,785.93
	Fund Balance/Libraries
	11,456.78
	Fund Balance/Conservation
	<u>63,873.46</u>
	945,163.25
<b>AGENCY</b>	
Cash	
	55,630.94
	Warrants Payable/Accounts Payable
	0.00
	Agency Balance/Payroll
	0.00
	Agency Balance/Police Details
	187.00
	Agency Balance/Licenses Town Clerk
	(107.53)
	Agency Balance/Police Firearms to State
	687.50
	Agency Balance/Escrow Account
	50,313.10

		Agency Balance/Consultants(44-53G)	7,013.55
		Agency Balance/School PPA due CVEC	(2,462.68)
	<u>55,630.94</u>		<u>55,630.94</u>

#### LONG-TERM DEBT/OBLIGATIONS

Bonds Authorized	900,000.00	Bond Authorized and Unissued	900,000.00
Amts to be Provided for Retirement of Long Term Obligations	7,862,000.00	Bonds Payable	7,785,000.00
Amts to be Provided for Retirement of Short Term Obligations	827,500.00	Landfill Closure & Post Closure Costs	77,000.00
		BANS Payable	827,500.00

**SCHEDULE OF DEBT OUTSTANDING, ISSUED, AND RETIRED**  
**July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017**

	Balance 06/30/2016	Issued FY 2017	Retired FY 2017	Balance 06/30/2017	Interest Paid FY 2017
<b><u>Long Term Debt</u></b>					
Town Hall Renovation	3,030,000.00		235,000.00	2,795,000.00	92,525.00
Library Renovation	1,300,000.00		100,000.00	1,200,000.00	29,275.00
Police Station Construction	2,195,000.00		125,000.00	2,070,000.00	67,600.00
Reconstruction of Roads	2,040,000.00		160,000.00	1,880,000.00	44,082.50
Field Gallery Property	24,000.00		24,000.00	0.00	420.00
<b>Total - Long Term Debt</b>	<b>8,429,000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>644,000.00</b>	<b>7,785,000.00</b>	<b>230,702.50</b>
<b><u>Short Term Debt</u></b>					
Highway Garage/Highway Truck/Howes House	985,500.00		158,000.00	827,500.00	6,405.75
<b>Total - Short Term Debt</b>	<b>985,500.00</b>		<b>158,000.00</b>	<b>827,500.00</b>	<b>6,405.75</b>
<b><u>Bonds Authorized and Unissued</u></b>					
Scott's Grove Affordable Housing Project				500,000.00	
Fire Department Pumper Truck				400,000.00	

**SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS**  
**July 1, 2017 - December 31, 2017**

	Appropriation/ Balance Forward	Year To Date	Appropriation Balance
<b>FY 2018 BUDGET</b>			
General Government			
114-5110 Moderator Salary	370.00	185.00	185.00
114-5700 Moderator Expenses	1,170.00	75.00	1,095.00
122-5110 Selectmen Salaries	11,080.00	5,000.00	6,080.00
122-5120 Selectmen Pers Serv	167,826.90	78,511.27	89,315.63
122-5700 Selectmen Expenses	17,300.00	6,723.24	10,576.76
124-5120 Municipal Hearing Officer	2,500.00	1,250.00	1,250.00
131-5120 FinCom Pers Serv	2,983.75	332.54	2,651.21
131-5700 FinCom Expenses	2,225.00	160.00	2,065.00
132-5700 Reserve Fund	46,000.00	0.00	46,000.00
133-5300 Annual Audit	13,000.00	0.00	13,000.00
135-5120 Accountant Pers Serv	92,019.50	43,144.80	48,874.70
135-5700 Accountant Expenses	1,720.00	70.00	1,650.00
141-5110 Assessors Salaries	3,000.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
141-5120 Assessors Pers Serv	147,884.36	70,218.75	77,665.61
141-5305 Assessors Legal	30,000.00	0.00	30,000.00
141-5700 Assessors Expenses	23,750.00	12,962.79	10,787.21
145-5120 Treasurer Pers Serv	90,547.40	42,936.25	47,611.15
145-5700 Treasurer Expenses	4,830.00	601.73	4,228.27
146-5110 Collector Salaries	95,029.94	47,515.00	47,514.94
146-5700 Collector Expenses	20,935.00	5,036.06	15,898.94
151-5300 Legal	40,000.00	14,253.30	25,746.70
152-5120 Personnel Bd Pers Serv	10,795.22	811.00	9,984.22
152-5700 Personnel Bd Expenses	800.00	200.00	600.00
155-5120 Data Proc Pers Serv	4,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
155-5700 Data Proc Expenses	79,565.00	38,726.73	40,838.27
158-5305 Tax Foreclosure Legal	6,750.00	1,695.00	5,055.00
158-5700 Tax Foreclosure	150.00	0.00	150.00
161-5110 Town Clerk Salaries	58,216.05	29,108.04	29,108.01
161-5700 Town Clerk Expenses	1,625.00	381.33	1,243.67
162-5120 Elections Pers Serv	2,052.00	0.00	2,052.00
162-5700 Elections Expenses	4,400.00	240.00	4,160.00
163-5120 Registrars Salaries	300.00	75.00	225.00
163-5700 Registrars Expenses	1,650.00	0.00	1,650.00
171-5120 ConCom Pers Serv	46,419.46	20,619.68	25,799.78
171-5700 ConCom Expenses	3,350.00	617.50	2,732.50
175-5110 Planning Bd Salaries	5,000.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
175-5120 Planning Bd Pers Serv	53,884.14	22,933.55	30,950.59
175-5700 Planning Bd Expenses	6,245.00	316.15	5,928.85
176-5120 ZBA Pers Serv	57,669.76	27,859.53	29,810.23
176-5305 ZBA Legal	4,000.00	367.50	3,632.50
176-5700 ZBA Expenses	3,725.00	1,131.71	2,593.29
177-5600 MV Commission	129,417.00	129,417.00	0.00
179-5120 AH Com Pers Serv	10,965.60	4,355.79	6,609.81
179-5700 AH Com Expenses	1,000.00	1,355.64	(355.64)

	<b>Appropriation/ Balance Forward</b>	<b>Year To Date</b>	<b>Appropriation Balance</b>
179-5305 AHC Legal	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
192-5700 Town Hall Expenses	121,750.00	33,606.02	88,143.98
193-5700 Property Insurance	109,850.00	108,142.00	1,708.00
194-5700 Town Electric	43,060.00	21,288.59	21,771.41
195-5700 Town Report Expenses	6,500.00	0.00	6,500.00
196-5120 Town Clock Pers Serv	250.00	0.00	250.00
197-5600 DCRHA Administrative	46,370.00	46,370.00	0.00
Sub-total : General Government	1,636,931.08	824,593.49	812,337.59
Public Safety			
210-5120 Police Pers Serv	1,135,381.72	502,177.78	633,203.94
210-5700 Police Expenses	127,400.00	87,906.40	39,493.60
220-5120 Fire Pers Serv	145,000.00	53,200.01	91,799.99
220-5700 Fire Expenses	173,100.00	68,808.78	104,291.22
231-5600 Tri-Town Ambulance	275,080.06	0.00	275,080.06
241-5120 Bldg Inspect Pers Serv	184,070.20	83,095.03	100,975.17
241-5700 Bldg Inspect Expenses	14,200.00	5,148.06	9,051.94
291-5120 Emer Mgt Pers Serv	17,500.00	8,750.00	8,750.00
291-5700 Emer Mgt Expenses	8,520.00	3,567.54	4,952.46
292-5120 ACO Pers Serv	47,842.10	21,290.45	26,551.65
292-5700 ACO Expenses	9,835.00	5,176.23	4,658.77
293-5120 Herring Warden	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
293-5700 Herring 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 Pers Serv	1,320.00	0.00	1,320.00
294-5700 Tree Warden Expenses	11,200.00	1,172.87	10,027.13
297-5700 Insect Pest Control	500.00	0.00	500.00
298-5120 Shellfish Pers Serv	5,000.00	2,475.00	2,525.00
298-5700 Shellfish Expenses	4,350.00	3,887.31	462.69
299-5700 MV Shellfish Group	37,000.00	37,000.00	0.00
Sub-total : Public Safety	2,203,999.08	887,905.46	1,316,093.62
Education			
311-5600 Up-Island RSD	7,353,198.74	3,774,354.70	3,578,844.04
313-5600 MVRHS District	2,780,264.00	1,390,130.41	1,390,133.59
Sub-total : Education	10,133,462.74	5,164,485.11	4,968,977.63
Public Works			
421-5120 Super Streets Pers Srv	29,500.00	14,750.00	14,750.00
422-5120 Highway Pers Serv	112,130.01	46,187.08	65,942.93
422-5700 Highway Expenses	68,600.00	31,165.58	37,434.42
423-5700 Snow & Ice	60,000.00	12,830.00	47,170.00
424-5700 Street Lights	600.00	597.16	2.84
Sub-total : Public Works	270,830.01	105,529.82	165,300.19
Sanitation			
433-5120 Town Landfill Pers Serv	50.00	0.00	50.00
433-5600 Town Landfill Intergov	54,000.00	5,902.97	48,097.03
433-5700 Town Landfill Expenses	3,700.00	0.00	3,700.00
439-5600 MVRDRRD Intergov	112,339.70	56,169.85	56,169.85
Sub-total : Sanitation	170,089.70	62,072.82	108,016.88

	Appropriation/ Balance Forward	Year To Date	Appropriation Balance
Human Services			
491-5120 Cemeteries Pers Serv	3,000.00	663.52	2,336.48
491-5700 Cemeteries Expenses	18,200.00	11,559.76	6,640.24
510-5110 BOH Salaries	3,000.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
510-5120 BOH Pers Serv	68,449.83	28,783.72	39,666.11
510-5700 BOH Expenses	13,242.00	4,757.23	8,484.77
522-5700 Health Services	17,636.00	8,113.75	9,522.25
525-5600 Vineyard Health Access	46,853.00	23,426.55	23,426.45
540-5700 MV Center for Living	68,698.00	34,349.11	34,348.89
541-5120 UpIsland COA Per Serv	270,684.70	128,389.66	142,295.04
541-5700 UpIsland COA Expense	19,600.00	5,485.58	14,114.42
543-5700 Veterans Benefits	8,000.00	6,724.33	1,275.67
Sub-total : Human Services	537,363.53	253,753.21	283,610.32
Culture & Recreation			
610-5120 Library Pers Serv	474,491.02	226,096.46	248,394.56
610-5700 Library Expenses	238,750.00	144,610.32	94,139.68
620-5110 P&R Com Salaries	830.00	332.00	498.00
620-5120 P&R Pers Serv	25,497.84	10,978.94	14,518.90
620-5700 P&R Expenses	1,450.00	423.20	1,026.80
632-5120 Beaches Pers Serv	80,453.22	59,493.55	20,959.67
632-5700 Beaches Expenses	15,875.00	3,239.56	12,635.44
640-5120 Rec Programs Pers Serv	10,625.36	7,150.08	3,475.28
640-5700 Rec Programs Expenses	8,600.00	1,800.17	6,799.83
650-5700 Town Grounds	10,250.00	3,302.00	6,948.00
690-5700 Historic District	500.00	52.50	447.50
691-5700 Historical Commission	350.00	0.00	350.00
692-5600 Cultural Council	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
Sub-total : Culture & Recreation	870,672.44	460,478.78	410,193.66
Debt Service			
710-5910 Principal-Long Term	798,500.00	495,000.00	303,500.00
751-5915 Interest-Long Term	217,001.25	111,269.38	105,731.87
752-7925 Interest-Short Term	17,337.00	925.49	16,411.51
Sub-total : Debt Service	1,032,838.25	607,194.87	425,643.38
Benefits			
911-5170 County Retirement	477,434.00	477,434.00	0.00
912-5170 Workers Comp Ins	11,000.00	10,161.00	839.00
913-5170 Unemployment	3,000.00	360.00	2,640.00
914-5170 Health Insurance	838,000.00	389,905.77	448,094.23
915-5170 Life Insurance	2,500.00	1,148.52	1,351.48
916-5170 Employers Medicare	46,200.00	21,426.26	24,773.74
945-5740 Public Official Liability	15,435.00	15,435.00	0.00
Sub-total : Benefits	1,393,569.00	915,870.55	477,698.45
<b>TOTAL BUDGET ITEMS</b>	<b>18,249,755.83</b>	<b>9,281,884.11</b>	<b>8,967,871.72</b>
<b>FY 2018 STATE CHERRY SHEET ASSESSMENTS</b>			
820-5600 State-Air Pollution	3,011.00	1,506.00	1,505.00
821-5600 State-RTA	120,502.00	60,252.00	60,250.00

	Appropriation/ Balance Forward	Year To Date	Appropriation Balance
824-5600 State Non-Renew MVE	5,620.00	2,814.00	2,806.00
830-5600 County Assessment	62,830.00	30,610.75	32,219.25
<b>TOTAL FY 2018 CHERRY SHEET ASSESSMENTS</b>	<b>191,963.00</b>	<b>95,182.75</b>	<b>96,780.25</b>
<b>FY 2018 WARRANT ARTICLES</b>			
ATM2017 County Debt Assessment	29,939.76	2,945.88	26,993.88
ATM2017 Adult Education	15,280.00	15,280.00	0.00
ATM2017 CORE Program	7,839.00	7,838.70	0.30
ATM2017 First Stop	12,866.00	12,865.82	0.18
<b>TOTAL FY 2018 WARRANT ARTICLES</b>	<b>65,924.76</b>	<b>38,930.40</b>	<b>26,994.36</b>
<b>PRIOR YEAR BALANCE FORWARDS</b>			
FY2017 Encumbrances			
Vineyard Gardens (Fire Dept)	1,525.00	1,525.00	0.00
Axon (Police Dept)	10,213.94	10,213.94	0.00
Educomp (Data Processing)	12,409.10	4,203.00	8,206.10
Sertex (Data Processing)	3,920.46	3,920.46	0.00
WB Mason (Building Dept)	417.32	417.32	0.00
Clements Tree (Tree Warden)	3,750.00	2,900.00	850.00
CVEC (Electric)	2,462.23	2,462.23	0.00
MVCS/IYS (Board of Health)	2,295.00	2,295.00	0.00
Sub-total : FY2017 Encumbrances	36,993.05	27,936.95	9,056.10
Prior Year Warrant Articles			
ATM2016 Assessors Reval	24,000.00	2,574.38	21,425.62
ATM2016/17 Police Vehicle	41,560.00	41,194.80	365.20
ATM2016 CORE Program	7,600.00	0.00	7,600.00
STM 11-2016 James Pond Survey	9,000.00	8,335.00	665.00
STM 11-2016 Chipper	3,895.00	0.00	3,895.00
ATM2017 Building Maintenance	99,310.00	737.75	98,572.25
ATM2017 Animal Control Vehicle	31,000.00	31,000.00	0.00
ATM2015 Assessors Reval	24,000.00	24,000.00	0.00
ATM2015 Dukes Cty ISC Debt	3,006.00	0.00	3,006.00
ATM2015 Mill Brook Watershed	1,499.69	0.00	1,499.69
ATM2015 Veteran Memorial	2,020.00	0.00	2,020.00
STM 11-2015 Howes House Repairs	7,300.00	150.00	7,150.00
STM 11-2015 Old County RD	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00
ATM2016 Facilities Consultant	7,000.00	0.00	7,000.00
ATM2016 Building Maintenance	11,521.21	0.00	11,521.21
ATM2016 Landfill Swale Repair	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00
ATM2014 Assessors Revaluation	24,000.00	24,000.00	0.00
ATM2014 Personnel Comp Study	1,050.00	0.00	1,050.00
ATM2013 Assessors Revaluation	2,610.62	2,610.62	0.00
Balance of TH Renovation	14,374.54	14,374.54	0.00
Library Project Balance	8,200.00	0.00	8,200.00
Police Station Balance	2,205.75	0.00	2,205.75
Road Resurfacing ATM 2012	65,430.03	13,478.89	51,951.14
Sub-total : Prior Year Warrant Articles	404,582.84	162,455.98	242,126.86
<b>TOTAL PRIOR YEAR BALANCE FORWARDS</b>	<b>441,575.89</b>	<b>190,392.93</b>	<b>251,182.96</b>



## **REPORT OF THE TREASURER**

### **JUNE 30, 2017**

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To the Selectmen and Citizens of West Tisbury:

The Town began the fiscal year with \$8,429,000 in outstanding long-term direct debt; we retired \$644,000 in principal, so the year ended with \$7,785,000 in outstanding long-term direct debt. We paid down \$158,000 on our short-term debt, so rolled only \$827,500 into the following fiscal year. In addition, the town shares responsibility for regional debt through entities such as the county and 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 number of taxpayers paying regularly on payment plan agreements. The fiscal year began with 7 parcels with tax liens; 9 parcels had new tax liens recorded; 10 parcels were paid off entirely. None were foreclosed or disclaimed; the fiscal year ended with tax liens on 6 parcels.

My reports on Receipts and Expenditures and on Assets follow.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Logue  
Treasurer

#### **BALANCE IN CASH AND INVESTMENT**

<b>ACCOUNTS AS OF JUNE 30, 2016:</b>	<b>\$5,961,209.17</b>
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#### **RECEIPTS:**

Total Receipts	\$19,489,273.81
(including taxes, interest and other investment income, bond proceeds, and departmental and miscellaneous receipts)	

#### **EXPENDITURES:**

Orders of Selectmen	(\$20,264,094.52)	
Less Voided Checks	\$12,197.65	
Net Expenditures:		(\$20,251,896.87)

#### **BALANCE IN CASH AND INVESTMENT**

<b>ACCOUNTS AS OF JUNE 30, 2017:</b>	<b>\$5,198,586.11</b>
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**REPORT OF ASSETS  
JUNE 30, 2017**

**CASH/CHECKS IN OFFICE:** **\$90.21**

**CHECKING ACCOUNT:** **\$113,612.14**

**SAVINGS/NOW ACCOUNTS:**

Library Postage \$300.63

**SUBTOTAL, SAVINGS/NOW ACCOUNTS:** **\$30.63**

**MONEY MARKET AND OTHER INVESTMENTS:**

Affordable Housing Trust Fund	\$154,178.99
Ambulance Stabilization Fund	55,833.99
Bond Proceeds	94,898.78
Building Maintenance Stabilization Fund	36,098.00
Capital Projects (Short-Term Borrowing)	1,760.18
Community Preservation Fund	1,559,341.63
Conservation Fund	63,873.46
Escrow Account (Projects)	50,304.08
Fire Equipment Stabilization Fund	63,627.78
Floss E. Mayhew Fund (Cemetery)	1,162.33
ICS Investment	1,931,450.27
Jessie C. Martin Fund (Library)	275.28
Library Gift Fund	15,549.68
M. V. Regional Cultural Council	41,894.57
Perpetual Care (Cemetery)	58,899.84
Priscilla Hancock Fund (Library)	7,307.60
Project Review/53G Account	7,017.54
Stabilization Fund (Undesignated)	501,696.03
Sweep/Investment Money Market	378,398.25
Tax Revenue Lockbox	0.00
Terminated Employees Compensated Absence	56,382.69
William T. Rotch Fund (Cemetery)	4,632.16

**SUBTOTAL, INVESTMENTS:** **\$5,084,583.13**

**TOTAL CASH AND INVESTMENTS:** **\$5,198,586.11**

## **REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN**

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Hello Again,

Another year with no abnormal issues or problems regarding the trees. It seemed like an average year.

The local utility crews took down many trees at their expense on our town roads, as discussed last year. And the last of the pine logs left on the side of the roads were finally removed at the end of the year.

This past year the work done included the following:

- 28 dead trees removed from the sides of town roads
- 18 phone calls from town residents with questions or concern
- 7 site visits
- 5 days of pruning work

I continue to attend the New England Grows convention every winter for new knowledge and training. It is always very informational, including the contacts made with other MA communities.

Thanks as always to Jen, Jesse, Richie, and all who help. An additional thanks to the WTPD who always provide a safe detail for the crews working on the sides of the road. And thanks to Marc Clements for always being prompt and responsive.

And as always, I am happy to serve and looking forward to another year.

Sincerely,

Jeremiah Brown  
Tree Warden

## **REPORT OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD REFUSE DISTRICT & RESOURCE RECOVERY DISTRICT**

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750 WEST TISBURY RD.  
EDGARTOWN, MA 02539  
(508) 627-4501  
(508) 627-4504 FAX  
www.mvrefusedistrict.com

The Refuse District processed and shipped over 8,120 tons in 2017 of waste and construction material. Over 7,000 tons of the material was delivered to SEMASS Waste to Energy Facility in Rochester Ma., and the remaining tonnage (1,000) was recycled Construction Material delivered to New England Recycling located in Taunton, Ma.. Our recycling efforts also removed over 1,200 tons of mixed single stream recycling, 280 tons of various metals, over 250 batteries, 20 tons of tires, and 500 tons of leaves/brush.

We are proud to announce that over 500 households participated in the District's Hazardous Household Waste Collection program during 2017. After 28 years, the program will change from four collections dates per year to three. The two fall events have been merged together for only one fall event in the month of October.

Harmful Household Hazardous Waste Collection dates are held on the ***third Saturday of May and July with October held on the second Saturday October 13, 2018*** all at no charge to residents.

Each event is from 9am – 12pm for residents.

12pm – 12:30pm for commercial (fee, please call for appointment)

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

Mercury Elements and Florescent light bulbs accepted at all four District drop-off center at no charge during regular business hours.

***Compostable food waste is now accepted at the District drop-off centers, see District web site for more information.***

Contact for info: Don Hatch  
Mary Donlavey

## REPORT OF THE TRI-TOWN AMBULANCE

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To the Honorable Board of Selectman  
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 Harry Hill (Chilmark), and Molly Martone (West Tisbury) to the squad. They have been a great addition so far.
- We are happy to announce that Haley Krauss and Belinda Booker have completed their Paramedic training. Dawn Gompert is still working diligently to finish her program. We eagerly await her completion.
- In August, we purchased new Thomas Pediatric bags. These bags bring us to a more modern approach when dealing with pediatric calls, and provide a more rapid and calming scene, when dealing with those high stress situations. This purchase was met with extreme happiness and support from the squad.
- 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 remained a busy year, below are the reported runs for the year ending December 31, 2017:

Total Ambulance Runs: **421**

- West Tisbury: **252** Ambulance Runs (56.86% of total ambulance runs)
  - Medical Emergencies: **232**
  - Motor Vehicle Accidents: **13**
  - Fire Standby: **7**
- Chilmark: **113** Ambulance Runs (26.84%)
  - Medical Emergencies: **96**
  - Motor Vehicle Accidents: **14**
  - Fire Standby: **3**

- Aquinnah: **41** ambulance runs (9.73%)
  - Medical Emergencies: **38**
  - Motor Vehicle Accidents: **3**
  - Fire Standby: **0**
- Mutual Aid to calls: **4** Ambulance Runs (0.95%)

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 Warren Doty (Chairperson)
- Aquinnah- Selectman James Newman
- 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
- Bardwell Electronics
- The Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah)
- SBS

Tri-Town ambulance would like to extend a special thank you to Chief Daniel Rossi. Chief Rossi has been a supporter of Tri-Town Ambulance for many years, and we have greatly appreciated the strong working relationship that we developed with him. Thank you Chief for all that you have done for the Town, your Department and for Tri-Town Ambulance. We all wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors.

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  
Traci Cooney  
Eamonn Solway

**EMT-Basics:**

Randhi Belain  
Robyn Bollin  
Simon Bollin  
Jonathan Brudnick  
Connor Chisholm

Allison Graczykowski

**EMT-Paramedics:**

Belinda Booker  
Brenden Cooney  
Christopher Cowan  
Kyle Gatchell  
Christopher Greim  
Myriah Hallinan  
Tracey Jones  
Haley Krauss  
Jeff Pratt  
Heather McElhinney

Connor Chisholm  
Diane Demoe  
Rebecca Cournoyer  
Alan Ganapol  
Dawn Gompert  
Amanda Gonsalves  
Bruce Haynes  
Jennifer Haynes  
Harry Hill  
Phil Hollinger  
Jeffrey "Skipper" Manter  
Paul Manning  
Molly Martone  
Sam Neubauer  
Jim Osmundsen  
Farley Pedler  
Gary Robinson  
Katherine Smith  
Samantha Smith  
Garrison Vieira  
Nisa Webster  
Adam Wilson

Respectfully submitted,

Benjamin Retmier  
Ambulance Chief

## **REPORT OF THE UP-ISLAND COUNCIL ON AGING CENTER**

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To the Board of Selectmen:

The Up-Island Council on Aging (UPICOA) and Senior Center is a branch of municipal government of the Towns of West Tisbury, Chilmark and Aquinnah. We are responsible for the administration, development and coordination of elder programs. We are committed to expanding our programs to meet the ever-changing interests and needs of elders. Funding sources include local tax dollars, grants from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs and the Friends of the Up-Island Council on Aging. The Senior Center is open for both scheduled and drop-in activities from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday - Friday; and is home to a variety of social/cultural, educational and health programs. These programs resulted in the utilization of the senior center for an average of 176 hours per month in 2017.

**The Social Security Administration recently reported the following :**

- The typical 65 year-old today will live to age 83;
- One in four 65-year-olds will live to age 90; and
- One in ten 65-year-olds will live to age 95.

**Service Indicators January 1 – December 31, 2017**

**Unduplicated Count**

Approximately 970 up-island residents (seasonal & year-round) sixty years of age and older and 55 individuals under the age of sixty received services and/or participated in our programs in 2017

**Social, Recreational & Cultural Programs**

342 individuals participated in the following:

Day Trips (theatre, museums)

Recreational games (bridge, Mah Jong)

Lobster Picnic

Holiday Events

Annual Cookout

Off-Island Shopping Trips

**Direct Service Programs**

445 seniors received direct services in the following areas:

Surplus Food Distribution

Fuel Assistance

File of Life (medical info. cards)

Notary Public Services

Housing Assistance

Health Insurance Counseling

Transportation

Home Repair Program

Case Management

Telephone Reassurance Calls

Legal Assistance

Respite Care

Lifeline

Food Stamps



Client Support (assistance with errands, companionship & socialization)  
FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Association)

#### **In-Kind Services and Goods**

Durable Medical Equipment  
Fish ( M.V. Bluefish Derby)                      DVDS/Books on Tape  
Reusable Shopping bags (Cronig's Market)  
Fresh Vegetables (Island Gleaners)

#### **Educational Programs**

280 people participated in the following educational programs:  
Community Education Talks                      Writing Group  
Watercolor Classes                                  Discussion Group  
Felix Neck Sanctuary Programs                  M.V. Museum Outreach Programs

#### **Nutrition Programs**

65 individuals participated in the following nutrition programs:  
Congregate Lunch  
Home Delivered Meals (holiday meals included)

#### **Health & Fitness Programs**

297 individuals received and /or participated in the following:  
Podiatry Services                                      Strength Training Class  
T'ai Chi Chih    Parkinson's Support Group  
Yoga Class    Pilates  
Qi Gong    Balletics  
Smile Program (Free dental checks & cleanings)  
Chair Massage    Freestyle Dance

#### **Health Programs Sponsored by the Up-Island Boards of Health:**

34 elders received the following services and/or participated in the following:  
Monthly Blood Pressure Checks & Nursing Clinics  
Health Promotion Visits (In-home health assessment conducted by a R.N.)  
V.N.A. R.N. co-facilitator for Parkinson's Support Group

#### **Outreach Program**

The Outreach Program provides for individual case management. The Outreach Worker's primary role is to ensure that basic needs for housing, food mobility, socialization and access to health care are being met. Emphasis is placed on those who are isolated and/or homebound by assisting them in defining their needs, and to facilitate access to meet those needs. The Outreach Worker assists elders in navigating through the seemingly endless amount of paperwork required to participate in state and federal service programs. Outreach services range from reassurance calls to crisis intervention. These services are especially helpful to families of elders who are acting as caregivers for at-risk family members. The Outreach Program served 92 elders in 2017.

### **UPICOA Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors is appointed by the Boards of Selectmen representing the Towns of West Tisbury, Chilmark and Aquinnah. The Board consists of nine voting members, three each from the participating towns.

### **Volunteers**

22 volunteers contributed approximately 370 hours in 2017. We estimate the fair market value of their services to exceed \$4,800.00.

Watercolor Instruction	Writing Group Facilitator
Lunch Servers	Special Event Organizers
Meals on Wheel Drivers	Community Education Speakers
Tax Preparers	Fish Baggers
General Office Assistance	Discussion Group Leader

### **Formula Grants**

Formula Grant funding is provided by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs. The Up-Island Council on Aging applied for and received \$16,489 for the following:

Defray utility costs (oil heat & telephone)  
Internet Services  
Provide for meeting/conference attendance  
Defray transportation costs to off-island meetings & client transportation  
Office, equipment & furnishings  
Kitchen cabinets (replacement) & provide for Surplus Food Storage

### **Friends of the Up-Island Council on Aging**

Friends of the Up-Island Council on Aging (FOUICOA) is a non-profit support agency formed in 1987 to raise funds for the benefit of the Up-Island Council on Aging and Senior Center. The Friends enable the COA to provide services and programs beyond those that can be afforded through tax and grant income. The Friends generously contributed over \$15,000 in 2017 for the following:

Durable Medical Equipment (transport wheelchairs for loan)  
Grounds Maintenance  
Special Program Support      Monthly Cell Phone Service

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### ***Friends' Gift Fund***

Many of our seniors are especially vulnerable and are struggling to put food on the table, pay for heating bills, purchase prescription drugs, along with other everyday expenses. The Friends, concerned about the welfare of our elderly population on fixed incomes, established a Gift Fund to provide assistance paying for heating costs and food. Thirty-four households received a total of \$11,750 to pay for heat (\$5,000) and food (\$6,750.) The Gift Fund is administered by the COA Director and Outreach Worker.

On behalf of the COA staff, I would like to thank the taxpayers for their continued support and participation in our programs

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Albertine, Director

**COUNTY OF DUKES COUNTY**  
**VINEYARD HEALTH CARE ACCESS PROGRAM**  
**ANNUAL REPORT, FY 2017: July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017**

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**Client Silent Services:** The Access Program's core service is connecting the Island residents with affordable health insurance and helping them to retain this coverage. We provide health care program and insurance application, enrollment and retention services; information, referral and advocacy; referrals to medical providers; make doctor's appointments and help clients address medical debt; and we facilitate access to services like specialty care, dental care, vision care and prescription medication assistance. The Senior Assistance Program provides application assistance, benefits counseling and program navigation for Island seniors and their families. We are also a liaison agency for other public benefits including Food Stamps (SNAP), emergency cash assistance, and Social Security disability claims.

***In FY2017, the Access Program provided application and enrollment assistance for 3,785 individuals of all ages for MassHealth and Health Connector affordable insurance programs; Medicare, Medicare Part D and Prescription Advantage; the MassHealth Long Term Care and Frail Elder Waiver programs; and Disability. We completed health insurance, medical, dental, prescription and related referral assistance 7,442 times***

The Access Program is one of 15 programs in the Commonwealth to be part of the Massachusetts Health Connector's **Navigators Program**. The Navigator program is an outreach, education and enrollment assistance program required by the federal Affordable Care Act. The Access Program's enrollment staff must participate in extensive training and pass an annual exam to maintain certified Navigator status. In FY17 the Access Program joined the Health Connector's Provider Portal, enabling our staff to access application and enrollment services and information with much greater efficiency.

The **David Kurth Memorial Fund** provides emergency financial assistance to Islanders with medical-related expenses that they cannot afford, primarily prescription medication. We also assist with medical transportation assistance for people under age 60 with medical appointments off-Island. ***In FY2017, we assisted uninsured or underinsured Islanders to get prescription medications and related assistance by providing \$6,172 in financial assistance.*** Contributions to the fund in FY2017 came from the Elizabeth and Peter Tower Foundation; the United Methodist Church; individual donors, and local businesses. This fund has provided over \$60,000 in financial assistance to help Islanders get needed medications and medical transportation since its inception.

**Vineyard Smiles** provides school-based mobile dental services and dental education for children in grades K-12; monthly dental hygiene clinics for seniors; and care facilitation for adults with unmet oral health needs. ***In SY 2017, 282 children received dental care including exams, cleanings, fluoride treatment, sealants and fillings.*** Dental hygiene clinics for low-income adults were held once per month on average at senior centers and Island Elderly Housing. In FY2017 ***86 low income adults, including elderly and disabled patients,*** received services. These services are made possible by funding from the Town Boards of Health for health promotion services.

In FY2017 the County's Social Services department became established as a vital resource for needy Islanders. The County succeeded in securing funding from multiple sources including the SNAP Community Partner grant. These services provide support for the Island's economically and socially disadvantaged residents. VHCAP functions in a collaborative and supervisory role with this department.

**Local and Regional Initiatives:** Access Program employees have been involved in a number of additional health care initiatives including:

- The Dukes County Health Council
- The DCHC's Oral Health Work Group
- The Healthy Aging Task Force
- Elder Care Providers Work Group

**Technical Assistance and Training:** The Access Program provides trainings including and MassHealth program updates and overviews to staff at MV Community Services and MV Hospital. We also offer a seminar titled "Understanding Medicare" via ACE MV.

**Funding:** The County maintains a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with each of the six Island Towns for the ongoing funding of the Access Program. This MOU describes the Access Program's governance structure; the County's role and services provided; Town obligations; Municipal Membership Assessments; and Indemnification and Insurance.

Our total FY17 budget was \$465,254.

By having agreements in place with each town, the Access Program's funding is secured and not subject to service cuts if grant funding is reduced. When the program succeeds in obtaining grants, these will offset the Town funding in the following year. Town funding for FY17 was \$315,945.

Other FY17 funding sources included Island Health Care via the US Health Services Resources Administration, the Massachusetts Health Connector Authority, the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation, United Way of Cape Cod and the Islands, and local funders including the Peter and Elizabeth C. Tower Foundation, local businesses and individual donors.

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## **REPORT OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

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To the Board of Selectman:

**The Zoning Board of Appeals held 48 hearings for 30 cases in 2017.**

**Case 2017-01 January 19**

***William J. & Melissa Callahan: 16 Red Coat Hill Road, Map 8 Lot 24, RU District, 4.85 acres.***

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted to GRANT with CONDITIONS a special permit under 8.10-4 (B) under the zoning bylaws to install two single pole mounted dual-axis solar photovoltaic trackers over 12 feet in height. The maximum height of the unit will be 20 feet above mean ground level at dawn and dusk.

**Case 2017-02 January 19**

***Sophia Brush and Dhakir Warren -103 Great Plains Road, Map 17 Lot 109, RU District, 1.46 acres.***

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted to GRANT with CONDITIONS a special permit to approve the footprint of a building envelope 35 ft. x 28 ft. with a maximum height of 28 feet, for a proposed three bedroom house and the reclassification and alternation of an existing 426 square foot non-habitable structure (camp) into a detached accessory apartment.

**Case 2017-03 February 23**

***Patient Centric of Martha's Vineyard: 90 Dr. Fisher Road, Map 21 Lot 12, LI District, 1.01 acres.***

The hearing opened February 23, 2017 and was continued to the following dates: March 23, April 27, June 8, June 29, July 13, and July 27, 2017. The Zoning Board of Appeals voted to GRANT with CONDITIONS a special permit to operate a Medical Marijuana Cultivation operation/business allowed under 3.1-1 of the West Tisbury Zoning Bylaws.

**Case 2017-04 April 27**

***James P. & Mary K. McDonough: 32 Oak Knoll Road, Map 16 Lot 33, RU District, 0.934 acres.***

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously to GRANT a special permit to construct a 384 sq. ft. detached bedroom. The detached bedroom will be 40 feet from the south property line with 10 feet of setback relief and 20 feet from the west property line with 30 feet of setback relief.

**Case 2017-05 July 6**

***Charles A. Wiley: 32 Old Stage Road, Map 16 Lot 235.2, RU District, 1.640 acres.***

The hearing opened May 18, 2017 continued to May 25, 2017, June 8, 2017 and concluded on July 6, 2017. The Zoning Board of Appeals voted unani-

mously to GRANT a special permit with CONDITIONS to construct a 48' x 28' building for dormitory housing. The building will be 5 feet from the east property line (lot 235.3) which is owned by the applicant (Chuck Wiley).

**Case 2017-06 May 18**

***Sandy Bernat: 53 Christiantown Road, Map 15 Lot 70, RU District; 3.00 acres.***

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously to GRANT a special permit for 4 feet of relief to construct a 20' x 8' addition (mudroom/porch/shed) to be located 46 feet from the north property line.

**Case 2017-07 June 29**

***Shelyn M. Garcia & Luiz Oliveira: 560 State Road, Map 16 Lot 61, RU District, 1.540 acres.***

The hearing opened June 8, 2017 and continued to June 29, 2017.

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously to GRANT a special permit with CONDITIONS to construct a 28' x 41' 6" barn (1162 sq. ft.), not to exceed in height of 18' 4". The structure (barn) will be 20 feet from the northeast property line with 30 feet of setback relief and 28 feet from the east (rear) property line with 22 feet of setback relief. The structure will house a foam insulation service business operated by Luiz Oliveira (proprietor).

**Case 2017-08 June 29**

***Rex B. Jarrell: 69 New Lane, Map 31 Lot 52, RU District; 2.40 acres.***

The hearing opened June 8 and continued to June 29, 2017. The Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously to GRANT a special permit with CONDITIONS to construct a 24' x 30' barn style garage (1,440 sq. ft.), the height of the garage will be no greater than 28 feet.

**Case 2017-09 June 29**

***Barbara Smith: 13 Scotty's Lane, Map 7 Lot 170, RU District; 0.740 acres.***

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously to GRANT a special permit to a non-conforming structure to be extended and altered to construct an 8' x 8' 6" mudroom addition on the north side (back of the house), a 5' x 8' 6" deck and 5' x 20' ramp running to the current parking area.

**Case 2017-10 July 17**

***Barbara F. Fales, Heirs of C/o Barbara F. Debraganca: 699 Old County Road, Map 31 Lot 6, VI District; 0.872 acres.***

The hearing opened June 29 and continued to July 17. The Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously to GRANT a special permit to demolish an existing non-conforming, pre-existing structure, to replace in the same footprint a 31' x 16' detached bedroom/pool house. The structure is located 12' from the south side property line.

**Case 2017-11 September 17**

***Glenn O. Medowski – The Glenn Medowski Revocable Trust , 367 Lamberts Cove Road, RU District, Map 7 Lot 13, 6.610 acres.***

The hearing opened August 31 and continued to September 17. The Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously to GRANT a special permit with CONDITIONS to install a ground-mounted solar array, which consists of 24 modules with a total footprint of 33' x 10'. The array will be 25' from the northern property line.

**Case 2017-12 August 17**

***Kaysky LLC, c/o James Eddy: 90 Dr. Fisher Road, Map 21 Lot 12, LI District, 1.01 acres.***

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously to GRANT with CONDITIONS to amend a special permit issued in 2011, to construct a 7200 sq. ft. building. This will house the following two facilities: Patient Centric of Martha's Vineyard and Big Sky Tent & Party Rental.

**Case 2017-13 August 31**

***Barbara Sunderland Smith: 13 Scotty's Lane Map 7 Lot 170, RU District, 0.740 acres.***

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously to GRANT a special permit for a change of use to convert a pre-existing, non-conforming structure (shed), to a 280 sq. ft. habitable detached bedroom.

**Case 2017-14 September 4**

***Phyllis Kugler: 6 Pin Oak Circle, RU District, Map 16 Lot 186, 0.477 acres.***

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously to GRANT a special permit with conditions under zoning bylaw 8.5-1B for a home occupation to operate as a personal trainer.

**Case 2017-15 September 14**

***Deborah J. Mayhew, Trustee of the Mayhew Look's Pond Way Nominee Trust: 132 Looks Pond Way, RU District, Map 32 Lot 47, 3.300 acres.***

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously to GRANT a special permit to convert an existing bedroom to a 351 +/- sq. ft. accessory apartment, under zoning bylaw 4.4-3A.

**Case 2017-16 September 14**

***James M. & Susan L. Cole: 65 Blackthorn Rd, RU District, Map 31 Lot 104.5, 2.090 acres.***

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously to GRANT a special permit with CONDITIONS to construct 18' x 38' in-ground pool, 392 sq. ft. pool house and associated fencing.

**Case 2017-17 September 28 continued to October 12**

**Note:** October 10, 2017 – The agent for the applicant submitted documentation requesting to withdraw the application without prejudice.

***Bryan Begley & Meris Keating: 175 Great Plains Rd, RU District, Map 17 Lot 22, 1.458 acres.***

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously to allow the applicant, Bryan Begley to withdraw their application without prejudice.



**Case 2017-18 September 28 continued to October 26**

***Michael R. & Rosemary Stimola: 19 Briarwood Lane, West Tisbury, Map 10 Lot 9, RU District, 1.00 acre.***

The Zoning Board of Appeals found that this application, as proposed, does increase the nonconforming nature of the existing dwelling under Chapter 40A, Section 6 of the Zoning Act, as outlined in the first “except clause”. The construction of 5,066 sq. ft. habitable space, and a 670 sq. ft. attached garage, for a total of 5,736 sq. ft. single family residence is not substantially more detrimental to the neighborhood than the existing nonconforming structure. The application was GRANTED with CONDITIONS under 11.2-1 (Non-Conforming Lots; governed by Chapter 40A, Section 6 of the Zoning Act) and 9.2-2 (Review Criteria) of the West Tisbury Zoning Bylaws.

**Case 2017-19 September 28**

***Patient Centric of Martha’s Vineyard: 510 State Road, West Tisbury, Map 16 Lot 101, MB District.***

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted to GRANT with CONDITIONS a special permit to operate a Medical Marijuana Dispensary allowed under 3.1-1 and 9.2-2 of the West Tisbury Zoning Bylaws.

**Case 2017-20 October 26**

***Wilmar Prata & Claudia: Almeida 80 Rustling Oaks Road, West Tisbury, Map 37 Lot 85.14, RU District, 3.00 acres.***

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously to GRANT a special permit with CONDITIONS to construct a 782 sq. ft. accessory apartment above a detached garage under 4.4-3(A) (Accessory Apartment and 9.2-2 (Review Criteria) of the Zoning Bylaws.

**Case 2017-21 November 30**

***Petr Valach & Sidaruk Volha: 79 Great Plains Road, Map 10 Lot 39, RU District, 1.458 acres.***

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously to GRANT to amend with CONDITIONS Special Permit 2015-16, for 16’ of setback relief from the northwest property line (map 10 lot 38) for a 16’ x 40’x 10’ carport to an existing garage including a 9 foot stockade fence to be installed along the northeast property line (map 10 lot 48).

**Case 2017-22 September 28**

***West Tisbury School (IMP Education): 401 Old County Rd, Map 21 Lot 2, RU District, 11 +/- acres***

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously to GRANT a special permit to construct an eight foot chain link fence around an existing basketball court. The existing court is 32 feet from the eastern property line.

**Case 2017-23 September 28**

***Eastern Wall LLC,; 58 Oyster Watcha Road, Map 43 Lot 16, RU District, 3.50 acres. Note: The total parcel is 14 acres (10.5 acres are located in Edgartown).***

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously to GRANT a special permit with CONDITIONS to install 300 ground mounted photovoltaic array. The footprint of the system will be approximately 13,450 square feet (1/3 of an acre). The overall height of the proposed array is approximately 10' above existing grade.

**Case 2017-24 October 26**

***Charles A Wiley: 32 Old Stage Road, Map 16 Lot 235.2, RU District, 1.64 acres.***

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously to GRANT a special permit for an accessory structure, 17'-6" parking lot canopy. The canopy will be 18 from the west property line: 32 feet of setback relief was granted.

**Case 2017-25 November 30**

***Sheryl Dagostino: 189 Great Plains Rd, RU District, Map 17 Lot 125 with a total acreage: 1.458.***

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously to GRANT a special permit under zoning bylaw 8.5-1B (home occupation) to operate as a personal trainer.

**Case 2017-26 November 30**

***Jeffrey Levy-Hinte: 706 State Road, RU District, Map 22 Lot 21 Acreage 4.610.***

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously to GRANT a special permit with CONDITIONS to install a 22' x 71' in-ground swimming pool, a 10' x 12' pool equipment shed and associated pool equipment.

**Case 2017-27 December 14**

***Stanley A. & Tamara P. Hersh: 200 Otis Bassett Rd, RU District, Map 17 Lot 49- total acreage 1.55.***

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously to GRANT a special permits with CONDITIONS to install a 14' x 32' in-ground swimming pool and associated pool equipment.

**Case 2017-28 December 30**

***David & Jill Altshuler: 12 Parsonage Woods Rd, RU District, Map 32 Lot 121.2- total acreage 3.040.***

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously to GRANT a special permit with CONDITIONS to install an 18 'x 40' in-ground swimming pool and associated pool equipment. Setback relief of 10' was granted from the southeast corner of the proposed pool deck as shown on the plan.

**Case 2017-29 - Application filed November 8, 2017 – Hearing opened January 25, 2018.**

A hearing on an appeal filed from Michael A. Smith, Executor; Dukes Probate Court, c/o Attorney Daniel Perry, Map 7 Lot 69, 52 Longview Road, RU District.

**Case 2017-30-Application filed on December 11, 2017 – Hearing opened on January 25, 2018.**

A hearing on an application filed by Kali Wingood, 11 Lineweaver Lane, West Tisbury, Map 31 Lot 40, RU District, 1.40 acres.

The West Tisbury Zoning Board of Appeals consists of five standing members and two alternates, appointed by the Board of Selectmen, with duties and powers set forth in the Zoning Act, Chapter 40A of Massachusetts General Law. It spells out the duties, powers and functions of Permit Granting Board (the Zoning Board), under the zoning ordinances and local bylaws established by the community. The Zoning Board of Appeals is charged with the following:

- 1) To hear and decide appeals in accordance with section eight of the Zoning Act (Chapter 40A of MGL)
- 2) To hear and decide special permits and variances.
- 3) To revise, affirm or modify any order, special permit or variance.

The ZBA is available to the general public in respect to questions and/or concerns about property usage in regards to the Town's Zoning Bylaws including the MGL 40A, also known as the Zoning Act.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy M. Cole, Chairman  
Lawrence Schubert, Vice-Chairman  
Antoni M. Cohen  
Anthony Higgins, Jr.  
Julius B. Lowe  
Robert M. Schwier, II – Associate Member  
Roger W. Hubbell, Jr – Associate Member

## **TOWN OF WEST TISBURY TOWN MEETING PROCEDURES**

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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. In articles carrying an appropriation, this leeway is 20 to 25 percent in either direction. 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 2018  
EXPENDITURES - FY 2017; APPROPRIATIONS - FY 2018;  
BUDGET PROPOSAL - FY 2019**

Line Item	Account	Expenditures FY 2017	Revised Appropriations FY 2018	Requested Appropriations FY 2019	Recommended by Finance Committee FY 2019
		\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>					
<b>MODERATOR</b>					
114-5110	Elected Official, Salary	370	370	<b>370.00</b>	370.00
114-5700	Expenses	755	1,170	<b>1,170.00</b>	1,170.00
	Total Moderator	1,125	1,540	<b>1,540.00</b>	1,540.00
<b>BOARD OF SELECTMEN</b>					
122-5110	Elected Officials, Salaries 3 @ \$5,000	10,000	11,080	<b>15,000.00</b>	15,000.00
122-5120	Personal Services	159,880	167,827	<b>172,847.32</b>	172,847.32
122-5700	Expenses	8,159	12,300	<b>20,400.00</b>	20,400.00
122-5780	Miscellaneous/Consultant Expense	10,364	5,000	<b>5,000.00</b>	5,000.00
	Total Board of Selectmen	188,403	196,207	<b>213,247.32</b>	213,247.32
<b>MUNICIPAL HEARING OFFICER</b>					
124-5120	Personal Services		2,500	<b>2,500.00</b>	2,500.00
	Total Municipal Hearing Officer		2,500	<b>2,500.00</b>	2,500.00
<b>FINANCE COMMITTEE</b>					
131-5120	Personal Services	2,337	2,984	<b>2,940.55</b>	2,940.55
131-5700	Expenses	905	2,225	<b>2,200.00</b>	2,200.00
	Total Finance Committee	3,242	5,209	<b>5,140.55</b>	5,140.55
<b>RESERVE FUND</b>					
132-5700	Expenses (Transfers)		46,000	<b>46,000.00</b>	46,000.00
	Total Reserve Fund		46,000	<b>46,000.00</b>	46,000.00
<b>ANNUAL AUDIT</b>					
133-5700	Expenses	12,500	13,000	<b>17,000.00</b>	17,000.00
	Total Annual Audit	12,500	13,000	<b>17,000.00</b>	17,000.00
<b>TOWN ACCOUNTANT</b>					
135-5120	Personal Services	90,163	92,020	<b>94,521.43</b>	94,521.43
135-5700	Expenses	1,582	1,720	<b>1,720.00</b>	1,720.00
	Total Town Accountant	91,745	93,740	<b>96,241.43</b>	96,241.43
<b>BOARD OF ASSESSORS</b>					
141-5110	Elected Officials, Salaries 3 @ \$1,000	3,000	3,000	<b>3,000.00</b>	3,000.00
141-5120	Personal Services	142,916	147,884	<b>154,568.04</b>	154,568.04
141-5305	Legal Services	10,334	30,000	<b>30,000.00</b>	30,000.00
141-5700	Expenses	17,616	23,750	<b>23,750.00</b>	23,750.00
	Total Board of Assessors	173,865	204,634	<b>211,318.04</b>	211,318.04
<b>TREASURER/COLLECTOR*</b>					
146-5110	Elected Official, Salary	93,113	95,030	<b>0.00</b>	0.00
145-5120	Personal Services	89,043	90,547	<b>133,728.47</b>	133,728.47
145-5700	Expenses	24,087	25,765	<b>28,345.00</b>	28,345.00
	Total Town Treasurer	206,243	211,342	<b>162,073.47</b>	162,073.47

\* For comparative Purposes prior year Collector and Treasurer budget lines combined

Line Item	Account	Expenditures FY 2017	Revised Appropriations FY 2018	Requested Appropriations FY 2019	Recommended by Finance Committee FY 2019
<b>LEGAL SERVICES</b>					
151-5305	Expenses	39,451	40,000	<b>40,000.00</b>	40,000.00
	Total Legal Services	39,451	40,000	<b>40,000.00</b>	40,000.00
<b>PERSONNEL BOARD</b>					
152-5120	Personal Services	2,441	10,795	<b>11,013.52</b>	11,013.52
152-5700	Expenses	279	800	<b>800.00</b>	800.00
	Total Personnel Board	2,721	11,595	<b>11,813.52</b>	11,813.52
<b>DATA PROCESSING</b>					
155-5120	Personal Services	3,500	4,000	<b>4,000.00</b>	4,000.00
155-5700	Expenses	63,355	79,565	<b>87,165.00</b>	87,165.00
	Total Data Processing	66,855	83,565	<b>91,165.00</b>	91,165.00
<b>TAX TITLE FORECLOSURE</b>					
158-5305	Legal Services	2,006	6,750	<b>6,250.00</b>	6,250.00
158-5700	Expenses	150	150	<b>150.00</b>	150.00
	Total Tax Title Foreclosure	2,156	6,900	<b>6,400.00</b>	6,400.00
<b>TOWN CLERK</b>					
161-5110	Elected Official, Salary	57,029	58,216	<b>59,984.46</b>	59,984.46
161-5700	Expenses	817	1,625	<b>1,720.00</b>	1,720.00
	Total Town Clerk	57,845	59,841	<b>61,704.46</b>	61,704.46
<b>ELECTIONS</b>					
162-5120	Personal Services	1,232	2,052	<b>3,304.00</b>	3,304.00
162-5700	Expenses	4,613	4,400	<b>5,800.00</b>	5,800.00
	Total Elections	5,845	6,452	<b>9,104.00</b>	9,104.00
<b>BOARD OF REGISTRARS</b>					
163-5120	Personal Services	250	300	<b>300.00</b>	300.00
163-5700	Expenses	908	1,650	<b>1,700.00</b>	1,700.00
	Total Board of Registrars	1,158	1,950	<b>2,000.00</b>	2,000.00
<b>CONSERVATION COMMISSION</b>					
171-5120	Personal Services	43,434	46,419	<b>47,358.14</b>	47,358.14
171-5700	Expenses	713	3,350	<b>3,350.00</b>	3,350.00
	Total Conservation Commission	44,147	49,769	<b>50,708.14</b>	50,708.14
<b>PLANNING BOARD</b>					
175-5110	Elected Officials, Salaries 5 @ \$1,000	5,000	5,000	<b>5,000.00</b>	5,000.00
175-5120	Personal Services	45,188	53,884	<b>57,543.06</b>	57,543.06
175-5700	Expenses	2,986	6,245	<b>6,245.00</b>	6,245.00
	Total Planning Board	53,174	65,129	<b>68,788.06</b>	68,788.06
<b>BOARD OF APPEALS</b>					
176-5120	Personal Services	53,436	57,670	<b>59,213.07</b>	59,213.07
176-5305	Legal Services	1,654	4,000	<b>4,000.00</b>	4,000.00
176-5700	Expenses	954	3,725	<b>3,725.00</b>	3,725.00
	Total Board of Appeals	56,043	65,395	<b>66,938.07</b>	66,938.07

Line Item	Account	Expenditures FY 2017	Revised Appropriations FY 2018	Requested Appropriations FY 2019	Recommended by Finance Committee FY 2019
<b>MARTHA'S VINEYARD COMMISSION</b>					
177-5600	Intergovernmental	132,716	129,417	<b>132,622.00</b>	132,622.00
	Total Martha's Vineyard Comm.	132,716	129,417	<b>132,622.00</b>	132,622.00
<b>AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE</b>					
180-5120	Personal Services	8,918	10,966	<b>11,188.80</b>	11,188.80
180-5305	Legal Services	642	3,000	<b>3,000.00</b>	3,000.00
180-5700	Expenses	385	1,000	<b>1,000.00</b>	1,000.00
	Total Affordable Housing Comm.	9,945	14,966	<b>15,188.80</b>	15,188.80
<b>TOWN BUILDINGS</b>					
192-5700	Expenses	77,348	121,750	<b>119,750.00</b>	119,750.00
	Total Town Buildings	77,348	121,750	<b>119,750.00</b>	119,750.00
<b>TOWN PROPERTY INSURANCE</b>					
193-5700	Expenses	102,216	109,850	<b>116,441.00</b>	116,441.00
	Total Property Insurance	102,216	109,850	<b>116,441.00</b>	116,441.00
<b>TOWN ELECTRIC</b>					
194-5700	Expenses	43,584	43,060	<b>47,160.00</b>	47,160.00
	Total Town Electric	43,584	43,060	<b>47,160.00</b>	47,160.00
<b>TOWN REPORTS</b>					
195-5700	Expenses	6,100	6,500	<b>6,500.00</b>	6,500.00
	Total Town Reports	6,100	6,500	<b>6,500.00</b>	6,500.00
<b>TOWN CLOCK</b>					
196-5120	Personal Services	0	250	<b>250.00</b>	250.00
	Total Town Clock	0	250	<b>250.00</b>	250.00
<b>DUKES COUNTY REGIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY</b>					
197-5600	Expenses	47,246	46,370	<b>42,447.00</b>	42,447.00
	Total DCRHA	47,246	46,370	<b>42,447.00</b>	42,447.00
<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>		1,425,674	1,636,931	<b>1,644,040.86</b>	1,644,040.86
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>					
<b>POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>					
210-5120	Personal Services	1,066,769	1,135,382	<b>1,095,809.71</b>	1,095,809.71
210-5700	Expenses	116,486	127,400	<b>131,854.00</b>	131,854.00
	Total Police Department	1,183,255	1,262,782	<b>1,227,663.71</b>	1,227,663.71
<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>					
220-5120	Personal Services	116,000	145,000	<b>144,500.00</b>	144,500.00
220-5700	Expenses	165,973	173,100	<b>179,100.00</b>	179,100.00
	Total Fire Department	281,973	318,100	<b>323,600.00</b>	323,600.00
<b>TRI-TOWN AMBULANCE</b>					
231-5600	Intergovernmental	260,152	275,080	<b>363,691.18</b>	363,691.18
	Total Tri-Town Ambulance	260,152	275,080	<b>363,691.18</b>	363,691.18



Line Item	Account	Expenditures FY 2017	Revised Appropriations FY 2018	Requested Appropriations FY 2019	Recommended by Finance Committee FY 2019
<b>INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS</b>					
241-5120	Personal Services	147,550	184,070	<b>193,311.86</b>	193,311.86
241-5700	Expenses	15,247	14,200	<b>15,925.00</b>	15,925.00
	Total Inspector of Buildings	162,797	198,270	<b>209,236.86</b>	209,236.86
<b>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</b>					
291-5120	Personal Services	13,750	17,500	<b>17,850.00</b>	17,850.00
291-5700	Expenses	2,288	8,520	<b>7,805.00</b>	7,805.00
	Total Emergency Management	16,038	26,020	<b>25,655.00</b>	25,655.00
<b>ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER</b>					
292-5120	Personal Services	53,955	47,842	<b>62,866.64</b>	62,866.64
292-5700	Expenses	13,187	9,835	<b>9,150.00</b>	9,150.00
	Total Animal Control Officer	67,143	57,677	<b>72,016.64</b>	72,016.64
<b>HERRING WARDEN</b>					
293-5120	Personal Services		3,000	<b>3,000.00</b>	3,000.00
293-5700	Expenses		1,200	<b>1,200.00</b>	1,200.00
	Total Animal Control Officer		4,200	<b>4,200.00</b>	4,200.00
<b>TREE WARDEN</b>					
294-5110	Elected Official, Salary	2,500	2,500	<b>2,500.00</b>	2,500.00
294-5120	Personal Services	440	1,320	<b>1,320.00</b>	1,320.00
294-5700	Expenses	17,658	11,200	<b>11,200.00</b>	11,200.00
	Total Tree Warden	20,598	15,020	<b>15,020.00</b>	15,020.00
<b>INSECT PEST CONTROL</b>					
297-5700	Expenses	0	500	<b>500.00</b>	500.00
	Total Insect Pest Control	0	500	<b>500.00</b>	500.00
<b>SHELLFISH DEPARTMENT</b>					
298-5120	Personal Services	5,000	5,000	<b>5,000.00</b>	5,000.00
298-5700	Expenses	3,892	4,350	<b>4,550.00</b>	4,550.00
	Total Shellfish Department	8,892	9,350	<b>9,550.00</b>	9,550.00
<b>MV SHELLFISH GROUP</b>					
299-5700	Expenses	37,000	37,000	<b>38,000.00</b>	38,000.00
	Total M.V. Shellfish Group	37,000	37,000	<b>38,000.00</b>	38,000.00
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY</b>		2,037,847.76	2,203,999	<b>2,289,133.39</b>	2,289,133.39
<b>EDUCATION</b>					
<b>UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DIST*</b>					
311-5600	Intergovernmental	7,115,411	7,499,832	<b>7,624,269.02</b>	7,624,269.02
	Total Up-Island				
	Reg. School Dist.	7,115,411	7,499,832	<b>7,624,269.02</b>	7,624,269.02
<b>MV REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL</b>					
313-5600	Intergovernmental	2,667,401	2,780,264	<b>2,847,231.39</b>	2,847,231.39
	Total M.V. Regional				
	High School	2,667,401	2,780,264	<b>2,847,231.39</b>	2,847,231.39
<b>TOTAL EDUCATION</b>		9,782,811	10,280,096	<b>10,471,500.41</b>	10,471,500.41

\* Additional Up-island Regional School District budget information

	<b>FY'18 Budget</b>	<b>FY'19 Budget</b>	<b>Change FY'18 to FY'19</b>	<b>% Change FY'18 to FY'19</b>
Allocation of Superintendent Shared Services				
To: Up-Island District budget	1,436,996	1,539,313	102,316	7.1%
Other components of total Up-Island District budget				
School Committee				
(shared district costs)	2,000,297	2,164,669	164,373	8.2%
Chilmark Site	1,210,617	1,225,989	15,373	1.3%
West Tisbury Site	6,622,816	6,963,913	341,097	5.2%
Debt Service &				
Capital Improvements	496,278	415,175	(81,103)	-16.3%
Total Up-island regional school district	11,767,003	12,309,059	542,056	4.6%
Net Revenues used to offset budget	640,070	628,537	(11,533)	-1.8%
Town Assessments:				
West Tisbury	7,499,832	7,624,269	124,437	1.7%
Chilmark	2,518,768	2,633,640	114,872	4.6%
Aquinnah	1,108,333	1,422,613	314,280	28.4%
Total Net Revenue and Assessments	11,767,003	12,309,059	542,056	4.6%

Line Item	Account	Expenditures FY 2017	Revised Appropriations FY 2018	Requested Appropriations FY 2019	Recommended by Finance Committee FY 2019
<b>HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT</b>					
<b>SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS</b>					
421-5120	Personal Services	29,500	29,500	<b>37,000.00</b>	37,000.00
	Total Superintendent of Streets	29,500	29,500	<b>37,000.00</b>	37,000.00
<b>GENERAL HIGHWAY FUND</b>					
422-5120	Personal Services	106,231	112,130	<b>112,149.41</b>	112,149.41
422-5700	Expenses	62,915	68,600	<b>75,150.00</b>	75,150.00
	Total General Highway Fund	169,147	180,730	<b>187,299.41</b>	187,299.41
<b>SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL</b>					
423-5700	Expenses	91,032	60,000	<b>65,000.00</b>	65,000.00
	Total Snow and Ice Removal	91,032	60,000	<b>65,000.00</b>	65,000.00
<b>STREET LIGHTS</b>					
424-5700	Expenses	163	600	<b>600.00</b>	600.00
	Total Street Lights	163	600	<b>600.00</b>	600.00
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT</b>		289,842	270,830	<b>289,899.41</b>	289,899.41

Line Item	Account	Expenditures FY 2017	Revised Appropriations FY 2018	Requested Appropriations FY 2019	Recommended by Finance Committee FY 2019
<b>SANITATION</b>					
<b>TOWN LOCAL DROP-OFF</b>					
433-5120	Personal Services	0	50	<b>50.00</b>	50.00
433-5600	Intergovernmental	12,644	54,000	<b>24,000.00</b>	24,000.00
433-5700	Expenses	2,374	3,700	<b>3,700.00</b>	3,700.00
	Total Town Local Drop-Off	15,017	57,750	<b>27,750.00</b>	27,750.00
<b>MARTHA'S VINEYARD REFUSE DISPOSAL AND RESOURCE RECOVERY DISTRICT (MVRDRRD)</b>					
439-5600	Intergovernmental	115,280	112,340	<b>118,766.43</b>	118,766.43
	Total MVRDRRD	115,280	112,340	<b>118,766.43</b>	118,766.43
<b>TOTAL SANITATION</b>		130,298	170,090	<b>146,516.43</b>	146,516.43
<b>HUMAN SERVICES</b>					
<b>CEMETERIES</b>					
491-5120	Personal Services	2,217	3,000	<b>3,000.00</b>	3,000.00
491-5700	Expenses	15,523	18,200	<b>21,475.00</b>	21,475.00
	Total Cemeteries	17,740	21,200	<b>24,475.00</b>	24,475.00
<b>BOARD OF HEALTH</b>					
510-5110	Elected Officials, Salaries 3 @ \$1,000	3,000	3,000	<b>3,000.00</b>	3,000.00
510-5120	Personal Services	79,202	68,450	<b>79,235.82</b>	79,235.82
510-5700	Expenses	10,161	13,242	<b>14,142.00</b>	14,142.00
	Total Board of Health	92,363	84,692	<b>96,377.82</b>	96,377.82
<b>HEALTH SERVICES</b>					
522-5700	Expenses	10,064	17,636	<b>18,100.00</b>	18,100.00
	Total Health Services	10,064	17,636	<b>18,100.00</b>	18,100.00
<b>VINEYARD HEALTH CARE ACCESS PROGRAM</b>					
525-5600	Expenses	46,202	46,853	<b>53,599.00</b>	53,599.00
	Total VHCAP	46,202	46,853	<b>53,599.00</b>	53,599.00
<b>MARTHA'S VINEYARD SENIOR SERVICES (MARTHA'S VINEYARD CENTER FOR LIVING)</b>					
540-5700	Expenses	55,388	68,698	<b>85,524.00</b>	85,524.00
	Total MV Center for Living	55,388	68,698	<b>85,524.00</b>	85,524.00
<b>UP-ISLAND COUNCIL ON AGING</b>					
541-5120	Personal Services	260,488	270,685	<b>274,942.09</b>	274,942.09
541-5700	Expenses	17,060	19,600	<b>20,700.00</b>	20,700.00
	Total Up-Island Council on Aging	277,548	290,285	<b>295,642.09</b>	295,642.09
<b>VETERANS' BENEFITS</b>					
543-5700	Expenses	6,603	8,000	<b>14,000.00</b>	14,000.00
	Total Veterans' Benefits	6,603	8,000	<b>14,000.00</b>	14,000.00
<b>TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES</b>		505,908	537,364	<b>587,717.91</b>	587,717.91

Line Item	Account	Expenditures FY 2017	Revised Appropriations FY 2018	Requested Appropriations FY 2019	Recommended by Finance Committee FY 2019
<b>CULTURE AND RECREATION</b>					
<b>PUBLIC LIBRARY</b>					
610-5120	Personal Services	446,368	474,491	<b>499,667.65</b>	499,667.65
610-5700	Expenses	244,750	238,750	<b>247,550.00</b>	247,550.00
	Total Public Library	691,118	713,241	<b>747,217.65</b>	747,217.65
<b>PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE</b>					
620-5110	Elected Officials, Salaries 5 @ \$166	664	830	<b>830.00</b>	830.00
620-5120	Personal Services	20,819	25,498	<b>26,013.46</b>	26,013.46
620-5700	Expenses	1,007	1,450	<b>1,450.00</b>	1,450.00
	Total Park and Rec. Committee	22,490	27,778	<b>28,293.46</b>	28,293.46
<b>LAMBERT'S COVE BEACH AND UNCLE SETH'S POND</b>					
632-5120	Personal Services	65,315	80,453	<b>79,553.07</b>	79,553.07
632-5700	Expenses	13,111	15,875	<b>16,625.00</b>	16,625.00
	Total Lambert's Cove Beach and Uncle Seth's Pond	78,425	96,328	<b>96,178.07</b>	96,178.07
<b>RECREATION PROGRAMS</b>					
640-5120	Personal Services	10,237	10,625	<b>15,900.56</b>	15,900.56
640-5700	Expenses	7,527	8,600	<b>9,600.00</b>	9,600.00
	Total Recreation Programs	17,764	19,225	<b>25,500.56</b>	25,500.56
<b>TOWN GROUNDS</b>					
650-5700	Expenses	5,898	10,250	<b>10,250.00</b>	10,250.00
	Total Town Grounds	5,898	10,250	<b>10,250.00</b>	10,250.00
<b>HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION</b>					
690-5700	Expenses	153	500	<b>500.00</b>	500.00
	Total Historic District Comm.	153	500	<b>500.00</b>	500.00
<b>LOCAL HISTORICAL COMMISSION</b>					
691-5700	Expenses	0	350	<b>350.00</b>	350.00
	Total Local Historical Comm.	0	350	<b>350.00</b>	350.00
<b>MARTHA'S VINEYARD CULTURAL COUNCIL</b>					
691-5700	Expenses	2,500	3,000	<b>3,000.00</b>	3,000.00
	Total MV Cultural Council	2,500	3,000	<b>3,000.00</b>	3,000.00
<b>TOTAL CULTURE AND RECREATION</b>		818,348	870,672	<b>911,289.73</b>	911,289.73
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>					
710-5910	Principal, Long-Term Debt	742,000	798,500	<b>810,083.33</b>	810,083.33
710-5915	Interest, Long-Term Debt	230,703	217,001	<b>200,338.75</b>	200,338.75
710-5925	Interest, Short-Term Debt	6,406	17,337	<b>24,190.00</b>	24,190.00
<b>TOTAL DEBT SERVICE</b>		979,108	1,032,838	<b>1,034,612.08</b>	1,034,612.08

Line Item	Account	Expenditures FY 2017	Revised Appropriations FY 2018	Requested Appropriations FY 2019	Recommended by Finance Committee FY 2019
<b>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>					
911-5170	County Retirement	421,587	477,434	<b>501,305.00</b>	501,305.00
912-5170	Workers' Compensation	9,673	11,000	<b>11,550.00</b>	11,550.00
913-5170	Massachusetts Unemployment	0	3,000	<b>3,000.00</b>	3,000.00
914-5170	Health Insurance	700,826	838,000	<b>895,000.00</b>	895,000.00
917-5170	Life Insurance	2,301	2,500	<b>2,625.00</b>	2,625.00
916-5170	Medicare Tax	41,468	46,200	<b>48,510.00</b>	48,510.00
945-5170	Public Officials Liability Ins.	14,199	15,435	<b>16,361.10</b>	16,361.10
<b>TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>		<u>1,190,054</u>	<u>1,393,569</u>	<u><b>1,478,351.10</b></u>	<u>1,478,351.10</u>
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>		<u><u>17,159,890</u></u>	<u><u>18,396,389</u></u>	<u><u><b>18,853,061.32</b></u></u>	<u><u>18,853,061.32</u></u>

## Capital Budget - FY 2019

Description			Source of Capital Budget Appropriations					Capital Plan	
Departmental: Requested	Priority	Description/Rationale	Property Tax Levy	Issuance of Town Debt	Aid/ Grants/ Donation	Free Cash	Other Sources (Specify)	2019 Requested	2019 Recommended
Capital Budget Items:									
Fire: Fire Chief Vehicle	1	Purchase and equip new vehicle for Fire Chief and Incident Command	\$60,000					\$60,000	\$60,000
Fire: Hydrant Upgrade	1	Upgrade fire hydrant at Station #1 due to expanded need at Scott's Grove housing project (Town 50% portion)*	50,000					50,000	50,000
Fire: Repave at Station #1	1	Repave asphalt at Station #1	75,000					75,000	75,000
Police: Vehicle	1	Purchase new police vehicle according to the replacement schedule	44,225					44,225	44,225
Schools: Building Repairs	1	Repairs to HVAC system at Chilmark School and repairs/upgrades to alarm system at West Tisbury School	40,414					40,414	40,414
Town Buildings Repairs and Upgrades	1	Repair Howes House foundation, Town Hall down spout drainage and Fire Station alarms systems; other needed repairs as funds allow	100,000					100,000	100,000
Community Preservation Fund (voted separately):									
Affordable Housing	1	Predevelopment costs and preservation of affordable housing properties						300,000	300,000
Total Capital Budget			369,639	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$300,000	\$669,639	\$669,639

\*The CPA 50% portion of this upgrade was authorized April 2017.

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 Tenth day of April, Two Thousand Eighteen, at Seven 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 Twelfth 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**.

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

One Moderator for One Year  
One Member of the Board of Selectmen for Three Years  
One Member of the Board of Health for Three Years  
One Member of the Board of Assessors for Three Years  
One Tax Collector for One Year  
One Town Clerk for One Year  
One Tree Warden for One Year  
One Constable for Three Years  
One Member of the Finance Committee for Three Years  
One Library Trustee for One Year  
Two Library Trustees for Three Years  
Two Members of Parks and Recreation for Three Years

**QUESTION 1:** Shall the Town of West Tisbury be allowed to assess an additional Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00) in real estate and personal property taxes for purposes of funding the Annual Operating Budget of the Town for the fiscal year beginning July First Two Thousand Eighteen (2018)?

**ARTICLE 2:** To hear reports of the Town Officers and Committees and act thereon.  
**(RECOMMENDED 4-0)**

**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 2019; provided, however, that the amount to be Raised and Appropriated to pay the Town Charges and Expenses is contingent upon a majority of the voters casting a ballot on Question 1 at the Annual Election, to be held on April 12, 2018, voting in the affirmative to allow the Town to exceed its Proposition 2 ½ spending cap by Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00).  
**(RECOMMENDED 4-1)**

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Personnel By-law at Sections 26.3 (Pay Schedule Year Round) to reflect a wage adjustment of 2% effective July 1, 2018.  
**(RECOMMENDED 2-1-1)**

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of Forty Four Thousand, Two Hundred Fifteen Dollars (\$44,215.00) to purchase and equip one (1) four wheel drive police cruiser, and dispose of a 2013 Ford all wheel drive in the best interest of the Town.  
**(RECOMMENDED 3-1)**

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) for repairs and upgrades to town buildings including, but not limited to, repairs to the foundation of the Howes House, Town Hall downspout drainage repair, alarm systems for both fire stations and other repairs to town buildings as prioritized.  
**(RECOMMENDED 4-0)**

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to Appropriate from Free Cash the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to pay for the Town's share of the water tank required for the development of the Scott's Grove Housing project.  
**(RECOMMENDED 4-0)**

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for the purposes of engineering, design and permitting the replacement of a culvert on Tiah's Cove Rd.  
**(RECOMMENDED 4-0)**

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to Appropriate from Free Cash the sum of Twenty Seven Thousand Dollars (\$27,000) for the purpose of conducting a speed study to determine appropriate speed limits on Town-owned roads.  
**(NOT RECOMMENDED 3-1)**

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will Raise and Appropriate the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) for the re-surfacing the parking lot at Fire Station 1 on Edgartown/West Tisbury Road.  
**(RECOMMENDED 4-1)**

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will Raise and Appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) to purchase and equip one (1) fire vehicle for the



Fire Chief. The vehicle also will be set up for any Mass-Casualty calls or incidents with radios in the back for Fire & Police & EMS to be able to run a Unified Incident Command Vehicle. **(RECOMMENDED 4-1)**

**ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will vote to Appropriate from Free Cash the sum of Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000) for the purposes of creating two (2) or three (3) additional parking spaces at Town Hall.

**(RECOMMENDED 3-1)**

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to Appropriate from Free Cash the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) for the purpose of funding the Town picnic.

**(RECOMMENDED 4-0)**

**ARTICLE 14:** To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$12,590) to fund the Town of West Tisbury's share of the expenses of the All Island School Committee's contract for Adult and Community Education in Fiscal Year 2019.

**(RECOMMENDED 3-1-1)**

**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of Seventeen Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Two Dollars (\$17,152) to pay the Town's share of the Up-Island Regional School District's Phase III upgrade of the fire alarm system at the West Tisbury School providing design, procurement, installation, project management, and any costs incidental and relative thereto, provided however that the other two member Towns of the District approve their share of the total project cost of \$21,440.

**(RECOMMENDED 4-0)**

**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Three Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-One Dollars and Eighty-Eight Cents (\$23,261.88) to pay the Town's share of the Up-Island Regional School District's renovations of the heating and ventilation systems at the Chilmark School providing design, procurement, installation, project management, and any costs incidental and relative thereto, provided however the other two member Towns of the District approve their share of the total project costs of \$284,375.

**(RECOMMENDED 3-1)**

**ARTICLE 17:** 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 4-0)**

**ARTICLE 18:** To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-Two Dollars (\$7,852) to support the Dukes County Social Services.

**(RECOMMENDED 4-0)**

**ARTICLE 19:** To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand One Hundred Ninety-Five Dollars (\$7,195) to support Substance Use Disorder Prevention Programs on Martha's Vineyard.

**(RECOMMENDED 4-0)**

**ARTICLE 20:** To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of Eleven Thousand Five Hundred Twelve Dollars (\$11,512) to support the CORE program, a collaborative program of the Councils on Aging and MV Community Services, to provide coordinated counseling, outreach, and referral services to residents 55 years and older. **(RECOMMENDED 4-0)**

**ARTICLE 21:** To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Five Dollars (\$6,835) to support the First Stop Information and Referral Service for Island residents of all ages and their families. **(RECOMMENDED 4-0)**

**ARTICLE 22:** To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-Three Dollars (\$10,233) to support the planning, community building and advocacy work of Healthy Aging Martha's Vineyard for all Island elders. **(RECOMMENDED 4-0)**

**ARTICLE 23:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the expenditure in Fiscal Year 2019 from revolving funds previously established by vote of the Town under M.G.L. c.44, §53E1/2 not to exceed the following spending limits respectively:

FUND	REVENUE SOURCE	AUTHORITY TO SPEND FUNDS	USE OF FUNDS	SPENDING LIMITS
Wetlands Protection Bylaw Fund	Conservation Commission Bylaw Filing Fees	Conservation Commission	To pay for expenses of the Commission related to the administration of the Bylaw	\$2,000
Refuse District Local Drop-off Fund	Fees collected at local drop-off by MVRDRRD	Board of Health	Expenses related to operation of the Local Drop-off	\$120,000

**(RECOMMENDED 4-0)**

**ARTICLE 24:** To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to transfer to the Retired/Separating Employees Compensated Absences Reserve Fund as provided for by M.G.L. c. 40, §13D. **(RECOMMENDED 4-0)**

**ARTICLE 25:** To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of Twenty Six Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Eight Dollars and Thirty-Two Cents (\$26,158.32) 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 4-0)**

**ARTICLE 26:** To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of Sixty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Six Dollars (\$68,886) for the elected position of Tax Collector if said elected position exists after July 1, 2018. **(RECOMMENDED 3-2)**

**ARTICLE 27:** To see if the Town will vote to act upon the recommendations of the Community Preservation Committee to appropriate and set aside for later expenditure from the Community Preservation Fund established pursuant to Chapter 44B of the Mass. General Laws, FY2019 revenues, in the following amounts to the following:

- a. Open Space reserve \$50,000 (10% of estimated FY2019 Community Preservation Fund revenues)
- b. Historical Resources reserve \$50,000 (10% of estimated FY2019 Community Preservation Fund revenues)
- c. Community Housing reserve \$50,000 (10% of estimated FY2019 Community Preservation Fund revenues)
- d. Undesignated reserve \$325,000 (65% of estimated FY2019 Community Preservation Fund revenues)

And to appropriate for the Administrative Expenditures the sum of \$25,000 from FY2019 Community Preservation Fund Revenues.

**(RECOMMENDED 3-0-1)**

**ARTICLE 28:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (15,000) from the Community Preservation Historic Resources reserve to fund the Martha's Vineyard Agricultural Society replacement of the barn doors at the Agricultural Hall.

**(RECOMMENDED 3-0-1)**

**ARTICLE 29:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) from the Community Preservation Historic Resources reserve to fund the Martha's Vineyard Garden Club replacement of the exterior doors of the Old Mill.

**(RECOMMENDED 3-0-1)**

**ARTICLE 30:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) from the Community Preservation Historic Resources reserve to fund the Martha's Vineyard Museum restoration of the Mayhew Peddler's Wagon.

**(RECOMMENDED 3-2)**

**ARTICLE 31:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) from the Community Preservation Undesignated reserve to assist Island Housing Trust in funding the development of six (6) affordable ownership homes on Greenwood Avenue in the Town of Tisbury for moderate income families earning 80-100% of the Area Wide Median Income. Local preference as allowed under state and federal fair housing laws will be offered to one (1) West Tisbury resident either living or working in town at the initial lottery.

**(RECOMMENDED 4-0-1)**

**ARTICLE 32:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) from the Community Preservation Undesignated Reserve with Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) set aside for the purpose of an Affordable Housing Emergency Reserve to be used appropriately by the Affordable Housing Trust when an affordable home

is in danger of foreclosure or otherwise in preserving affordability of present or future affordable homes. The remaining Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) would be transferred to the Trust for future use toward affordable housing opportunities: search, predevelopment, legal fees associated with such, and various other affordable housing causes that meet CPA guidelines.

**(RECOMMENDED 4-0-1)**

**ARTICLE 33:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000) to support the rental assistance program of the Dukes County Regional Housing Authority for West Tisbury residents with \$1,000 to be appropriated from the Community Preservation Community Housing reserve and \$79,000 to be appropriated from the Community Preservation Undesignated reserve.

**(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

**ARTICLE 34:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Forty Nine Thousand Dollars (\$49,000) from the Community Preservation Community Housing reserve to pay down principal on the borrowing for Scott's Grove Affordable Housing development approved in Article #29 at the Annual Town Meeting held on April 11, 2017.

**(RECOMMENDED 4-0-1)**

**ARTICLE 35:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of Five Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$520,000) to reduce the tax levy in Fiscal Year 2019.

**(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

**ARTICLE 36:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the care, custody, management and control of Town owned land located at 16 Old Courthouse Road (Map 22, Lot 8) to the West Tisbury Affordable Housing Committee for development and use as affordable housing.

**(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

**ARTICLE 37:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the care, custody, management and control of Town owned land located at 401 State Road (Map 11, Lot 18) to the West Tisbury Affordable Housing Committee for development and use as affordable housing.

**(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

**ARTICLE 38:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take all necessary steps to grant an easement to, and to enter into an easement and agreement with, the Island Housing Trust, over a portion of a town-owned parcel of land located at 565 Edgartown Road for the use and protection of twin public water supply wells located within land leased to the Island Housing Trust.

**(2/3 VOTE REQUIRED, RECOMMENDED 4-0-1)**

**ARTICLE 39:** Shall the Town vote to have its elected Tax Collector become an appointed Treasurer/Collector of the Town?

**(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

**ARTICLE 40:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the following Town Bylaw that established the Personnel Board in 1986. Revisions are in **bold**.

Pursuant to Chapter 41 Section 108C of the General Laws there shall be established a Personnel Board consisting of five members of which at least 4

members shall be residents of the Town who shall be responsible for proposing personnel by-laws for voter approval and administering personnel by-laws, and who shall advise the Town on any matters pertaining thereto, in accordance with Chapter 41 Section 108C of the General Laws. One of the members shall be a Town employee, **who shall not be required to be a Town resident**, nominated and elected by the employees and appointed by the Selectmen. **This provision shall apply to all members appointed to the Personnel Board as of April 10, 2018.**

The Board of Selectmen shall initially appoint one member to serve for one year, two members to serve for two years and two members to serve for three year each; the Board of Selectmen shall in each succeeding year thereafter appoint for terms of three years each as many members are required to replace those member whose term expired in the year during which said appointment shall be made. ~~One of the members shall be a Town employee, nominated and elected by the employees and appointed by the Selectmen.~~

(RECOMMENDED 5-0)

**ARTICLE 41:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Personnel Bylaw to read as follows, the amended text appearing in **bold print**:

1.2 Administration:

Purpose

- (b) Fair treatment of all applicants and employees shall be the goal in all aspects of the personnel system which shall be administered without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender expression, national origin, political affiliation, age, disability, **pregnancy**, or other non-merit factors and with proper regard for privacy and constitutional rights.

1-4. Personnel Board

The Board of Selectmen shall appoint a Personnel Board consisting of five members of which at least 4 members shall be residents of the Town. Members shall serve for three-year terms. One of the members shall be a Town employee **who may reside outside of Town**, nominated and elected ~~following election~~ by the employees and appointed by the Selectmen. Said election shall be administered by the Town Administrator. Only employees described in 1-6 (c & d) shall be eligible to vote and serve on the Board. No elected official of the Town or more than one Town employee shall be appointed to the Board. **This provision shall apply to all members appointed to the Personnel Board after April 10, 2018.**

1-6 Definitions:

(p) **Change of Status:** A change in status shall mean an employee has resigned, retired or been discharged. A promotion to a higher graded position on the classification plan or a change of classification of an employee's current position is not a change of status.

**(q) Anniversary Date:** An employee's anniversary date is the date on which he/she will be considered for a step increase. The anniversary date is one year after the date of hire and annually thereafter. An employee who has been on an authorized leave of absence shall keep their original anniversary date. An employee who receives a promotion shall retain their original anniversary date for accrual of benefits. The anniversary date for step increases shall be the date of promotion.

**(r) Promotion:** The movement of an employee from one position to another position within the same department at a higher grade level.

Add the following new section to Section 6:

**6-7 Rate of Pay upon Reclassification:** When wage rates are changed as a result of a compensation and classification study, an employee whose position is regraded to a higher grade shall be compensated at the rate of pay that is closest to but greater than the employee's current rate of pay.

No employee's pay shall be reduced as a result of a revision to the wage scale as a result of a reclassification of their position. If, as a result of a compensation and classification study, an employee currently receives a rate of pay above the maximum rate for a position that is downgraded, or if an incumbent employee currently receives a rate of pay above the new maximum rate, this rate becomes a personal rate and applies only to any incumbent employee.

**7-6. Performance Evaluations:** All employees, regardless of their position on the Classification Plan, shall have an annual written performance evaluation, which shall be prepared by the Department Head or Appointing Authority on such form as is approved by the Personnel Board. The Performance Evaluation shall be submitted to the Personnel Board on the first day of the month in which the employee's anniversary date falls. If an employee ~~has had a change in status~~ **is promoted, his/her anniversary date for performance reviews and step increases shall be one year from the date of the promotion.** The Performance Evaluation shall include the recommendations for a step increase or the denial of a step increase by the Department Head or Appointing Authority if applicable. The employee's new rate, if granted, will become effective on the employee's anniversary date. **(RECOMMENDED 4-0-1)**

**ARTICLE 42:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Personnel Bylaw to read as follows, the amended text appearing in **bold print**:

By adding the following new subsection to Section 9 Police Department

**9-7 Education Incentive**

**Members of the Police Department who have earned degrees in the following areas of study: Criminal Justice, Business Administration, Juris Doctor (Law Degree), Psychology, Forensic Science, Science, Sociology, or other fields of criminal justice study as determined by the Chief will receive the following compensation. Such degree must be from an accredited College or University.**

The compensation for the above listed degrees shall be calculated using the following percentages of hourly pay. The percentage shall be the average of the lowest and highest steps for each position's pay grade, regardless of the employee's own step placement on the pay schedule.

Associate's Degree: 5%

Bachelor's Degree: 10%

Master's Degree: 12.5%

This section applies only to Full-Time Officers

(RECOMMENDED 3-1)

**ARTICLE 43:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Personnel Bylaw to read as follows, the amended text appearing in **bold print**:

**By adding the following new section 10:**

**10. Animal Control Officer:**

**10-1 On call duty:** Animal Control Officers who are assigned to an on-call shift shall be compensated Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75) per shift. If called out, the Animal Control Officer shall also be compensated on an hour for hour basis.

(RECOMMENDED 4-0)

**ARTICLE 44:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Personnel Bylaw to read as follows, the amended text appearing in **bold print**:

Section 26.1 (Year Round Classification Plan)

26. 0 Classification and Compensation Plans (To be effective July 1, 2018)

26.1 Year Round Classification Plan

GRADE 1

Circulation Assistant

**Substitute Circulation Assistant**

Custodian

Kitchen Manager

GRADE 2

Administrative Clerk

Building Maintenance Worker

**Highway Department Laborer**

GRADE 3

Administrative Assistant

**Assistant** Animal Control Officer

Reference and Technology Librarian

Programming Coordinator/Administrative Assistant (4/12/2016)

**Highway Department Laborer**

GRADE 4

Associate Assessor/Data Collector  
Assistant Librarian/Children's Librarian/Youth Librarian  
Executive Assistant  
Outreach Coordinator  
Assistant Council on Aging Director  
**Animal Control Officer**

GRADE 5

Head of Circulation/Assistant Library Director (4/12/2016)  
**Highway Department Foreman**  
**Assistant Treasurer/Collector**

GRADE 6

Board Administrator  
Local Building Inspector  
Patrol Officer

GRADE 7

Council on Aging Director  
Health Agent  
Library Director

GRADE 8

Inspector of Buildings/Zoning Enforcement Officer  
Police Sergeant  
Principal Assessor  
Town Accountant  
Treasurer

GRADE 9

Police Lieutenant  
**Treasurer/Collector**

GRADE 10

Town Administrator

GRADE 11

None

**(RECOMMENDED 4-0-1)**

**ARTICLE 45:** TO ESTABLISH THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL STABILIZATION FUND. To see if the Town will vote to approve the establishment by the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District of a Stabilization Fund to be known as the "MVRHS Capital



Stabilization Fund” to provide a fund for expenditures for capital improvements within the Martha’s Vineyard Regional High School District and for such other lawful purposes as provided by Massachusetts General Laws, c.71, §16G½ as it may be amended from time to time, or take any other action relative thereto. **(2/3 VOTE REQUIRED, NOT RECOMMENDED 4-0))**

**ARTICLE 46:** To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 59 section 21A with regard to compensation for Certified Assessors. **(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

**ARTICLE 47:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Business Uses Section of the USE TABLE section of the zoning bylaws by adding the following:

Recreational Marijuana Sales:	RU	VR	MB	LI
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This amendment will allow the sale of recreational marijuana in the Mixed Business District by special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

**(2/3 VOTE REQUIRED, RECOMMENDED 4-0-1)**

**ARTICLE 48:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the zoning bylaws by adding the following:

Section 3.1-1 Use Table	RU	VR	MB	LI	
Electrical Generator:	P	P	P	P	8.6-4
Portable Generator:	P	P	P	P	8.6-5

Section 8.6-4 Electrical Generators:

In order to minimize noise from abutting properties, electrical generators shall be located within the required zoning setbacks per district. Generators shall cycle (test run) one time weekly, exclusively between the hours of 9:00 am and 3:00 pm Monday through Friday, and they shall be screened by vegetation or a fence to curtail excessive sound and block the generator from public view. If the shape or size of a lot prevents an applicant from placing a generator within the required setbacks, a special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals may be requested.

Section 8.6-5 Portable Generators:

Portable generators may be used during construction and in situations where electricity is temporarily unavailable on or to the property.

**(2/3 VOTE REQUIRED, RECOMMENDED 4-0-1)**

**ARTICLE 49:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the zoning bylaws by adding the following section:

SECTION 8.11 Cargo Containers- Commercial MB & LI Districts  
8.12-1 Purpose

This Bylaw establishes the minimum conditions and requirements whereby a Cargo Container may be used permanently as a container for incidental storage in the Mixed Business or Light Industrial Zoning Districts.

#### 8.12-2 Applicability

Cargo containers which are temporarily storage units deposited on a lot for fewer than 90 days in conjunction with an approved industrial or commercial use are not required to meet the requirements of this Bylaw.

#### 8.12-3 Permits & Fees

A Special Permit shall be required for each lot where containers are to be used for incidental storage. The Planning Board shall be the Special Permit Granting Authority (SPGA). A fee shall be charged by the Building Department for each Certificate of Use per container. An Annual Inspection by the Building Department is required.

#### 8.12-4 Zoning Regulations

A. Containers shall be located only on lots where open storage of incidental materials and equipment is permitted by the Town of West Tisbury Planning and Zoning Bylaws.

B. Long term (over 90 days) containers may only be located on a lot that does not contain residential uses and only within the area where open storage is allowed by the Zoning Bylaw.

#### 8.12-5 Plans & Specifications

A. A plot plan drawn to scale showing the location of all existing buildings, parking spaces, septic systems, wells and electric lines on the lot, and the size and location of the proposed container(s) with respect to those buildings, parking and property lines is required.

B. The containers shall be constructed of steel or aluminum with a minimum 14 gauge thickness except for a wood floor within the metal shell.

#### 8.12-6 Location, Number & Size

A. The containers shall be located as permitted by the zoning bylaw.

B. The containers shall not be located so as to block, obstruct, or reduce any required exits, open spaces, windows, vent shafts, or "required" parking spaces (including access driveways) of the existing buildings on the lot.

C. The number of containers on a lot shall be limited to one container with a maximum floor area of 400sq. ft. for each 5,000sq. ft. of lot area; however, a lot with less than 5,000 sq. ft. will be allowed to have one container. Lots in the Light Industrial District shall be permitted to have up to 8 containers. In all cases, the area occupied by the container(s) shall comply with the setback requirements per the West Tisbury Zoning Bylaws for that District.

D. Each container shall not exceed 10 feet in height, 10 feet in width and 40 feet in length and shall have no wall openings except for an access door opening.

E. Container(s) shall not be "stacked" on top of each other.

#### 8.12-7 Miscellaneous Requirements

A. The use shall be limited to incidental storage and shall not be used to store hazardous materials unless approved by the Fire Department, Building Department and/or the Board of Health.

B. The use shall not allow human occupancy of the container(s).

C. The use shall not allow retail to occur from container(s).

D. Containers that have been factory-built with any electrical, plumbing, heating or air- conditioning systems shall not be allowed.

E. Container(s) shall be maintained in good condition and free of graffiti at all times.

#### 8.12-8 Violations

A. See Section 10.2-2 for violations of the above provisions.

**(2/3 VOTE REQUIRED, NOT RECOMMENDED 3-2)**

**ARTICLE 50:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Supplemental Regulations Section of the zoning bylaws by adding the following:

#### Section 8.10-6.0

NFPA 1 Chapter 38, (2018):

Marijuana Growing, Processing and Extraction Facilities shall comply with the current addition of NFPA 1 Chapter 38.

**(2/3 VOTE REQUIRED, RECOMMENDED 4-0-1)**

**ARTICLE 51:** To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 14.2 “Definitions in This Bylaw” by deleting the following:

To be replaced with the following language:

“Cultivation Area” is synonymous with “Canopy Area.” Canopy Area means the net vegetative growth area measured by the combined diameters of individual plants, and does not include aisle space or floor space for storage, processing, packaging, dispensing, or other non-growing uses.

**(2/3 VOTE REQUIRED, RECOMMENDED 4-0-1)**

**ARTICLE 52:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take all necessary steps to grant an easement to, and to enter into an easement and agreement with, the owners of Map 31, Lot 34.1, over a portion of a Town-owned parcel of land located at 565 Edgartown Road for the maintenance and repair of underground utilities. **(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

**ARTICLE 53:** To see if the Town will vote to approve the following Town Bylaw:

#### Release of Balloons

(1) No person, nonprofit organization, association, firm or corporation, shall knowingly release, organize the release of or intentionally cause to be released into the atmosphere any helium or other lighter-than-air gas balloons in the Town of West Tisbury. Any violation of this bylaw shall result in a fine of \$100.

(2) The provisions of Section (1) shall not apply to balloons which are used for the purpose of carrying scientific instrumentation during the performance of an experiment or testing procedure or by a person on behalf of a governmental agency or pursuant to a governmental contract for scientific or meteorological purposes.

**(BY PETITION, RECOMMENDED 3-1-1)**

**ARTICLE 54:** To see if the Town of West Tisbury will Raise and Appropriate or Transfer from Available Funds Thirty-Six Thousand Five Hundred and Eighty Dollar and Fifty One Cents (\$36,580.51), or fifty percent (50%) of the Town's proportionate share of the fiscal year 2019 cost of the Dukes County Regional Emergency Communication Center, based on the volume of dispatches, tied to call of origin, for all of the Town's agencies.

**(BY PETITION, NOT RECOMMENDED 4-0)**

**ARTICLE 55:** Health Imperatives – Martha's Vineyard requests \$5,000 from the Town of West Tisbury for health and human services provided to low-income and vulnerable individuals and families in Fiscal Year 2018.

**(BY PETITION, NOT RECOMMENDED 4-0)**

**ARTICLE 56:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to file a petition with the General Court for special legislation as set forth below to allow the Town of West Tisbury to protect groundwater sources of drinking water and watersheds from herbicide infiltration by requiring review and approval from the West Tisbury Board of Health.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to undertake a petition to be filed with the General Court of the state of Massachusetts for special legislation to preserve the public health, welfare and safety relative to the protection of groundwater sources of drinking water and watersheds from herbicide infiltration by requiring all governmental agencies and public utilities to undergo review and receive approval from the West Tisbury Board of Health, so that the Board of Health may prescribe, limit or prohibit the application of herbicides and related chemical products to control or eliminate vegetation on lands in the Town of West Tisbury that are designated as sole source aquifers for the Town of West Tisbury Water Supply or for individual and community private residential well water supplies or Watersheds.

**(BY PETITION, NO ACTION 3-2)**

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 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 21 Day of March in the Year Two Thousand Eighteen.

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Jeffrey S. "Skipper" Manter  
Chair

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Cynthia E. Mitchell

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Kent A. Healy

WEST TISBURY SELECTMEN

DATE:

I 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.

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Timothy A. Barnett  
Constable

A true copy, attest:

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Tara J. Whiting  
Town Clerk



ABSENTEE  
OFFICIAL BALLOT  
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION  
WEST TISBURY, MASSACHUSETTS  
APRIL 12, 2018

*Tara J. Whiting*  
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.

FOR MODERATOR

One Year Vote for ONE  
**DANIEL A. WATERS**  
18 Christiantown Road Candidate for Re-election ☐  
☐  
(Write-in)

FOR TAX COLLECTOR

One Year Vote for ONE  
**BRENT B. TAYLOR**  
63 Willow Tree Hollow Candidate for Re-election ☐  
☐  
(Write-in)

FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEE

One Year Vote for ONE  
**FRANCES A. FINNIGAN**  
55 Bluebird Way ☐  
☐  
(Write-in)

FOR SELECTMAN

Three Years Vote for ONE  
**JEFFREY "SKIPPER" MANTER**  
25 Pond View Farm Road Candidate for Re-election ☐  
☐  
(Write-in)

FOR TOWN CLERK

One Year Vote for ONE  
**TARA J. WHITING**  
488 Edgartown Road Candidate for Re-election ☐  
☐  
(Write-in)

FOR FINANCE  
COMMITTEE

Three Years Vote for ONE  
**GREGORY W. ORCUTT**  
59 Willow Tree Hollow Candidate for Re-election ☐  
☐  
(Write-in)

FOR BOARD OF HEALTH

Three Years Vote for ONE  
**TIMOTHY A. BARNETT**  
11 Brushbroom Lane Candidate for Re-election ☐  
☐  
(Write-in)

FOR TREE WARDEN

One Year Vote for ONE  
**JEREMIAH ARMSTRONG BROWN**  
2 Hoby Lane Candidate for Re-election ☐  
☐  
(Write-in)

FOR PARKS AND  
RECREATION COMMITTEE

Three Years Vote for TWO  
**LISA AMOLS**  
23 Mariners Path Candidate for Re-election ☐  
**JEFFREY "SKIPPER" MANTER**  
25 Pond View Farm Road Candidate for Re-election ☐  
☐  
(Write-in)  
(Write-in)

FOR BOARD OF  
ASSESSORS

Three Years Vote for ONE  
**MICHAEL COLANERI**  
41 Rogers Path Candidate for Re-election ☐  
☐  
(Write-in)

FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEE

Three Years Vote for TWO  
**CAROLINE R. FLANDERS**  
13 Rock Pond Road Candidate for Re-election ☐  
**ROBERT JP HAUCK**  
34 Stony Hill Road ☐  
☐  
(Write-in)  
(Write-in)

FOR CONSTABLE

Three Years Vote for ONE  
**TIMOTHY A. BARNETT**  
11 Brushbroom Lane Candidate for Re-election ☐  
☐  
(Write-in)

QUESTIONS

Question 1 "Shall the Town of West Tisbury be allowed to assess an additional Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00) in real estate and personal property taxes for purposes of funding the Annual Operating Budget of the Town for the fiscal year beginning July First Two Thousand Eighteen (2018)?" **YES** ☐ **NO** ☐