

## **A FEW HOURS PAST SUNSET**

I'm halfway through a walk  
in the brush-cut field  
between wiry cedars and a line  
of cold farm tools,  
inky shadows, brittle wind.

My warm house  
with running water,  
food, loved ones,  
all my stuff  
safely tucked away,  
the sky lit up like a theater screen  
pregnant with movie,  
ready to show the world as endless  
and full of meaning as time will afford,  
the old I never chose where I was from  
still in me, rattling out a lesson  
I can finally turn my back on

-Spencer Thurlow

## DEDICATION

### BETH KRAMER AND NELIA DECKER

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Wayne Smith Photo

Between them, Beth and Nelia have a combined 42 years of service to the West Tisbury Library. Nelia retired in 2019, and Beth will be retiring in 2020. They plan to enjoy spending time with family and trying new pursuits.

Great friends as well as colleagues, it seemed most fitting for these two selfless givers to share this year's dedication. Nelia and Beth worked together at the library for over 15 years. Outside of work, the two regularly partake in year-round early morning rowing (pictured above), and once road-tripped together to see the total solar eclipse.

Beth became library director in 2007, just one year after joining the library staff. Her 12-year tenure has been marked by unwavering enthusiasm, dedication, and excellence. Her leadership engendered a similarly enthusiastic and dedicated library staff, who consistently described her as the best boss: a supportive manager who encouraged growth and lead by example.

One of Beth's most notable accomplishments was getting the beautiful new library facility approved by the Town. The project began when a group of dedicated individuals coalesced to form the West Tisbury Library Foundation, with the goal of renovating and expanding the library building it had severely outgrown. A \$2.98 million grant awarded by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners paid for half the cost, the Town supported the project with \$1.5 million, and the West Tisbury Library Foundation's capital campaign raised the remaining \$1.87 million. Our current, venerated library opened in March 2014. Beth's participation and leadership were instrumental every step of the way.

The children's wing was Nelia's vision. The inviting space provides a dedicated place in the library for kids to read, craft, and play. There is intentional, ready access from the children's wing to the porch and grounds, where Nelia started a butterfly garden. She is a firm believer in connecting kids with nature.

During Beth's term, the library, along with the Chilmark and Aquinnah libraries, joined CLAMS (the Cape Libraries Automated Materials Sharing network) in 2011. At the time, the down-island libraries were already members. Consequently, Islanders now need only one card to gain access to every Island library. Membership became especially relevant during the year-plus building renovation project, when the library moved into its tiny temporary quarters on Cournoyer Road, because it ensured ready access for patrons to CLAMS' vast catalogue of materials. Not long after joining, Beth was unsurprisingly recruited to serve as President of the CLAMS Executive Board.

Nelia worked at the library for 25 years, starting in 1993 as assistant children's librarian when the library was on Music Street. Over the years she has been a volunteer, a trustee, a friend of the library, a young adult librarian and the children's librarian. She has nurtured young readers' curiosity, creativity, love for nature, and compassion for others. As CK Wolfson once put it, she is the keeper of the best and broadest smile.

Nelia's weekly Mother Goose on the Loose story time was a mainstay for generations of Islanders and summer visitors alike. The summer sessions often drew 60 to 70 people. A student of children's books and young adult literature, Nelia thoughtfully curated a collection to guide children and families through all stages of early literacy. She could always make perfect suggestions for a book to try.

Both women have also shared their strengths with the greater Island community by serving multiple organizations, including the Martha's Vineyard Public Charter School, of which Nelia was one of the original founders, MV Youth, and the Martha's Vineyard Cultural Council to name a few. Beth spearheaded the effort to secure childcare at Town Meeting, making it more accessible for parents and caregivers.

During their time at the library, Nelia and Beth instilled the love of books in young readers and developed our library into a thriving hub for learning. They demonstrated over and over again that they will do whatever it takes to meet our community's needs and desires. Their genuine love for people is palpable.

The Town thanks Beth and Nelia for the lasting legacy they leave at the library, and wishes them all the best in their well-deserved retirement. They will be truly missed.

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**TOWN OFFICERS  
2019  
(ELECTED BY BALLOT)**

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**MODERATOR**

Daniel A. Waters	Term 1 Year, Expires 2020
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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Kent Healy	Term 3 Years, Expires 2020
J. Skipper Manter	Term 3 Years, Expires 2021
Cynthia E. Mitchell	Term 3 Years, Expires 2022

**BOARD OF HEALTH**

Erik Lowe	Term 3 Years, Expires 2020
Timothy Barnett	Term 3 Years, Expires 2021
Jessica Miller	Term 3 Years, Expires 2022

**BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

Maria McFarland	Term 3 Years, Expires 2020
Michael Colaneri	Term 3 Years, Expires 2021
Richard Cohen	Term 3 Years, Expires 2022

**TOWN CLERK**

Tara J. Whiting-Wells	Term 1 Year, Expires 2020
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**TREE WARDEN**

Jeremiah Brown	Term 1 Year, Expires 2020
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**CONSTABLES**

John Powers	Term 3 Years, Expires 2020
Timothy Barnett	Term 3 Years, Expires 2021

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Gary Montrowl	Term 3 Years, Expires 2020
Greg Orcutt	Term 3 Years, Expires 2021
Douglas Ruskin	Term 3 Years, Expires 2022
Jane Dreeben	Term 3 Years, Expires 2022
Clark Rattet	Term 3 Years, Expires 2022

**PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

Wendy Nierenberg	Term 3 Years, Expires 2020
Elaine Barnett	Term 3 Years, Expires 2020
Caroline Flanders	Term 3 Years, Expires 2021
Robert Hauck	Term 3 Years, Expires 2021

Wayne Smith	Term 3 Years, Expires 2022
Fran Finnigan	Term 3 Years, Expires 2022

#### **PLANNING BOARD**

Leah Smith	Term 5 Years, Expires 2020
Henry Geller	Term 5 Years, Expires 2020
Bea Phear	Term 5 Years, Expires 2022
Matthew Merry	Term 5 Years, Expires 2022
Virginia Jones	Term 5 Years, Expires 2024

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

Cheryl Lowe	Term 3 Years, Expires 2020
Suzanne Hammond	Term 3 Years, Expires 2020
J. Skipper Manter	Term 3 Years, Expires 2021
Lisa Amols	Term 3 Years, Expires 2021
Mark Bernard	Term 3 Years, Expires 2022

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

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

Katherine Devane	Term 4 Years, Expires 2022
Alex Salop	Term 4 Years, Expires 2022
J. Skipper Manter	Term 4 Years, Expires 2022

#### **LAND BANK COMMISSIONER**

Mary Robin Ravitch	Term 3 Years, Expires 2020
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**TOWN OFFICERS**  
**2019**  
**(Appointed by Selectmen unless otherwise noted)**

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**AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT COORDINATOR**  
Jennifer Rand

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE**  
*(Members appointed by various town boards)*

Michael Colaneri	Lawrence Schubert
Ted Jochsberger	Angela Prout
Rise Tierney	Jefrey Dubard
John Rau	Susan Silk

**ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER/DOG OFFICER**

Anthony Cordray	Term 1 Year
Kimberly Andrade, Assistant	Term 1 Year
Kathleen Hoffman, Assistant	Term 1 Year

**BYWAYS COMMITTEE**

Ashley Hunter	Harriett Bernstein
Cynthia Aguilar	Rez Williams
Shirley Vanderschueren	Cathy Minkiewicz
Kate Upson	

**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
Katherine Logue	Greg Orcutt
Bruce Stone	Leah Smith
Richard Knabel	Joseph Tierney, Ex. Officio

**CARE OF TOWN CLOCK**

Malcolm W. Young	Term 1 Year
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**CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS**

Kent Healey	Term 3 Years, Expires 2020
Cynthia E. Mitchell	Term 3 Years, Expires 2021
J. Skipper Manter	Term 3 Years, Expires 2022



### **CEMETERY SUPERINTENDENT**

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

### **CLIMATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Kate Warner	Sue Hruby
Russell Hartenstine	Garrison Vieira
Virginia Jones	Faren Worthington
Donna Paulnock	Robert Hauck

### **COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

*(Members appointed by various town boards)*

Nancy Dole	Lesley Eaton
Bea Phear	Cheryl Lowe
Ted Jochsberger	Gary Montrowl
John Rau	Jefrey Dubard
John Brannen	

### **COMPLETE STREETS COMMITTEE**

Berta Geller	Tony Higgins
Tony Omer	Rachael Baumrin
Oliver Osnoss	

### **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

*Prudence Burt	Term 3 Years, Expires 2019
Peter Rodegast	Term 3 Years, Expires 2020
Michael Turnell	Term 3 Years, Expires 2020
Tara Whiting-Wells	Term 3 Years, Expires 2020
Whit Griswold	Term 3 Years, Expires 2020
Binnie Ravitch	Term 3 Years, Expires 2021
John Brannen	Term 3 Years, Expires 2022
Geraldine Brooks	Term 3 Years, Expires 2022
Brian Beall (Associate)	Term 1 Years, Expires 2020
Donna Paulnock (Associate)	Term 1 Years, Expires 2020

### **CONSTABLES**

*Norman Perry	Term 1 Year
Will Whiting	Term 1 Year
*Dan Cabot	Term 1 Year
Nathan Vieira	Term 1 Year
Evan Fielder	Term 1 Year

### **COUNCIL ON AGING**

Ann Nelson	Term 3 Years, Expires 2020
Nancy P. Cabot	Term 3 Years, Expires 2021
J. Skipper Manter	Term 3 Years, Expires 2021

**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**

Michael Bellissimo	Term 3 Years, Expires 2022
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**DUTCH ELM DISEASE WARDEN**

Jeremiah Brown	Term 1 Year
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**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Russell Hartenstine, Director	Term 1 Year
John Christensen, Assistant Director	Term 1 Year
Chris West, Assistant Director	Term 1 Year

**ENERGY COMMITTEE**

Sue Hruby	Richard Andre
Ron Dagostino	Nicola Blake
Rebekah Thompson	

**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
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**HERRING WARDEN**

John Hoy	Term 1 Year
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**HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**

Sean Conley	Term 3 Years, Expires 2020
Nancy Dole	Term 3 Years, Expires 2020
Mark Mazer	Term 3 Years, Expires 2021
Ken Lieberman	Term 3 Years, Expires 2021
Anne Fischer	Term 3 Years, Expires 2022
Charlie Kernick	Term 3 Years, Expires 2022
Josh Gothard	Term 3 Years, Expires 2022

#### **HOUSING BANK COMMITTEE**

Jeffrey Dubard	Cynthia Mitchel
Matt Merry	Michael Bellissimo
Jane Dreeban	Sam Hall
Doug Finn	

#### **INSECT CONTROL WARDEN**

Jeremiah Brown	Term 1 Year
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#### **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 2021
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#### **JOINT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

Jennifer Rand	Term 1 Year
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#### **LAND BANK ADVISORY BOARD**

*(Members appointed by various town boards)*

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

#### **LIBRARY BUILDING COMMITTEE**

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

#### **LOCAL HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

Leslie Gray	Term 3 Years, Expires 2020
Anne Fisher	Term 3 Years, Expires 2020
Jill Bouck	Term 3 Years, Expires 2021
Karin Stanley	Term 3 Years, Expires 2021
Ellen Weiss	Term 3 Years, Expires 2021
Richard Burt	Term 3 Years, Expires 2022

#### **MARTHA'S VINEYARD COMMISSION**

##### **SELECTMEN'S REPRESENTATIVE**

Ernest Thomas	Term 1 Year
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#### **MARTHA'S VINEYARD CULTURAL COUNCIL**

*Niki Patton	Term 3 Years, Expires 2019
*Beth Kramer, Ex Officio	Term 3 Years, Expires 2020
Linda Vadasz	Term 3 Years, Expires 2021
Robert Hauck	Term 3 Years, Expires 2022
Irene Tewksbury	Term 3 Years, Expires 2022

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

Gail Tipton	Term 3 Years, Expires 2020
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**MILL POND WATERSHED STUDY COMMITTEE**

Prudy Burt	Cynthia Mitchell
Tim Boland	Kristen Geagan
Bill Wilcox	Brian Beall
Selena Roman	Angela Luckey

**MUNICIPAL HEARING OFFICER**

John Powers	Term 1 Year
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**PARKING CLERK**

Donna Michalski	Term 1 Year
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**PERSONNEL BOARD**

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
Diane Powers	Term 3 Years, Expires 2020
Rachel Rooney (employee rep.)	Term 3 Years, Expires 2021

**PLANNING BOARD ASSOCIATE MEMBER**

Henry Gellar	Term 1 Year
Amy Upton	Term 1 Year

**POET LAUREATE**

Spencer Thurlow	Term 1 Year
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**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Matthew Mincone, Chief	Term 3 Years, Expires 2020
Garrison Vieira, Sergeant	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
Leomar De Oliveira, Officer	Term 3 Years, Expires 2021
J. Skipper Manter, Lieutenant	Term 3 Years, Expires 2021
Jeremie Rogers	Term 3 Years, Expires 2021
Philip Hollinger, y/r Special	Term 3 Years, Expires 2021

**SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS**

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
Maximillian Bradshaw	Term 3 Years, Expires 2020
Connor Bettencourt	Term 3 Years, Expires 2020

#### **RESERVE POLICE OFFICERS**

Daniel Rossi	Term 3 Years, Expires 2022
Jeffrey Stone	Term 3 Years, Expires 2022
Nathan Vieira	Term 3 Years, Expires 2022
Doron Klingensmith	Term 3 Years, Expires 2022

#### **RECORDS ACCESS OFFICER**

Tara J. Whiting-Wells	Term 1 Year
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#### **REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

John S. Alley	Term 3 Years, Expires 2021
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#### **BOARD OF REGISTRARS**

Antone H. Rezendes, Jr.	Term 3 Years, Expires 2020
Bernice H. Kirby	Term 3 Years, Expires 2021
Rufus Peebles	Term 3 Years, Expires 2022

#### **SHELLFISH AGENT**

Will Reich	Term 1 Year
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#### **SHELLFISH CONSTABLE**

Ray Gale	Term 3 Years, Expires 2020
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#### **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
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**TREASURER/COLLECTOR**

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**

Matthew Mincone Term 1 Year

**VETERANS' GRAVES OFFICER**

Brian Athearn Term 1 Year

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

*Bob Schwier-Associate	Term 2 Years, Expires 2019
Larry Schubert	Term 5 Years, Expires 2020
Julius Lowe	Term 5 Years, Expires 2021
*Tony Higgins	Term 5 Years, Expires 2021
Deborah V.B. Wells	Term 5 Years, Expires 2021
John Rau -Associate	Term 2 Years, Expires 2021
Toni Cohen	Term 5 Years, Expires 2022
Nancy Cole	Term 5 Years, Expires 2023

\*Resigned

\*\*Deceased

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

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In 2019 the theme seemed to be a year of ‘Back to Basics’ - Housing & Transportation. Death & Taxes. Fire & Water. Water proving to be the major one in the forms of water removal, storm waters, bottled water and rising waters.

It began in January when Plastic Free MV, a group of young school students, presented a request to the Board of Selectmen to place an article on the Annual Town Meeting warrant banning plastic drink bottles. The article pertaining to the bylaw passed unanimously, followed by folks cheering and applauding the kids for their success. With that, the town of West Tisbury became the first town in North America to ban single-use plastic water and soda bottles of 32 ounces and less.

Other water topics were the Water Withdrawal Bylaw introduced by the Conservation Commission to protect the water quality and volume of water in the surface water bodies within the Town of West Tisbury by prohibiting the withdrawal of water from surface water bodies for private or commercial use through pumping or other means.. A public forum was held in March and after much discussion on the ATM floor it was passed as the Water Resources Protection Bylaw

The topic of storm waters was addressed when Kate Warner brought up the subject of coordinating the Municipal Vulnerability Preparation plan, the Emergency Management plan and the Green Communities plan. Kate was asked and agreed to be appointed as the Vulnerability Coordinator for West Tisbury to work with other island towns and organizations. In November a committee was appointed.

In September we heard from the Island Climate Action Network which in addition to being concerned about rising waters island wide, said that the primary concern noted for West Tisbury is wild fire due to the State Forest. In November members of the MA Department of Conservation and Recreation and Fire spoke at our meeting about the State forest and the fire concerns. They were able to update us on what has been done and gave us a better understanding of the work that still needs to be done.

Taxes were on the table with the introduction of the Short Term Rental Tax by the State. There were many discussions about the amount of tax to charge, what the tax should be used for and enforcement. This ultimately resulted in the voters agreeing at ATM to a local room excise at the rate of 6% percent going into the General Fund for now rather than being designated for a specific use.

The tax topic was of course connected to the Housing Bank. While the other island towns voted down the original proposal, at West Tisbury’s ATM it was voted to form a committee that was composed of both the Board of Selectmen and Affordable Housing Committee, or their designees. They were charged with

engaging in discussions and negotiations with the Dukes County Regional Housing Authority and the other Island towns to develop a proposed Home Rule Petition in support of the formation of a Martha's Vineyard Housing Bank. The Housing Bank Committee was formed in July and began meeting in the fall.

Affordable Housing was also on our minds regarding the property on Old Courthouse Road. The official Request for Proposal went out in March. In August the job was awarded to Island Housing Trust. We are excited to see this project moving forward.

At the end of the summer we began thinking about the Chilmark Tri-Town Ambulance building and our involvement in the project. We and the Finance Committee were presented with cost sharing scenarios and appointed Selectman Manter to the committee to keep us up to date on the project as it moves forward.

In May the VTA Drivers Union applied to all island Selectmen to support their cause. The Selectmen agreed to draft and send a letter. As everyone knows, the drivers ended up striking at the very beginning of the summer and we were relieved when an agreement was reached and the strike ended a month later. But the fall brought word of a planned reduction in routes and services and once again we were discussing the issue at meetings trying to come up with suggestions to get them to reconsider the plan. Cost sharing options were proposed and we are hoping that we can help keep the busses running for FY 2021.

Recreational Marijuana was the topic this year and the opportunity for the town to benefit from up to 3% of the tax that the State collects. A Host agreement was signed and it was voted to put an article on the warrant to collect the 3% tax.

As always, we extend our thanks for the hard work and dedication of all Town Employees, the members of our many boards, commissions and committees who volunteer their time, and the countless citizens who participate and willingly involve themselves in town affairs and make West Tisbury the unique place that it is.

Respectfully submitted,

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



## 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,

We kicked off 2019 by filing 26 bills focused on protecting our environment, expanding access to housing for those most in need, and breaking down barriers to voting, among many other issues. Locally, we filed and passed legislation for the Martha's Vineyard Airport to make much-needed capital improvements and equipment upgrades. As a legislature, we passed significant bills including hands-free driving legislation, major education reform which will infuse \$1.5 billion in new funding for our schools, and funding for women's reproductive healthcare.

This year, I spoke with students at a Youth Climate Summit at Felix Neck, sat on a climate change panel at the Environmental Film Festival and moderated a discussion on climate change at the West Tisbury School with John Kerry and Gina McCarthy, among other meetings focused on climate change adaptation with island towns. These events, all organized by local community groups, show how invested the Vineyard is in identifying solutions to combat climate change and plan for the future of this coastal community.

In the budget, Senator Cyr and I secured \$175,000 for regional shellfish propagation (over \$550,000 over the past three years), and will continue to support this culturally, economically, and environmentally important industry. We were also able to get \$40,000 for the Dukes County Substance Misuse and Detox Program, to provide medically assisted treatment to Islanders, as well as \$50,000 for the Transportation Access Program, to help with excessive costs of off-island travel for those that need to access healthcare on the mainland, both administered by Martha's Vineyard Community Services. Finally, for the first time in 20 years, the legislature increased Community Preservation Act (CPA) funding by allocating an additional \$36 million for important local projects including affordable housing, restoration of historic sites, and preservation of open space.

My team and I are working for you on-island and at the State House and we will always be here to serve you. Community engagement, transparency, and accessibility were tenants of my campaign and are the foundation of my office. Reach out to me anytime at (617) 722-2013, ext 3 or email me at [Dylan.Fernandes@mahouse.gov](mailto:Dylan.Fernandes@mahouse.gov).

Yours,

Dylan

# REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

## MARRIAGES

DATE	NAME	Surname after Marriage	Residence
<b>January</b>			
1	Benjamin T. Retmier Elyce M. Bonnell	Retmier Retmier	West Tisbury, MA
<b>May</b>			
18	John R. Stanwood Katherine T. Ruppel	Stanwood Ruppel	West Tisbury, MA
26	Edward J. Monette Victoria M. Melignano	Monette Melignano	New York, NY
<b>June</b>			
8	Jorge V. Vilarrasa Caroline K. Meyer	Vilarrasa Meyer	New York, NY
9	Daniel C. Ferry Hannah M. Maxner	Ferry Ferry	West Tisbury, MA
<b>July</b>			
2	John M. Thurgood Kateryna Yermakova	Thurgood Yermakova	Chilmark, MA
12	Wesley Allen Look Camila Ewer Thorndike	Look Thorndike	West Tisbury, MA
14	Gregory P. Sullivan Montserrat L. D. Torre	Sullivan Sullivan	Carroll, NH Fairport, NY
<b>August</b>			
5	Dave G. Schwoch Jacqueline A. Noel	Schwoch Noel	Oak Bluffs, MA Tisbury, MA
17	Bryant H. Templeton Ashley N. Fry	Templeton Templeton	Washington, DC
24	Michael P. Gately Olivia R. Larsen	Gately Gately	West Tisbury, MA
<b>September</b>			
6	Walker C. Ryan Whitney D. Swolinsky	Ryan Ryan	Venice, CA Aquinnah, MA

# MARRIAGES- Continued

DATE	NAME	Surname after Marriage	Residence
<b>September</b>			
7	Sean S. McMahon Katherine A. Mayhew	McMahon Mayhew-McMahon	West Tisbury, MA
14	Fitzroy A. Spragg Emilie A.G. Perry	Spragg Spragg	Corinth, VT
21	Armande L. Milhouse Alexandria L. Bancroft	Milhouse Milhouse	Walnut Creek, CA
28	Brian Francis Cox Hilary Lyle Wall	Wallcox Wallcox	West Tisbury, MA
<b>October</b>			
5	Lyle Philip Zell Abigail Collins Rogers	Zell Zell	West Tisbury, MA
12	Joshua N.W. Kegan Enrica Lucia Jossi	Kegan Jossi	Dover, NH
<b>November</b>			
9	William Laurence Brown Galen Leigh Brew	Brown Brown	Tisbury, MA
29	Luke Leavitt Morgan Christine Marie Ronan	Morgan Ronan	Culver City, CA
<b>December</b>			
10	Mark John Cronin Shelley Ann Edmundson	Cronin Edmundson	West Tisbury, MA Tisbury, MA
20	Nikola Golijanin Christenia Laury	Golijanin Golijanin	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA

## DEATHS

DATE	NAME	DATE	NAME
<b>January</b>		<b>September</b>	
1	Jennifer Huntley Gardner	1	Elinor A. Stewart
<b>February</b>		1	Davin A. Tackabury
27	Doris Howe	16	Eugenia Townsend (Hubbard) Whitlock
<b>June</b>		<b>November</b>	
4	Kathleen Selover Stevenson	8	Michael Adell
14	Eleanor Ann (Rogers) Luce	<b>December</b>	
15	Marilyn Dawson Wilcox	11	Elaine W. Russell
22	Brook Zern	18	William Langdon Skinner
<b>August</b>		23	Peter H.R. Hawkes
13	Robert Grant Copeland	26	Ann M. Howes
17	William C. Luckey		
26	Christine P. (A.) Fisher		
30	Francis James Paciello		

## 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 2019 was 25.

## ANNUAL TOWN MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS

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### Annual Town Meeting

April 9, 2019

The meeting was called to order on April 9, 2019 at 7:20 pm by the Moderator who declared the presence of a 5% quorum, there being 352 qualified voters present. All considered articles were duly moved, seconded and voted upon. There was one floor amendment. At 10:50 pm the meeting was continued to April 10, 2019 at 7 pm.

The meeting was called to order on April 10, 2019 at 7:15 pm by the Moderator who declared the presence of a 5% quorum, there being 155 qualified voters present. All considered articles were duly moved, seconded and voted upon. There were eight floor amendments. At 10:15 pm the meeting was continued to April 30, 2019 directly following the Special Town Meeting.

The meeting was called to order on April 30, 2019 at 7:41 pm by the moderator who declared the presence of a 5% quorum, there being 182 qualified voters present. All considered articles were duly moved, seconded and voted upon with two articles being voted in reconsideration. There were two floor amendments. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 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:** Plastic Water and Soft Drink Bottle Ban (See warrant for full text)  
**Amended** Effective date: May 1, 2020.

**ARTICLE 4:** Vote to Raise and Appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town Charges and Expenses for Fiscal Year 2020.

**ARTICLE 5:** Vote to amend the Personnel By-law at Sections 27.3 and 27.4 (Pay Schedule Year Round and Seasonal) to reflect a wage adjustment of 2.3% effective July 1, 2019.

**ARTICLE 6:** Vote to Raise and Appropriate \$50,000 for repairs and upgrades to Town buildings as prioritized by the Facilities Maintenance Committee and the Board of Selectmen

**ARTICLE 7:** Vote to Raise and Appropriate \$32,484.21 of the Town's proportionate share of the fiscal year 2020 maintenance cost of the State-funded development and upgrades of the Dukes County Regional Emergency Communication Center and Radio System ("RECC").

**ARTICLE 8:** Vote to amend Section 27.1 the Personnel Bylaw to make the following changes to the Year Round Town Classification Plan:

Add Shellfish Agent at Grade 3

Delete the Reference and Technology Librarian at Grade 3 and move it to Grade 4.

Delete the Treasurer at Grade 8  
(See town warrant for full text)

**ARTICLE 9:** Vote to Appropriate from Free Cash \$8,000 to employ a Shellfish Agent for the Shellfish Department for the remainder of the current fiscal year ending June 30, 2019.

**ARTICLE 10:** Vote to Appropriate \$18,675 from the Reserved for Appropriation funds received from the County of Dukes County for the purpose to promote tourism and economic development to be expended by the West Tisbury Shellfish Department.

**ARTICLE 11:** Vote to Raise and Appropriate \$30,000 to put towards the purchase and equipping of one all-wheel drive police cruiser in FY 2021 and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of a 2012 Ford Crown Victoria in the best interest of the Town at that time. In the event of unforeseen major repairs to the 2012 Ford Crown Victoria a portion of the \$30,000 may be used towards those repairs.

**ARTICLE 12:** Vote to Appropriate from the Sale of Cemetery Lots \$5,000 for the purpose of repairing headstones in the Town cemeteries.

**ARTICLE 13:** Vote to Raise and Appropriate \$60,000 for the purpose of procuring a new phone system for all municipal buildings. The total cost of the project is expected to be \$120,000, and there will be a second request for the remaining funds next year.

**ARTICLE 14:** Vote to Appropriate from Free Cash \$2,700 for the purpose of funding the Town picnic.

**ARTICLE 15:** Vote to Raise and Appropriate \$9,995 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 2020.

**PASSED UNANIMOUSLY AS AMENDED**

**Add: 'Provided it does not exceed 14.28% of the total monies appropriated by all six (6) island towns to a maximum \$9,995.**

**ARTICLE 16:** Vote to Raise and Appropriate \$22,000 for the purpose of purchasing an all-wheel drive vehicle for use by Town departments.

**ARTICLE 17:** Vote to Raise and Appropriate \$138,138.83 to be paid to the Martha's Vineyard Regional School District to fund the Town's share of feasibility study and schematic design work in connection with possible new construction of and/or renovations to the high school.

**ARTICLE 18:** Vote to Raise and Appropriate \$24,000 to be used by the Board of Assessors for the valuation update of real and personal property to meet the certification of values as required by Massachusetts state law.

**ARTICLE 19:** Vote to amend the Town Bylaw governing Town Meeting Dates

**FAILED**

**ARTICLE 20:** Vote to accept Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 64G Section 3A to impose a local room excise at the rate of 6%.

**ARTICLE 21:** Vote to accept the fourth paragraph of M.G.L. Chpt 40, Sec 5B, in which all, or a percentage not less than 25%, of a particular fee, charge or

other receipt to any stabilization fund, to be effective for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2019, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 22:** Vote to dedicate 30% of the local room excise funds received under M.G.L. Chpt 64G, Sec 3A to the Road Construction and Paving Stabilization Fund.

**FAILED**

**ARTICLE 23:** Vote to dedicate 30% of the local room excise funds received under M.G.L. Chpt 64G, Sec 3A to the Municipal Vehicle Stabilization Fund on July 1, 2019 or take any...

**MOTION TO POSTPONE INDEFINITELY PASSED**

**ARTICLE 24:** Martha's Vineyard Housing Bank

**PASSED on April 9, 2019**

**ATM continuation on April 30, 2019; a motion to rescind the vote PASSED**

**A motion was made 'To see if the town will vote to refer the issue to a committee composed of the Board of Selectmen and Affordable Housing Committee, or their designees, to engage in discussions and negotiations with the Dukes County Regional Housing Authority and the other Island towns to develop a proposed Home Rule Petition in support of the formation of a Martha's Vineyard Housing Bank and to report back to a special or annual town meeting and seek approval prior to submitting any such Home Rule Petition to the Legislature.'**

**PASSED**

**ARTICLE 25:** Martha's Vineyard Housing Bank

**MOTION TO POSTPONE INDEFINITELY PASSED**

**ARTICLE 26:** Vote to Raise and Appropriate \$7,492 to pay the Town's share of the County's contract for Dukes County Social Services.

**ARTICLE 27:** Vote to Raise and Appropriate \$4,495 to pay the Town's share of the County's contract for Substance Use Disorder Prevention Programs on Martha's Vineyard

**ARTICLE 28:** Vote to Raise and Appropriate \$11,987 to pay the Town's share of the County's contract for 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.

**PASSED AS AMENDED: Reduce amount to \$11,416 and add the line; 'These funds shall not be used to pay an administrative fee to the county'.**

**ARTICLE 29:** Vote to Raise and Appropriate \$4,690 to pay the Town's share of the County's contract for the First Stop Information and Referral Service for Island residents of all ages and their families.

**PASSED AS AMENDED: Reduce amount to \$4,467 and add the line; 'These funds shall not be used to pay an administrative fee to the county'.**

**ARTICLE 30:** Vote to Raise and Appropriate \$10,256 to pay the Town's share of the County's contract to support the planning, community building and advocacy work of Healthy Aging Martha's Vineyard for all Island elders.

**PASSED AS AMENDED: Reduce amount to \$9,767 and add the line; 'These funds shall not be used to pay an administrative fee to the county'**

**ARTICLE 31:** Vote to authorize the expenditure in Fiscal Year 2020 from revolving funds previously established by vote of the Town under M.G.L. c.44, §53E1/2

**ARTICLE 32:** Vote to Raise and Appropriate \$20,000 to transfer to the Retired/Separating Employees Compensated Absences Reserve Fund as provided for by M.G.L. c. 40, §13D.

**ARTICLE 33:** Vote to Raise and Appropriate \$12,450 to fund the County Other Post-Employment Benefits provided all seven (7) towns vote in the affirmative.

**ARTICLE 34:** Vote to Raise and Appropriate \$28,496.88 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.

**ARTICLE 35:** Vote to Appropriate from Free Cash \$8,000 to employ a highway laborer for the Highway Department for the remainder of the current fiscal year ending June 30, 2019.

**ARTICLE 36:** Vote to Appropriate from Free Cash \$18,000 to hire a consultant to conduct a Classification Plan and Compensation Plan Study, in consultation with the Personnel Board.

**ARTICLE 37:** Vote to Appropriate from Free Cash \$23,500 for the purchase, licensing, training and data conversion for new permitting software.

**ARTICLE 38:** Vote to Appropriate from Free Cash \$5,000 for the purpose of creating wheelchair access on the path beside the road in the North Tisbury Business District

**ARTICLE 39:** Vote to Raise and Appropriate \$7,000.00 to be used by Elections/Board of Registrars to purchase a new Accu-vote tabulating system.

**PASSED AS AMENDED Replace 'Accu-vote' with Image Cast Precinct Tabulator**

**ARTICLE 40:** Vote to amend Section 8.4-4 L of the West Tisbury Zoning Bylaw by striking a typographical error and adding the language in bold print: "Temporary off-premises signs for events licensed by the Board of Selectmen, provided that such signs are not displayed for more than three days unless the Board of Selectmen specifically authorize **a longer period of time.**"

**ARTICLE 41:** Vote to recodify and reorganize Section 6.2-4, Special Ways, of the zoning bylaw, as set forth below. This article adds, deletes, or revises only the substantive text shown below. (Additions are shown in italics and deletions are shown by strike throughs.) The article does not add or remove any Special Ways. In summary, the article: adds introductory language clarifying that Special Ways are not necessarily open to the public; puts all the regulations in one place in a well-organized list; clarifies that, if some Special Ways are already traveled by vehicle prior to designation, then that prior use may continue; clarifies that the Planning Board may issue a special permit for some changes to a Special Way; and removes a section relating to Special Places that should be in Section 6.3 governing special places. (See town warrant for full text)



**ARTICLE 42:** Vote to amend Zoning Bylaw Section 8.5-4 Swimming Pools by deleting stricken language and inserting language in **bold** print.

**8.5-4 Swimming Pools**

**A. Pools, General**

In-ground swimming pools of any depth and above and on-ground swimming pools, as defined in the applicable provisions of the Massachusetts State Building Code governing swimming pools, in effect at the time the application is submitted, ~~shall be enclosed by a fence at least 4 feet in height which meets~~ **must meet** all requirements of the State Building Code ~~CMR 780 Section 421.~~ **as well as the following Zoning Bylaw requirements.**

**1. All pools must be surrounded by a physical barrier meeting all requirements of the State Building Code. Powered Safety Covers do not satisfy this requirement.**

2 Lighting of pools shall comply with the requirements of Section 8.6.

~~Pools must be in compliance with the regulations of State Building Code CMR 780 Section 421.~~

3 In order to minimize noise impacts on neighbors, associated noise-producing pool equipment shall be located as far as possible from abutting properties, and at least the minimum required setback and shall be installed in a sound ~~insulated~~ **insulating** enclosure.

**PASSED AS AMENDED Add back in...’780 CMR’**

**ARTICLE 43:** The undersigned voters of the Town of West Tisbury hereby petition to amend the Town of West Tisbury Zoning Bylaw to:

- Allow the recreational sale of marijuana in the LI-2 (Airport Park) Zone by Special Permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals; and
- Allow the cultivation and product manufacturing of recreational marijuana in the LI Zone by Special Permit from the Zoning Board of Appeal. **(BY PETITION)**

**ARTICLE 44:** Vote to adopt the following new town bylaw entitled, “West Tisbury Water Resources Protection Bylaw”. (See warrant for full text)

**PASSED AS AMENDED**

**Section B; Add language ‘A permit may be granted based on time of year and flow measurements taken at the proposed water withdrawal location at the time of the application’.**

**Section B; remove ‘excepting existing physical structures’ and list in Section C.**

**Section C now reads;**

**C. EXCEPTION:** Prohibitions contained in Paragraph B above shall not apply to withdrawals or diversions associated with 1). The temporary withdrawals or diversions associated with firefighting or training activities associated with firefighting, 2). Flood control or 3). Existing physical structures.

**ARTICLE 45:** Vote to Raise and Appropriate \$14,280 as the Town’s appropriate share (14.28%) of the All Island School Committee’s contract for Youth Task Force Services, to collaborate with police, schools, parents, providers and

businesses in a community wide youth substance abuse prevention program for fiscal year 2020.

**PASSED AS AMENDED**

**Add: 'Provided it does not exceed 14.28% of the total monies appropriated by all six (6) island towns to a maximum of \$14,280.**

**ARTICLE 46:** Vote to Raise and Appropriate \$19,725 to pay the Town's share of the Up-Island Regional School District's window replacement project 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 \$211,420.

**ARTICLE 47:** Vote to Raise and Appropriate \$1,875 to pay the Town's share of the Up-Island Regional School District's flooring project 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 \$20,100.

**ARTICLE 48:** Vote to Raise and Appropriate \$91,016 to pay the Town's share of the Up-Island Regional School District's roofing project at the West Tisbury School (over the bell-wing) 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 \$113,771.

**ARTICLE 49:** Vote to Raise and Appropriate \$75,056 to pay the Town's share of the Up-Island Regional School District's outdoor decking project at the West Tisbury 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 in their share of the total project costs of \$93,820.

**ARTICLE 50:** Vote to Raise and Appropriate \$16,000 to pay the Town's share of the Up-Island Regional School District's design of a parking lot at the West Tisbury School providing design and 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 \$20,000.

**ARTICLE 51:** Vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L. c. 59 §5K, including: 1) allowing an approved representative, for persons physically unable, to provide tax work off services to the Town and 2) allowing the maximum reduction of the real property tax bill to be based on 125 volunteer service hours in a given tax year. Accepting this provision allows the Board of Selectmen to establish a program to allow veterans to volunteer to provide services to the Town in exchange for a reduction in their real property tax obligations.

**ARTICLE 52:** Vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L. c. 59 §5N, including: 1) allowing an approved representative, for persons physically unable, to provide tax work off services to the Town and 2) allowing the maximum reduction of the real property tax bill to be based on 125 volunteer service hours in a given

tax year.. Accepting this provision allows the Board of Selectmen to establish a program to allow persons over the age of 60 to volunteer to provide services to the Town in exchange for a reduction in their real property tax obligations.

**ARTICLE 53:** Vote to Appropriate from Free Cash \$550,000 to reduce the tax levy in Fiscal Year 2020.

**ARTICLE 54:** Vote to act upon the recommendations of the Community Preservation Committee to Appropriate and set aside for later expenditure from the Community Preservation Fund established pursuant to Chapter 44B of the Mass. General Laws, FY 2020 revenues, in the following amounts to the following: Open Space reserve \$50,000 (10% of estimated FY 2020 Community Preservation Fund revenues): Historical Resources reserve \$50,000 (10% of estimated FY 2020 Community Preservation Fund revenues): Community Housing reserve \$50,000 (10% of estimated FY 2020 Community Preservation Fund revenues): Undesignated reserve \$325,000 (65% of estimated FY 2020 Community Preservation Fund revenues): And to Appropriate for the Administrative Expenditures \$25,000.00 from FY 2020 Community Preservation Fund Revenues.

**ARTICLE 55:** Vote to Appropriate \$98,000.00, as West Tisbury's share of the total project budget of \$519,000.00, from the Community Preservation Undesignated Reserve Fund to the Dukes County Regional Housing Authority to support the rental assistance program for West Tisbury residents.

**ARTICLE 56:** Vote to Appropriate \$50,000.00 from the Community Preservation Housing Reserve Fund and \$25,000.00 from the Undesignated Reserve Fund for a total \$75,000.00, to Island Elderly Housing, Inc., as West Tisbury's share of the total project budget of \$500,000.00 to fund five new permanently affordable apartment units for the elderly at the Aidylberg III project in Oak Bluffs.

**ARTICLE 57:** Vote to Appropriate \$43,000.00 from the Community Preservation Undesignated Reserve Fund, to Harbor Homes of Martha's Vineyard, Inc., as West Tisbury's share of the total budget of \$815,000.00, to fund the acquisition of future housing for homeless residents earning less than 30% of the County median income.

**ARTICLE 58:** Vote to Appropriate \$45,000.00 from the Community Preservation Historic Resources Reserve Fund, to the First Congregational Church of West Tisbury, to fund the first phase of an Accessibility and Kitchen Plan, which will generate schematic design plans and drawings to address the challenge of achieving code compliant accessibility and kitchen architectural plan for an historic building.

**ARTICLE 59:** Vote to Appropriate \$61,655.00 as the second installment in a maximum of ten installments, from the Community Preservation Undesignated Reserve Fund to pay down principal on the borrowing for Scott's Grove Affordable Housing development approved in Article #21 at the Annual Town Meeting held on April 11, 2017.

**ARTICLE 60:** Vote to Appropriate \$40,000.00 from the Community Preservation Open Space Reserve Fund to fund the first half of a two year implementation of the Mill Brook Watershed Management Plan.

**ARTICLE 61:** Vote to Appropriate \$10,000.00 from the Community Preservation Open Space Reserve Fund and \$20,000.00 from the Community Preservation Undesignated Reserve Fund for a total of \$30,000.00 to fund the Maley/Field Gallery Landscape Project, proposed by the Trustees of the Library and the Board of Selectmen.

**ARTICLE 62:** Vote to return the unexpended balance of \$6,412.94 from the Electrical service upgrade at the Dukes County Courthouse, under Article #30 approved at the 2013 Annual Town Meeting, with \$5,412.94 to the Community Preservation Undesignated reserve, and \$1,000.00 to the Community Preservation Historic Resources reserve.

## ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

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### 11 April 2019-Annual Town Election

Registered Voters 2,544; Total Ballots Cast-264 (10.38%)

#### **MODERATOR**

Blanks	28
Daniel A. Waters	236
Write-in	0

#### **SELECTMAN**

Blanks	50
Cynthia E. Mitchell	209
Write-ins	8

#### **BOARD OF HEALTH**

Blanks	35
Jessica D. Miller	229
Write-in	0

#### **BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

Blanks	49
Richard Neysa Cohen	215
Write-in	0

#### **TOWN CLERK**

Blanks	16
Tara J. Whiting-Wells	248
Write-in	0

#### **TREE WARDEN**

Blanks	36
Jeremiah Brown	228
Write-in	0

#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE 1 year**

Blanks	52
Jane Dreeben	211
Write-ins	1

#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE 3 years**

(vote for 2)	
Blanks	111
Joseph K. Gervais	107
Clark R. Rattet	127
Douglas Ruskin	179
Write-in	1

#### **LIBRARY TRUSTEE (vote for 2)**

Blanks	115
Frances A. Finnigan	222
Wayne Smith	191
Write-ins	0

#### **PARKS & RECREATION**

Blanks	50
Mark C. Bernard	214
Write-in	0

#### **PLANNING BOARD**

Blanks	48
Virginia C. Jones	216
Write-ins	0

## REPORT OF THE REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

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To the Board of Selectman:

The number of registered voters in

	December 2019	December 2009
Democrat	1,085	534
Republican	139	70
Green Party USA	3	2
Green Rainbow	4	2
Libertarian	8	1
American Independent	2	0
MA Independent	0	0
Un-enrolled	1,357	735
Others	7	1
Total	2,605	1,345

The Street List of Residents in December 2019 was:

Voter	2,605
Non-Voter	605
Total	3,210

Respectfully submitted,

Bernice Kirby  
Rufus Peebles  
Antone H. Rezendes, Jr.

Tara J. Whiting-Wells, Clerk  
To the Board of Selectmen:

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

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## **2020 NEXT STEPS**

The West Tisbury Affordable Housing Committee (WTAHC) and the West Tisbury Affordable Housing Trust Fund (WTAHT) are looking forward to the coming year with several new developments.

- The Committee received permission to develop the old fire station on Old Courthouse Road. This parcel had been sought after by the Committee for at least a decade, and the project is now under contract with Island Housing Trust (IHT). Two new apartments will be created on this site.
- The Committee is actively pursuing the purchase of two parcels off Old County Road near Pin Oak Circle. It is our hope that these will prove fruitful in the coming year.
- The Committee continues to partner with Island Housing Trust (IHT) to build affordable housing in other towns which, in part, will be available to West Tisbury residents.
- The Committee continues to update its comprehensive handbook, with guidelines to assist prospective affordable homeowners and developers seeking information on zoning issues and bylaws that affect affordable housing in West Tisbury.

## **2019 ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

The Scott's Grove Project of nine rental units last year has received accolades from the Massachusetts government since it was completed last year. The Committee and the Trust appreciate the generosity of Susan W Scott who left the property to the Town and for whom the project is named. As a tribute to her we include the following biography.

Susan W. Scott was born in Bristol, Rhode Island to Eliza Francis and Arron A Willis. Susan was a housewife and a homemaker and lived in a small home across from the present day Fire Station on the Edgartown West Tisbury Road. Many of the details of her life are unknown, such as what brought her to spend her life in West Tisbury. What is obvious was her love for the town of West Tisbury and the generosity and wisdom of a special, forward thinking woman. When asked to provide a portion of the family property to house a fire station she donated the land where that station sits to this day. Upon her death, as part of her will, she donated the remainder of that land on Edgartown West Tisbury Road to the Town. This generous gift gave the Town not only the fire station but a place for

a baseball field and now homes for 9 families. It is because of this great woman, who lived a quiet simple life in this small town that Scott's Grove was made possible. Nine families can now live and grow in this beautiful place. We are grateful to Ms. Scott and hope that others will follow her example to help address the Island's housing needs.

The committee remains focused on promoting and providing a supply of affordable housing for the residents of West Tisbury. One new home was added to the roster in 2018. In 2019 two new rental apartments were added to the inventory to bring the total to 53. These apartments were created through the accessory apartment bylaw.

Fourteen apartments are presently being subsidized for affordable housing using Community Preservation Committee (CPC) funding. These 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.

#### **OTHER PROJECTS**

As noted above The WTAHC and WTAHT continue to work and support projects of affordable housing by non-profits and other private developers. Several developments are currently in progress around the Island, notably the Perlman Project in Vineyard Haven by IHT. As was indicated, a resident of West Tisbury will be entitled to one unit when the project is completed.

WTAHC also is searching through Town owned land parcels that may be suitable for affordable housing development. In addition, the Committee is also looking into privately owned homes for possible affordable housing.

#### **HOUSING PRODUCTION PLAN (HPP)**

Although almost three years old, this report remains pertinent. 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 stated that close to a third of all year-round households have low/moderate incomes. Of these more than half of these households spend more than 50% of their total gross income on housing.

The HPP noted several possible ways to achieve more affordable housing. One of these involves possible amendments to zoning laws (density areas, co-housing, etc.). The Committee, in coordination with other boards within the town has begun working on changing the bylaws and creating new ones.

#### **NEW POSSIBILITIES**

The passage of a Massachusetts State Law creating a short term room tax on weekly rentals may generate funds that can be put toward affordable housing. This law is in the infancy stage and no local rules or regulations have been developed as of yet.

The Committee wishes to express its gratitude to our State representatives – Dylan Fernandez and Julian Cyr. They have sponsored a number of bills to support



affordable housing. Among these are above mentioned the Short-term Rental Law and a bill that may pave the way for the aforementioned Housing Bank.

Several private non-profit groups are actively in the pursuit of publicly owned property for affordable housing. In addition these organizations reach out to private donors. Some approaches involve adopting waivers or reductions in fees for affordable housing projects and working together as a whole island community to develop projects.

#### **HOW YOU CAN HELP**

Rentals are disappearing and people are leaving the island to find housing. Creating year round housing is an island necessity to maintain a diverse community.

As 2019 closes the WTAHC and WTAHT encourage West Tisbury residents to become involved in solving this housing deficit. Here are several ways you can help:

1. Homeowners with large lots may 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 (<https://www.westtisbury-ma.gov/>))
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 to support affordable housing.
4. In your will/estate planning leave your house to the West Tisbury Affordable Housing Trust or to the 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 produced and are available at the WTAHC desk on the third floor. They may also be downloaded from the town website. <https://www.westtisbury-ma.gov/>

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

#### **Membership**

We were sad to see the retirements of Susan Feller in September and Angela Prout in December.

The WTAHC is happy to announce our newest members John Rau as of September and Susan Silk as of December.

At present, there is one vacant alternate position and one vacant Board of Health Representative position.

**2019 Thanks**

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 by:

West Tisbury Affordable Housing Committee  
Larry Schubert, Building Dept. Rep. (Chair)  
Mike Colaneri, Board of Assessor's Rep. (Vice Chair)  
Jeffrey Dubard, Community Preservation Committee Rep.  
Ted Jochsberger, At-Large Rep.  
Angela Prout, Board of Health Rep, (retired in December)  
Rise Terney, Planning Board Rep.  
Susan Feller, At-Large Rep (retired in October)  
John Rau, Alternate as of August.  
Susan Silk, New Rep as of November

Rhonda Conley, Administrative Assistant

West Tisbury Affordable Housing Trust  
Skipper Manter Chair, Selectmen (Chair)  
Kent Healy, Selectmen  
Cynthia Mitchell, Selectmen  
Along with WTAHC members

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

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To the Board of Selectmen  
and West Tisbury Residents:

West Tisbury Animal Control is doing well. Massachusetts requires ACOs to have continuing education and a record of that time. I and the two assistants, Kate Hoffman, Kim Andrade are up to date for this year.

I would like to congratulate Kate Hoffman on successfully completing the Animal Control Officers course. It's a lot of work to go Boylston on Friday for 13 weeks, thank you Kate for getting it done.

I have had some people tell me they moved to West Tisbury because we are so livestock friendly. It is a unique thing that West Tisbury has human and animal populations so close together and that for the most part everyone gets along. I have been on calls where sheep or cows have gotten out and are grazing on someone front lawn. The land owner tells me they enjoy the sight and want me to leave them there as long as I need to find the owner.

We only had a couple of trips from the spay wagon this year because the truck broke down. Boston Animal Rescue League said they are buying a new truck and should be ready by the first of the year. In the spring they may be coming over for March, April and May. If you want to get an appointment give us a call at 508-684-8201 and we will put you on the waiting list.

By the time you are reading this your dog(s) should have a license, as they are required every calendar year. You would have gotten a renewal form with your annual census. Please visit the town clerk or look on the town web page for information

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony Cordray  
Animal Control Officer



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## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

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In calendar year 2019 we completed an interim year review of all properties in the Town as mandated by the State for fiscal year 2020. Values were based on the analysis of valid sales from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019. The fiscal year 2020 tax rate is set at **\$6.07**. Property values are available on our GIS website [www.caigisonline.com](http://www.caigisonline.com) or by contacting the office.

The final fiscal year 2019 total number of applications for Real Estate and Personal Property tax abatements was twenty six. All but one application has been successfully settled by the Board of Assessors. The Board has two Appellate Tax Board cases pending.

The final approved tax rate information for fiscal year 2020 is as follows:

<b>TAX RECAPITULATION</b>	<b>FY2020</b>
<b><u>TAXABLE VALUE BY CLASS</u></b>	
Residential	2,685,425,386
Commercial	83,399,048
Industrial	10,601,765
Personal Property	45,210,030
<b>TOTAL TAXABLE VALUE</b>	<b><u>2,824,636,229</u></b>
<b><u>ANNUAL TAX LEVY</u></b>	
Appropriations	20,908,466.49
Other Local Expenditures	10,425.00
State & County Assessments	197,429.00
Overlay	26,090.41
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE RAISED</b>	<b>21,142,410.90</b>
 Total estimated Receipts & Available Funds	 3,996,869.00
 <b>NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION</b>	 <b><u>17,145,541.90</u></b>
<b>TOTAL LEVY</b>	

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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  
(BOA approved 1-8-2020)

# REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

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## **Tick Borne Illness Prevention Program**

### **Introduction and History**

The Tick Program was started in 2011 under the auspices of the Boards of Health of the six Island towns. It was originally part of Tick-Borne Illness Prevention, a more comprehensive undertaking funded by the Martha's Vineyard Community Health Initiative of the Martha's Vineyard Hospital. The funding from the Hospital was for five years, when it ran out the Tick Program was continued using a combination of grants, private donations and funds from the Island Boards of Health, with the town of Edgartown providing fiscal and administrative services.

From 2011 to 2015, the Tick Program worked primarily on Chappaquiddick and Chilmark. The primary function of the program was conducting tick yard surveys for private property owners, which included a habitat assessment and flagging the yard to determine the number and species of ticks present on the property. At the conclusion of the survey we reported the findings and discussed options for making the yard less tick friendly and outlined steps the property owner could take to protect themselves, their families and their pets from being bitten by ticks. The Program also presented a series of public talks focusing on the data collected during the surveys, preventive measures and options for dealing with ticks on a broader scale.

In 2016 the program was expanded to become a truly regional service covering all six Island towns. From 2011 -2017 Richard Johnson was the only staff person of the Tick Program, working as a part-time seasonal employee. By the end of the 2017 field season it was apparent that the program needed to hire additional seasonal staff to keep up with the demand for yard surveys created by the expansion to all six towns.

In 2018 Dukes County took over the fiscal and administrative functions of the Tick Program, making it a truly regional program and making it possible to hire two seasonal interns to work Island-wide.

### **2019**

In 2019 the tick program employed two seasonal interns, Jonah Rehak and Spencer Binney, to conduct yard surveys. We also had a third intern, Celena Guimaraes who translated portions of the Boards of Health website into Portuguese and made a video in Portuguese about ticks, tick-borne illnesses and preventive measures. Celena also helped with yard surveys as needed.

The Tick Program conducted 212 yard surveys in 2019. Because we thought 2019 might be the last year that the Tick Program conducted yard surveys, we tried to resurvey as many yards as possible from previous years to record

changes over time. Therefore the greatest number of surveys were conducted on Chappaquiddick and in Chilmark on properties that had been surveyed from 2011 through 2018.

For the last three years the Martha's Vineyard Commission has prepared GIS maps showing the distribution and numbers of the three tick species on the island that bite humans. Maps provide a clear picture of the three species as well as changes over time

Maps also show that the greatest number and density of deer ticks are found on the morainal soils (i.e north of State and South Roads) of West Tisbury and Chilmark and in Aquinnah. We also found high numbers of deer ticks in some areas of Chappaquiddick. This pattern is consistent with what we found in surveys from earlier years.

The pattern for dog ticks is less clear, they appear to be more randomly distributed across the Island. This is also consistent with what we found in surveys from earlier years.

The yard surveys are primarily designed to inform property owners about the number and types of ticks around their homes and provide information on what they can do to reduce ticks in their yards and keep themselves, their families and pets safer. However, the Tick Program has now conducted over 1000 yard surveys, which allows us to look for patterns in the distribution of ticks as well as changes over time.

One of the more interesting patterns found in the data collected from the yard surveys has been the spread of lone star ticks across the Island. From 2011 until 2013, lone star ticks were rare enough that we did not recognize them or record them as a separate species. However, in 2014 we recorded lone star ticks in 22 of the 86 (26%) surveys conducted on Chappaquiddick while in 2019 we found lone star ticks in 54 of 58 (93%) surveys on Chappaquiddick. In 2014, we recorded lone star ticks in 1 of 62 (2%) surveys conducted in Chilmark while in 2019 we found them in 25 of 49 (51%) surveys in Chilmark.

Maps of properties also show where lone star ticks were found from 2011 - 2017. The lone stars are clearly concentrated at either end of the Island, in Aquinnah and the east side of Chappaquiddick, especially Cape Poge. There a few sites in Chilmark with low numbers of lone star ticks, however we did not find them during most surveys, as indicated by green dots. .

By 2018 our surveys found that lone star ticks had spread across more of the Island, particularly Chilmark and the western part of West Tisbury, albeit in very low numbers. They had also dramatically increased in numbers in Aquinnah and the main body of Chappaquiddick. Properties on Cape Poge were not surveyed in 2018.

#### **Number and Locations of Lone Star Ticks Collected 2018**

In 2019 our data show lone star ticks continuing to spread east from Aquinnah and west on Chappaquiddick and increasing in numbers in areas where they were already present.

Table 2 illustrates the lone star data in a different way, providing a summary of the number and percentage of surveys in each town (or part of a town) where lone star ticks were found over the last three years.

TABLE 2  
Number of surveys and percentage of surveys with lone star ticks  
by town and year

Town	2017		2018		2019	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
<b>Aquinnah</b>	9/10	90%	10/10	100%	20/20	100%
<b>Chappaquiddick</b>	10/12	83%	28/34	82%	54/58	93%
<b>Chilmark</b>	3/21	14%	25/51	49%	25/49	51%
<b>Edgartown (excluding Chappy)</b>	2/15	13%	7/28	25%	6/24	25%
<b>West Tisbury</b>	0/21	0%	6/38	16%	12/34	35%
<b>Tisbury</b>	0/6	0%	1/21	5%	0/11	0%
<b>Oak Bluffs</b>	0/7	0%	0/14	0%	2/16	13%

Table 2 indicates that in terms of lone star ticks the Vineyard can be divided into three zones.

In zone 1, which includes Chappaquiddick and Aquinnah, the lone star ticks have been well established for at least 3 years. We found lone star ticks in over 80% of our surveys from 2017 to 2019. In fact, we found lone star ticks in 39 of 40 (98%) of surveys in Aquinnah and 91 of 103 (88%) of surveys on Chappaquiddick during those three years.

In zone 2, which includes Chilmark, West Tisbury and Edgartown exclusive of Chappaquiddick, lone star ticks are not as well established but seem to be increasing significantly. In Chilmark the percentage of surveys where we found lone star ticks increased from 14% in 2017 to about 50% in both 2018 and 2019. In West Tisbury the trend is particularly clear. The percentage of surveys where we found lone star ticks increased from 0% in 2017 to 16% in 2018 and 35% in 2019. In Edgartown exclusive of Chappaquiddick, the percentage of surveys where we found lone star ticks increased from 13% in 2017 to 25% in both 2018 and 2019.

In zone 3, which includes Oak Bluffs and Tisbury, we rarely found lone star ticks. In Oak Bluffs from 2017 to 2019 we found lone star ticks in 2 of 37 (5%) surveys and in Tisbury from 2017 to 2019 in only 1 of 38 (3%) surveys. These data indicate that lone star ticks have not established significant populations in either town.

In summary, the 1000+ tick yard surveys we have conducted over the last nine years have provided a valuable mechanism for providing direct, individualized,



person to person education for landowners. In addition, they have allowed us to understand the distribution of all three important tick species on Martha's Vineyard and to document the spread of lone star ticks across the Island.

**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 embayment's from fertilizer.

The six island Boards of Health decided unanimously to part ways with VNA at the end of their 2017 contract. All six island towns are now contracted with Island Healthcare, an island based community health agency, to provide public health nursing services. Island Health Care is an island based agency with close ties to the community.

We would like to remind all residents that Island Health Care 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. If there are any questions please call Island Healthcare at 508-939-9358 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 Clinic was held at the Martha's Vineyard High School on October 19th. The clinic held in the cafeteria provided service for

walk-ins for adults, children and their families. Service was also available for individuals who were physically impaired and needed to be vaccinated in their motor vehicles.

The Board issued the following licenses and permits in 2019.

Semi-Public Swimming Pool Permits .....	2
Bathing Beaches .....	7
Bed & Breakfast Permits .....	2
Camp Permits.....	3
Well Permits.....	20
Septic System Permit.....	47
Lawn Fertilizer License .....	0
Food Establishment Permits .....	29
Temporary Food Establishment Permits.....	102
Motel Permit .....	4
Tent Permits .....	1
Septic Pumping permits.....	183
Septic Hauler License .....	11
Septic Installer License.....	24
Tobacco Vendors License .....	1
Pool Permit .....	8
Barn Permits .....	2

\* 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 8,900 tons in 2019 of waste and construction material. Over 8000 tons of the material was delivered to SEMASS Waste to Energy Facility in Rochester Ma., and the remaining tonnage (900) was recycled Construction Material delivered to various locations throughout the Northeast from Rhode Island to Albany NY. Our recycling efforts also removed over 200 tons of mixed Glass, Plastic and Aluminum cans, 600 tons of cardboard and mixed paper 190 tons of various metals, over 200 batteries, 13 tons of tires, and 400 tons of leaves/brush.

We are proud to announce that over 500 households participated in the District’s Hazardous Household Waste Collection program during 2019. After 30 years, the program continues to grow and provide Island residents the opportunity to dispose of hazardous material in an environmentally correct and safe way.

Mercury Elements and Florescent light bulbs accepted **free of charge**, thanks to our contract with *Covanta Waste to Energy*, and are accepted during regular business hours.

Rechargeable batteries, Fluorescent and Low Energy bulbs, and Button batteries etc.

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

2020 Schedule

Each event hours are 9am – 12pm

May 2, 2020

July 18, 2020

Oct 17, 2020

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Barnett  
Erik Lowe  
Jessica Miller

## REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

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Single Family Residences (SFR)	15	Solar Array- Commercial	
Modular SFR	3	25.42kW	2
Guest House	2	Private Swimming Pool	2
Guest House/Detached Bed/Garage	0	Fence over 7'	1
Guest House/Garage	2	Demolition	6
Residential Duplex	0	Trench	1
Residential Additions	22	Move Structure	0
Residential Alterations	24	Roofing	24
Residential Addition/Alteration	1	Siding	0
Residential Addition/Renovation	2	Chimney	0
Residential Renovation	7	Foundation Only	11
Residential Renovation/Alteration	3	Wood Stove	3
Residential Reno/Add/Alter	0	Insulation	43
Residential Reconstruction	1	Minor Work	60
Detached Accessory Apartment	9	Minor Work +	2
Detached Garage	2	Minor Work S	1
Detached Garage/Dwelling	1	Repair	1
Detached Bedroom	1	Sign	4
Detached Bedroom/Studio	1	Commercial Minor Work	3
Detached Accessory Structure	6	Commercial New Construction	0
Garage w/Detached Bedroom	0	Commercial Alteration	1
Dry Studio	0	Commercial Addition	2
Screened Porch	2	Commercial Renovation	0
Change of Use	4	Commercial Accessory Structure	1
Change of Contractor	1	Commercial Storage Container	0
Craft Workshop	1	Commercial CO2 System	1
Barn	3	Sprinkler System	2
Pickle Ball Court	0	Annual Inspection	16
Shed	5	Fire Protection System	2
Temporary Tent	29	Smoke Detector Installation	47
Tent for Storage	2	Heat Detector Installation	1
Camping Vehicle License	2	Sheet Metal	47
Tent License	0	Minisplit	4
Temporary Office Trailer	3	Building Permits	400
Solar Array- Roof Mount		Electric Permits	233
177.03kW	22	Gas Permits	106
Solar Array- Ground Mount		Plumbing Permits	122
61.18kW	5		
<b>Total Permit Fees Collected</b>			<b>\$173,950.25</b>
<b>Value of Construction</b>			<b>\$47,651,785.56</b>

LPG License (2000+ Gallons)	1
LPG Construction	53
LPG Removal	1
Fuel Oil Tanks & Burners	8
Underground Oil Tank Removal	2
Underground Oil Tank License	0
Mobile Fuel Storage	0
Hot Works	2
<b>Total Fire Permit Fees Collected</b>	<b>\$3,000.00</b>

Respectfully submitted,

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

## **REPORT OF THE CAPE LIGHT COMPACT**

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

Effective July 1, 2017, the Cape Light Compact 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**

During 2019, the Compact's power supplier for all residential, commercial, and industrial customers was NextEra Energy Services of Massachusetts (NextEra). The Compact is pleased that our residential price in 2019 was lower on average than the utility's basic service residential price. The Compact has been a green aggregation since January 2017, meaning 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.

In March, the Compact launched two new power supply options, CLC Local Green 50 and CLC Local Green 100. The CLC Local Green program gives customers the ability to support local renewable energy development by opting to pay a small premium on their monthly electric bill. The Compact uses this premium to purchase and retire Massachusetts Class 1 RECs to match either 50% or 100% of customers' annual electricity usage, in addition to the RECs retired as part of the Compact's standard power supply product. These RECs are sourced from renewable energy projects in New England, including several solar installations on Cape Cod. By participating in CLC Local Green, customers are driving the market to bring new renewable energy resources online at home in New England.

At a regional level, New England continues to face electricity pricing spikes during the winter months. Over the last fifteen years, New England has greatly increased its reliance on natural gas for electricity production, and now over 50% of the electricity is generated with natural gas. However, natural gas pipeline capacity has not substantially increased during that same period. As a

result, during winter cold snaps, demand for natural gas to generate electricity competes with natural gas demand for heating purposes. Allocation of natural gas for heating has priority. This creates a supply shortage of natural gas for electricity production, and therefore increases prices for electric generators, which is passed on to all New England power supply customers. Until this issue is resolved, either through additional natural gas or electric transmission infrastructure, demand reduction, or other targeted programs, the possibility of future high winter pricing remains, and as such, consumers should still expect seasonal pricing fluctuations for the foreseeable future. The Compact will continue to seek ways to help customers mitigate the impacts of higher winter electricity pricing through innovative energy efficiency programs.

As of December 2019, the Compact had approximately 2,000 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 2019, the Compact continued its focus on grid modernization, joining with other parties to submit a letter to the Department of Public Utilities (DPU) urging the opening of an investigation on the grid-facing grid modernization investments, including advanced metering infrastructure. This follows the DPU's last set of grid modernization orders in May 2018, which approved some of the utilities' requests but deferred decisions on customer-facing technologies (such as advanced metering infrastructure) to future proceedings. The Compact and other parties are now asking the DPU to begin where their last orders left off and start investigating how customer-facing grid modernization technologies will be deployed.

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 2019	# of Participants	Customer Savings	kWh Saved	Rebates/ Incentives Paid to Customers
Low Income	7	\$1,463.40	7,317	\$14,201.14
Residential	206	\$27,918.20	139,591	\$253,305.10
Commercial	10	\$13,349.20	66,746	\$28,952.15
<b>Total</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>\$42,730.80</b>	<b>213,654</b>	<b>\$296,458.39</b>

*Note: The data above does not include activity from November and December 2019 due to the date of this publication. Please visit [www.capelightcompact.org/reports/](http://www.capelightcompact.org/reports/) for more information. Also, in the Residential Retail Initiative, several measures may reduce energy use from one fuel source but may increase use of another fuel resulting in negative kWh*

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

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 (\$0.02113 for residential customers and \$0.00545 for commercial and industrial customers).

Other Cape Light Compact efforts include:

- 11 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 visits, teacher workshops, energy education curriculum and free materials all aligned with the state NGSS and STEM initiatives.
- Lighting upgrades and engineering review and services were completed at the Martha’s Vineyard Airport.

West Tisbury Representative – Sue Hruby

West Tisbury Alternate – Jennifer Rand



# 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 and prioritizing those capital improvement projects which should be undertaken over the next five years. These assets and projects are defined as those costing over \$25,000 and having a useful life of five years or more. Our charge is to prepare a capital budget for the next fiscal year, considering the relative need, impact, timing and cost of the various requested expenditures, as well as to project a capital program for the next five years. The following narrative and the chart at the end of this report outline the FY2021 capital budget, as well as projections for the capital program for the next five years, through FY2026.

## **Summary**

If all of the FY2021 requests are approved, we will spend a total of \$2,213,563 on new and existing capital expenditures (including regionally assessed debt). For FY2021, this spending breaks down as follows:

- \$1,343,491 in general fund debt payments
- \$545,000 on Town projects funded by CPA
- \$325,072 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.
- The Town and the Finance Committee shall support maintenance budget lines adequate to maintain the value and condition of the Town’s buildings and equipment in a proactive manner.
- The Facilities Maintenance Program shall incorporate energy efficiency as a central part of its mission and shall work in concert with the Energy Committee to carry that out.

## **Recommendations**

- The Committee recommends that the Town continue the 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 and the other two member towns to continue a needs assessment and feasibility study during FY2021 for a future renovation of

the Howes House. Further, that the use of Community Preservation Historic funds be pursued as part of the funding for renovations.

#### **Recent Events Affecting the Capital Program**

- The landscaping between the library and Field Gallery was completed.
- Progress has continued on catching up deferred maintenance on town buildings, and prioritizing and implementing a long term facilities plan. The Facilities Management committee has been meeting regularly to move this process ahead and to develop and prioritize the upcoming town-wide facilities maintenance needs. Beginning with FY2021, only incidental maintenance and custodial expenses will remain in the individual departmental budgets.

#### **Requested Capital Projects FY2021 – FY2026**

A chart with accompanying notes for the FY2021 items follows. The Committee has set priorities for the capital requests using this 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 <b>should be completed</b> to maintain or expand our existing assets.
3	This project is <b>useful but not essential</b> 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. There are two requests for funding at the annual town meeting, both with CPA funding: \$145,000 for general affordable housing purposes for use by the town's Affordable Housing Trust and \$220,000 toward the Old Courthouse Road project. The full cost of that project is \$670,000, with \$250,000 to be financed by a loan and the remaining \$200,000 funded by private donations. With approval, the project will start in late spring of 2020 and is expected to be completed within a year.

Energy Committee. The committee is now focused on a new initiative to establish and pursue a goal of meeting the local challenges of climate change. A Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness group has been established with Chilmark to work on mitigation to reduce the risks by making changes at the local level, and adaptive actions we can take, including prioritizing these actions. The committee will be presenting a resolution to establish and affirm the following goals at the annual town meeting: reduce fossil fuel use by 50% by 2040 and increase the amount of electricity from renewable sources by 50% by 2040. For Town properties in particular, the first priority will be to establish enough solar power with battery backup (vs. generators) to keep functioning regardless of the weather. The Committee is also proposing adding a paid parking charger at the Library for FY2021

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 FY2022 toward future road repairs in a stabilization fund set up for that purpose. Smaller scale road repair and resurfacing projects will be undertaken as needed in the meantime, using available Ch. 90 state grant funds. The next road and drainage projects to be addressed will be on Indian Hill and Panhandle Roads. There will be a request for \$45,000 for a new highway department tractor at the April 2020 town meeting.

The Planning Board has formed a subcommittee to work on the Town's participation in the State's Complete Streets program. A Complete Streets prioritization plan was completed in the spring of 2018. They will seek \$125,000 in CPA grant funding for an engineering study for a shared-use path along Old County Road. Complete Streets grants fund construction costs, but cannot be used for design. CPA funding of this project will require that the path be designated by annual town meeting as forever recreational.

Mill Brook Watershed. The Mill Brook Watershed Study Planning Committee published its final report and presented it at a public meeting in June 2018. The report's key findings, conclusions and recommendations to the Selectmen now form the basis for continued data collection/monitoring and a management plan funded initially in FY2020 through CPA with a second request to follow in FY2022.

Police. The police have adopted a program of replacing one vehicle every 18 months. The FY2021 \$30,000 request is for the remaining 1/3 needed for a police vehicle, as well as 1/3 toward the next vehicle.

Schools. An effort is underway for several alternatives to repair, upgrade and renovate or replace the high school building. The school has thus far been unable to secure MSBA (state) funding support for this work. An island-wide plan needs to be developed and implemented. However, the funding request from the 2019 annual town meeting was not approved by Oak Bluffs (total of \$1,083,732 – West Tisbury's share \$138,139). A request to release these funds and reapply them to other school-related projects will therefore be made at the 2020 annual town meeting.

In addition, the Up Island Regional School District will seek a total of \$74,967 in funding beyond the regular budget assessment for repairs to both schools. The work includes replacing the roof on the 'bell' section at the West Tisbury School and window replacement at the Chilmark School. This is the second year/phase for most of this work.

There is also a request for \$55,000 in CPA funding to replace and upgrade 25-year-old field irrigation at the West Tisbury School, to be matched by a \$39,600 donation from the Field Fund.

Sheriff's Communication System. The island-wide E-911 communication system is undergoing major upgrades and maintenance over the next few years; the island towns have agreed to pay a proportionate share of this expense. The FY2021 request is for West Tisbury's share of the second year of this new arrangement.

Town Buildings. In FY2014, the Town began to set aside funds annually toward future building repairs and maintenance in a stabilization fund. Very substantial progress has been made toward bringing a town-wide Facilities Management Plan to fruition. This work has helped the Town to implement the migration of major maintenance items to one town-wide line in the annual budget, as well as an annual \$100,000 warrant article to address urgent facility needs again this year. We hope to revert soon to making an annual stabilization fund contribution for future town building needs.

The Howes House, which houses the Up Island Council on Aging, will need a full renovation approximately three to five years from now. The building was last renovated and expanded in the late 1980s. Preliminary space needs evaluation work was begun in FY2020 and will continue in FY2021, with \$20,000 in requested funding for a feasibility study.

Tri-Town Ambulance. There are three Tri-Town ambulances, one stationed in each town. 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, which will likely be purchased within the next two to three years. The ambulance service goal is to purchase a new ambulance every five to six years thereafter.

Plans have also been developed to construct 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 facility's cost, the total cost for which is currently estimated at \$2 million; this cost may be reduced by future ambulance receipts. Assuming approval by Chilmark at their 2020 annual town meeting, the building should be completed within two years.

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,

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

**FY2021 CAPITAL BUDGET AND PROJECTED CAPITAL PROGRAM FY2022-2026**

Department	Capital Item	Total Amount <sup>(1)</sup>	Priority	Funding Method <sup>(2)</sup>	Voted FY2020	Proposed FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	PAYOFF
<b>Projected Capital Program:</b>												
<b>Town Projects:</b>												
Affordable Housing	Affordable Housing projects	Ongoing	1	CPA	\$0	\$145,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	
Affordable Housing	Old Courthouse Road Apartments	\$670,000	1	CPA	0	220,000						
Complete Streets	Share Used Path - Old County	2,200,000	2	CPA	0	125,000						
Field Gallery/Library	Landscaping	75,000	2	CPA	30,000	0						
Fire	Fire Truck and Equipment	400,000	2	Taxes	0	100,000	100,000	100,000				
Health	Upgrade/Pave Local Drop Off	55,000	1	Taxes	0	55,000						
Highways	Highway Equipment/Road Repair	Ongoing	2	Taxes	0	45,000	50,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	
Mill Brook Watershed	Enhance monitoring program	80,000	2	CPA	40,000	0	40,000					
Police	Vehicles	Ongoing	1	Taxes	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	
Town Buildings	Town Building Maintenance	Ongoing	1	Taxes	50,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	
Town Hall	Town Buildings Phone System	60,000	1	Taxes	60,000							
Town Vehicles	Town Vehicles for Inspections	Ongoing	1	Taxes	32,000	0	10,000	10,000				
<b>Regional Projects:</b>												
Ambulance Building	Lease on New Building	\$2,000,000	2	Taxes	0	0	62,833	61,533	60,233	58,933	57,633	2042
MVRHS	Feasibility/Schematic Design	1,083,732	1	Taxes	138,139	(138,139)						
MVRHS	Shop Dust Collection System	120,000	1	Taxes	0	14,009						
Schools	Repairs to Up Island Schools	1,370,140	1	Taxes	203,672	74,967	95,000					
Sheriff's Department	Upgrade communications system	Ongoing	1	Taxes	32,484	44,235	44,984	46,321	48,000	48,000	48,000	
West Tisbury School	Field Irrigation	94,600	2	CPA	0	55,000						
Subtotal, Projected Capital Program		616,295				870,072	682,817	597,854	588,233	486,933	485,633	

Department	Capital Item	Total Amount <sup>(1)</sup>	Priority	Funding Method <sup>(2)</sup>	Voted FY2020	Proposed FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	PAYOFF
<b>Projected Capital Program:</b>												
<b>Existing Projects:</b>												
Affordable Housing	Scott's Grove Housing Project	\$1,400,000	2	CPA/Bond	61,655	59,625	58,750	57,500	56,250	55,000	53,750	2027
County Building	Center for Living County Bldg.	1,600,000	3	Reg. Assess	28,497	27,775	27,054	26,453	25,852	26,453	24,649	2026
Fire	Fire Trucks	460,000	1	Bond	86,400	84,800	83,200	81,600	0	0	0	2023
Highway	Highway Building	925,500	1	Bond	114,072	111,854	109,637	107,420	105,202	102,985	100,767	2026
Highway	Road resurfacing	2,588,800	1	Bond/ St. Grant	191,283	183,133	180,033	176,933	173,639	169,958	165,850	2028
Library	Expand building	1,500,000	1	Bond	123,275	121,275	119,275	117,275	115,150	112,775	110,125	2029
MVRHS (2013) (3)	Roof/Exterior Repairs	2,124,000	1	Reg. Assess	33,120	32,256	31,392	30,528	29,664	0	0	2024
Police	New station	2,495,000	1	Taxes/Bond	180,725	176,975	173,225	169,475	160,800	157,200	153,600	2035
Refuse District	Redesign/expansion	2,500,000	1	Reg. Assess	35,069	34,197	33,325	32,453	31,581	30,709	29,838	2037
Town Hall	Construction/Expansion	4,450,000	1	Bond	308,431	301,381	294,331	287,134	279,644	266,944	266,944	2029
WT School (2011) (3)	Repair/renovate exterior	1,200,000	1	Reg. Assess	127,500	124,650	121,575	0	0	0	0	2022
WT School (2016) (3)	Repair/renovate Interior	995,000	1	Reg. Assess	86,565	85,570	95,520	92,336	89,152	85,968	82,784	2026
	Subtotal, Existing Capital Program				1,376,591	1,343,491	1,327,317	1,179,106	1,066,933	1,007,991	988,307	
<b>Total</b>					\$1,992,886	\$2,213,563	\$2,010,134	\$1,776,961	\$1,655,167	\$1,494,925	\$1,473,940	

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

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

(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:

In November Cemetery Commissioners voted changes to the cemetery regulations to allow green burials in West Tisbury. The BOH will be making that information available to townsfolk in 2020.

The West Tisbury Cemeteries have been, as usual, beautifully maintained this year. The Cemetery Commissioners would like to thank Richard Olsen, Highway Department Superintendent, Foreman Jesse Oliver, and their assistant 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 22 burials and the town sold 8 cemetery lots in 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Cemetery Commissioners

## REPORT OF THE CLIMATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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**The new West Tisbury Climate Advisory Committee** was formed to serve as an advisory group to the Town to help prepare for, adapt to and mitigate the impacts of climate change.

### **Tasks include**

- laying out a Town action plan, building on the existing Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) plan\*, to respond to the impacts of climate change on all three of these levels for approval by the Selectmen;
- laying out a structure for how the Town's staff and Boards can respond to climate change;
- educating ourselves as to what is currently going on in other towns with regard to climate-related work;
- serving as a liaison between our group and the Town Boards;
- following through and keeping track of projects underway by each Board;
- working together on possible grant opportunities and other ways to finance this work for the Town.

Current members are Kate Warner, chair (at large), Russ Hartenstine (Emergency Manager), Rob Hauck (Library Trustee), Sue Hruby (Energy Committee), Virginia Jones (Planning Board), Donna Paulnock (Conservation Commission), Garrison Vieira (Police Department), Faren Worthington (at large).

Our meetings are the first Wednesday of the month at 4:30 and all are welcome!

**Please help us by registering for Code RED on the Town's website so we know how to reach you in case of an emergency.**

\*The MVP plan is available on the town website under Emergency Management.



## **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;

FY 2007	-	100 %	FY 2013	-	84.4%
FY 2008	-	100 %	FY 2014	-	50.8%
FY 2009	-	94.5%	FY 2015	-	47.3%
FY 2010	-	56.4%	FY 2016	-	32.8%
FY 2011	-	43.6%	FY 2017	-	27.4%
FY 2012	-	43.0%	FY 2018	-	32.7%

This translates into \$2,415,261 of State funding since the adoption of the Community Preservation Act by the Town of West Tisbury.

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

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

In FY 2019, the CPC received seven applications, On the basis of eligibility, public input and its own evaluation, the CPC recommended the seven projects for funding on the Warrant for Annual Town Meeting in April 2019. The following is the list of projects and the resulting Town Meeting vote.

- West Tisbury Congregational Church Accessibility Plan  
(\$45,000) -Approved
- Aidylberg III, Island Elderly Housing (\$75,000) - Approved
- Harbor Homes, Homeless Prevention Housing Development  
(\$43,000) -Approved
- Dukes County Regional Housing Authority Rental Assistance  
(\$98,000) - Approved
- Scott's Grove Debt Service (\$61,655) - Approved
- Mill Brook Watershed Management Plan (\$40,000) - Approved
- West Tisbury Library/Maley Field Gallery Landscape Project  
(\$30,000) - Approved

In the fall of this year, the CPC received fifteen applications, three of which were denied, and one withdrawn. The remaining eleven proposals will be presented to the voters at the 2020 Annual Town Meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Bea Phear, Planning Board, Chairman  
John Brannen, Conservation Committee  
Nancy Dole, Historic District Commission  
Jefrey DuBard, Affordable Housing Committee  
Lesley Eaton, Member at Large  
Gary Montrowl, Finance Committee  
Ted Jochsberger, Dukes Co. Rgl. Housing Authority  
Cheryl Lowe, Parks and Recreation  
John Rau, Member at Large  
Doug Ruskin, Finance Committee  
Heidi Dietterich, Administrative Assistant

## **REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

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To the Board of Selectmen:

In February Prudy Burt resigned after 22 years of dedicated work on behalf of the Town. Her diligence, institutional memory, and thorough assessment of applications will be missed. Geraldine Brooks took Prudy's seat on the Commission. Other changes in membership include the appointment of Brian Beall and Donna Paulnock as Associate Members and voting alternates. Having Associate Members provides residents with an opportunity to learn about the functions of the commission and eventually become full members with from a more knowledgeable position.

Individual members also give of their time and talents to the community by serving as appointees to other committees. Peter Rodegast continues to serve as the Commission's appointee to the West Tisbury Land Bank Advisory Board and John Brannen as the Commission's appointee to the Community Preservation Committee. Binnie Ravitch is in the third year of her term as an elected member of the Land Bank. Starting in 2020 Brian Beall will participate in a new subcommittee appointed by the Board of Selectmen charged with implementation of the recommendations in the Mill Brook Watershed Study. Donna Paulnock will serve on the Climate Change Committee.

In our work to administer the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the Town's local wetlands Bylaw, the following determinations of jurisdiction and permits (called 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.

### **Administrative Reviews**

Map 5 Lot 1 (removal of hazardous tree)  
Map 5 Lot 1 (gutters and foundation work)  
Map 11 Lot 36 (repair of well house roof)  
Map 15 Lot 6 (removal of several hazardous trees)  
Map 32 Lot 31 (removal of a single dead tree)

**Determinations:** Maps 38 & 39 Lots 1, 1.1.2 & 14 (installation of utilities)

### **Orders of Conditions**

Map 3 Lot 7/SE79-411 (house renovations & septic system upgrade)  
Map 3 Lot 9.11/SE79-400 (house)  
Map 3 Lot 49/SE79-393 (house, well & septic system)  
Map 3 Lot 85.4/SE79-398 (pool)  
Map 5 Lot 1/SE79-401 (renovations, storage shed/bathroom & site work)

Map 5 Lot 2.1 and 2.3/SE79-399 (septic system upgrade)  
 Map 5 Lot 2.3/ SE79-408 (demolish and reconstruct existing seasonal cottage)  
 Map 5 Lot 3/SE79-397 (public trail and foot bridge)  
 Map 6 Lot 7/SE79-410 (new stonewall)  
 Map 6 Lot 8/SE79-402 (septic system upgrade)  
 Map 12 Lot 13/SE79-396 (restoration of stone walls & pasture areas)  
 Map 14 Lot 2/SE79-409 (septic system upgrade)  
 Map 15 Lot1/SE79-395 (relocation and expansion of existing house)  
 Map 15 Lot 10/SE79-407 (addition to a single family dwelling)  
 Map 32 Lot 31/SE79-405 (septic system)  
 Map 35 Lot 3.1/SE79-403 (installation of underground utilities)  
 Map 35 Lot 6.15/SE79-390 (house, guest house, garage, septic system, well & pool)  
 Map 35 Lot 9/SE79-389 (tree work)  
 Map 35 Lot 9 /SE79-394 (grading & landscaping)  
 Map 38 Lots 7.7 & 7.8/SE79-406 (demolish existing camp, new house, guest house, garage & pool)  
 Map 39 Lot 2.1/SE79-392 (house, guest house, pool view channels & beach stairs)  
 Map 39 Lot 14/SE79-404 (house, guest house, garage, & pool)

**Amended Orders of Conditions:** Map 12 Lot 13/SE79-371 (additional restoration of pasture areas and stonewalls)

**Enforcement Orders: None**

**Extension Permits:** Map 1 Lots 26, 28 & 29/SE79-370 (tree work)

**Certificates of Compliance**

Map 1 Lot 50/SE79-358 (house, pool and site work)  
 Map 3 Lot 49/SE-244 (house never built)  
 Map 3 Lot 85.4/SE79-34 (house)  
 Map 6 Lot 8/SE79-402 (septic system upgrade)  
 Map 6 Lot 14.1/ SE79-63- (house and restoration of unauthorized work)  
     SE 79-73 (Invasive species work)  
     SE79-108 (work on dam)  
     SE79-109 (invasive species removal)  
 MAP 12 Lots 72 & 72.1/SE79-9 (man-made pond)  
 Map 32 Lot 97/ SE79-327(Library renovations)  
 Maps 36, 42 & 43 Lots, 28, 1, & 8/SE79-151(prescribed burns)  
 Maps 36 & 42 Lots 28 & 1/SE79-267(Phragmites removal)  
 Map 41 Lot 1/SE79-282 (reconstruction of duck blinds)  
 Maps 36, 42 & 43 Lots-18, 1 & 8/SE79-299/Prescribed burns/

The second mission of a Conservation Commission spelled out in the enabling legislation for conservation commissions in Massachusetts is the development

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

**Ongoing projects:**

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

**James Pond:** The board continued to work with Johnny Hoy, the Herring Warden, and the Division of Marine Fisheries, to monitor a project to improve a herring run at James Pond. See the Herring Warden report by Johnny Hoy for more detail.

**Water Resources Protection Bylaw:** The board was successful in an effort to adopt a town bylaw restricting the removal of water from surface water sources in town. This bylaw stems from recommendations outlined in the Mill Brook Watershed Study report and Recommendations issued in 2018. The board held two public hearing on the proposal and incorporated public input into the language of the bylaw.

**Tisbury Great Pond**

At this time last year, the report on the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for nitrogen levels in Tisbury Great Pond was being reviewed by the Federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). In July the EPA approved the TMDL report. In collaboration with the Martha's Vineyard Commission we are working with Chilmark on developing a plan of projects that will serve to accomplish the goal of reducing nitrogen levels to the level acceptable under this report.

The board participated in the review process of an Environmental Impact Notice on a proposal to dredge Tiah's Cove by a home owner. The purpose of the review was to determine if enough information was provided by the applicant for the state to determine what permits were needed. The department determined that the proposed project required the preparation of a full Environmental Impact Statement.

**Conservation Land Management:** The Commission also conducted monitoring site visits and addressed issues on properties covered by agricultural and conservation restrictions that are held by the Town and/or third party conservation agencies. The Commission heard presentations from Sheriff's Meadow Foundation and Vineyard Conservation Society and endorsed approval of projects on properties with conservation restrictions.

**Brandy Brow:** The Highway Department has taken over responsibility for mowing Brandy Brow. We hope people are enjoying the daffodils (courtesy of the Garden Club and volunteers) every spring and making use of the path over the Brow for safe walking to the center of town.

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

**Agricultural Preservation Restrictions:** Martha's Vineyard Agricultural

Society (Map 25 Lot 1.1) approval of various activities as a co-holder of the APR with Vineyard Conservation Society.

**Conservation Restrictions:** Map 6 Lot 2.1/Approval of Amended and Restated Conservation Restriction to increase the protected land from 3.58 acres to 12.09 acres.

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

The Commission will continue to hear applications under the Wetlands Protection Act and the West Tisbury Wetlands Protection Bylaw during regular meetings on the 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. Please join us and gain a better understanding of our areas of responsibility and how we protect our community's natural resources.

Tara Whiting-Wells, Chair  
Whit Griswold, Vice-Chair  
Geraldine Brooks  
John Brannen  
Michael Turnell  
Binnie Ravitch  
Peter Rodegast  
Brian Beall, Associate Member  
Donna Paulnock, Associate Member  
Maria McFarland, Board Administrator

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

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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 FY2019 included the following:

In the fall of 2018, we survived a second virus attack on the Town's servers, thanks to good off-site/offline backups and excellent work from the staff at Educomp. Municipalities are now a particular target for these types of attacks, so constant vigilance is required. Fortunately, because of the prudent purchase of cyber insurance, all the vendor expenses were covered by insurance.

At the 2019 Annual Town Meeting funding was approved to upgrade the permitting software the Town has been using since 2000. We reviewed proposals from several companies that provide permitting software, and selected Full Circle Technologies' PermitEyes Software. The conversion from the current software will be done over the course FY2020.

Over the course of the fiscal year, we also upgraded our servers and some printers and other peripherals.

The Town's website can be found at: [www.westtisbury-ma.gov](http://www.westtisbury-ma.gov) and the Town Clerk has made the agendas and minutes of the various town committee and board meetings available there; individuals may subscribe to notices from the committees that interest them.

The online bill payment software can be found from the website home page or directly at: <https://epay.cityhallsystems.com> . Beach stickers and dog licenses as well as taxes can now be paid on that site.

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> .

We thank you for your support of our ongoing efforts to keep the town up to date and welcome your feedback on our website.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Logue  
Bruce Stone  
Data Processing Department

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

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The 6 towns of Martha's Vineyard established the Dukes County Regional Housing Authority through State public charter in 1986 in response to the Island's growing need for stable year-round affordable & community housing. The Island-wide Housing Forum of 2000 resulted in several significant housing efforts including the 6-town agreement to proportionately share the administrative costs of the Housing Authority. Fully funded by the towns since 2005, the staff of the Housing Authority collaborates with town, state, and island-wide efforts to provide year-round rentals, rental assistance and homelessness prevention; homebuyer training, lottery support and affordability monitoring; and advocacy and planning for future housing program development, management and support.

The Housing Authority's work on homeownership in 2019 included management of a re-sale process for an Island Housing Trust home in Tisbury; assistance with application and lottery preparation for resale of a home in Edgartown; preparation and opening of a lottery process for 6 townhouses being developed by the Island Housing Trust on Greenwood Ave in Tisbury; support of Trust development of ownership opportunities at Daggett Ave in Tisbury; service as affordability monitor for properties in 6 towns including support of 3 affordable home re-finances and 6 re-sale requests including assistance to 2 towns faced with difficult resale and affordability maintenance issues; 26 referrals through Edgartown's Demolition Delay by-law; and maintenance of the Homebuyer Clearinghouse used to publicize homebuyer opportunities and currently numbering over 400 island households.

2019 saw the Housing Authority managing 94 rentals on 16 properties in 5 island towns. Each apartment requires initial and annual income and tenant certification and apartment inspection, attention to service requests throughout the year, work on household and apartment turnovers, and compliance with multiple funding source requirements including program and household income audits and Fair Housing policy strictures. During this past year, the Housing Authority has supported needed development of new rentals by the Island Housing Trust at the Perlman House, the Hanover House, and Kuehn's Way in Tisbury; Meshacket Road by the Town of Edgartown; the Town of Chilmark's planning of housing development at Peaked Hill; the Town of West Tisbury's effort on Old Courthouse Road; the Town of Oak Bluff's replacement of the commercial tenant at the Noyes Building; and the Town of Aquinnah's revisit of rental development in the Town center. The Housing Authority maintains a rental housing waitlist currently numbering over 240 households;

In this time of a near total absence of 12-month leases on the Island, the Housing Authority is particularly appreciative of town voters who continue to dedicate Community Preservation Act funding to the Rental Assistance program



which helps stabilize an annual average of 65 working island households. Since 2002, the Housing Authority has administered these funds to work with over 300 tenant households and 260 landlords who have utilized Rental Assistance for an average of 3 years. Each Rental Assistance situation requires initial and annual income certifications and apartment inspections, support contracts, and lease addendums. Beginning each fall, the Housing Authority provides town Affordable Housing and Community Preservation committees the figures of usage, need, cost and landlord availability necessary for thorough deliberation before Annual Town Meeting funding votes.

Island-wide, the Housing Authority provides income certifications and administrative assistance for town programs such as accessory apartments, resident homesite subdivisions and multi-family density allowances. The Housing Authority actively partners with Harbor Homes, the Housing Assistance Corporation, The Resource Inc, the County Manager's office, the Tower Foundation and other organizations that assist with rent, utilities, emergency support and apartment rehabilitation for island tenants and their landlords.

The staff of the Housing Authority is available to work on individual and community housing needs and opportunities at its office at 21 Mechanic St. off State Road in Vineyard Haven. For more information please stop by, call (508) 693-4419 or check our website at <https://housingauthoritymarthasvineyard.org/>

The DCRHA Board of Directors and Staff:

Harvey Beth, *Oak Bluffs*  
Ann Wallace, *Chilmark*  
Dan Seidman, *Tisbury*  
Melissa Norton Vincent, *Edgartown*  
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Michael Belissimo, *West Tisbury*  
Linda Mott-Smith, *Governor's Appointee*  
Lucy Morrison, *At-Large*

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

## **REPORT OF THE ELDER SERVICES OF CAPE COD & THE ISLANDS INC.**

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Elder Services of Cape Cod & the Islands Inc. is a private not-for-profit community-based organization serving the changing needs of the older adult population in the twenty two towns of Barnstable, Dukes, and Nantucket counties. Since 1972, we have been dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for elders in the community and help assist 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).

In FY 19 Elder Services Nutrition program (Meals on Wheels, Senior Dining) served 43,995 meals on MV. There were 204 seniors served at Elder Services Dining sites, and 259 seniors received meals delivered to their homes by a corps of over 100 Meals on Wheels volunteers. Under the oversight of the Elder Services registered Dietitian, all meals are prepared through our contract with the Martha's Vineyard Hospital and are delivered to homes and dining sites in all six towns by our volunteers. Our Senior Dining sites are located at the Oak Bluffs, Tisbury, and Up Island Councils on Aging. Our Nutrition program coordinator also participates in the Island Food Equity Network Summit that meets to collaborate on food access for Martha's Vineyard residents.

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 19, The Home Care Program served 271 elders on MV. There were 24,846 hours provided through; personal care assistance, medication management, light cleaning, meal prep, shopping, chore, and laundry services. In addition, 93 elders were enrolled with the Personal Emergency Response System (PERS) and the cost for our consumers to attend the Martha's Vineyard Center for Living Supportive Day Program was covered by our Home Care Program.

Senior Corps RSVP volunteers are providing transportation services for Vineyard Village at Home. A volunteer Nursing Home Ombudsman regularly visits residents of Windemere Nursing and Rehabilitation Center to provide advocacy and support. Elder Services of Cape Cod and The Islands 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 as well as the Falls Prevention sub-committee. Our Protective Services unit has joined Martha's Vineyard 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 Title III funds to other community agencies/organizations to provide needed care and assistance. Martha's Vineyard was awarded funds for programs offered through Martha's Vineyard Community Services. Martha's Vineyard Community Services provides bi-monthly support groups for caregivers of elders. MVCS also provides some funding for respite needs while caregiver attends the support group. This program was awarded \$7,500. Martha's Vineyard Community Services also provides home/community short-term assessment, intervention, and referral for mental health and substance abuse issues for elders 60 and over. This program was awarded \$8,000.

Elder Services of Cape Cod and the Islands 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 Panek, MV Director

### **Programs and Services**

**Information & Referral:** A central source of information on all services available to older adults on Cape Cod and the Islands as well as the entry point for referral to Elder Services' many programs. All referrals Call 1-800-244-4630. For additional information visit our website at [www.escci.org](http://www.escci.org).

Martha's Vineyard Office- 508-693-4393.

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

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

**Senior Nutrition Program:** Senior Dining Centers are located at Tisbury, Oak Bluffs, and Up-island Senior Centers; Meals on Wheels are delivered by volunteers in every town for any elder who is homebound. Delivery is Mon-Fri usually between 10-Noon.

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

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

**Senior Community Services Employment Program:** Provides training and part-time employment to individuals fifty-five and older.

**Senior Service Corps:** A corps of volunteers who enhance the community by participating in a wide variety of service activities.

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

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

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

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

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The Energy Committee is an advisory body, which oversees, reviews and advises the town regarding the efficient use of energy for municipal needs and also for West Tisbury residents. Our goal is to increase the efficient use of renewable energy technologies and continue to reduce West Tisbury's carbon emissions.

Members include Richard Andre, Nicola Blake, Ron D'Agostino, Sue Hruby (Chair), Rebekah Thomson, Kate Warner representing the Climate Advisory Committee

The committee focuses on a clear, comprehensive energy program for our town. We do this with the town's Climate Action Committee, the Vineyard Sustainable Energy Committee (VSEC), the Cape Light Compact (CLC) and other groups for the Island, such as the Island Climate Action Network (ICAN).

The committee is now focused on an initiative to establish and pursue an aspirational goal for renewable energy for the Town. The committee will be presenting a resolution to establish and affirm the following goals at the annual town meeting: reducing fossil fuel use by 50% by 2040 and increasing the amount of electricity that is from renewable sources by 50% by 2040. For municipal properties in particular, the first priority will be to establish enough solar power with battery backup (vs. generators) to keep functioning regardless of the weather. The Committee is also exploring the possibility of adding two parking chargers at the Library.

In 2019 we spent our last dollars from the Green Communities grant to remove the oil burner at Howes House and replace it with a propane furnace, which will be used principally for backup of the Heat Pumps. We are now eligible to apply for competitive grants.

This year our (weather normalized) energy savings across all buildings was 23% (from our 2011 baseline year) without weather normalization. Unfortunately, vehicle energy consumption is going up. The town continues to look for the most energy efficient options when a new vehicle is needed.

The Town's solar array at the town landfill produced 715,320 kWh of electricity in FY 2019, the year ending June 30, 2019. This generation resulted in \$119,121 of Net Metering Credits applied to the electric accounts of the town and its partners. Specifically, \$45,654 (38.3%) was applied to town accounts, \$57,438 (48.3%) was applied to accounts at the West Tisbury School, and \$16,028 (13.4%) was applied to other municipal partner accounts. The \$45,654 savings on town accounts is offset by \$20,637 in contracted fees the town paid to the developer and Cape & Vineyard Electric Cooperative; but the town also received \$5,425 in as its contracted share of the savings of the other municipal partners. This results in a net direct cash benefit to the Town of \$30,442. Since

the Town's assessed share of the costs of the West Tisbury School was 72.82%, the town received an additional indirect benefit of about \$22,917 due to savings of the school district. Total direct and indirect benefit to West Tisbury was approximately \$53,359.

While the benefit to the town remains impressive, it should be noted that a mechanical problem at the solar array caused a significant reduction in electricity generated from March 21, 2019 until its repair on July 17th. Since the repair, the array has functioned at full capacity and should return to its normal generation of approximately 900,000 kWh per year.

## **REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

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To the Town of West Tisbury:

The Finance Committee provides financial oversight and advice to the Town. It 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) The Finance Committee has met nearly monthly in 2019 and more often during the budget cycle – January through March at Howes House. It’s comprised of 5 members who are elected for three year staggered terms. The expenditures that we recommend and which you approve at Town Meeting, determine what homeowners will pay in annual real estate taxes.

In addition, members of the Finance Committee are also members of the West Tisbury Community Preservation Committee, the new Housing Bank Committee and the Capital Improvements Committee. Designated Committee members also attend meetings for the Up Island Regional School District (UIRSD) and the Martha’s Vineyard Regional High School (MVRHS). As needed, members have also met with the Martha’s Vineyard Commission during their budget planning and have participated in the wage negotiations for the various unions of the Island Schools. For the last three years, the West Tisbury Fin Com has been a dedicated attendee of the All Island Finance Committee (AIFC).

Some of the highlights of the past year include-

### **Schools**

Our schools account for more than 55 percent of the town's total budget. The high school's operating budget alone is over \$22 million and larger than our entire town budget. West Tisbury's share of the high school assessment is about \$2.8 million. This up 11.4% over last year, mostly due to an increase in the number of West Tisbury students at the High School.

There are five factors driving the school budget most years; salaries, facilities maintenance, unfunded state education mandates, Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) liabilities and rising health insurance premiums (though insurance increase appear to be slowing lately). In addition, because we have chosen to have smaller class sizes and higher teacher to student ratios, there is little room to create meaningful savings within the annual school budgets of either the UIRSD or the MVRHS.

As we mentioned last year, we are facing the additional significant expense to either replace or renovate the 275,000 sq. ft. high school facility and rebuild the high school athletic fields. The construction costs could exceed \$112 million. If this amount is funded via a long-term bond, the Town of West Tisbury's share of this bond would add over \$1 million to our existing annual high school budget assessment.

We have a school system that we can be proud of. Our school committees and school administrators work very hard and provide a quality education in all aspects to our students. The various school committees and administrators spend months working on the budgets that will be presented at town meeting. But in spite of their efforts, our schools, on a per student basis, are some of the most expensive school districts in the Commonwealth.

### **Personnel**

When viewed over the last 12 years, Total Staff Costs and Employee Benefits are the fastest growing area of expense in our town's budget. We are regularly trying to determine if there are opportunities for mitigation without jeopardizing services or the Town's ability to attract new staff.

Three years ago, 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 which are the direct purview for the Personnel Board appointed by the Selectmen.

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%. At 5% per year, the Town's payroll increases 41% over 8 years. Stated another way, a new employee with positive reviews each year would receive a cumulative 41% raise at the end of 8 years.

This year, the Finance Committee again urged the Personnel Board to reset step increases at 3.5%. We 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.

This year the Personnel Board conducted a compensation and classification study. Although they agreed to seriously consider the Finance Committee's proposal to address wage step increases, we were disappointed to see the revised wage scale being proposed at this year's Town Meeting made no changes to the year-over-year increases.

### **OPEB**

Of continuing concern to the committee is the liability for Other Post-Employment Benefits or OPEB. These are future benefit obligations that may be paid to former town employees other than pensions and include items such as health insurance and long term care or life insurance. The liability is an actuarial calculation that factors in many variables including anticipated life span of retirees.

The current unfunded net liability for the Town of West Tisbury is \$2,592,007 as of June 30, 2019. This is up from prior years, mostly due to a one-time change in the requirements of the rules used by the actuaries who perform the calculations, as well as unexpected death of an employee.



However, the town of West Tisbury has done a very effective job keeping pace with OPEB obligations. 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.

Both the Martha's Vineyard Regional School District(MVRSD) and the Up-Island Regional School District(UIRSD) have also begun to address the long and short term issues involved with their OPEB liabilities. These unfunded accrued OPEB liabilities are \$39.8 million and \$8.1 million respectively. 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. The UIRSD has done a particularly effective job paying down their OPEB obligation. Each year they have increased their contribution and will have reached their ARC in 3 years or less. The MVRSD is paying only about half of what needs to be paid annually to avoid an ever increasing liability which was \$7.5 million lower last year.

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. For reference, the liabilities for all entities on the island as of 6/30/2019 are presented here:

County of Dukes County	\$ 8,147,232
MVC	\$ 982,553
Land Bank	\$ 1,610,868
High School	\$ 39,787,156
VTA	\$ (304,405)
MV Refuse District	\$ 1,885,834
OB Water District	\$ 2,460,495
Aquinnah	\$ 2,442,763
Chilmark	\$ 2,930,762
Edgartown	\$ 48,434,807
Oak Bluffs	\$ 42,730,961
Tisbury	\$ 30,153,109
West Tisbury	\$ 2,592,007
UIRSD	\$ 8,139,562
<b>Island-Wide</b>	<b>\$ 191,993,704</b>

#### **Other Observations**

Over the past fifteen years, Town Budgets for West Tisbury have grown at a much faster rate than has West Tisbury's population. Part of this can be explained by increases in salaries and benefits to long term town employees. However,

this increased growth also illustrates a higher level of services from the town and some changes in required compliance regulations (Police and Fire departments in particular need to meet state-required mandates). We need more people and systems to meet the desires and needs of our town.

Although some changes are possible (combining Tax collection under the Treasurer's department saved over \$50,000 last year), generally individual town departmental budgets cannot be cut to slow town budget growth and the inevitable increased tax rate that must accompany budget increases.

One partial offset to steadily escalating town cost is considering increased fees for permits and similar applications. Those costs have not grown at a rate commensurate to either the town budget or demand. In last year's budget cycle, the Fin Com suggested that departments who do charge fees, increase them to slow the rate of increase in their budget. This year, we are pressing the point more vigorously. As mentioned in last year's report, the (still new to us) Rooms Occupancy Excise Tax will be bringing additional revenue. Though the ultimate amount has yet to be known because we only had partial receipts and partial compliance last year, approximately \$150,000 of that revenue is reflected in this year's budget.

We hope that our recommendations on the budget will be helpful as you consider whether to approve or disapprove the warrant articles presented to you at town meeting. Please feel free to contact any member of the Fin Com if you have questions or comments about the budget or the budget process.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Orcutt, Chair  
Doug Ruskin, Vice Chair  
Gary Montrowl  
Jane Dreeben  
Clark Rattet

## REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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This gives you just one thing that West Tisbury Fire Department has been fighting for the last 30 years with D.C.R. trying to get the fire lanes off Great Plains Rd., Oak Lane, Otis Bassett, Skiffs Lane & Hopps Farm Rd. cleaned up.

<b>Fire Alarms .....</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>Car Accidents.....</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Gas Alarms .....</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Smoke Investigations .....</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>All Inspections .....</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>Smoke in Building .....</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Mutual Aid .....</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Pumping Detail.....</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>L.P. Gas Smell .....</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Shed Fire .....</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Drill Night .....</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>People stuck in Elevator .....</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Water Rescue Drills.....</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Tractor Accident.....</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Car Rescue Drills.....</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>House Fire .....</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>All Island Drills .....</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Brush Fire .....</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Electrical Fires.....</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Stove Fires.....</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Bomb Threat.....</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>A.T.V. Rescues.....</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Illegal Burning .....</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Administration Work .....</b>	<b>103</b>
<b>Oil Spill.....</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Check on burning permits.....</b>	<b>330</b>
<b>Carbon Monoxide Alarms .....</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>Car Fires.....</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Burning Permits .....</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>Pole Fires .....</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Meetings .....</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>Suspicious Condition.....</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Training &amp; Classes .....</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Explosive Device .....</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Chimney Fires.....</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Barn Fire .....</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Rescue Drills .....</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Fire Watch.....</b>	<b>1</b>

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Manuel Estrella III

## REPORT OF THE WEST TISBURY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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2019 was a great year for the library. It was a year of growth and change. After 25 years of service to the Town as the library's beloved Children's Librarian, Nelia Decker retired. We held an all-day party to celebrate her and all she has done for us. Now we get to see her when she brings in her grandchildren for story time. We welcomed Alexandra Pratt as the new Children's Librarian. She jumped in without missing a beat. Alexandra authored and will lead this year's project entitled "Community Conversations." This project is funded by a federal grant and administered by the State. The project will focus on resource distribution, education, and how to get involved in local government.

The library continues to thrive; circulation, attendance and program offerings have been increasing each year. There were over 155,000 visitors this past year and program attendance was up over 19% with more than 26,140 people attending library programs. Programs included everything from live opera, writing workshops, lunches on the porch, architectural talks, genealogy workshops, drag queen story time, plenty of book talks, balance, dance, guitar, ukulele and yoga classes. We continued our tradition of building fairy houses and hosting monthly jazz concerts. Olivia Gately manages all of these programs with grace and a smile. She makes it look easy.

For the past twelve years, the library has been awarded five stars from the *Library Journal* as one of the top libraries in the country for our expenditure range (\$400,000-\$999,999) with respect to library visits, circulation, program attendance, and public Internet computer use.

Our total circulation this past year was 126,419. We continue to see an increase in circulation of e-materials (more than 11,000 e-materials circulated this year). We have movies, ebooks, audiobooks, music and more - just ask at the front desk.

Rachel Rooney continues to help everyone who has a tech question. She was chosen as the first recipient of the Linda Chapman Fellowship this year and traveled to Washington to attend the American Library Association's annual conference.

Laura Coit stays abreast of all library-related things and always manages to find any book or article one might want, no matter how obscure. Her compassion and finesse shine through everything that she does.

Laura Hearn has had great success in our Young Adult after school program. With the funding from two grants and help from Elliott Bennett and Rizwan Malik, the Learning Lab at the West Tisbury Library has continued to grow and support these young patrons.

The library is fortunate to be staffed with welcoming, knowledgeable people - to be greeted by Ginger, Dee, Lauraye, Emily Meegan, Emily Milstein, Emily

LaPierre, Weezie, Dedie, Maureen, Kira, Lyn, Caroline or Aubrey is a great treat. Each staff person brings their strengths and eclectic tastes to the library to help make it the special place that it is.

The Friends of the West Tisbury Library and the West Tisbury Library Foundation continue to support the library for cultural programming, summer reading programs, staff training, landscaping, and IT support. This year the two non-profits are working together to do a joint annual appeal to support the library.

As much of the work that we all do here is technology-based, all of the staff have had an opportunity to continue training in library science and technology. Much of the funding for this training comes from grants and support of the Friends and the Library Foundation.

The West Tisbury Library continues to collaborate with many Island partners including Island Grown Initiative, the Polly Hill Arboretum, Felix Neck Wildlife Sanctuary, MV Community Services, the Yard, the MV Film Society, the Up Island Council on Aging and the Martha's Vineyard Library Association. These collaborations enable us to bring services and offering to our community that might not otherwise happen.

We are the only library on Island that serves as a Passport Acceptance Facility: We have three trained Passport Acceptance Agents who processed 397 passports last year bringing in over \$14,000. We just learned that our library has been chosen as the Nation's Passport Acceptance Facility of the Year! There will be an award ceremony in Washington DC in February.

Thanks to a generous grant from the Edey Foundation, West Tisbury CPA funding and assistance from the West Tisbury Library Foundation, a new garden joining the Field Gallery and the library has been created. Please come and stroll around the library's gardens to see examples of native species, wildflower and butterfly gardens, bioswales and the restoration of fragmented habits.

2019 marked Director Beth Kramer's last full year in this position. She will retire this spring. Appreciated by all for her dedication, enthusiasm, leadership, and gracious welcome, to name just a few of her exceptional qualities, Beth has been the beating heart of our library for the past 12 years. To say that the Trustees and our community as a whole will miss her is a vast understatement.

Respectfully submitted,

Caroline Flanders, Chair  
Elaine Barnett  
Fran Finnigan  
Robert Hauck  
Wendy Nierenberg  
Wayne Smith, Treasurer

## **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.”

“This is beautiful. What a wonderful, warm place to come to” is the overwhelming reaction of clients and family members who come to the Center every day, as well as those who drop in for the first time. MV Center for Living (MVCL) continues to grow and adjust to our new location and surroundings. We are providing new and engaging programs along with many of the old favorites. Lots of talented and interesting community members have joined us for lunch, sharing their talents and engaging in the fun and vitality. The Center is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. A 501c3 non-profit, we are generously supported by all six island towns, and governed by a Board of Directors consisting of 13 members, 2 from each island town and one County representative. Current board members are: Gail Barmakian, President (OB); June Manning, Clerk (Aqu); Shirley Dewing, Treasurer (Edg); Jane Keenan (Edg); Miki Badnek, (Tisb); Jay Grande, (Tisb); Risë Terney, (WT)); Mary Breslauer, (Chil); Martina Thornton (Dukes County). We have openings on the board for members from Aquinnah, Chilmark, West Tisbury and Oak Bluffs.

### **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 unable to participate independently in community activities and programs such as those offered at local Senior Centers.

Equally important is respite provided for families and caregivers of SDP participants. Many of our clients have multiple medical conditions or chronic illnesses, including Alzheimer’s disease or other dementias. None of this changes the fact that most folks wish to live at home in the care of their families, and are eager to spend time with peers and friends. The Center is a place where all can engage in their community, regardless of ability, enjoying the company of others in a safe environment free of stigma. The Supportive Day offers companionship and a wide range of engaging activities tailored to individual capacity, including exercise and yoga, music and dancing, arts and crafts, a book group, history club and more. Most importantly, careful attention is paid to the physical and emotional needs of our clients. We provide a nutritious, home-made noon meal served family style, and morning and afternoon snacks. Some meals are provided through generous donations from several restaurants and caterers including Linda Jean’s, Bite on the Go, Island Fresh Pizza, the Black Dog Bakery, Johnny Smiles catering, and one donor who wishes to remain anonymous. Daily trans-

portation to and from the Center is available and provided by the Vineyard Transit Authority (VTA).

In 2019, 42 individuals joined us at the Supportive Day Program for a total of 2543 units of service (days). The Center is a place for folks who are otherwise isolated, to meet their peers, develop friendships and enjoy the company of others. Respite for caregivers is critical. Schedules are arranged according to the needs of individual participants and caregivers, full or half days are an option. In comparison, in-home, private duty care, (if you can find it!) is \$25-\$35 per hour. The cost to a family for private care would be \$150-\$350 per day, or between \$37,000 and \$90,000 annually. Supportive Day Program rates are \$50 for a full day (9am-3pm) and \$35 for half day (11:00-3pm), a cost effective, affordable alter-native to private in-home care, or long term care (nursing home) costs which can be as much as \$9000 per month. The new building at 29 Breakdown Lane also gives us the ability to expand the Supportive Day Program to 5 days; Thursday was added to the schedule as of October 2019 (FY20).

#### **Dementia Family Support:**

Dementia Family Support Services began as a pilot program and continues to be supported with grant funding and donations. In 2018, we received \$7,100 from United Way of Cape Cod & the Islands. Dementia Family Support Services has two components;

- Dementia Caregiver Support Group - meets twice monthly
- Family Support Services - for individualized support, care management, planning and referrals (as funding allows).

In FY19, 12 caregivers attended the Support Group over the course of the year, some regularly and others as needed. Family Support Services met with 20 families/caregivers. Referrals for Family Support are initiated by family caregivers and other agencies or professionals involved with the client or family. Most families meet with the clinician for a 1-2 hour consultation, some for an additional 1 hour follow up. The DFS clinician is available to do cognitive assessments, refer to a Neurologist for further diagnostic testing, and to local agencies including Elder Services of Cape Cod and the Islands, the CORE program at MV Community Services, the Center for Living Supportive Day Program and the Memory & Music Café for additional supports and services.

“There is no book on how to transition your family’s entire life to care for someone with dementia. We need all the support we can get. Until you have experienced it yourself you can’t imagine how terrifying it is. We were drowning until the Dementia Family counselor was kind enough to throw us a lifeline. She was there when we needed her most. Please keep up the good work at MVCL and continue to offer these essential services.” DFS Family.

#### **Memory and Music Café:**

The Memory & Music Café brings elder community members, their caregivers, and adults with developmental and cognitive challenges together every Thursday from 10am to 12n, to socialize, sing and enjoy the company of their peers. Memory Cafés are a national movement in community based



services for older adults with memory loss, their family members and caregivers. Memory Cafés are also increasingly open to older adults with developmental disabilities. A portion of our funding for the Memory and Music Café comes from the state Department of Disability Services (DDS). There are over 100 Memory Cafés across Massachusetts and the movement is rapidly going national and international. Memory Cafés differ, but are all welcoming places where people can socialize and enjoy the company of others without fear of stigma. There is no charge to participants and each week 15 to as many as 30 participants join us for two hours of music, song, conversation and camaraderie.

**Cape Medivan Service (formerly the Medi-cal Taxi Program):**

In October of 2018, the Vineyard Transit Authority (VTA) began a one year pilot pro-gram, the Cape Medivan Service. Available on Wednesdays with a handicapped accessible VTA mini bus it left on the 8:15 am boat with passengers going to medical or dental appointments on Cape Cod and in Plymouth for a fee of \$20/round trip, \$10/one way. Unfortunately, this pilot program ended in as of October 2019 and MV Center for Living, along with other community organizations will continue to work with the VTA to find solutions to the growing gap in availability of transportation for Vineyard residents, both on and off-island.

**Emergency Food Program:**

MVCL is a sponsoring agency of the Greater Boston Food Bank emergency food distribution program Martha's Vineyard, coordinating five Emergency Food Pantries (four Senior Centers and the Serving Hands Pantry, at the Baptist Church Parish House on Williams St. in Vineyard Haven). Each pantry orders a variety of nutritious foods monthly from the Greater Boston Food Bank in Boston. MV Center for Living coordinates with Island Food Products (IFP) to pick up and deliver these orders for distribution to food insecure islanders of all ages.

Island Food Products (IFP) donates a truck & driver and storage space twice a month to pick the food up in Boston, transport it back to the Vineyard and store overnight. It is delivered on-island the next day to the 5 pantry sites mentioned above by one of the local highway departments. Steamship Authority costs for these trips are reimbursed to IFP with grant funding and donations. Island Grown Initiative also distributes fresh produce at the emergency pantry sites, through their gleaning program. The local Stop & Shop stores have designated the Center for Living Emergency Food Program as the recipient organization for their "Meat the Needs" program, as well as their "Food for Friends" program.

The Emergency Food Program serves an average of 250 households monthly, including children and elders and up to 450 families during the mid-winter and holiday seasons. Through the Greater Boston Food Bank we also have access to grant funding to increase capacity by providing additional refrigeration and/or freezer and dry storage space at sites where this is feasible.

**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 at a cost of \$8000 annually. MVCL is responsible for editing and submitting the information published in the 55Plus Times. It is a valuable source of information and we look forward in 2019 to working with the MV Times editors and staff to make this publication an even better resource for islanders 55 and over.

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

Martha's Vineyard Center for Living coordinates with the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Culinary Arts Department to offer a three course gourmet meal for \$12 per person once a month in the Culinary Arts dining room at the High School. Under the direction of Chefs Jack O'Malley and Kevin Crowell, the culinary arts students plan, prepare and serve this delicious 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:**

MVCL coordinates with the Councils on Aging and Chris Porterfield at the Martha's Vineyard Hospital kitchen to provide a home delivered holiday meal to seniors who are alone or homebound on the Thanksgiving, December and Easter holidays. The Martha's Vineyard Hospital food service prepares and packages the meals and the Councils on Aging coordinate volunteers to deliver the meals in their towns. In March 2019, 78 Easter meals were delivered, and during the 2018 holidays, 85 meals were delivered on Thanksgiving Day, and on Christmas Day, 86 meals were delivered to homebound seniors.

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

The Elder Services Nutrition Program, through the Older Americans Act (Meals on Wheels and Senior Dining Centers), is supported financially by the six Vineyard towns through the MVCL's annual budget. In FY2019, the island towns on contributed a combined total of \$36,750 to Elder Services of Cape Cod & the Islands in support of this vital nutrition program.

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

The 17-member Commission includes nine members elected Island-wide biennially, and one appointed member each from the Dukes County Commission, each Island Board of Selectmen, and the Governor of Massachusetts. Commission officers in 2019 were Doug Sederholm of West Tisbury, Chairman; Josh Goldstein of Tisbury, Vice-Chairman; and Ernie Thomas of West Tisbury, Clerk-Treasurer. The Commission is supported by a professional staff of ten. More detail is provided below and is available on the Commission's website, [www.mvcommission.org](http://www.mvcommission.org).

### **COMMISSION FOCUS 2019**

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

The Commission continues to focus on the development of a robust pond monitoring program, and participating in innovative technologies designed to address nitrogen contamination. In 2019, Commission staff completed a fourth year of extensive testing. Since 2016, multiple samplings have been conducted in 16 Island ponds. Samples are used to examine nutrient and chlorophyll content, pond visibility, temperature, salinity, and other factors. The testing was conducted using the same locations and methods as those used in the Massachusetts Estuaries Project, which ensures comparable results. Comprehensive reports between 2016 and 2018 detail the results of the testing and evaluate the current trends for each pond. A similar report will be completed for the data obtained over the summer of 2019, along with a report evaluating the changes observed over the prior period of study. The MVC has created one-page pond summaries for each of the ponds, and is in the process of updating the MVC website to make data and reports more accessible.

The Commission was heavily involved in the development and testing of various alternative technologies, receiving \$250,000 in Federal grants to develop and implement a Permeable Reactive Barrier (PRB) along the coast of Lagoon Pond in Tisbury. Groundwater wells have since been placed, and monitoring and evaluation is ongoing for the micro-siting of the PRB. Engineering and installation are expected to begin in early 2020.

The MVC also funded and participated in the development and monitoring of innovative wastewater systems that have the potential to radically reduce the amount of nitrogen leeching into ponds from Title 5 septic systems. In order to demonstrate their effectiveness to State and Federal regulators, these systems require extensive and meticulous testing. The systems have functioned well and are expected to make large impacts in addressing the nitrogen degradation in Island ponds. MVC staff assists with the testing of the pilot systems.

### **Healthy Aging**

The Commission continued its collaboration with Healthy Aging Martha's Vineyard (HAMV) and Martha's Vineyard Community Services (MVCS), completing a survey and analysis of the Island's elder-service network. The project aims largely to help Island towns and organizations document their annual spending, and to generate wider conversations and planning surrounding the topic of healthy aging. The results are included in the MVC's 2019 Elder-Service Database, which is designed to be easily updated in the future; and a narrative report, Martha's Vineyard Elder-Service Mapping, which summarizes the data and explores key issues. The project offers a foundation for additional data collection and analysis in the future.

The Commission also worked with the Vineyard Transit Authority (VTA) and the Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority (Cape RTA) to create a pilot program for transporting seniors from the Woods Hole Ferry Terminal directly to the door of their Cape-based medical provider and back to the Island. The program ran from October 2018 to September 2019. The MVC then convened the VTA and Cape RTA, along with the Councils on Aging, Martha's Vineyard Hospital, Martha's Vineyard Center for Living, and Elder Services of the Cape and the Islands, to discuss potential solutions moving forward. At the meeting, social service and healthcare providers explained the most pressing needs for seniors seeking transportation to off-Island medical appointments, and the Cape RTA explained the idiosyncrasies of their different services originating from Woods Hole and Falmouth. MVC staff and HAMV compiled a short profile of services best suited to Island seniors who might utilize the Cape RTA for medical appointments, and gained a commitment from Island service providers to disseminate this information to their clients and patients. The Cape RTA agreed to collect data to share with the MVC and other partners to help better understand this segment of the senior population.

As HAMV moves into a new phase (a new governance structure and full-time director are planned for 2020), the MVC has provided administrative and planning support, including coordination with the HAMV Executive and Oversight committees to host and document their meetings, and additional guidance during the transition. The partnership with HAMV and MVCS has benefitted the MVC by providing additional data and resources, along with insight into the elder and caregiver communities, which will help inform all types of regional planning in the future.

### **Martha's Vineyard Statistical Profile**

In February 2019, the MVC released its first Martha's Vineyard Statistical Profile, which highlights trends in demographics, land use, economy, health, education, housing, real estate, transportation, energy, environment, and taxes and town services in Dukes County. The report compiles hundreds of data sets from 70 different sources, including Island towns and organizations, and State and Federal agencies. The report will be updated every two years starting in 2021 when the 2020 Census becomes available. The profile is available on the MVC's website, and paper copies are available for reference at every Island library and town hall.

### **Climate Action Task Force**

The climate crisis has become a top priority for the MVC, which formed a Climate Action Task Force in 2019 to focus on mitigating the effects of global warming and adapting to the changes that are projected or already underway. The Task Force is made up of MV Commissioners and staff, along with Island leaders and other professionals. The Task Force has begun the process of developing integrated mitigation and adaptation master plans for the Island, with extensive public outreach planned for 2020. It also advanced a non-binding resolution for the Annual Town Meetings in each town, seeking support for an initiative to eliminate greenhouse gas emissions on the Island by 2040 and pursue methods of carbon capture. In addition, the MV Commissioners adopted a resolution to 1) incorporate climate impacts into the MVC's regulatory and planning activities, 2) support the non-binding resolution mentioned above, and 3) draft both an energy and adaptation master plan to help guide the Commission's work in the future.

### **Permanent Traffic Counters**

In November 2019, six traffic counting stations were constructed and came online. The MVC worked with Weymouth-based Bell Traffic; consultant TrafInfo; the Towns of West Tisbury, Edgartown, and Oak Bluffs; the State Police; and the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (DOT) to obtain the necessary approvals for the project. The data is updating daily, and a range of reports detailing the direction, speed, and length of vehicles can now be generated. The installation culminated an 18-month process initiated by the Island's Joint Transportation Committee (JTC). The MVC managed the \$139,715 contract funded through the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and automated data collection commenced in mid-November. Data can be found on the public-facing MS2 portal.

### **Finances**

The Commission's FY19 income was \$1,676,580, of which 63.3% came from town assessments, 31% from grants and contracts, and 5.7% from other sources. The Commission received \$519,355 in grant funding, a 16.3% increase over the previous fiscal year. FY19 expenses were \$1,753,418, of which 53.4% was for salaries, 23% for salary-related costs, 5.4% for legal costs, 5.4% for mortgage payments for two MVC-owned properties, and 12.8% for other expenses. The annual audit by Anstiss Certified Public Accountants showed fiscal soundness.

The FY19 budget and FY18 audited financial statements are available on the website.

#### **Review of Aquinnah Casino**

In February 2019, the Towns of Aquinnah and Chilmark referred the proposed tribal casino in Aquinnah as a Discretionary Referral for the Commission to review. This began a lengthy process to review the project, determine the impacts associated with it and develop a process to render a decision. This process, already complex, was made even more so when the Tribe determined that it would not participate. Ultimately the MVC developed a comprehensive legal analysis, compiled a staff report that detailed as much information as could be gleaned from public disclosures related to the project, held a public hearing, took testimony, and rendered a decision stating that the proposal could not be approved based on the lack of information provided. The decision was not appealed.

#### **ALL-ISLAND EFFORTS**

##### **Affordable Housing**

**FY19 Community Development Block Grants (CDBG):** Edgartown and Oak Bluffs, the two CDBG lead communities for Dukes County, were awarded more than \$1.9 million for housing rehabilitation and childcare subsidies in August 2019. Both programs assist individuals and families that are income-qualified, earning up to 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI). The AMI for Dukes County in 2019 was \$50,350 for an individual and \$71,900 for a family of four. The Town of Edgartown, applying with Aquinnah and West Tisbury, was awarded \$1,134,472 to rehabilitate 20 homes, providing 0% interest, deferred-payment, forgivable loans. The funds will also help low- to moderate-income families pay for childcare, allowing parents to work or go to school knowing that their children are safe and well-cared for. The Town of Oak Bluffs, applying with Tisbury, was awarded \$838,871 to rehabilitate approximately 12 homes and provide childcare assistance. (Chilmark has to sit out the CDBG applications for the next two years.) MVC staff worked with an Edgartown-Oak Bluffs consultant to provide supplemental materials, and coordinated a public hearing for the FY19 CDBG grant application.

**Community Development Block Grant Advisory Group:** MVC staff will continue to assist the towns and grant writer Alice Boyd of Bailey Boyd Associates with the CDBG application process.

**Community Resiliency by Design:** In May 2019, the MVC hosted the Cape Cod Commission's Community Resiliency by Design program to develop model housing designs for compact development in three different but typical Cape Cod development patterns. Each focused on compact design forms, which allow more units with fewer infrastructure demands, while maintaining the community character of the surrounding neighborhood. The design techniques could also be applied to Island towns.

**Massachusetts Housing Partnership (MHP):** In July 2019, the MVC coordinated an educational workshop with Mass Housing Partnership to provide an

overview of the State's Chapter 40B Comprehensive Permit Law. MHP provided the necessary guidance and resources needed by the local zoning boards of appeal.

**Site Suitability Tool:** The MVC continues to work with Bluegear Labs to execute a grant issued by the State Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs to ultimately develop a user-friendly, web-based site suitability tool for affordable housing development in Edgartown, Oak Bluffs, Tisbury, and West Tisbury. This tool is built upon local, Vineyard-centric datasets, and customizes user input prior to ranking properties across each town. Planning boards and affordable housing committees are then able to visualize spatial data distribution of high-scoring sites. Results can be saved for further research and review. The tool has been refined in the beta stage this year, and the MVC and Bluegear are now preparing a hosting arrangement so the tool can officially be deployed.

### **Cartography Department**

Maps, maps, maps, and more maps! The MVC's Cartography Department's goal is community service. The mapping/Geographic Information (GIS) Office is staffed by Chris Seidel. During her 16 years with the MVC, Chris has made mapping services easily available to all municipal employees, citizen action groups, and local non-profits. If you need a map or data, just give Chris a shout at 508-693-3453 ext. 120.

To readily provide information in a visually intuitive fashion, Chris first focuses on listening to your needs and goals. Depending upon the end-goal, some maps are made for an online interactive experience, some for on-screen presentations or reports, and some for marking up hard copies during planning discussions. The MVC's Cartography Department has the latest mapping technology at its disposal:

#### **Desktop Mapping Software**

- ArcMap
- ArcGIS Pro

#### **Online Mapping**

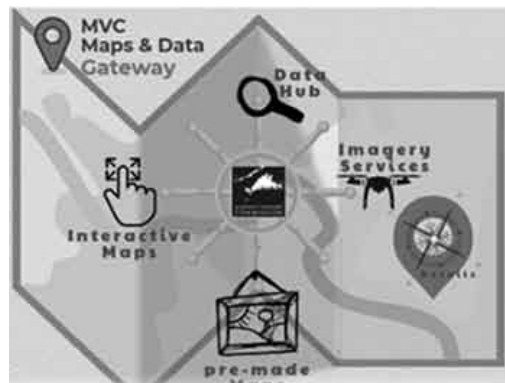
- ArcGIS Online

#### **GPS Technology**

- Trimble Geo 7x  
(sub-foot accuracy)
- Trimble Positions  
(for post-processing)
- Collector for ArcGIS  
(GPS/field data collection on your device)

#### **Aerial Imagery Acquisition**

- Phantom 4 (Pro) sUAS/Drone
  - o Video
  - o Still Photography
- Drone Pilot App
  - o Georeferenced Aerial Photos



#### Printing/Scanning Services

- HP DesignJet T2530 36" Large Format Plotter/Scanner
- HP5500DN Color Laser Printer

New this year, the mapping department intensified its efforts to push spatial data to the cloud. Fueled by our county-wide ESRI (Environmental Systems Research Institute) contract, the MVC is using the ArcGIS Online cloud space to host spatial and map data. These data sets can be accessed by town employees and the public. The data can be viewed online in interactive maps, or downloaded for use in desktop mapping software. Please contact Chris to discuss your project's data needs.

Lastly, the Cartography Department also provides dependable GIS technical support to all town employees to aid them in using the ESRI GIS software provided through the county-wide GIS license.

The major Island-wide mapping initiatives this year have focused on populating the MVC Data Hub with the County's GIS data, and working with Island emergency responders to develop the EROMP.

**Emergency Responders Online Mapping Portal (EROMP):** A collection of data, maps, and apps in the County's ArcGIS Cloud for use by emergency responder personnel. This group, comprised of police, fire, emergency management directors, etc., can access shared interactive data-rich maps from any device or desktop computer with an internet connection. The EROMP encourages collaboration across the towns, since users can share project-specific maps with the group. The maps may also be shared with the public if desired.

Funding for the EROMP project was awarded through the Commonwealth's Community Compact Mass Efficiency and Regionalization Grant Program. These funds will cover the County's entire annual ESRI licensing fee of \$25,000 (plus the County administration fee, if any) for FY21. Examples of projects underway include:

- Aquinnah Emergency Management: Delineating Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) leader's outreach area
- Chilmark Fire: Identifying areas with challenging water availability for fighting fires
- Edgartown: Event planning maps (such as for the 4th of July)
- Tisbury Police: Obtaining interior building layout designs for public buildings (schools, churches, town halls, etc.) and making those layouts accessible through an online map

**Island Climate Action Network (ICAN):** As part of ICAN's engagement with Island entities around sustainability, the MVC and ICAN members engaged the Martha's Vineyard Steamship Authority to discuss its efforts to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to climate disruption. As a follow-up item, the MVC agreed to collect data from sites where electric-vehicle charging stations are available, and to map those locations; the SSA indicated that would help their customers who struggle with range anxiety when considering the practicality of bringing their electric vehicles to the Island.



### **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. Coastal planning in 2019 focused on hazard mitigation and especially climate change adaptation. There is very little doubt that climate change has begun to produce significant effects on the Vineyard, and that it is accelerating. However, there are many ways that the impacts can be mitigated. Adaptation to sea-level rise, in particular, involves a choice of retreat, abandonment, or elevation of buildings and infrastructure—all necessary and costly options. There are difficult choices ahead for Island leaders, homeowners, and business owners. As planning professionals, it is the responsibility of MVC staff to provide material for thoughtful solutions and to encourage responsible and clear-headed decision making.

**Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation:** The MVC continued investigation and outreach related to the impacts of sea-level rise and climate change, along with mitigation and adaptation strategies. The main challenge is in preparing for the coming changes, with vulnerability assessments and mitigation/adaptation strategies to improve the Island's resiliency.

**Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Program:** MVC staff participated in the State's MVP program to strategize and prioritize actions for climate change adaptation. The program is similar in thrust to hazard mitigation planning, but more focused on the impacts of climate change.

**Hazard Management:** The Dukes County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) includes management tools and keeps the towns eligible for Federal funding of mitigation projects. MVC staff tracked progress in preparation for the 2020 update, and began collecting GIS and other materials. The MVP program provided helpful prioritization for the update. The 2019 round of FEMA funding is unusually generous, and MVC staff encouraged the towns to pursue 75% funding available by means of the approved 2015 HMP. MVC staff submitted a planning application for a seven-town Wildfire Preparedness Plan, as part of the 2020 update.

**Wetlands Vulnerability and Adaptation:** MVC staff continued assessing the vulnerability of wetlands to the impacts of climate change, particularly inundation. Staff continued a program of sophisticated wetland elevation monitoring to assess wetlands' abilities to grow in height as sea level rises. Measurements were taken and recorded at a monitoring station at Felix Neck, hosted by Mass Audubon with funding from the Friends of Sengekontacket and the Edey Foundation. Those measurements provided enough data for a preliminary assessment that the marsh is keeping up with sea-level rise. MVC staff also began taking measurements at the second monitoring site, on Tribal lands, hosted and funded by the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah).

**Massachusetts Ocean Management Plan:** The MVC Coastal Planner is the Governor's appointed representative on the Massachusetts Ocean Advisory Commission. In 2019 the group continued to advise the Commonwealth on data collection and preparation for offshore wind energy projects.



**Martha's Vineyard Wind Energy Area:** The MVC, towns, Tribe, and fishing community kept in close contact with the leaseholders for wind development south of Martha's Vineyard. MVC staff participated in Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) and Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) review of the Vineyard Wind project, part of which was reviewed as a DRI by the full Commission.

**Developments of Regional Impact (DRIs)**

In 2019, 40 projects were reviewed in some manner by the MVC through the DRI process. Fourteen projects were referred as full DRIs and reviewed with public hearings; of those, eight were approved with conditions, and six remain under review at the end of the year. One project was referred as a Discretionary Referral by two different Towns, and was denied. Eleven projects were referred as Concurrence Reviews; of those, five were remanded back to their Towns without a DRI public hearing, two were determined by MVC staff to not require any action by the MVC, two are on hold at the request of the applicant, and two remain under review at the end of the year. Twelve projects were referred as Modifications to previously approved DRIs; of those, 10 were determined to be minor modifications not requiring a DRI public hearing and were remanded back to the Towns for approval, one was determined to have a significant impact (a DRI public hearing was held, and the project is still under review at the end of the year), and one modification was withdrawn before a decision was made. Two projects were previously approved DRIs returning to the Land Use Planning Committee (LUPC), one for approval of their landscape and lighting plans, and one was granted an extension. Additionally, one lawsuit was settled. A total of nine projects remain under review at the end of the year, and many large projects are slated to be referred in the beginning of 2020.

In May 2019, the MVC bid farewell to DRI Coordinator Paul Foley, who steadfastly served the Commission for 15 years. We wish Paul all the best in his new position as Director of Planning and Economic Development in Fairhaven, MA.

**DRI Checklist Review:** The biennial review of the DRI Checklist began in 2019. Among the most significant proposed changes would be the review of residential development that exceeds a certain square footage. As of the year's end, the Checklist Review Committee has decided to meet with each Town Planning Board to discuss DRIs in the broader context of Town and Island-Wide issues, before forwarding the final recommended DRI Checklist changes for public hearings in 2020.

**Districts of Critical Planning Concern**

The Commission designates DCPCs to afford additional protection to sensitive areas, in support of special town regulations. In 2019, MVC staff provided responses to many queries from town boards, attorneys, and property owners. In an otherwise quiet year for DCPCs, MVC staff assisted in many ways with the smooth functioning of the Districts.

**Island Road District (Tisbury):** The MVC accepted a nomination and held a designation hearing and vote on a new Special Ways Zone for Tisbury: Shubael

Weeks Path and Red Coat Hill Road, both of which are already protected in West Tisbury.

**Island Road District (West Tisbury):** The MVC continued to support the Planning Board's efforts to update the Town's Special Ways regulations, after voters approved the update at the 2018 Annual Town Meeting.

### **Economic Development**

**Economic Development Listening Sessions:** In June 2019, the Governor held Economic Development Listening Sessions to solicit input for the Administration's strategies for economic development and public policies for the Commonwealth. MVC staff prepared an outline for the towns to provide feedback to the Commonwealth about the State projects and programs that have had or are having a positive impact on the Island, such as the following:

1. Establishing the Rural Policy Advisory Commission to assist the 170 rural communities in Massachusetts and identify existing and future challenges facing small towns.
2. Signing the Short-Term Rental Tax, along with creating the Cape and Islands Water Protection Fund. The local revenue to the expanded Room Occupancy Tax will provide Island towns a much needed financial cushion to town budget limits under Proposition 2½.
3. Creating the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program (MVP) and MVP Plans and Action Grants, which assist municipalities to plan and prepare for climate change and sea-level rise with an eye toward implementing the MVP Plans.
4. Creating the Department of Housing and Community Development's (DHCD) Small Town Grant Program, which fulfills a critical engineering design step to bring projects from a plan to shovel-ready status.
5. Providing a financial incentive for towns to participate in DHCD's Housing Choice Program by granting a lower interest rate through the State's Clean Water Trust Fund.
6. Working with the Massachusetts Seaport Economic Council on coastal infrastructure improvements.
7. Encouraging MassDOT to work with Regional Planning Agencies to consider refining population, housing, and employment projections that more accurately reflect the seasonal variations on the Cape and Islands.
8. Encouraging the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to consider piloting advanced denitrifying systems for affordable housing.
9. Supporting Oak Bluffs and Edgartown as lead communities for DHCD's Community Development Block Grant Program for housing rehabilitation and childcare subsidies.

**Short-Term Rental Tax:** On December 28, 2018, the Short-Term Rental Tax was signed into law by Governor Baker. The legislation subjects short-term rental properties to the Room Occupancy Tax, (G.L. c. 64G) for hotels, motels, and inns. The new law imposes State and local option excises on short-term rentals that are rented for more than 14 days in a calendar year, starting July 1, 2019, and for which a rental contract was entered into on or after January 1,

2019. All short-term rental operators are required to register with the Massachusetts Department of Revenue (DOR).

Of the 351 municipalities in Massachusetts, 175 collect Room Occupancy Taxes. The Room Occupancy Tax is split in two parts: a State tax rate of 5.7% and a local-option tax rate of up to 6%. All local option revenues go directly to a town's General Fund. In 2018, Martha's Vineyard had 1,216 hotel and inn rooms, which generated a total of \$1,969,004 in revenue for the five participating towns.

The MVC has been working with the towns and other agencies to provide information regarding the new legislation. In June and September, the MVC hosted two workshops, with Host Compliance and Hamari STR, to provide best practices and options relating to monitoring and enforcement. The MVC will continue to work with the towns and DOR to monitor the State's short-term rental registration, and revenues generated by the short-term rental tax.

### **Transportation**

The MVC performs transportation planning for the Vineyard, in association with the towns, VTA, Martha's Vineyard Airport, the Steamship Authority, MassDOT, and the public. 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 (JTC):** The MVC facilitates meetings of the JTC, made up of appointees from each town, the Tribe, and the County; along with ex-officio members from the VTA, MVC staff and BPAC, Federal Highway and Transit administrations, Steamship Authority, Martha's Vineyard Airport and MassDOT, to coordinate Island transportation planning.

**Martha's Vineyard Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):** The TIP is produced annually on Martha's Vineyard through the JTC and includes Federal-aid projects to implement within the constraints of available Federal and State funds. In Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2019, **\$712,712** in Federal funds were obligated for Martha's Vineyard. 2019 TIP projects included the following

- **Permanent Traffic Counting Stations:** Installation of the permanent traffic counting stations was completed in November 2019. The counters provide comprehensive traffic counts for each site, 365 days per year. With this data, Island planners can better understand seasonal fluctuations in vehicle volume and infer some circulation patterns.

- **Beach Road Shared-Use Path:** A cost increase of \$188,410 was added to the FFY19–20 Tisbury Bike and Pedestrian Improvements along Beach Road, and was approved and endorsed by the JTC in May 2019. The advertisement date for this project was scheduled for August 31, 2019.

### **Martha's Vineyard Regional Transportation Plan 2020–2040**

Commission staff and the JTC updated the Martha's Vineyard Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), which provides an analysis of the Island's transportation network, including goals and recommended actions for each sector, and proposes transportation expenditures for the years 2020–2040. The RTP is updated every four years, and allows the Vineyard to qualify for State and Federal transportation funds. The 2020–2040 update includes a greater focus on climate

change in regard to roads and infrastructure, and prioritizes alternate modes of transportation and the reduction of single-occupant automobile use on the Island. It also includes new sections on rideshare networks (Uber and Lyft), mopeds and electric vehicles, and expanded data on Island demographics and each transportation sector. Public outreach was conducted via public meetings and an online survey, with comments also solicited by email.

**Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC):** In the spring, the JTC reconstituted the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee with eight appointees from across the Vineyard. The MVC provides staff support. Among the BPAC's activities in 2019 were:

- Support of proposed state legislation categorizing types of electric bikes (e-bikes) and treating some classes the same as regular bikes.
- Support of Oak Bluffs' effort to develop a shared use (i.e. bike) path from the Lagoon Pond Drawbridge to Eastville Avenue and County Road. Staff provided detailed comments and suggestions for making the preliminary project design more suited to the needs of cyclists and pedestrians, while retaining the roadside character of the community.
- Creating a new bike map for the Island with route characteristics that will enable viewers to better assess how routes match their abilities.

**Up-Island Shared-Use Path Feasibility:** As initiated by the BPAC, the MVC has done a desktop analysis to evaluate the path of least resistance when considering the prospects of a Shared-Use Path parallel to the three up-Island corridors (South, Middle, and North roads). Variables included wetlands, frontage, proximity of structures to the roadway, and the number of intersecting driveways and roads. South Road was eliminated from consideration, and Middle and North roads are being evaluated further before the MVC requests formal presentations to West Tisbury and Chilmark town boards. MVC staff has met with various conservation groups with landholdings along the roads to gauge their level of support, and have thus far been met with an encouraging response.

**Trails Planning:** The Martha's Vineyard Land Bank continues to contract with the MVC to assist with trail planning across the Vineyard. Three new trail easements were recorded and discussions began with multiple landowners for three new trails and a fourth to realign a planned trail. Staff continued working with the Town Byways Committees in Edgartown and West Tisbury, and assisted Sheriff's Meadow Foundation's initiative to develop a cadre of "trail champions" to pursue trail development for that organization.

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

**Island Transportation Engineer:** The MVC received a grant of \$100,000 through the Lt. Governor's Community Compact program to hire Island-wide

transportation engineering services for a 10-month pilot term. Following the issuance of an RFP, Howard Stein Hudson (HSH) was chosen to provide this new capacity for the towns, working directly with MVC staff to focus work plans within budget. A total of nine projects were assigned to HSH, following a concerted effort between the MVC and town staff to identify projects where clear goals could be achieved. For those projects, deliverables came in all forms, ranging from formal design plans with cost estimates and book jobs, to concept schematics and technical memos. The Island partnership afforded the towns a great deal of flexibility for services at a reduced, negotiated rate.

### **Water Quality**

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

**Massachusetts Estuaries Project (MEP):** For more than a decade, the MVC provided extensive water-quality testing and land-use data analysis as a basis for the Commonwealth's Mass Estuaries Project, which prepares detailed models of water quality problems in coastal ponds and helps identify the most cost-effective solutions. MVC staff worked with the Friends of Sengekontacket, Tisbury Waterways, the Lagoon Pond Association, Edgartown Great Pond Foundation, and the Joint Lagoon Pond Watershed Wastewater Committee to devise plans to address excess nitrogen.

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

**Water Alliance and Associations:** The MVC Water Resource Planner is an active participant in the Martha's Vineyard Water Alliance, which meets monthly in the MVC building. Staff also attend and present at meetings of all Island pond advisory committees, and in 2019 staff presented their findings at pond association annual meetings.

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

**Island Blue Pages:** Staff worked with members of the Water Alliance to edit and update the 2006 Island Blue Pages. An Edey Foundation grant and donations were obtained for the printing of the updated version. The Blue Pages are also available online. Currently a Portuguese translation of the Blue Pages is underway.

**SNEP (Southeast New England Program) Grant:** The MVC received a \$250,000 grant for an innovative project to reduce groundwater pollution into Lagoon Pond, through the installation and testing of a Permeable Reactive Barrier (PRB). Throughout 2019, testing and monitoring continued for the

micro-siting of the PRB. Engineering and installation will begin as early 2020. **Northeast Acidification Network (NECAN) Shell Day:** Staff participated with organizations from Long Island Sound to Downeast Maine in a single-day monitoring event to help determine the relationship of salinity and total alkalinity as a way to monitor coastal acidification.

**Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) Review:** MEPA conducts inclusive reviews that incorporate local and State agency comments and questions to discern the readiness of a project to proceed. MEPA ensures that all of the necessary review information is available before a project proceeds. In 2019, MVC staff participated in MEPA review of a number of projects, including the Martha's Vineyard Shipyard expansion, Massachusetts Endangered Species Act (MESA) review of a Gosnold property, Clam Point dredging in West Tisbury, the Tower Hill Road Estate plan in Edgartown, the Martha's Vineyard Airport Capital Improvements Plan, and the Vineyard Wind proposals.

#### **Inter-Regional Collaboration**

**Education and Training:** The MVC hosted courses and information sessions on topics of interest to town officials, the business community, and members of the public.

**Governor's Rural Policy Advisory Commission (RPAC):** 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 RPAC 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. (The State has defined "rural" as having populations of no more than 500 per square mile - which excludes Oak Bluffs and Tisbury). The principal achievement of the RPAC in 2019 was the production and release of the Rural Policy Plan. The plan is targeted to State administration and legislators "to illustrate the unique attributes and challenges faced by rural communities, inform policy makers of existing best-practices and identify a series of recommendations to be explored and implemented under a proposed new Office of Rural Policy." Among the top three priorities of the plan is the creation of a rural factor within state funding formulas that also take into account the impact of seasonal population swells of tourist areas.

**State Socio-Economic Projections:** Staff joined representatives from other regional planning agencies (RPAs) to review and comment on MassDOT's multi-year effort to develop new population and workforce housing forecasts out to the year 2040, for use in long-range transportation planning. The projections weighed heavily the aging population, which was projected to decline in many regions, including Cape Cod. MVC staff was able to demonstrate that the State forecasting methodology did not accurately reflect the continual infusion of retirees relocating there. MVC staff also pressed the State for recognition of how the second-home economy affects year-round population, employment, and housing. The tremendous surges in seasonal and visitor populations place infrastructure and service demands upon local communities, which is not accounted for in State funding mechanisms that are based on year-round populations.



**Statewide Workforce Development Strategic Plan:** As part of the Governor's Workforce Skills Cabinet initiative, the MVC participated in developing the Cape and Islands Regional Workforce Blueprint. The Blueprint is a comprehensive report on current trends in labor force (those working or willing to work) and workforce (those actually working) participation rates in leading industries on the Cape and Islands. The MVC will continue to work with MassHire Cape and Islands Workforce Board, Adult and Community Education of Martha's Vineyard (ACE MV), and Martha's Vineyard Regional High School's Career Technical Education (CTE) and Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM) staff to provide greater educational and professional workforce development opportunities to students and residents of Martha's Vineyard.

**Promoting the Blue Economy:** In 2019, the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce's Blue Economy Project worked with schools in Plymouth, Barnstable, Nantucket, and Dukes counties to launch the Blue Economy Career Intention and Perceptions Survey for students in grades 6–9. The MVC worked closely with the Superintendent's Office to ensure that the High School, along with the Edgartown, Oak Bluffs, Tisbury, West Tisbury, and Charter schools, participated in the survey. Over 3,600 students participated, which will help align educational and workforce development resources with the needs of our growing year-round Blue Economy. In January 2019, the MVC worked with the High School and Charter School, and 34 Island students participated in the WaterWORKS Blue Economy Career Day at Cape Cod Community College.

The MVC will continue to work with local businesses and organizations in water-based industries, in an effort to provide workforce development opportunities in aquaculture, commercial fishing, transportation and boating, harbor and marina management, education and marine sciences, engineering and design, boat building, dredging, wastewater, alternative nitrogen management and technology, energy, environmental advocacy, climate adaptation, water resources and climate adaptation planning, and tourism and recreation.

**US Small Business Administration (SBA):** MVC staff continues to work with the SBA and the South Eastern Economic Development (SEED) Corporation to provide technical and financial resources to small businesses on the Vineyard.

**Cape Cod Canal Bridges:** The MVC continued to provide updates on the US Army Corps of Engineers' decision to replace the Cape Cod Canal bridges. As the three-year transportation planning process moves forward, the MVC will continue to collaborate with the Cape Chamber of Commerce, the Cape Cod Commission and Nantucket Regional Planning Agency on issues of shared interest regarding the Bourne and Sagamore bridges.

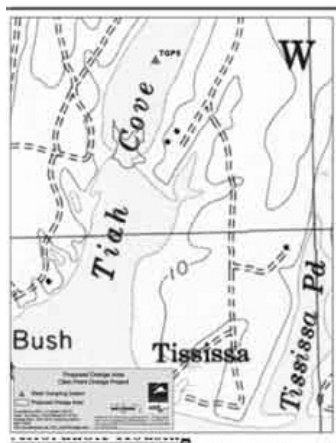
## **SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES FOR WEST TISBURY**

### **Geographic Information Systems**

The MVC flew a successful drone flight for the Town's Facilities Manager. The sUAS (small Unmanned Aerial System) was used to perform an inspection of the roof of the Town Hall. A video compilation can be found here: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m\\_0ybLxTL6Y](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m_0ybLxTL6Y)



The **Planning Board** and the Complete Streets Committee requested a map of Old County Road to facilitate discussions regarding a possible shared use path in this area.



To assist the **Conservation Commission**, the mapping department create a map of the Tiah's Cove Area.

MVC staff assisted the West Tisbury Planning Board with the Multi-Family Housing By-Law.

MVC staff also 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 received CPA funding for a third year at the 2019 Annual Town Meeting.

#### **Districts of Critical Planning Concern**

**Island Roads District:** The MVC provided support for the Planning Board's efforts to update the Special Ways regulations, which were successfully updated at the 2019 Annual Town Meeting.

#### **MEPA Review**

MVC staff participated in the preliminary MEPA review of the Clam Point dredging project and MV Airport Capital Improvements Plan projects.

#### **Transportation**

**Developments of Regional Impact:** The Transportation Program Manager provided traffic impact analysis for the following DRIs: South Mountain Company Expansion, Flat Point Farm, Indian Hill Road Demolitions, and the Marijuana Cultivation Facility.



**Data Collection:** Installation of the permanent traffic counting stations has been complete as of November 2019. These traffic volumes will provide comprehensive traffic counts for each site, 365 days per year. With this data, Island planners can better understand seasonal fluctuations in vehicle volume and infer some circulation patterns. There are two permanent counting stations on State Road in West Tisbury: one just north of Old County Road, and other just within the town boundary with Chilmark on South Road.

**Local Technical Assistance:** The MVC is continuing to work with the Up-Island School Committee and the Island Engineer (Howard Stein Hudson Associates) through its community compact grant on design plans to improve traffic circulation, pedestrian safety, pavement markings, and signage for the West Tisbury School parking lot.

The MVC also provided assistance to a group of students from Northeastern on the Capstone project. The group presented infrastructure, as well as bicycle and pedestrian improvements, to the intersection of North Road and State Road. The preliminary presentation included a three-legged roundabout.

#### **Water Quality**

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

**Water Sampling:** MVC staff collected water quality samples and on-station field data from Tisbury Great Pond and James Pond, in cooperation with the Shellfish Department, the Division of Marine Fisheries, Buzzards Bay Coalition, Tisbury Riparian Owners and Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries. MVC staff collected samples of algae blooms for analysis and determination.

**Community Assistance:** The MVC Water Resource Planner serves when needed as a technical advisor to the Mill Brook Watershed Committee and the Tisbury Great Pond Riparian owners. MVC staff met with 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**

6 West Tisbury projects were reviewed by the MVC in 2019:

- ❖ **South Mountain Company Expansion** (DRI 462-M4) *Proposal to add 3,600 square feet of lumber storage space, add a 600 square foot solar equipment storage shed, convert existing shop space to offices and meeting rooms, convert existing lumber storage area to shop space, and remove 1,350 square foot hoop building from South Mountain Company campus. Infrastructure changes include increasing parking from 35 to 40 spaces, and increasing the number of full-time employees from 18 to 24. Public Hearing held on July 18; project approved with conditions on August 22; written decision approved on September 5, 2019.*
- ❖ **Marijuana Cultivation Building** (DRI 618-M3) *Modifications to the 2018 DRI Decision 618-M2 to include marijuana cultivation for recreational adult use, and to increase the total number of allowable employees from 9 to 10. Approved as modification without a Public*

Hearing on September 19, 2019.

- ❖ **Flat Point Farm Barn** (DRI 34-M4) *Minor modification to replace a barn that was tragically destroyed in a fire.* Approved as a minor modification without a Public Hearing on October 3, 2019.
- ❖ **274 Indian Hill Road Historic Demolition** (C.R. 8-2019) *Proposal to renovate a building constructed in 1756.* MVC staff determined the proposal did not rise to a level requiring any action by the MVC; remanded to the Town on November 20, 2019.
- ❖ **Sheriff's Radio Tower** (C.R. 10-2019) *Proposal to structurally enhance an existing tower and add six new antennas and two new microwave dishes for improvements in safety communications.* Scheduled to attend the LUPC meeting on January 6, 2020 and come before the full Commission on January 9, 2020. Project is still under review at the end of the year.
- ❖ **Sprint Tower** (C.R. 11-2019) *Proposal to modify an existing cell phone tower.* Project is still under review at the end of the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Adam Turner, Executive Director  
Lucy Morrison, Executive Assistant  
Douglas Sederholm, Chairman  
Linda Sibley  
Ernie Thomas, Clerk/Treasurer

## 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 to improve the quality of life for all Island residents. Our grants may be modest, but their effects resound mightily through the Vineyard community.

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

In December 2019, the Commonwealth allocated the MVCC \$28,800 for local re-granting. The six Island Towns also contributed generously: Aquinnah (\$1,500), Chilmark (\$3,500), Edgartown (\$3,500), Oak Bluffs (\$1,500), Tisbury (\$3,500), and West Tisbury (\$3,500). Together the total amount available for grants was \$45,800.

For FY 2020, the MVCC received 68 applications requesting a total of \$151,892. Fifty-six grants awarded at the MVCC Annual Meeting in November 2019 are listed below:

Applicant	Project Title	Decision
Tisbury School First Grades		
Attend Theater Production at Wheelock College		\$261
Martha's Vineyard Chamber Music Society		
Cello Fest Concert Support		\$748
Grace Episcopal Church - Messiah Community Sing		\$617
Abby Bender/Built on Stilts - Built on Stilts		\$1,639
Friends of the Edgartown Free Public Library		
Sounds Like Summer - Music on the Lawn		\$1,309
Garden Gate Child Development Center		
Early Childhood Music Studio		\$245
Martha's Vineyard Playhouse, Inc. - OUR TOWN		\$1,059
Martha's Vineyard Chamber Music Society		
Intensive Ensemble Support		\$384
Martha's Vineyard Chamber Music - Sound-Energy		\$444
Abby Bender/SchmantzeTheatre - Abby Bender Schmantze Theatre		\$1,250
Ryan Schwab-Doyon - Annual Adrenaline Music Project (AMP)		\$723

Memorial Day Picnic Committee -	
Memorial Day Picnic - Town of Tisbury	\$381
West Tisbury Free Public Library	
Interactive viewing of Harry Potter at the MV Film Center	\$298
West Tisbury Free Public Library - Choro Das Tres Concert	\$833
Steve Henderson - Mabel and Jerry - a play	\$210
Minnesinger Parent Group - Choral Festival Competition Field trip	\$1,308
Roberta Kim - Winter Concert and Community Sings	\$1,751
Molly Coogan - Membership Down!	\$292
Martha's Vineyard Center for Living - The Drama in Our Stories	\$738
Dean Rosenthal -2nd Annual Daykah Concert	\$517
Caitlyn Clark - Summer Reading Kick Off 2020	\$945
Robert Dutton - Out of the Woods	\$458
Vineyard Arts Project - Women's Voices	\$648
The Yard - MAKING IT with Godfrey Muwulya	\$1,302
Tessa Permar - W.I.L.D. (Working Islanders Local Dance) Co	\$505
Island Children's School - Creative Drama at ICS	\$469
Janet Holladay - Islanders Dance Series	\$890
ACE MV - Humanities Lecture Series	
"Living and Working on Martha's Vineyard"	\$497
African American Heritage Trail - Lighting the Trail for Children	\$1,495
Aquinnah Cultural Center, Inc. - 14th Annual Artisans Festival	\$1,900
Carolina Cooney - Sankofa Festival of African American Literature	\$791
Corinne de Langavant - Art on Ice Ballet	\$638
Daniel Waters - Photographic Time Capsule of Martha's Vineyard	\$1,213
Danielle Charbonneau - Boston Spring: Immersive City Experience	\$1,692
Donald Nitchie - Poetry Drop-in	\$564
Dyer Maker Studio	
"Dyeing to Wear It: Creating Community through Color	\$237
Elise LeBovit - Spring Egg Hunt	\$485
Heidi Carter - MV Museum Oral History Project	\$501
Ken Wentworth	
Short Film About Pioneering Marine Mammal Acoustics	\$1,152
Liz Witham - North Atlantic Right Whale Awareness	\$482
Lynn Thorp - MV Signs Then & Now	\$635
Mabelle Felipe - The News & Weather with Bella	\$915
Marine and Paleobiological Research Institute	
NATIONAL FOSSIL DAY CELEBRATION	\$597
Martha's Vineyard Film Festival - Cinema Circus	\$1,304
Martha's Vineyard Mediation Program - Each One Teach One	\$627
Martha's Vineyard Regional High School-	
FBO West Tisbury School - Creative Drama for WTS	\$1,211
Mary Holmes - Art & Music Therapy at MVC4L	\$851

Noepe Center for Literary Arts - Weekend Writing Workshops	\$522
PathwaysARTS - A Celebration of MV Artists/Grant Recipients	\$1,133
Richard Skidmore - Three Short Films	\$548
Sassafras Earth Education	
Presentation "Thanksgiving Myth Busted"	\$1,011
Stephen Power - ISLAND PEOPLE	\$461
Susan Klein - Stories in the Kitchen	\$1,376
The Martha's Vineyard Film Festival - Vineyard Shorts Program	\$794
The Martha's Vineyard Film Society	
The Martha's Vineyard International Film Festival	\$1,255
Union Chapel Educational and Cultural Institute, Inc.	
Public Forums - Program Support	\$688

As always, the members of the MVCC wish to thank West Tisbury Town Accountant Bruce Stone and Town Treasurer/Collector Katherine Logue, who have processed the financial transactions of the Council since it became a regional entity in 2003. We are grateful as well to Joyce Albertine and the Up-Island Council on Aging for allowing us to use the Howes House as our meeting place.

Respectfully submitted, ROB HAUCK, Chair

**Martha's Vineyard Cultural Council  
2019 Membership**

**Aquinnah**

Macey Dunbar  
Penny Weinstein

**Oak Bluffs**

Marianne Goldsmith  
Abby Remer

**Chilmark**

Heather Goff  
Wendy Weldon

**Tisbury**

Julia Kidd  
Lara O'Brien Margaret Emerson

**Edgartown**

Claire Chalfoun  
Lisa Sherman  
Rob Hauck, Chr.

**West Tisbury**

Linda Vadasz, Sec.  
Irene Tewksbury, Tres.

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

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3476 acres, representing 6% 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 Sheriff's Meadow Foundation (SMF) began, decades ago, a significant conservation effort in the area of Cedar Tree Neck in West Tisbury. The Land Bank tried to complement this work in its 1986 acquisition, on the eastern flank of the SMF holdings, of its *Christiantown Woods Preserve*. In 2019 the Land Bank was able to add to its preserve with a purchase of 7.3 acres from the Jonathan Rose family. The price was \$550,000.

The old Whale Jaw Farm in Edgartown was conserved via a cooperative acquisition with Zachary Pinerio. He purchased the 1.6-acre farmstead and the Land Bank acquired the remaining 18.2 acres. The Land Bank paid \$950,000; the seller was Judith Tucker. The property will be incorporated into the Land Bank's now 305-acre *Three Ponds Reservation*.

Two beach lots were donated to the Land Bank. Charles Hotchkiss et al. donated a 0.1-acre lot to be included in the *Chilmark Pond Preserve*; Joseph Kapell et al. donated a 0.3-acre lot to be appended to Moshup Beach at the *Aquinnah Headlands Preserve*.

The environs of existing Land Bank properties are natural priorities, as conserving them expands the protected area. The Land Bank purchased 4.5 acres adjacent to the *Pecoy Point Preserve* from the estate of Jerome Kenney for \$890,000.

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

### LAND MANAGEMENT

Ecological inventories and studies continued at many land bank properties: Aquinnah Headlands Preserve, Beech Tree Preserve, Edgartown Great Pond Beach, Gay Head Moraine, Great Rock Bight Preserve, Manaquayak Preserve, Paint Mill Brook Preserve, Pecoy Point Preserve, Poucha Pond Reservation, Quammox Preserve, Sepiessa Point Reservation, Tashmoo Beach, Tiasquam Valley Reservation, Tisbury Great Pond Beach, Tisbury Meadow Preserve, Waskosim's Rock Reservation and Wilfrid's Pond Preserve.

7.5 acres of woodland crowding the island's highest point — Peaked Hill, at 311 feet above sea level — were returned to an open state. Boulders were exposed and native grasses were planted. Hikers now experience a nearly panoptic view including Nomans Land Island, the Aquinnah peninsula, Buzzards

Bay and Cuttyhunk Island and, in the far distance, the Sakonnet River estuary. A lottery was conducted to distribute the firewood to the public.

Similarly reclaimed was the portion of the Tashmoo peninsula comprising the Tashmoo Preserve: the Land Bank removed two beach-cottages and restored the dune. The Commonwealth's Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary approved a management plan for the property and it was opened to public use. This added 400 feet of Vineyard Sound beach to the existing public lands at the end of the Herring Creek Road. Under consideration is removal of the revetment, so as to further renaturalize the dune system there.

Staff removed, per an off-premises view easement, trees that had grown and blocked the view of the Tisbury Great Pond from the Middle Ridge Preserve's summit.

As usual, the Land Bank field crew continued ongoing general maintenance on various Land Bank properties across the island. In particular, the crew reconstructed boardwalks at the Blackwater Pond and Poucha Pond Reservations. Progress in realizing the Cross-Chilmark trail — specifically, the creation of a link between the Peaked Hill Reservation and the Trustees of Reservations' Menemsha Hills Reservation — occurred when the staff installed a new trail connecting Peaked Hill and the North Road.

#### CROSS ISLAND HIKE (XIH)

The Land Bank's twenty-seventh annual Cross Island Hike (XIH) celebrating National Trails Day — the first Saturday in June — extended from Blackwater Pond Reservation in West Tisbury to Big Bridge in Edgartown, touching 13 conservation lands. A record 120+ hikers started in the morning and nearly 60 people arrived at the finish. All told, about 140 people participated in all or part of the hike. The 16.2-mile hike was completed by 52 people, far surpassing the record set the previous year of 39 people. Almost half of the through-hikers, evenly split between islanders and visitors, had never before been on an XIH.

#### 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 2019 BUDGETED	FISCAL YEAR 2019 ACTUAL	FISCAL YEAR 2020 BUDGETED
Revenues	\$10,075,000	\$13,387,307	\$10,075,000*
Administrative Expenses	(\$576,051) 6%	(\$545,776) 4%	(\$589,441) 6%
Land Mgmt. Expenses	(\$1,392,998) 14%	(\$1,261,698) 9%	(\$1,510,936) 15%
Debt Service Expenses	(\$4,926,173) 49%	(\$4,627,562) 35%	(\$4,466,907) 44%
Reserve Expenses	(\$55,000) 1%	(\$0) 0%	(\$75,000) 1%
Unencumbered New Receipts	(\$3,130,277) 30%	(\$6,925,271) 52%	(\$3,432,716) 34%

As of December 1, 2019, the Land Bank treasury contained some \$14.6 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 \$8,900 from multiple donors for the erection of a deer fence to protect croplands at the Poucha Pond Reservation.

#### TRANSFER FEE REVENUES

Fiscal Year 2019 transfer fee revenues were:

Aquinnah Fund	\$224,211	2 %
Chilmark Fund	\$712,403	5 %
Edgartown Fund	\$3,020,655	23 %
Oak Bluffs Fund	\$979,191	7 %
Tisbury Fund	\$865,642	6 %
West Tisbury Fund	\$891,551	7 %
Central fund	\$6,693,653	50%
Total	\$13,387,307	100%

This represented a 1% decrease over the previous year.

#### COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF

The Land Bank bade farewell, with appreciation, to long-time Commissioners Priscilla Sylvia (Land Bank Study Committee 1984-1986; Land Bank Commission 1986-2019) and Edward Vincent, Jr. (Edgartown Land Bank Town Advisory Board 1986-1996; Land Bank Commission 1996-2019). The Land Bank Commission currently comprises the following members: Pamela Goff, Chilmark; Richard Knight, Jr., Edgartown, Wesley Mott, Commonwealth; Mary Robin Ravitch, West Tisbury; Kristen Reimann, Oak Bluffs; Sarah Thulin, Aquinnah; and Nancy Weaver, Tisbury. The year-round Land Bank staff comprises the following individuals: Jean-Marc Dupon, Conservation Land Assistant; Maureen Hill, Administrative Assistant; Harrison Kiesel, Crew Manager; Antone Lima, Conservation Land Assistant; Jeffrey Komarinetz, Conservation Land Assistant; Cynthia Krauss, Fiscal Officer; James Lengyel, Executive Director; Ian Peach, Land 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 Board of Selectmen:

In 2019, the Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group, Inc. continued programs to fulfill its mission of enhancing shellfish resources for the wellbeing of the entire Island community. MVSG received funding from all six Island towns, the MA Division of Marine Fisheries, the Wampanoag Tribe of Aquinnah, the Jewish Communal Fund, Edey Foundation, Lagoon Pond Association, Slough Farm Foundation, Permanent Endowment for Martha's Vineyard, Farm Neck Foundation, Proud Pour, Cardinal Brook Trust, The Boston Foundation, and many private donors. Town funding ensures each member town an equal portion of the shellfish seed we grow.

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

MVSG operates the Richard C. Karney Solar Shellfish Hatchery in Vineyard Haven; The John T. Hughes Hatchery and Research Station in Oak Bluffs; and the Chappy Point nursery on Chappaquiddick. Although the Solar Hatchery is "home base", each site has its strengths and each is important to maximizing the quantity and quality of seed we grow. In 2019 we used these 3 facilities to produce 13.5 million quahogs, 27.5 million scallops and 12.5 million oyster seed for the Shellfish Departments of our six island towns. We also released over 146 million scallop eggs and larvae and 45 million oyster eggs to help supplement the wild populations.

We spawn local shellfish and grow the seed in our hatcheries to an average of 1mm. At that point we distribute them evenly to the Shellfish Departments. West Tisbury receives only oyster seed because there is no quahog or scallop habitat in West Tisbury. The remaining 5 towns receive quahog and scallop seed only. Edgartown Great Pond hosts an oyster restoration project which is funded by a private grant, and therefore receives a fraction of the oyster seed. The Constables grow the seed in nursery systems such as floating cages, bags and rafts where they are safe from boats, people and predators. At the end of the summer they are released to good shellfish habitat where they can improve water clarity and be harvested by recreational and commercial fisherpeople.

### **Oyster Restoration and the Shell Recovery Partnership**

MVSG has managed oyster restoration projects in Tisbury Great Pond (funded largely by the Town of West Tisbury) and Edgartown Great Pond (funded by a private grant) for 30 and 12 years, respectively. The primary restoration strategies are production of spat-on-shell and planting of loose shell. Spat-on-shell yields clumps of oysters that are better protected from predators and creates habitat for many other estuarine creatures. The addition of shell to the ponds helps to harden the bottom of the pond, so that oysters do not perish into soft mud; provides calcium-based substrate for wild oyster larvae to set on, and acts like a natural TUMS® by buffering against increasingly acidic conditions. Both

of these tools depend on shell. In the past, we have purchased clam shell from off-island; only as of recently, we are able to rely solely on scallop shell and shells that have been saved from the trash by our Shell Recovery Partnership.

Since 2011 the Shell Recovery Partnership has committed to rescuing this valuable resource from the waste stream by collecting it from Island restaurants, letting it age, then returning it to the Great Ponds. Thanks to l'etoile, The Port Hunter, Offshore Ale, Noman's, The Lookout Tavern, Chowder Company, Beach Road, the Oyster Bar and the Edgartown Yacht Club, we collected more than 3 times our previous benchmarks in 2019.

#### **Pilot Eelgrass Propagation Project**

Eelgrass, *Zostera marina*, is an important nursery habitat for many species, especially bay scallops. It is sensitive to summer heat and poor water quality. On a global scale, seagrass meadows contain 10-40 times more carbon than forests, and are an effective carbon sink. On an ecosystem scale, eelgrass buffers acidic water which helps shellfish produce shell. This summer we planted dislodged eelgrass into biodegradable containers at the Hughes Hatchery. In the spring we will plant them in to Lagoon and Menemsha Ponds. The two main goals are to 1. 'Rehabilitate' plants that would perish otherwise; and 2. Plant re-established, potted plots instead of bare root plants.

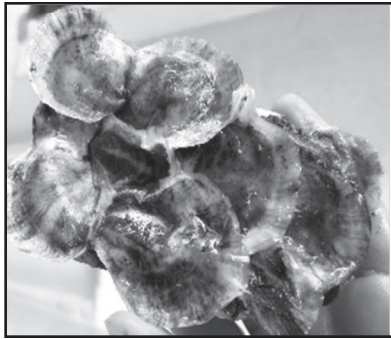
#### **Updated edition of the Island Blue Pages**

Almost 15 years ago, a committee of the Water Alliance, lead by Amandine and Rick of MVSG, published an illustrated environmental booklet to teach Islanders to be kind to our watersheds and our sole source aquifer, every day. In 2019, with contributions from many organizations and the Edey Foundation, an updated edition was printed by the MV Commission. A Portuguese edition will be printed, pending available funds. Pick up a copy at your Town Hall, Library, pond group, MV Commission or access online at

[www.mvshellfishgroup.org/island-blue-pages](http://www.mvshellfishgroup.org/island-blue-pages).

Respectfully submitted,

Emma Green-Beach  
Amandine Surier Hall  
Co-Directors and Biologists



Hatchery-reared oysters on a recycled shell. Left: spat at 5 weeks post-set. Right: same spat at 10 weeks post-set.



Scallop seed grew and survived very well in the hatchery, although wild seed sets were low across the island.

#### Shellfish Seed Produced in 2019

Quahog Seed	Aquinnah	2,700,000			
	Chilmark	2,700,000			
	Edgartown	2,700,000			
	Oak Bluffs	2,700,000			
	Tisbury	2,700,000			
	Total	13,500,000			
Scallops Seed	Aquinnah	5,466,000			
	Chilmark	5,466,000			
	Edgartown	5,466,000			
	Oak Bluffs	5,466,000			
	Tisbury	5,466,000			
	Wampanoag Tribe*	150,000			
	Gosnold**	100,000			
	Total	27,580,000			
Eggs	Tashmoo	32,800,000			
	Sengekontacket	32,800,000			
	Lagoon Pond	38,400,000			
Larvae	Lagoon Pond	400,000			
	Cape Pogue	15,100,000			
	Menemsha Pond	30,895,000			
Oysters	Tisbury Great Pond	Edgartown Great Pond***	Other	Total	
	Eggs	45,000,000	-	-	45,000,000
	Larvae	2,500,000	4,350,000	-	6,850,000
	Remote set	7,952,500	4,480,000	-	12,432,500
	Singles	274,261	152,288	800	426,549

Provided by: \*contract; \*\*State funding; \*\*\*private grant funding

# REPORT OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

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**Fiscal Year 2020**

**July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020**

## **Agency Overview**

The Martha's Vineyard Transit Authority (VTA) provides fixed-route bus and ADA demand-responsive van service to the six towns on the Island of Martha's Vineyard. The VTA was created by the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 161B and is funded through local, state, and federal sources.

## **Leadership**

Per MGL Chapter 161B, the VTA is managed by an Administrator, who is appointed by an Advisory Board. The Advisory Board is composed of one representative from each member community, one Rider Community Representative and one Disabled Community Representative:

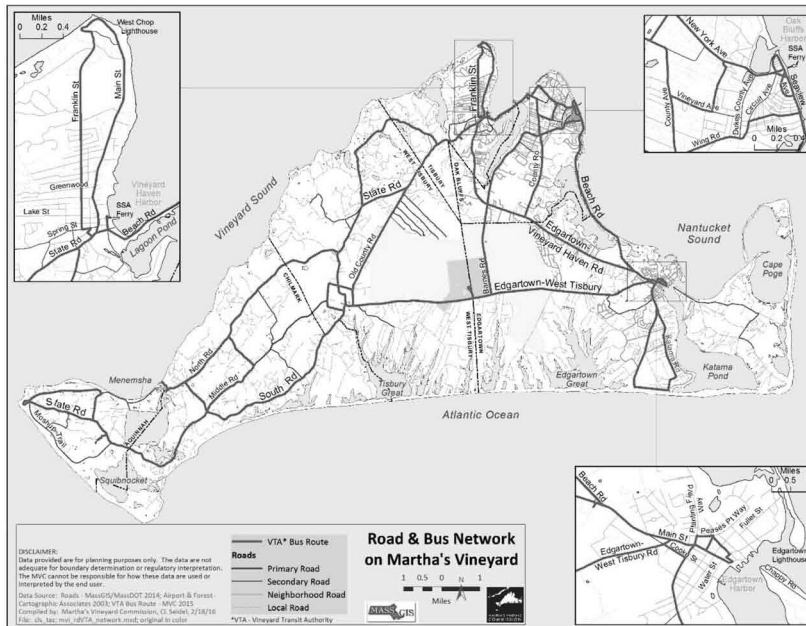
Oak Bluffs	Alice Butler, Chairman
West Tisbury	John Alley
Aquinnah	June Manning
Tisbury	Elaine Miller
Chilmark	Leonard Jason
Edgartown	Mark Snider
Rider Community Representative	Carlton Crocker (Chilmark)
Disabled Community Representative	Sarah Nevin (Edgartown)
Administrator	Angela E. Grant

## Mission

We believe that public transportation is essential to the economic vitality, environmental stability and quality of life on the Island of Martha's Vineyard. We provide safe and secure environment for our customers, community and employees through consistent training, enforcement and allocation of resources. We continuously strive to improve the cost efficiency of our services and approach our financial relationships with integrity and transparency

## Description of Services

The VTA operates twelve year-round routes, plus two additional summer peak season routes and paratransit service in accordance with Americans with Disability Act (ADA). The fixed routes are organized into a hub and spoke system around four hubs, which are located in the Vineyard's largest communities (Vineyard Haven, Oak Bluffs, Edgartown and West Tisbury). With one exception, all VTA routes serve at least one hub. Connecting to and between hubs allows passengers to transfer between routes and increases accessibility to the Island's major services and destinations. The VTA also interlines buses to offer one-seat rides between key destinations. The VTA's annual operating budget for FY19 was \$5.99 million, plus \$1.967 million in capital funds. This investment supports 1.30 million riders and 1.28 million miles of service.



## **Funding Updates**

### **MassDOT Discretionary Funding Program**

Section 74 of the Fiscal Year 2019 Massachusetts Budget created an additional \$4 million of funding for Regional Transit Authorities that (1) provide best practice services and/or (2) seek to initiate, maintain or expand service to a priority population. The VTA applied for this competitive grant and was awarded \$83,500 to restore fixed route service on Routes 1 and 13 during the in-season, which often exceed capacity during peak periods. Service along these two routes will be restored to 15-20 minute headway during peak season. The receipt of the additional funds is contingent on meeting the performance criteria as set forth in the Memorandum of Understanding. The first round of performance evaluations will take place in October 2019.

### **Advancing Commonwealth Energy Storage (ACES)**

In August 2018 the VTA was awarded an ACES grant from the Massachusetts Clean Energy Technology Center (MassCEC) to fund a lithium ion energy storage project. The lithium ion battery storage units will be located at the VTA Operations and Maintenance Facility and will be paired with solar PV to enable the electrified transit fleet to charge in accordance with the fleet's schedule and minimize or eliminate demand charges incurred from charging buses during peak hours.

## **Service Modifications**

The VTA made numerous modifications to the service offering throughout FY 2019, as compared to the previous year. Nearly all of the modifications were reductions of service. These changes were either the elimination of trips or a shortening of the periods during which they run. The reasons were a combination of budget constraints and the results of ridership analysis - complying with MassDOT's directive to eliminate any underperforming service that cannot be reasonably expected to improve to meet performance standards.

### **Changes to In-Season 2018 as Compared to In-Season 2017 Starting in July**

The last Route 4 evening trip was eliminated. The operating period for the previous trip was noted to run June 30 – August 25, 2018 only, instead of April 29 – October 9, 2018. The last Route 5 trip was changed to operate upon request only. Similarly, the last two Route 6 trips were eliminated. All of these trips were originally offered to provide a way to return to up-Island destinations late in the evening during the summer, but they were under-utilized by mass transit standards and have been discontinued. For Route 8, Friday and Saturday service in September and early October after 7:45 pm was eliminated. These trips previously ran every 30 minutes until 10:15 pm. The period for the remaining evening service was shortened to end the last week of September instead of Columbus

Day weekend in mid-October. One round trip on Route 10 Tisbury Park-and-Ride was added. The 5:15 AM trip serves the 5:30 AM ferry trip recently added to the Steamship Authority's schedules. The season for Route 11 service was shortened to the end of September instead of mid-October.

#### **Changes to Off-Season 2018-2019 as Compared to Off-Season 2017-2018**

Largely due to the differences in traffic delays between seasons, the VTA operated a completely different set of timetables in the Off-Season Winter than the Off-Season Fall and Spring periods. The Off-Season Winter operated December 31, 2018 – March 29, 2019. This was the first time this was done during the Off-Season. The two sets of timetables were presented on the two sides of the VTA's System Route Map publication.

#### **Changes to the In-Season 2019 as Compared to In-Season 2018 for May and June**

The extended trips of Route 4 and 5 were further scaled back, with trips that historically ran Fridays and Saturdays (before becoming daily in the peak season) were eliminated for the In-Season Spring. These trips continued to be offered daily in the peak season starting June 22, 2019. The first and last trips of the Route 10A schedule were trimmed. For Route 11, the start of evening service was delayed one week from the last week of June to the first week of July.

Much of the VTA's success over the past two decades was founded on providing service to serve potential latent travel demand on the Vineyard. The eliminated trips represented cases where VTA services were requested, but not used consistently enough to performance standards to warrant the continuation of those particular trips. The selective scaling back keeps available resources focused on the VTA's productive service. The VTA continues to monitor and accept requests for unmet travel needs in the region, and will seek ways to provide these trips if sufficient demand exists. Further service cuts are anticipated for FY 20 in order to fund a collective bargaining agreement, an increase in insurance premiums and an increase in rent from the MV Airport Commission.

### **Clean Transportation Initiatives**

In 2017, the VTA commenced an ambitious project to electrify its transit fleet and fuel the fleet with renewable solar energy and integrated energy storage. This system of locally generated renewables, storage and vehicle charging will create a first-of-its-kind fully integrated, clean, resilient, and flexible public transportation system.

To date, the VTA has made great strides in its electrification project. The VTA has 10 all electric battery buses two six more are slated to arrive in the spring of 2020. The upgraded operations and maintenance facility to support the electric buses will have solar canopies installed this year. In route inductive charging stations are being designed, and the infrastructure has been ordered.



### **Partnerships & Community Outreach**

The VTA continues to partner with the Island's councils on aging, elderly and disabled housing authorities, and schools to provide reduced fare annual passes for the Island's elderly, disabled and youth. Reduced fare passes are available for purchase through the councils on aging and all Island schools. The VTA also offers a Military reduced fare.

For the past 14 years, the VTA has maintained the Island's school bus fleet, saving the school district money and the complications of getting vehicles to the mainland for repair services, as viable and affordable alternatives do not exist in the private sector on the Island.

The VTA leases office space within their building to the Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) to operate a local branch for the Island. Every two years, the VTA hosts a boat and recreational vehicle registration event, a joint event sponsored by the RMV and Mass Energy and Environmental Affairs. This event is designed so members of the community can easily obtain proper registration for recreational boats and vehicles without having to travel to the mainland.

The VTA maintains its own fuel island on the property, with above-ground diesel and unleaded fuel tanks. We are the largest consumer of fuel on the Island. We allow other public agencies to fuel at our facility which, with the pooling of our fuel purchases saves tens of thousands of dollars annually for these public agencies: the Martha's Vineyard School District, the Airport, Dukes County Sheriff's Department, several Towns police, fire and highway departments, Island Elderly Housing, the Land Bank and the County. A computerized fuel authorization system allows access for these agencies to fuel twenty-four hours a day.

The VTA property is host to training exercises for MV Tactical Response Team and fire department drills. The VTA has provided vehicles and drivers, as needed, to the Airport so they can coordinate their MCI Drills, as required by FAA. We are a member of the County and all Island Towns' Emergency Management plans for evacuations, transportation and cooling/warming rehabilitation vehicles in the event of an emergency.

The VTA is home to the only Commercial Driver's License (CDL) course. The VTA allows private, as well as other public agencies, to train on and use the course for licensing.



## Operational Facts and Figures

### Fixed Route

<b>Facts:</b>	<b>FY19</b>	<b>FY18</b>
Annual Ridership	1,305,195	1,347,337
Annual Farebox & Other Revenue	1,666,065	1,683,544
Annual Cost of Operations	4,695,938	4,425,849
% of Fare Box Recovery of Operating Costs	35.48%	38.04%
Fleet Size	32	33

### Fixed Route:

Number of Fixed Routes	14	14
Annual Passenger Trips	1,305,195	1,347,337
Annual Revenue Hours	67,047	68,528
Annual Revenue Miles	1,097,108	1,087,337
Annual Vehicle Hours	71,025	72,905
Annual Vehicle Miles	1,162,191	1,156,742

### Performance Measures:

Operating Expense Per Passenger Trip	\$3.60	\$3.28
Operating Expense Per Revenue Hour	\$70.04	\$64.58
Operating Expense Per Revenue Mile	\$4.28	\$4.07
Passenger Trips Per Revenue Hour	\$19.47	19.66
Passenger Trips Per Revenue Mile	1.19	1.24
Required Subsidy Per Passenger Trip	\$2.32	\$2.04

### Fare Information:

#### Fixed Routes Fares:

Adult Base	\$1.25/zone	\$1.25/zone
Elderly Fare	\$0.75/zone	\$0.75
Disabled Fare	\$0.75/zone	\$0.75
Under 12	\$1.25/zone	\$1.25/zone
Under 6	Free	Free
Student Pass	Reduced Fare	Reduced Fare
Incremental Zone Fare	\$1.25/zone	\$1.25/zone
Free Fare - describe	6 and under	6 and under

### ADA - Demand Response

<b>Facts:</b>		
Annual Ridership	12,298	13,160
Annual Farebox & Other Revenue	\$32,384	\$30,787
Annual Cost of Operations	\$549,408	\$584,893
% of Fare Box Recovery of Operating Costs	5.89%	5.26%
Fleet Size	6	6

### Demand Response Statistics:

Annual Passenger Trips	12,298	13,160
Annual Revenue Hours	7,321	6,776
Annual Revenue Miles	106,696	85,966
Annual Vehicle Hours	7,788	7,209
Annual Vehicle Miles	118,551	91,451

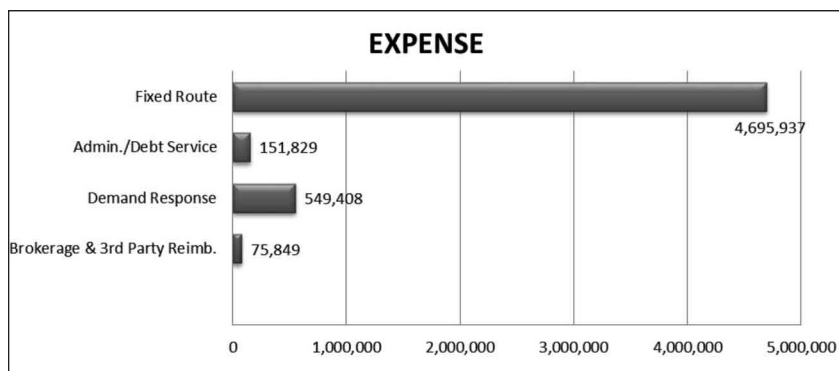
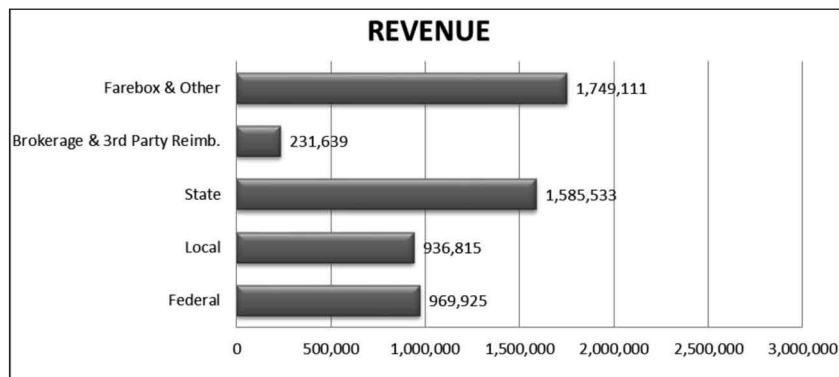
**Performance measures:**

	<b>FY19</b>	<b>FY18</b>
Operating Expense Per Passenger Trip	\$44.67	\$44.44
Operating Expense Per Revenue Hour	\$75.05	\$86.32
Operating Expense Per Revenue Mile	\$5.15	\$6.80
Passenger Trips Per Revenue Hour	1.68	1.94
Passenger Trips Per Revenue Mile	0.12	0.15
Required Subsidy Per Passenger Trip	\$42.04	\$42.11

**Fare Information:**

Paratransit:

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

**Finance**

## Statement of Net Position

<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 966,967	\$ 645,431
Receivable for operating assistance	# 2,020,467	\$ 1,869,833
Other current assets	\$ 452,436	\$ 534,830
Prepaid fuel hedge	\$ -	\$ -
Total current assets	\$ 3,459,870	\$ 3,050,094
Restricted & Noncurrent Assets		
Restricted assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 221,136	\$ 221,136
Receivable for capital assistance	\$ 1,442,525	\$ 4,361,861
Total restricted assets	\$ 1,663,661	\$ 4,582,997
Receivable for operating assistance	\$ 465,195	\$ 438,784
Capital assets, net	\$ 15,763,867	\$ 14,696,379
Net OPEB asset	\$ 326,777	\$ 348,950
Total restricted assets & noncurrent assets	\$ 18,218,500	\$ 20,067,110
Total assets	\$ 21,78,370	\$ 23,117,204
Deferred Outflows of Resources		
Deferred outflows of resources related to pension	\$ 174,473	\$ 53,888
Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB	\$ 15,562	\$ 39,104
Total assets & deferred outflows of resources	\$ 21,868,405	\$ 23,210,196
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued expense	\$ 279,868	\$ 231,670
Total current liabilities	\$ 279,868	\$ 231,670
Restricted and noncurrent liabilities		
Liabilities payable from restricted assets		
Accounts payable and accrued expense	\$ 1,437,623	\$ 4,036,516
Total liabilities payable from restricted assets	\$ 1,437,623	\$ 4,036,516
Other post-employment benefits	\$ -	\$ -
Net pension liability	\$ 421,760	\$ 226,827
Revenue Anticipation Notes	\$ 1,762,820	\$ 1,500,284
Total restricted and noncurrent liabilities	\$ 3,622,203	\$ 5,763,627
Total liabilities	\$ 3,901,071	\$ 5,995,297

	2019	2018
Deferred Inflows of Resources		
Deferred inflows of resources related to pension	\$ 21,132	\$ 58,003
Total liabilities & deferred inflows of resources	<u>\$ 3,923,203</u>	<u>\$ 6,053,300</u>
NET POSITION		
Invested in capital assets	\$ 15,763,867	\$ 14,696,379
Restricted	\$ 226,038	\$ 546,481
Other current assets	<u>\$ 1,955,297</u>	<u>\$ 1,914,036</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 17,945,202</u>	<u>\$ 17,156,896</u>

## **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 27 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 Broden Vincent. 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 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 Third Annual Town Picnic, held on the grounds of the Agricultural Hall. Participants enjoyed many games, but the egg toss was the most popular!

In May, Lambert's Cove Beach was an option for MVRHS students for Give Back Day, a day of service. Several students and chaperones used shovels, rakes, buckets, and wheel barrows to lower the slope of the path at the beach. Special thanks to Mike Turnell from Indigo Farm for use of his equipment and instructing the students.

Our summer season was busier than ever, between Seth's Pond, Lambert's Cove Beach and tennis and basketball courts. The swim program at Seth's Pond enrolled 30 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. The beach wheel chair 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. Due to the threat of bad weather, other towns postponed their Halloween activities, therefore we saw over 300 attend our event! 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 180 people on the ghostly thrill ride. With the addition of several energetic new ghouls in the cemetery the hayride was the talk of the night! 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 \$95,162.

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

## **REPORT OF THE PERSONNEL BOARD**

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2019 was taken up with the process of conducting a classification and compensation study. With Town meeting's appropriation of funds in April, Human Resources Services of Andover, Massachusetts was hired and the study launched in June. A classification part of the study includes completion of questionnaires by all employees, individual employee interviews with the consultant, revisions to job descriptions for all full-time, part-time, and seasonal positions were updated if necessary. The job descriptions are grading according to 14 factors set out in a grading manual. The second part of the study is a review of the Town's compensation plan which lays out the salary scale for each job classification. The consultant conducted a salary survey that compares our wage plan to those of other towns both on and off- Island.

In October, the consultant's final report was submitted to the Board and presented to all staff. The consultant found that the town's year- round wage plan was competitive and did not require any revision. The seasonal wage plan was revised to reflect the new Massachusetts minimum wage of \$12.75 effective January 1, 2020. The results of the study are reflected in the proposed changes to the town's Classification Plan to be presented to Town Meeting for approval on April 7, 2020.

We had one board member change this year. Ken Vincent's move to Vineyard Haven triggered his resignation from the Board. The board was sad to lose a native son. The board would like to thank Ken for his service to the Town.

Dianne Powers, former Selectperson, and retired Register of the Dukes County Registry of Deeds graciously agreed to join the Personnel Board. Thank you Dianne.

At the April 2019 annual Town Meeting, voters approved the Board's recommendation of a 2.3 % wage adjustment for all Town employees for FY2020. The board is recommending a 2.7 % wage adjustment for all employees effective July 1 for FY2021.

The Board worked on a major revision of the Town's sexual harassment policy to include equal employment opportunity, discrimination and all types of harassment. The board also revised this document to be gender neutral.

The Town had the following changes for year-round staff in 2019. The Finance Committee hired Janice Haynes the Administrative Assistant. Janice also serves the Town as the Administrative Assistant to the Board of Selectmen.

After 26 years of dedicated service to the town, Nelia Decker retired from her position as the Children's Librarian. The library held a heartfelt retirement party for Nelia. A red bike rack was purchased in honor of all the years Nelia cycled to work. Alexandra Pratt was promoted from circulation Assistant to fill this position.

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 By- law.

Respectfully submitted,

Ben Retmier, Chair

Leon Brathwaite

Norman Perry

Dianne Powers

Rachel Rooney, Employee Representative

Maria McFarland, Board Administrator



## **REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD**

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2019 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, while reaching fair and equitable solutions.

The number of Form A and Site Plan Review Applications submitted have been steady this year, while we did not review a single Form C application. Two Form A applications were reviewed on lot line adjustment, and one to create two Homesite lots. Ten Site Plan Review applications were reviewed, three for houses over three thousand square feet, four for an artist sink within a studio/craft workshop, one requesting a third dwelling, one for a fitness studio and one from Sheriff's Meadow Foundation to install a four space parking area on Indian Hill Road. We conducted three public hearings for a special permit; one from the Town Tree Warden requesting dead tree removal along various town roads which was approved. The second and third special permit applications requested a road name change and a second curb cut. The Board denied the applications as they deemed them unwarranted as presented. We conducted three public hearings on Warrant Articles to amend various sections of the zoning bylaws.

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 flora, fauna and ourselves.

We have worked with the Byways Committee, one of our sub-committees, 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 them from being blocked, their character is preserved for the future.

The Complete Streets Committee is another one of our sub-committees. Funded by a grant from Mass DOT, the Committee has been busy throughout, focusing on Lambert's Cove Beach parking and calming the traffic where beachgoers park. Recently installed were two flashing speed signs to slow traffic from Cottle's Lumber Yard to the east beyond the parking lot along Lambert's Cove Road. Soon there will be a pervious pathway installed across from the West Tisbury School that will extend to the existing State Forest shared use path, and

work continues on a proposal to extend the shared use paths on Old County Road. Berta Geller is the chairman of the committee and the members include Rachael Baumrin, Tony Omer, Tony Higgins and Oliver Osnoss. Our Board Administrator, Jane Rossi, works with the committee to accomplish their tasks and acts as liaison for the Board.

Recently, a group of town citizens approached the board with a request to form a sub-committee of the Planning Board to work on creating a bylaw that will address house size relative to lot size and location. Although the committee has not yet been formally assembled, they have submitted a list of members and are working on a committee title as well as a draft proposal.

The Board is also often involved with and/or consulted by other boards or island agencies about issues which arise but don't require permits or approvals. Examples are providing input to the Martha's Vineyard Commission about the DRI Checklist, discussing issues with the Martha's Vineyard Agricultural Society about tree cutting on parts of their property, inquiries about the numbers and locations of affordable housing units, conditions of roads and entrances onto Town roads, and measures to help mitigate climate change as well as discussing issues caused by digital rental reservations. Not only are board members often involved in these issues in the wider community, but our administrator, Jane Rossi, takes an active interest and role in keeping us informed and active.

Board members serve the Town in many other capacities. Leah Smith represents us on the Land Bank's Town Advisory Board, Henry Geller serves on the Capital Improvements Planning Committee, Bea Phear is our representative and the chairman of the Community Preservation Committee. Virginia Jones is a member and current chairman of the Shellfish Advisory Committee and a member of the newly formed Climate Change Committee, and Matthew Merry is a member of the Housing Bank Committee. Rise Terney is our liaison to the Affordable Housing Committee and provides us with updates on their meetings. Jane Rossi, our Board Administrator, attends the Complete Streets Committee meetings and reports back to the Planning Board. Board members rotate attending various other board and committee meetings when the agenda is applicable to the Planning Board.

Board member Susan Silva stepped down this year after serving twenty dedicated years on the board. We are so grateful for her commitment and service to the board and we are very grateful to her for serving proud and grateful for her pledge to serve the community so selflessly. Many may not know that during her terms Susan weekly brought exquisite bouquets of flowers to Town Hall and the Library, composed of flowers that she grew and arranged. Upon Susan's departure, Henry Geller was asked to serve as a full board member in Susan's place and he agreed. He is currently our acting board member until he runs for election in the spring.

Amy Upton is our new Associate member, and we welcome her new ideas and fresh perspective on what is appropriate for our town. Amy has also agreed to be the board liaison to the newly formed "house" committee.

We would be very remiss not to note that Jane Rossi has been our Board Administrator since 2012. The first voice that you hear or the face that you see when approaching the Board is normally hers. She always provides clear and concise responses with a smile, and often performs considerable research to help with the problems and projects or to assist the Board with its deliberations. We rely on her to perform routine tasks and to report back or solicit advice if she is uncertain about any issue. She continues to increase her skills by routinely taking workshops and classes which improve her knowledge of zoning and town planning.

Finally, we are very appreciative of the wise advice (and occasional tutorials) from Town Counsel Ron Rappaport and his colleague Michael Goldsmith. We also are most grateful to Harriet Bernstein and the Byways Committee for their continued efforts to protect our Special Ways, to Cynthia Aguilar for her research and reports on historic buildings and ways, and to Berta Geller and the Complete Streets Committee. In Town Hall, thanks to Zoning Inspector Joe Tierney and his Assistant Jeff Fisher, Health Agent Omar Johnson and his assistant Susan Block, Zoning Board of Appeals Members and Board Administrator Pam Thors, members of the Conservation Commission and their Administrator Maria McFarland, Parks and Recreation and their Administrator Peggy Stone, Town Accountant Bruce Stone, Treasure Kathy Logue and her Administrative Assistant Joan Chaves, Principal Assessor Dawn Barnes and her Administrator Tammis Sprague, Town Administrator Jen Rand and her Administrative Assistant Janice Haynes, Town Clerk Tara Whiting-Wells, Electrical Inspector Tom Colligan, Road Inspector Leo DeSorcy, Highway Superintendent Richie Olsen and his staff Jesse Oliver and Kevin Hatt, Fire Chief Manny Estrella and the entire staff, Police Chief Matt Mincone and the entire police Department and Ben Retmier and all the EMS members. We also greatly appreciate the assistance that we receive from the Martha's Vineyard Commission and its entire staff. Thanks also to the Land Bank staff and board, the Sheriff's Meadow Foundation, and Vineyard Conservation Society as well as the assistance received from other island conservation groups.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia C. Jones, Chair  
Matthew Merry  
Leah Smith  
Beatrice Phear  
Henry Geller  
Amy Upton, Associate Member

## **REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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***Officer of the Year***  
**Bradley Cortez**

On behalf of the West Tisbury Police Department, I am proud to present the 2019 Police Department Annual Report. We continue to be dedicated to serving the community at the highest possible level while maintaining our own community based culture. Included in this report are some of the department's statistics for 2019 along with our roster. Ultimately, because of the efforts of our personnel, I can state without reservation that the safety of all our citizens and guests remains our priority. I continue to be exceedingly proud of the employees who work at this police department. Their hard work and diligence provides stability amongst the challenges of the always changing law enforcement environment. We will continue forward with our mission to enhance the quality of life of our citizens by providing a foundation for community partnerships, enforcing the law fairly and impartially with integrity and professionalism, while maintaining compassion for the diversity of needs of our residents and visitors.

Our staff consists of Lt. Jeffrey "Skipper" Manter, Sgt. Garrison Vieira, Sgt. Matthew Gebo, Officer Leomar DeOliveira, Officer Bradley Cortez (Officer of the Year), Detective Nikolaj Wojtkielo, Officer Jeremie Rogers, Officer Philip Hollinger, Reserve Officers Connor Bettencourt, Max Bradshaw, and Diane Demoe. We've added auxiliary officers to assist with the demand for traffic related details, Former Chief Daniel Rossi, Officer Jeffrey Stone, Officer Nathan Vieira, and Officer Doron Klingensmith. Samantha Smith continues in her role as the executive assistant.

At the core of our department we still strive to be present and approachable, visiting the station is welcomed and if we are out on patrol just ring our video doorbell to reach the officer. Our accredited practices of providing a professional department along with being approachable at any hour remains at our core. As always if you have an emergency call 911, if you would like to get in touch with an officer immediately in regards to concerns or anything out of the ordinary please call the Dukes County Dispatch Center at 508-693-1212. If you would like to speak with an officer for a non-emergency question or concern please call the station at 508-693-0020.

Police Incidents By Type By Month													
Type	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Total
ACCIDENTS (All)	4	7	1	4	5	10	16	16	6	6	5	8	88
ALARMS	21	20	30	27	29	31	39	25	29	35	31	24	341
ANIMAL CONTROL	4	4	-	7	9	5	6	11	6	8	4	1	65
ARREST	2	-	5	3	3	4	5	2	3	3	2	2	34
SUMMONS	3	3	9	5	3	4	7	9	3	4	5	1	56
DOMESTIC (RELATED)	11	-	4	5	3	5	13	6	2	2	3	2	56
EMERGENCY (Medical/Assist)	12	13	11	15	15	16	24	27	15	11	17	14	190
FIRE	1	-	4	-	3	-	-	1	-	2	2	1	14
INVESTIGATIONS	17	22	21	34	24	40	49	30	32	33	29	37	368
MV STOPS	36	47	48	96	101	119	266	112	85	53	52	10	1025
WELFARE CHECK	2	3	4	6	1	7	4	4	3	1	3	3	41

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew L. Mincone  
Chief of Police

(<https://www.facebook.com/WestTisburyPolice>)

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

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To the West Tisbury Board of Selectmen:

Thank you for your support and commitment to the health of our ponds, the fishery, and the propagation efforts of shellfish. In 2019 the Town of West Tisbury hired Will Reich as the Shellfish Agent to work closely with the MV Shellfish Group and the Shellfish Advisory Committee to continue the propagation program, and to monitor the health of the pond. Tisbury Great Pond (TGP) is a valuable resource and home to large number of oysters and soft shell clams, and is the base of operations for the propagation program and fishery.

This year gave us a scare when it comes to the health of Tisbury Great Pond. We were coming off a year of high algae growth (promotes nitrogen and removes oxygen from the water) and a die off of the oysters, when in the summer months we received a report from the MV Shellfish Group that tests on our oysters were reading positive for Dermo. Dermo (the parasite *Perkinsus marinus*), is a disease that affects oysters, characterized by a degradation of oyster tissues, and can lead to the death of oysters. Dermo can easily be spread to other oysters, as the parasite will move on from its host to other oysters around it. Dermo has devastated the oysters in Tisbury Great Pond in years past, and we were very worried. However, but by the end of the summer the Dermo readings in the tests subsided.

In the Fall of 2019 we also had an issue with our fecal coliform (FC) levels in the Pond. The State tests for fecal coliform levels in water quality tests, which are used to determine whether bodies of water are clean enough for fishing and recreational use. In the Northwest and Southwest corner of TGT, known as Town Cove & Crab Creek, both repeatedly tested positively for high FC. Crab Creek is on the Chilmark side of the Pond and does not have an effect on West Tisbury's fishery, and Town Cove is shared between Chilmark and West Tisbury. Town Cove was already listed as Prohibited for shellfishing, but the Prohibited area was slightly increased, mostly on the Chilmark side of the Pond just West of Plum Bush Point. We chose to delay the opening of the recreational oyster season this year for precautionary reasons related to the increase in FC. We are currently looking into having studies done to determine the source of the bacteria. We will be able to make a plan going forward on how we can best address this issue when we can determine the cause.

On a positive note, in late June the Town hired Will Reich to work as the shellfish person for a six month probationary period and then, after review, for the foreseeable future. Will works part time in Chilmark in a similar position so we are very fortunate to have his expertise and knowledge on tap. Further things on the water are currently looking good. In December we thoroughly checked on the oysters on both sides of TGP; we found them in decent numbers and in relatively good health. There was a little bit of boring sponge, which grows in and weakens the shell of oysters, but not as bad as previous years. We

were able to find oyster seed, which indicated that we had a natural seed set this year, and we were able to find oysters from the remote set indicating that our propagated seed has so far survived.

This year we have increased our propagation of oysters in TGP. We purchased 10 floating cages for oysters, 10 bottom cages, and a total of 280 oyster bags of various mesh sizes. This increased our aquaculture equipment from 6 floating cages and 36 oyster bags. Having more equipment gives us the ability to grow the oysters in a controlled setting for a longer time, which equates to larger oysters that have a better chance to survive predation, and should grow to a harvestable size sooner. Working with the MV Shellfish Group, we grew and released 7,952,500 oysters from the Remote Set. The Remote Set is “spat on shell” where oysters are set in tanks and fed until the oyster larvae attach to shell. Multiple oysters can be seen growing in clusters on the shell, and are easily distinguished in the field between naturally spawned oysters. To go with the Remote Set, we grew out 274,261 Singles, which are currently being held in bottom cages off of Sepiessa Point. We will move the Singles to floating cages in the Spring, putting them in more nutrient rich water in hopes we can release them close to a harvestable size. In addition to the oysters that we are growing out, the MV Shellfish Group gave us 45 million fertilized eggs and 2.5 million larvae to release directly to the water.

Soft shell clams are also being harvested in the Pond – we have been much less involved in that initiative although we do keep track of activity and the resource.

We are particularly grateful to the shellfish group for coordinating the growth of seed oysters, the provision of recycled shells (from the recycled shell program) to act as cultch, and to the support from the Riparian Owners of Tisbury Great Pond who have provided financial assistance with the costs of the periodic openings of the Pond to the Atlantic Ocean. Doing that maintains the necessary salinity required for growing oysters. We would like to send our gratitude to the Land Bank, who has graciously allowed us to store our boat and work out of their property. We are also very grateful to the information and advice provided by Amandine Surier Hall and Emma Green Beach as well as Dr. Christian Pettipas (“Chrissie”) who has been our liaison to the State DMF for years. To the townspeople, thank you for your interest and support,

Respectfully submitted,

Will Reich, Shellfish Agent  
Virginia C. Jones, Chair  
Rick Karney  
John Hoy  
David Merry  
Jason Gale  
Peter Vann  
Will Whiting  
with Ray Gale and Selectman Kent Healy as regular attendees



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

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Skip Manter, Chairperson  
Martha's Vineyard Superintendency  
All-Island School Committee

Dear Mr. Manter:

In accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth, I am pleased to submit my 2019 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. After twenty years of committed service to the district, Janet Sylvia, our Financial Analyst, has retired. We are very fortunate to welcome Bernadette Cormie as Janet's replacement. Bernadette has worked at the high school for several years and has a background in finance. Sheryl Taylor has been hired as our Health Education Coordinator. Sheryl brings extensive experience in health care to the position. We have taken steps to fully implement our Health and Wellness initiative in grades K through 12. This work, along with our partnership with Martha's Vineyard Community Services, has greatly improved the services that we are providing our students and their families. These changes have proven to be very positive for our district.

A large part of our health and wellness initiative is to improve the athletic facilities at our high school. Safe and durable athletic facilities are crucial not only for our high school students but for all the youth organizations that utilize these facilities. This project will provide us with a new track and a reliable playing surface for our lacrosse, field hockey, football, and soccer teams. Huntress Associates, our landscape designer, along with our Owner's Project Manager, are developing the construction documents. We hope to begin construction as early as this spring.

The lead remediation work at the Tisbury School has been completed and the students will be reunited in the building on January 6th. Thanks to the help from the Tisbury Fire Department and the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School we were able to complete the work while still educating our students. The Tisbury Building Committee is continuing to work on a renovation and addition project for the school building that will provide students with a state-of-the-art facility while preserving the historical significance of the current building.

Last year, we completed negotiations with each of our five bargaining units – Teachers, Educational Support Professionals, Administrative Support Personnel, Food Service Workers, and Custodians. Each contract was ratified by the All-Island School Committee and is in effect for the next three years. Final drafts of



each contract are available on the Superintendent's website under the Employment tab.

During the fall of 2019, we had an evaluation completed of our English Language Learner program. Our ELL population has continued to grow across the Island schools and the evaluation will provide us with strategies to meet the needs of this growing school population. We will receive the final report in January and our ELL Action Team will use the recommendations to develop an action plan to make the necessary changes to our program. Additionally, the final part of our special education evaluation was completed this fall. Jim Shillinglaw completed an assessment of our building based special education programs. Each school will receive recommendations on how to make improvements and will develop plans for implementation.

The focus of our professional development over the past year has been the social and emotional well-being of our students, and teaching and learning strategies. In October, we will be providing training for all of our staff on Think-Kids, a program that will provide both our teachers and students with valuable conflict resolution skills. Additionally, we have continued our focus on improving writing instruction and will be offering additional training in the Lucy Calkins writing program for our K-8 teachers. Our high school continues its implementation of restorative justice, and its expansion of a co-teaching model to the benefit of our special education students.

MCAS results show that our students are performing well in English/Language Arts, math, and science. We use the results of these assessments to evaluate our instruction and make changes to both instructional strategies and to the curriculum. Our schools strive to continually improve in these areas so our students are equipped with the skills they need to succeed in school, career, and their personal lives.

Several staff members will be retiring this year and I would like to recognize them for their dedication to our students. At the high school, English teachers Bill McCarthy and Cindy Cowen will be retiring. Also, math teacher Jamie Norton will be leaving us at the end of the year. At the Edgartown School, Special Education Teacher Diane Smadbeck will be missed. West Tisbury Social Studies teacher Robyn Maciel-Wingate has retired. Collectively these staff members have dozens of years of service to the Island's students. Congratulations to you all.

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

Matthew D'Andrea, LP.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

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

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

Dear Dr. D'Andrea,

It is my pleasure to present to you the accomplishments of our departmental staff at MVRHS in the service of our students and community. There are many reasons to be proud of that are highlighted by each department. 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.

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

The MVRHS Art, Design & Technology Department had an engaging and fruitful year in 2019. In addition to the successful annual Evening of the Arts event in May, students showcased their talents in the "Nothing Without Joy" community art show at Featherstone, in the Old Sculpin gallery, in the MVRHS Yearbook (which won a 2019 Highest Achievement Award from the New England Scholastic Press Association), and in our art & literary journal, SEABREEZES. A team of computer technology students placed second and third at Code Quest, an international computer programming competition. 19 students won a total of 24 statewide awards at the Scholastic Art Awards, five of whom advanced to the national competition, and one of whom won a National Silver Medal in New York.

This year, the department introduced a new course, AP Studio Art and fourteen students will be submitting AP portfolios in May, 2020. Drawing & Painting students have been working closely with the leadership class to create art installations and much-needed beautification around the building, while Design & Architecture students held architectural tours of the Campgrounds, Edgartown, and Hutker Architects. Students are illustrating backdrops for this year's musical, "Big Fish." Tech Support, now in its second year, played an important role in supporting the computer-based MCAS tests last year and is also helping the leadership class set up a TV/kiosk system throughout the school. A large contingent of students shared their work at Portfolio Day in Boston in November. Dozens of students participated in the Vineyard Conservation Society's "The Art of Conservation" competition and exhibit and five students won awards in the 2019 Cape Cod Times' "Classroom Times" photography competition, including a first place award.

## **Athletics**

The athletic program had its share of successes this past year. As we entered this year we were first-year members of the Cape and Islands league, a league in which we were original members during the 60's, 70's, and 80's. This fall, we saw the Cape & Islands take full shape as Falmouth, Barnstable, Sandwich, Dennis Yarmouth, and Nauset joined the league. The new look will see some sports entering the same league as all other sports: sailing, swimming, and girls' hockey will now be Cape & Islands members. It's very exciting to see some of our old rivals return. Our travel will be cut almost in half for our league games. This means less time traveling and earlier boats back at night.

This spring, we saw the girls' tennis team win its 5th straight State title. The girls' lacrosse team won the Cape and Islands, as well as the boys' and girls' tennis and track teams. This fall, the boys' cross country team won the league title, the Eastern Mass D5 championship, and then went on to win the D2 State championship - a first for the program. They were welcomed in Vineyard Haven with the usual champions' welcome as fire trucks and cruisers from each town greeted them.

We're excited with this new beginning in the Cape & Islands, and look forward to more successes on the field and developing young men and women into well-rounded individuals.

## **Career and Technical Education**

This past year has been a busy one and we've had some staffing changes. In Healthcare Assisting, we said goodbye to Susan McHugh and hello to Darcy Neago. Darcy is returning to the position she had several years ago. We welcome her back and look forward to the energy and skills she brings to the program. In Automotive, Mr. Ward and his classes are preparing for Nataf certification. This important certification will allow students to receive hours towards their own individual credentials. In Carpentry, Mr. Seabourne and crew are busy building sheds and friendship benches using locally-sourced wood from the state forest. In Culinary, Chefs Crowell and O'Malley have the students working different local intonates reducing food waste, while supporting local agriculture and school lunch programs. Kyle Crossland, the Horticulture teacher, reports that his team is looking forward to using their new greenhouse to propagate plants for their annual plant sale. In Business, Mr. Jakusik and company are preparing to compete in DECA, a national competition that affords our students the opportunity to compete in regional, state, and, possibly, on a national stage. We look forward to seeing how far this talented group can go.

## **English**

The English department hosted several highly-anticipated annual events this year, including Poetry Out Loud and Writer's Week. Over 150 students participated in Poetry Out Loud, and 15 made it to the school-wide competition where three winners were named by a panel of Island poets and teachers. The Fifth Annual Writers Week featured visits from over 25 Island writers and poets. The culminating event, the Writers Week Coffeehouse, celebrated both visiting and

student writers who shared their work with over 100 attendees. *Seabreezes*, the school's literary magazine, sponsored a coffee house during last spring's Writer's Week in which a gathering of student and community poets performed their work. The 2019 edition of *Seabreezes* has made the first (state) cut in the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) Awards and is in consideration for national honors.

Additionally, *The High School View* received the "Highest Achievement Award" in its class last May at the annual New England Scholastic Press Association conference. This award honors the outstanding efforts of the newspaper's staff, led by editors-in-chief Henry Hitchings, Mackenzie Condon, and Alexis Condon, all seniors.

As for travels and field trips, the Humanities 11 class visited the MV Museum dressed in Gatsbyesque finery; the AP English 11 class toured Boston and visited the MFA; and English 10 students enjoyed a production of *Macbeth* at the Trinity Rep in Providence.

## **ESL**

Numbers of new ESL students continues to climb. The school community welcomed between 25-30 newcomers to our ranks during the 2018-2019 school year. Consequently, we welcomed new teacher, David Foley, to the department. David comes to us from the Nantucket school system. He has over 10 years of experience teaching ESL in both the US and Japan. Another addition to the support network for ESL students and their families is a full-time Brazilian Portuguese/English interpreter, Matheus Dos Santos. Again this past year, students were able to connect with an adult mentor in the community, as well as visit Lasell University to meet with both faculty and students in the education department, tour the campus, and learn about all Lasell has to offer diverse students. Other news in the department is that Dianne Norton was re-appointed Department Chair. Finally, members of the department participated in numerous professional development programs focused around keeping students engaged in the classroom, teaching students with interrupted learning, and race identity and implicit bias.

## **Guidance**

The culmination of our four-year developmental guidance program helped 143 graduates develop transitional plans during their post-secondary planning process. As a result, the Class of 2019 had 65% of the students attend a four-year college/university; 8% attended a two-year college; 5% attended trade/technical schools/programs; 4% took a gap year; and 18% entered the workforce. This year's generous donors provided scholarships, grants, and additional items such as computers and book stipends that totaled a remarkable \$2,587,966. 108 students in the 2019 graduating class received 502 awards totaling \$1,074,096. Post-graduates and other Island students received \$1,513,870.

The guidance department continued to work with students to help them be trained as leaders in the school and Island community. Peer Outreach, Race

Culture Retreat, SWEAR (Stand With Everyone Against Rape) are examples of the work done to help students be effective leaders.

The guidance department also continued to work with all the Island sending schools to implement a comprehensive transition program for incoming ninth graders. The guidance counselors work with all students to develop an individual post-secondary plan. Students work with their counselors, in groups and individually, to explore personality profiles, career opportunities, and college options.

### **History**

The history department worked on developing a common set of skills for students, building each year upon the skills introduced in the prior year. The department reinforces critical skills of reading, writing, listening, and active engagement. Student progress is assessed using common rubrics across all history classes. Teacher-peer class observations are a central part of the department's vision to ensuring good teaching practice and a cohesive approach across students' history exposure at MVRHS.

The history department strives to make history relevant to students today. The freshmen, studying early American History, attended the new *Harriet Tubman* movie at the Martha's Vineyard Film Society. The AP Modern European history went to Boston, visiting the Museum of Fine Arts, followed by dinner at an Ethiopian restaurant. The Women's Studies class went to Salem to bring life to the struggle of women in the 1600s. The Sophomore Humanities and US II classes participate in mock trials to build speaking skills and analyze social issues of today. Give Back Day, a day when students volunteer across the Island, continued to be extremely popular and we're looking forward to this third annual event in the spring.

This year welcomed Bill Brown to the department, who joined us from Haverhill High School. Bill is dual-certified in social studies and special education. He is currently teaching three sections of Global I and co-teaching two sections of US II. Bill brings a positive energy to the department and the students respect and appreciate him as a teacher.

### **Library**

The library continues to be one of the busiest spaces in the school. So far this year, students have signed into the library over 13,000 times. In addition, classes regularly visit the library for research, to find books, and to work on projects - 246 classes in all since January. Our librarian, Kevin McGrath, regularly visits with classes to teach research skills, including using the library databases, citing sources, and media literacy. He co-teaches the Capstone course, which graduated 10 seniors in June and has 13 enrolled this year.

Students are borrowing books at a higher rate than last year - already over 1,000 books have been checked out. The library has increased support for our growing ELL population through book talks for emerging English speakers and a growing collection of high-interest, low-reading level books. The library hosted several speakers and special events, including student coffeehouses and speakers on diversity and inclusion. The library is home to the Best Buddies club, which meets weekly during Flex as well as after-school events, and was home to an American Sign Language independent study course created by students and

advised by the librarian. The library is a haven for students both during and after school until 5:00 pm.

We won a \$9,250 grant from Mass Humanities, which funded the installation of a Portal in the library over 5 separate weeks in April, October, and November. Portals are live, full-body audiovisual environments hosted by communities around the world that enable face-to-face dialogues between people who will likely not otherwise meet. On average, per visit, students talked for 25 minutes in groups of 6. Since April, students visited over 850 times, either individually or as part of lessons developed by a team of 8 MVRHS teachers. We connected with people in places as diverse as Afghanistan, Iraq, Nigeria, Uganda, Rwanda, Qatar, Gaza, Germany, Mexico, and Milwaukee. The Portal project has led to the development of The Parlour in the Library Lab. The Parlour is a collaborative video-conferencing project facilitated through iEARN (a global network of schools) to connect schools around the world with MVRHS students. The Library Lab continues to function as a recording studio, project development hub, and small- group meeting space. More info about these ongoing projects is available at [mvrhs.org/library](http://mvrhs.org/library).

### **Math**

This past year in the Mathematics department has been quite productive. We have spent numerous hours during the school year and the summer months aligning and realigning curricula to the common core with the goal of providing clarity for our students and staff.

We now offer 3 different courses for our incoming and current ESL students, and have written the scope and sequence for these courses to better serve this growing population.

We said goodbye and good luck to Margaret D'Angelo as she moves forward into retirement. Her positive attitude and dedication to the subject and her students will be missed. With Margaret leaving, this meant a new member would be joining our department. We are so lucky to welcome Kelly Magnuson, a young, energetic, and skilled teacher of mathematics. She has proved to be a great addition to our team.

Department member MaryLee Carlomagno continues to enhance our robotics course and extra-curricular activities related to it. She took our robotics team to participate in competition this past spring and reports the students performed well, and, more importantly, learned a lot through this experience.

As a department we are immersing ourselves in the new next generation MCAS Test that is being administered to our 10th graders. This computer-based test is new to our students and we are committed to preparing them and providing them with the necessary technology training and skills to meet with success.

Many of our math department members are also engaged in a Math CoP focusing on the smooth transition for, and proper placement of, our incoming freshmen. Some Faculty from the elementary schools are involved with this process making this experience a positive and collaborative initiative. We are excited about our work going forward.

### **Performing Arts**

In addition to our curricular classes offered to both 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 (Christian Schmidt, Tripp Hopkins, Josephine Orr, Victoria Scott) last January and the All-Cape and Island Festival in February. Two students, Christian Schmidt and Josephine Orr, went on to audition for, and be accepted to, the All-State Music Festival chorus. Students in the Musical Theatre Production Class presented their annual Cabaret at the PAC.

In February, the entire department was part of the production of the musical, 'As You Like It.' Community instrumentalists, English classes, art classes, and faculty joined the student cast for four performances. Choral students had the opportunity to sing with the elementary school students at the annual All Island Choral Festival. We look at this festival as an opportunity to bring together Island musicians from all the Island towns and celebrate our love of singing.

The Minnesingers travelled to Scotland for a 10-day performing tour. We sang at St. Giles Cathedral, Stirling and Edinburgh Castles, as well as workshopped with the Glasgow Children's Chorus. Our performance at Iona Abbey was unfortunately cancelled due to the boats not running (something we understand all too well). These 26 students represented the Island and the country in fine form. We are planning the next competition in April 2020.

In May, the Pops Concert featured 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. October auditions were held for the upcoming school musical, 'Big Fish the Musical.' Community members and local musicians join the students in rehearsals. 'Big Fish' will run performances in February 2020. 32 singers and string players who auditioned for the All Cape Music Festival this fall were chosen to perform at the festival, and Spencer Pogue, Linus Munn, Jack Crawford, Skylar Hall, Lily Jones, Caitlin McHugh, and Maddy Tully will represent MVRHS at the Southeast District Festival. Spencer, Linus, and Skylar were selected to audition for the All-State Music Festival in January. The Winter Concert featured the String Orchestra, combined instrumental groups, Concert Band, Jazz Band, Chorus, and Vocal Ensemble. The Minnesingers presented their annual Winter Concerts at the Whaling Church on Dec. 13 and 14. Instrumentalists continue to entertain at the Senior Citizen lunches and the Minnesingers performed for the community several times during the holiday season.

### **Physical Education**

The past year in Physical Education was transformative with new directions in both health education and physical education. On the MVPS district end, health education was given new life for all students Island-wide thanks to the MedStar Report conducted to examine our overall health and wellness in all Island schools.

At the High School this brought the Michigan Model Curriculum to our 9-12 students, which will be instructed in all PE sections by splitting our scheduled time between health and physical education. Additionally, we have divided the block schedule by grade so that there are eight blocks of freshman and sopho-



mores together and eight blocks of juniors and seniors. In January, we added the Catch My Breath curriculum directed at the E-Cigarette - vaping crisis in our school community. Our student body also created and produced a high-quality public service announcement that involved many departments at the High School. A highlight of community building was our basketball, floor hockey, and volleyball student and staff flex tourneys. Together with the Restorative Justice Office (RJO) we collaborated with organizing, officiating, and playing in these tremendously exciting active sports.

### **Project Vine**

Project Vine is proud of the accomplishments of our program members and of the positive growth our program has seen this year. In January, Project Vine welcomed a new class of 12 freshman students and for the first time began a waitlist for those interested in being part of our alternative model. Continuing with our mission to provide regular, intentional academic and non-academic experiences for our students, which build engagement through relationships, Project Vine hosted its annual Chopped For Charity event, raising hundreds of dollars, food donations, and awareness for the Island Food Pantry.

We ran a fourth annual Corn-Hole Tournament and Silent Auction to raise money for both our awesome multi-disciplinary trip to New York City in early May and to build the Jake Sequoia Baird Memorial Outdoor Classroom, now open for use. The outdoor classroom space was dedicated at our end of the year banquet, where we also announced the winners of the first Jake Sequoia Baird Memorial scholarships, given to two of our graduating seniors in June. The award will be given annually in Jake's memory.

In September, students and staff attended a two-night, technology-free retreat at Penikese Island for the second year in a row. In October, our Island Lore Open-Mic Event held at the MV Museum made the front page of the MV Times. As a testament to the positive reputation of our program, three different Cape and Islands Schools have shown interest in the embedded alternative model used here at MVRHS, and have met with our staff or shadowed our program in the hopes of creating similar programs at their respective schools.

### **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 Biodiversity Works, Felix Neck, the Shellfish Hatchery, Island Grown Schools, and Cape Light Compact to provide project opportunities for students.

Dr. Fyler has continued working on 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 department has set goals to improve student work around formal lab writing and organizing data. 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.

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

The science department also saw the retirement of long-time science teacher Jackie Hermann last June. Jackie's devotion to her students and hard work on the science fair will be greatly missed. Anna Cotton has moved into the science department full time in Jackie's place. Jason Neago took over the science fair reins last year, and he did a great job organizing the fair and science day. The science department held its science fair and science day in March of last year and received a great deal of positive feedback concerning the student work displayed and projects completed by the students. In response to feedback from students, the science fair is moving back to its February 7th date to allow our students to compete in the regional and state science fair.

Louis Hall and the Protect Your Environment Club have been leading the cause of climate change education and helping to raise awareness of the climate crisis. Students under Mr. Hall's guidance participated in climate strikes locally every Friday and at the state house.

### **Special Education**

The focus of the department is to build a positive, collaborative environment and to be an integral part of the school community at large. 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 and transitional support, in-class support, co-teaching, small-group instruction, to our 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 high school.

We continued Unified Sports this past year and became one of sixteen schools in Massachusetts that earned the status of a banner school after exceeding the minimum qualification of 10 national standards. It was noted that MVRHS exceeded the standards in an inclusive culture, youth leadership, and whole-school engagement. The Unified Program consists of basketball, track and field, and bocce.

The Voyager program is a new development and is a program that supports the transitional needs of our young adults with more significant needs who are working on accessing the community and building independence.

The Department meets on a monthly basis to review special education regulations, practices, monitoring of compliance, and to ensure appropriate supports and services are in place to meet the needs of our students with disabilities receiving specialized instruction. We look forward to 2020 as a year to strengthen initiatives already started and to make progress toward meeting the needs of ALL our children!

**Wellness Program**

This past year, the peer-to-peer programs continued to grow by including more students. Students now have the opportunity to apply to attend workshops, retreats, and trainings in Dialogue Circles, SWEAR (Stand With Everyone Against Rape) and the Race Culture Diversity Retreat. The 14-year-old Peer Outreach Program is now a weekly club co-created with NAMI of MV. NAMI also sponsored a school-wide assembly on Suicide Prevention in May 2019. In Collaboration with CONNECT and the YTF, a DDT (Drunk Driving Task Force) grant was awarded, and together our organizations sponsored 3 school-wide assemblies about substance use/mental health. The grant also paid for an anti-vaping PSA developed by students. Embedded mental health and substance abuse counseling continued this past year and included individual and group therapy, AI-a-Teen meetings, Recovery Coaching, and counseling for our ELL population. MVRHS and IWYC continued their collaboration by offering case management services to families in need.

**World Language**

The World Language Department continues to honor and celebrate language and culture with a wide variety of events and opportunities for students including a Festa Junina celebration in collaboration with the Family Center, a forró dance group and Student Immigrant Leadership Club during flex, and a new Spanish for Portuguese speakers' course. Students in the department demonstrated their advanced language skills and seven graduates earned the Massachusetts State Seal of Biliteracy, which was awarded for the first time this year. Also, all students who took the AP Spanish exam passed with flying colors. Teachers in the department had the honor of meeting with Laurie Olsen, one of the people responsible for starting the original Seal of Biliteracy in California. As we move forward with the Massachusetts State Seal of Biliteracy and the soon-to-be-updated state standards for language learning, the department embarked on a shared goal of exploring more proficiency-based strategies. A large portion of the department is also participating in a district-wide Community of Practice where they continue to collaborate with the elementary language teachers and share best practices in order to improve students' proficiency in the languages they are learning and discuss proficiency targets for each level.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Dingley  
Principal

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

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January 27, 2020

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, 2019.

FY2019 Assessment  
Balance Sheet  
Expenditures – Budget vs Actual

Respectfully submitted,

Marylee Schroeder  
Treasurer

**MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL  
FY19 ASSESSMENT**

DESCRIPTION	FY19 AMOUNT					
Operating & Capital Budget	\$	21,009,788.50				
Charter School/School Choice Tuition		831,933.00	21,841,721.50			
Less						
Chapter 70 State Aid		2,835,120.00				
Chapter 71 Regional Transportation Aid		285,259.00				
Other Revenues		286,135.00				
E&D Offset		43,377.21	3,449,891.21			
FY18 Net Amount for Assessments	\$		18,391,830.29			
<b>Town Apportionments</b>						
(i) Required Minimum Local Contribution		103,424.00	298,082.00	1,888,137.00	1,944,163.00	1,797,530.00
(ii) Excess of NSS over Required Minimum		177,044.39	450,667.85	2,720,089.83	2,848,855.03	2,575,241.92
(iii) Transportation		6,515.22	16,584.54	100,099.07	104,837.62	94,768.68
(iii) Capital		9,147.11	23,284.05	140,535.20	147,187.94	133,051.54
(iii) Other Costs		42.77	108.87	657.08	688.18	622.09
<b>Gross Assessments</b>		296,173.49	788,727.30	4,849,518.17	5,045,731.76	4,601,214.22
Less E&D Offset		742.05	1,888.90	11,400.83	11,940.53	10,793.72
<b>FY19 Assessments Per Statutory Assmt Method</b>	\$	<b>295,431.44</b>	<b>786,838.40</b>	<b>4,838,117.34</b>	<b>5,033,791.23</b>	<b>4,590,420.49</b>
This schedule presents the town apportionments consistent with DESE's Statutory Assessment Methodology format.						
Numbers may be off due to rounding.						
Member Town % Based on Statutory Assessment Method (voted by School Committee)		1.64%	5.22%	25.04%	28.32%	25.78%
School Population based on Town Census (10/1/19)		11	35	168	190	173
						94
						671
						100.00%

**MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BALANCE SHEET  
JUNE 30, 2019**

	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise	Trust & Agency	General Long-Term Obligations	Total
<b>Assets</b>							
Cash and Investments	\$ 4,198,112.66	\$ 685,688.43	\$ 433,667.61	\$ -	\$ 939,239.10	\$ -	\$ 6,256,707.80
Receivables	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Amount to be Provided	-	-	-	-	-	900,000.00	900,000.00
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>4,198,112.66</b>	<b>685,688.43</b>	<b>433,667.61</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>939,239.10</b>	<b>900,000.00</b>	<b>7,156,707.80</b>
<b>Liabilities and Fund Equity</b>							
<b>Liabilities</b>							
Warrants/Accounts Payable	723,884.71	70,457.36	96,267.99	-	267,988.42	-	1,158,598.48
Notes Payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Accrued Payroll/withholdings	1,513,898.64	111,010.80	-	-	407,946.40	-	2,032,855.84
Other Liabilities	56,254.90	86.47	-	-	-	-	56,341.37
Bonds Payable	-	-	-	-	-	900,000.00	900,000.00
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>2,294,038.25</b>	<b>181,554.63</b>	<b>96,267.99</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>675,934.82</b>	<b>900,000.00</b>	<b>4,147,795.69</b>
<b>Fund Equity</b>							
Reserved for Encumbrances	490,926.48	-	-	-	-	-	490,926.48
Reserved for Expenditures	350,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	350,000.00
Reserved for Special Purposed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unreserved	1,063,147.93	504,133.80	337,399.62	-	263,304.28	-	2,167,985.63
Designated for Deficits	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Fund Equity</b>	<b>1,904,074.41</b>	<b>504,133.80</b>	<b>337,399.62</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>263,304.28</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,008,912.11</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Equity</b>	<b>\$ 4,198,112.66</b>	<b>\$ 685,688.43</b>	<b>\$ 433,667.61</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 939,239.10</b>	<b>\$ 900,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,156,707.80</b>

# MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

## BUDGET VS ACTUAL 2019

Expenditure	Original Budget	Actual	Variance
<b>Supt/Shared Services: Administration</b>			
Administration: Salaries	\$ 155,294.71	\$ 151,807.79	\$ 3,486.92
Administration: Expenses	11,535.00	14,689.71	(3,154.71)
Administration Subtotal	166,829.71	166,497.50	332.21
<b>Supt/Shared Services: Instruction</b>			
Instruction: Salaries	282,503.63	276,291.97	6,211.66
Instruction: Expenses	38,700.00	34,949.08	3,750.92
Instruction Subtotal	321,203.63	311,241.05	9,962.58
<b>Supt/Shared Services: Operation and Maintenance of Plant</b>			
Operation and Maint. Of Plant: Salaries	-	1,891.53	(1,891.53)
Operation and Maint. Of Plant: Expenses	24,570.20	20,505.06	4,065.14
Operation and Maint of Plant Subtotal	24,570.20	22,396.59	2,173.61
<b>Supt/Shared Services: Fixed Costs</b>			
Fixed Costs: Salaries	39,261.00	39,261.02	(0.02)
Fixed Costs: Expenses	39,738.74	40,669.54	(930.80)
Fixed Costs Subtotal	78,999.74	79,930.56	(930.80)
<b>TOTAL Supt/Shared Services</b>	<b>591,603.28</b>	<b>580,065.70</b>	<b>11,537.60</b>
<b>High School Programs: Administration</b>			
Administration: Salaries	141,185.00	145,492.00	(4,307.00)
Administration: Expenses	113,657.28	115,863.02	(2,205.74)
Administration Subtotal	254,842.28	261,355.02	(6,512.74)
<b>High School Programs: Instruction</b>			
Instruction: Salaries	10,096,557.09	10,095,506.50	1,050.59
Instruction: Expenses	697,582.73	648,867.45	48,715.28
Instruction Subtotal	10,794,139.82	10,744,373.95	49,765.87
<b>High School Programs: Other School &amp; Community Services</b>			
Other School & Community Services: Salaries	1,797,549.79	1,716,911.70	80,638.09
Other School & Community Services: Expenses	710,419.84	817,493.12	(107,073.28)
Elementary Transportation Reimbursement	(1,033,840.00)	(1,159,313.75)	125,473.75
Other School & Community Services Subtotal	1,474,129.63	1,375,091.07	99,038.56
<b>High School Programs: Operation and Maintenance of Plant</b>			
Operation and Maint. Of Plant: Salaries	632,705.70	655,277.77	(22,572.07)
Operation and Maint. Of Plant: Expenses	1,324,703.26	1,429,710.93	(105,007.67)
Operation and Maint of Plant Subtotal	1,957,408.96	2,084,988.70	(127,579.74)
<b>High School Programs: Fixed Costs</b>			
Employee Retirement	338,889.47	358,186.26	(19,296.79)
Retired Municipal Teachers	615,638.41	584,870.57	30,767.84
Other Post Employment Benefits	838,783.00	838,783.00	-
Employee Separation Costs	13,000.00	35,700.00	(22,700.00)
Insurance - Employee Related	2,653,631.51	2,590,721.19	62,910.32
Insurance - School Related	322,351.14	329,655.85	(7,304.71)
Miscellaneous Fixed Charges	2,500.00	2,000.00	500.00
Bus/Vehicle Capital Purchase	325,000.00	318,399.00	6,601.00
Roof Project Principal	180,000.00	180,000.00	-
Roof Project Interest	29,700.00	29,700.00	-
Residential Care Tuitions	618,171.00	595,965.54	22,205.46
Fixed Costs Subtotal	5,937,664.53	5,863,981.41	73,683.12
<b>TOTAL High School Programs</b>	<b>20,418,185.22</b>	<b>20,329,790.15</b>	<b>88,395.07</b>
<b>TOTAL Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 21,009,788.50</b>	<b>\$ 20,909,855.85</b>	<b>\$ 99,932.67</b>

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

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

Dear Dr. D’Andrea:

The Chilmark School has had several changes in 2019! Class sizes have stayed high, we’ve added some great new teachers, increased our project/STEAM activities, and added several afterschool clubs, including film club, chess, and photography.

Our school community includes 55 students in three classrooms (a K/1 class, a 2/3 class, and a 4/5 class).

Our K/1 teacher, Robin Smith, decided to retire after a long and rewarding career. We miss her, but are excited to welcome Ellen Rossi into the K/1 classroom. Also in our K/1 we have added Fallon Pulford as the K/1 assistant. In our 2/3, Gretchen Snyder is teaching and she has a new assistant, Keelan Weiss Parker. We have also added Robin Moriarty to our staff as a part-time Math Specialist and Catherine Mafcher as our new SPED teacher. We are pleased to have found such great additions to our staff.

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 “Music-Works! 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 discussing Social-Emotional Learning. In past years, she has utilized the Second Step Program, but this year all schools are using the Michigan model for SEL as well as for Health and Wellness. In addition to this program, Joan also uses a large bibliotherapy library packed with children’s books on a wide variety of sensitive topics. She focuses on integrating social-emotional learning into the classrooms and schoolwide.

We have a strong arts program at the Chilmark School. Every week, all students attend art, music, theater, mindful movement (yoga), and gym. Students in grades 2 – 5 can participate in strings, and in grades 4 and 5, in band. This is

our 2nd year of Arts Integration. This one-hour class focuses on learning through the arts. The integration teacher works with the classroom teacher to select a topic and then the integration teacher comes up with lessons to teach this concept using music, theater, or movement.

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 the Wampanoags and the Pilgrims. They began the year learning about Wampanoags with a visit to the tribe. They also produced early tribal weapons, which they made out of materials they found on the grounds of the school. Their study of Pilgrims focused on Pilgrim children. They each chose Pilgrim names for themselves. Students researched Pilgrim children and have written stories about their lives as a “Pilgrim Child.” They are learning a lot about the differences between today’s children and Pilgrim children.

The K/1 studied the town of Chilmark. They each choose a Chilmark landmark and researched it and then built it. They listed various facts about their landmark and then, after setting up a “street map” in the foyer, they placed their landmark building in the appropriate area. Parents and community members came and visited our “Chilmark Town.” 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 incorporate 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 4th 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, drawing, and more.

Many traditions make our school special, starting with the 4/5 outdoor education week of sailing aboard the tall ship, Shenandoah, 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 "Reach Out and Read." 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 Catherine Mafcher, our new SPED teacher, and Susan Stevens, Head of School. 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 Ribbon Dance around the May Pole. 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 throw flowers into 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 Shenandoah the following fall. These traditions foster community involvement and help create the uniqueness of our school. For more details and photos of what is going on at the Chilmark School please visit our website at [www.chilmarkschool.org](http://www.chilmarkschool.org).

Over the last two years we have been 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 as well. 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, to learn.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Stevens  
Head of School

## Chilmark School Students 2019-2020

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### Kindergarten

Juniper Begin  
Asa Ruel  
Ida Weisner

Eleanor Brown  
Luca Sanseverino

Noah Hall  
Gray Waldman

### First Grade

Penny Athearn  
Emily Houser  
Lucille Stahl  
Simon Wolff

Eli Beford  
Finn Moriarty  
Tillie Taylor

Willie Bologna  
Maeve Moriarty  
Hudson Wike

### Second Grade

Pablo Begle  
Duke Broderick  
Liam Keene  
Maryum Samad

Charlotte Bologna  
Ezekiel Broderick  
Lewis Moore

Brea Borella  
Stella Glickman  
Zoe O'Sullivan

### Third Grade

Maybeline Brown  
Clovis Smith  
Kiyla Weiner

Lucy Doyle  
Moses Thomson  
Annalee Wike

Rasmus Mayhew  
Dylan Waldman  
Genevieve Wise

### Fourth Grade

Tauras Biskis  
Mira Davis  
Wren Robertsom

Reed Cabot  
Oscar Flanders  
Asiyah Samad

Emme Carroll  
Erick Moore

### Fifth Grade

Isabella Arters  
Malia Bodnar  
Odin Robinson  
Aki Weiner

Zeb Athearn  
Cuinn Borella  
Emmett Taylor  
Fletcher Zack

Arjuna Begle  
Amaya Hyde  
Leah Thomson

## Chilmark School Staff 2019

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### Full Time Staff:

Principal/Head of School

Susan Stevens

Teachers:

K/1

Ellen Rossi

2/3

Gretchen Snyder

4/5

Jackie Guzalak

Educational support Professionals:

K/1

Fallon Pulford

2/3

Keelan Weiss

4/5

Mariah MacGregor

Enrichment (40%)

Robin Moriarty

Head Custodian:

Lisa Nichols

### Part Time Staff:

School Secretary (85%)

Mary Ambulos

Specialists:

Special Education (80%)

Catherine Mafcher

Music (20%)

Donna Swift

Instrumental Music (10%)

Ruth Scudere-Chapman

Physical Education (20%)

Luke Bettencourt

Art (20%)

Mariah MacGregor

Guidance Counselor (40%)

Joan Rice

Computer coordinator (30%)

Rebecca Barca-Tinnus

School Nurse (20%)

Justine Begley

Reading (40%)

Jessica Whiteley

Yoga (20%)

Jesse Keller

Library (20%)

Susan Bernard

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

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Matthew 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 2019 at the West Tisbury School. I have highlighted significant aspects of the year, as well as staffing changes. We continue to build upon the excellence that has been characteristic of the West Tisbury School and for which it is well known and widely admired. “Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself.” These words by John Dewey align with our mission and provide a motto for us to reflect on as we strive for continuous improvement.

Our student enrollment remains steady and currently is 351. New colleagues joined our staff this year, including Kezia Alvares, Doug Brush, Carl Ericson, Kim Garrison, Sara Hoffmann, Lucy Leopold, Nicole Nicodemus, Alexis MacTaylor, Jelena Poletan, and Elizabeth Santos. We had two staff members retire this year, Christa Fischer and Susan Reidy. We thank them for their many years of service and dedication to the West Tisbury School and its community.

With our focus on student writing, we have made many gains in staff professional development and in implementing Lucy Calkins’ Units of Study in Writing. This summer, we had additional teachers attend The Teachers College Writing Institute at Columbia University. Two teachers also attended a Columbia Teachers College Institute on supporting students with special needs in reading and writing workshops. Our local and state assessments continue to show growth in this area.

We are now in our second year of a co-teaching model in our fifth through eighth grade English language arts classes. This promising practice brings together the expertise of general education and special education teachers to plan, instruct, and assess student achievement and growth to create an optimal, inclusive learning environment for all students. In October, we had an expert in this area come to work with our staff and give feedback to support continuous growth on this new initiative. Her feedback was overwhelmingly positive. She commended the model’s initial results and the extent to which it has been implemented so well in such a short period of time.

Our health and wellness program is fully implemented at all grade levels. This followed a recommendation by an Island-wide health and wellness review of the Martha’s Vineyard public schools conducted by Medstar, an affiliate of George Washington University Hospital. We are working with a district health

curriculum coordinator to integrate and coordinate outside resources available to our students and their families. These include mental health and substance use supports as well as the refining of instruction and lessons.

Our English Language Learner program is thriving. We are providing state-recommended instructional time to students who have little or no English proficiency. Students from multiple grade levels participate in this program to meet their linguistic, social, and cultural needs. We are monitoring their progress through both local assessments and state ACCESS testing.

Monthly Learning Expeditions are happening in the school. These walkthroughs, by teams of educators working together to observe how students are engaged in the educational process at our school, have been well received. Students are also able to showcase individual examples of their thinking and learning. Snapshots of expedition highlights are shared with the whole staff in order to illuminate how well our students are learning.

Continued grant support and donations allowed us to offer a yoga program in every grade, provide various learning opportunities across many grade levels, continue to run a homework support club for students in the third through eighth grades, and support the aforementioned professional development for staff members. Additionally, our Plastic Free MV student group has received many awards and donations for its efforts to improve the quality of life on our Island by eliminating the sale and use of plastic water and soda bottles from our environment. Its ban was passed in all three Up Island Regional School District towns last year, and this group is working hard to see it pass in the other three Island towns this coming spring.

We are in our second year of administering the redesigned MCAS in English language arts, mathematics, and science. We have analyzed our students' performance and growth, and identified areas of strength and those for improvement. We continue to be recognized for substantial progress toward targets set by the state, which rise each year.

Our School Advisory Council made substantial progress on our three school improvement goals its members identified for the current school year in the areas of community building, co-teaching, and health and wellness. Thank you to resigning member Jill Napior for her many years of service on the committee. The new committee, including Samuel Hall, Graham Houghton, Elle Lash, Wenonah Madison, and Annemarie Ralph, are continuing work on our two-year plan. We are also currently seeking a community member to join our group. Anyone interested should contact me at the school.

Special thanks to Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) board members Jamie Langley, Erin Lambert, Moira Silva, and Alyssa Dubin for their organization and facilitation of a full year of learning and social opportunities for our school community. They have spearheaded many zero waste opportunities like the costume swap, the coat exchange, and our Zero Waste Week events, along with social events such as the Freezin' for a Reason 5K and Polar Plunge on New

Year's Day. I look forward to their continued success in reinvigorating the PTO in the coming year.

As always, the support of community members is paramount to the success of our school. I thank all for their unstinting support of the West Tisbury School and its mission. 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 in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna-Lowell-Bettencourt  
Principal

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

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January 27, 2020

To the Citizens of West Tisbury:

In compliance with Section VIII of the Up-Island Regional School District Agreement under which the District was formed and according to the recommendations of the Office of the Directors of Accounts, we submit the following financial reports of the District for fiscal year ending June 30, 2019.

FY2019 Assessment & Calculation  
Balance Sheet  
Expenditures – Budget vs Actual

Respectfully submitted,

Marylee Schroeder  
Treasurer



**UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
FY2019 Assessment**

	TOTAL	AQUINNAH	CHILMARK	WEST TISBURY	TOTAL
<b>ASSESSMENT PART A (SHARED)</b>	\$ 1,539,312.65	182,100.69	327,873.59	1,029,338.37	1,539,312.65
<b>ASSESSMENT PART B (SCH COMM)</b>	2,164,669.32	256,080.38	461,074.57	1,447,514.37	2,164,669.32
School Committee Circuit Breaker Offset	(107,850.00)	(12,758.66)	(22,972.05)	(72,119.30)	107,850.00
School Committee Medicaid Offset	(10,600.00)	(1,253.98)	(2,257.80)	(7,088.22)	(10,600.00)
<b>TOTAL PART A &amp; B</b>	<b>\$ 3,585,531.97</b>	<b>424,168.43</b>	<b>763,718.31</b>	<b>2,397,645.22</b>	<b>3,585,531.97</b>
<b>ASSESSMENT PART C</b>					
Chilmark Operating Budget	1,225,989.08	398,446.45	551,695.09	275,847.54	1,225,989.08
Chilmark School Choice Offset	(80,859.20)	(26,279.24)	(36,386.64)	(18,193.32)	(80,859.20)
W. Tisbury Operating Budget	6,963,912.97	630,930.52	1,261,861.03	5,071,121.42	6,963,912.97
W. Tisbury Circuit Breaker Offset	(12,500.00)	(1,132.50)	(2,265.00)	(9,102.50)	(12,500.00)
W. Tisbury School Choice Offset	(323,436.80)	(29,303.37)	(58,606.75)	(235,526.68)	(323,436.80)
<b>TOTAL PART C</b>	<b>\$ 7,773,106.05</b>	<b>972,661.86</b>	<b>1,716,297.73</b>	<b>5,084,146.46</b>	<b>7,773,106.05</b>
<b>ASSESSMENT PART D</b>					
Chilmark Principal & Interest	146,812.50	17,353.24	117,450.00	12,009.26	146,812.50
W. Tisbury Exterior Renovations	162,562.50	10,842.92	21,669.58	130,050.00	162,562.50
Short-Term Borrowing - WT	75,393.08	5,028.72	10,049.90	60,314.46	75,393.08
Short-Term Borrowing - CH	30,406.92	3,594.10	24,325.54	2,487.29	31,406.92
<b>TOTAL PART D</b>	<b>\$ 415,175.00</b>	<b>36,818.97</b>	<b>173,495.01</b>	<b>204,861.01</b>	<b>416,175.00</b>
<b>TOTAL PART A, B, C &amp; D</b>	<b>\$ 11,773,813.02</b>	<b>1,433,649.26</b>	<b>2,653,511.05</b>	<b>7,686,652.71</b>	<b>11,773,813.02</b>

<b>ANTICIPATED REIMBURSEMENT</b>					
Chapter 70 - State Aid	\$	GENERAL FUND	SCHOOL CHOICE	CIRCUIT BREAKER	MEDICAID
Chapter 71 - Reg'l Transportation		854,352.00	(\$404,296 to be used	(\$120,350 to be used	(\$10,600 to be used
Charter School Sending Tuition		145,338.00	to offset FY19 Budget;	to offset FY19 Budget;	to offset FY19 Budget;
Charter School Sending Tuition		(1,036,212.00)	see above)	see above)	see above)
Charter School Tuition Reimbursements		96,394.00		120,350.00	10,600.00
SPED Circuit Breaker		-			
Medicaid Reimbursements		120,000.00			
School Choice Sending Tuition		(100,081.00)			
School Choice Receiving Tuition		-	404,296.00		
<b>Total Reimbursements</b>		<b>79,791.00</b>	<b>404,296.00</b>	<b>120,350.00</b>	<b>10,600.00</b>
<b>ANTICIPATED REVENUES</b>					
E&D Offset		-			
Interest Income		9,500.00			
Misc. Revenue		4,000.00			
<b>Total Anticipated Revenues</b>		<b>13,500.00</b>			
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUE</b>		<b>\$ 93,291.00</b>	<b>11,036.33</b>	<b>19,870.98</b>	<b>62,383.69</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSESSMENTS</b>		<b>\$ 11,680,522.02</b>	<b>1,422,612.93</b>	<b>2,633,640.07</b>	<b>7,624,269.02</b>
					<b>11,680,522.02</b>

**UIRSD FY 2019 FORMULAS**

<b>Town of Residence</b>	<b>Chilmark</b>	<b>School Attended</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Does Not Include Students Tuitioned Out-of-District</b>
Aquinnah	13	West Tisbury 27	40	Charter School 43
Chilmark	18	54	72	School Choice 10
West Tisbury	9	217	226	Shared Services 5
<b>District Enrollment</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>338</b>	Residential 1
School Choice	11	44	55	
<b>Total Enrollment</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>393</b>	FY18 Foundation Enrollment = 397
<b>Cost Share For Part "A" &amp; "B"</b>				
<b>Supt &amp; Sch. Comm.:</b>	<b>Aquinnah</b>	Based on the total enrollment per town divided by the total district enrollment. 11.83%	<b>Chilmark</b> = 21.30%	<b>W. Tisbury</b> = 66.87%
<b>Cost Share For Part "C" Sites</b>				
<b>Chilmark School:</b>	<b>Aquinnah</b>	Based on the enrollment per town in each school divided by the district enrollment of each school. 32.50%	<b>Chilmark</b> = 45.00%	<b>W. Tisbury</b> = 22.50%
<b>W. Tisbury School:</b>	<b>Aquinnah</b>	9.06%	<b>Chilmark</b> = 18.12%	<b>W. Tisbury</b> = 72.82%
<b>Cost Share For Part "D" Debt</b>				
<b>Chilmark School:</b>	<b>Aquinnah</b>	Owning Town pays at least 80%; non-owning Towns pay remaining 20% based on enrollment per Town. 11.82%	<b>Chilmark</b> = 80.00%	<b>W. Tisbury</b> = 8.18%
<b>W. Tisbury School:</b>	<b>Aquinnah</b>	6.67%	<b>Chilmark</b> = 13.33%	<b>W. Tisbury</b> = 80.00%

**UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BALANCE SHEETS  
JUNE 30, 2019**

	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise	Trust & Agency	General Long-Term Obligations	Total
<b>Assets</b>							
Cash and Investments	\$ 1,743,096.84	\$ 501,553.39	\$ 279,793.85	\$ -	\$ 64,997.39	-	\$ 2,589,441.47
Receivables	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Amount to be Provided	-	-	-	-	-	450,000.00	450,000.00
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>1,743,096.84</b>	<b>501,553.39</b>	<b>279,793.85</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>64,997.39</b>	<b>450,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,039,441.47</b>
<b>Liabilities and Fund Equity</b>							
<b>Liabilities</b>							
Warrants/Accounts Payable	810,184.36	11,742.64	-	-	5,116.01	-	\$ 827,043.01
Deferred Revenue - Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Notes Payable	-	-	696,500.00	-	-	-	\$ 696,500.00
Accrued Payroll/Withholdings	805,762.87	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 805,762.87
Due To Other Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Liabilities	19,057.99	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 19,057.99
Bonds Payable	-	-	-	-	-	450,000.00	450,000.00
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>1,635,005.22</b>	<b>11,742.64</b>	<b>696,500.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,116.01</b>	<b>450,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,798,363.87</b>
<b>Fund Equity</b>							
Reserved for Encumbrances	9,312.77	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 9,312.77
Reserved for Expenditures	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reserved for Special Purposes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unreserved	98,778.85	489,810.75	(416,706.15)	-	59,881.38	-	\$ 231,764.83
Designated for Deficits	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Fund Equity</b>	<b>108,091.62</b>	<b>489,810.75</b>	<b>(416,706.15)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>59,881.38</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$ 241,077.60</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Equity</b>	<b>\$ 1,743,096.84</b>	<b>\$ 501,553.39</b>	<b>\$ 279,793.85</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 64,997.39</b>	<b>\$ 450,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,039,441.47</b>

**UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BUDGET AND ACTUAL EXPENDITURES  
JUNE 30, 2019**

Expenditure	Original Budget		Actual		Variance
<b>SUPT/SHARED SERVICES</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,539,312.65</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,503,348.18</b>	<b>\$ 35,964.47</b>
WT PRINCIPALS OFFICE SALARIES & EXPENSES		419,309.50		412,823.04	6,486.46
WT TEACHERS/STAFF SALARIES		2,808,125.57		3,009,031.77	(200,906.20)
WT UNDISTRIBUTED SUPPLIES, TEXTBOOKS, MISC		114,374.00		117,603.63	(3,229.63)
WT FIELD TRIPS/PROGRAMS		10,140.00		8,753.73	1,386.27
WT CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS		30,950.00		24,499.94	6,450.06
WT INSTRUCTIONAL COMPUTERS/COPIERS/AUDIO VISUAL		186,965.34		178,940.59	8,024.75
WT FURNITURE EXPENSE		10,000.00		10,000.00	-
WT SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT		945,500.16		818,653.84	126,846.32
WT LIBRARY SERVICES		128,576.34		126,563.40	2,012.94
WT GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT		215,020.19		213,073.07	1,947.12
WT HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES		98,251.17		102,956.06	(4,704.89)
WT SCHOOL SECURITY		-		3,750.00	(3,750.00)
WT CUSTODIAL SERVICES		270,388.00		272,772.53	(2,384.53)
WT UTILITIES		89,600.00		83,375.53	6,224.47
WT GENERAL MAINTENANCE		178,280.00		202,770.09	(24,490.09)
WT EMPLOYEE INSURANCE		1,017,555.90		1,031,092.27	(13,536.37)
WT INSURANCE		104,940.00		100,500.46	4,439.54
<b>TOTAL WEST TISBURY SCHOOL</b>		<b>6,627,976.17</b>		<b>6,717,159.95</b>	<b>(89,183.78)</b>
CH PRINCIPALS OFFICE SALARIES & EXPENSES		160,431.68		157,705.13	2,726.55
CH TEACHERS/STAFF SALARIES		464,252.96		456,553.58	7,699.38
CH UNDISTRIBUTED SUPPLIES, TEXTBOOKS, MISC		31,850.00		26,165.60	5,684.40
CH ENRICHMENT/FIELD TRIPS/PROGRAMS		13,314.00		13,005.93	308.07
CH CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS		3,200.00		2,087.70	1,112.30
CH INSTRUCTIONAL COMPUTERS/COPIERS		52,577.00		56,596.14	(4,019.14)
CH FURNITURE		300.00		-	300.00
CH SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT		57,423.00		69,015.79	(11,592.79)
CH LIBRARY SERVICES		2,000.00		1,492.96	507.04
CH GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT		41,436.00		41,436.40	(0.40)
CH HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES		17,691.00		9,921.36	7,769.64
CH SECURITY		-		2,500.00	(2,500.00)
CH CUSTODIAL SERVICES		82,186.00		90,179.76	(7,993.76)
CH UTILITIES		23,500.00		29,759.74	(6,259.74)
CH GENERAL MAINTENANCE		61,425.00		43,610.82	17,814.18
CH EMPLOYEE INSURANCE		110,205.24		97,235.84	12,969.40
CH INSURANCE		23,338.00		18,957.03	4,380.97
<b>TOTAL CHILMARK SCHOOL</b>		<b>1,145,129.88</b>		<b>1,116,223.78</b>	<b>28,906.10</b>
SCHOOL COMMITTEE/DISTRICT		1,693,459.32		1,701,413.48	(7,954.16)
DEBT		415,175.00		325,250.78	89,924.22
TRANSPORTATION		233,600.00		232,640.00	960.00
RESIDENTIAL TUITIONS		119,160.00		117,683.50	1,476.50
TRANSFERS TO CAPITAL FUNDS		-		119,966.92	(119,966.92)
<b>TOTAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE</b>		<b>2,461,394.32</b>		<b>2,496,954.68</b>	<b>(35,560.36)</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>11,773,813.02</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>11,833,686.59</b>	<b>\$ (59,873.57)</b>

## **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, 2018 through June 30, 2019 and Appropriations for the period July 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.

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, 2019
- 2) Activity including receipts and expenditures of all other town funds for the year ended June 30, 2019
- 3) Payments to Vendors in excess of \$2,000 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019
- 4) Wages Paid to Employees during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018
- 5) Appropriation Analysis for fiscal year 2019
- 6) Combined Balance Sheet showing all funds as of June 30, 2019
- 7) Report of Balance Sheet accounts for all funds as of June 30, 2019
- 8) Schedule of Debt Outstanding as of June 30, 2010
- 9) Summary of Appropriation Accounts for the period July 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019

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, 2018 - June 30, 2019**

	Actual	Revised Budget	Under (Over) Budget
<b>REVENUE</b>			
Tax Revenue			
Real Estate Tax	16,374,584.18	16,427,322.40	52,738.22
Personal Property Tax	269,155.63	266,471.28	(2,684.35)
Tax Liens Redeemed	47,510.54	0.00	(47,510.54)
Vessel Excise	612.00	0.00	(612.00)
Penalties & Interest	83,228.58	65,000.00	(18,228.58)
Motor Vehicle Excise	562,444.69	560,000.00	(2,444.69)
In Lieu of Taxes	3,505.06	1,600.00	(1,905.06)
Sub-total : Tax Revenue	17,341,040.68	17,320,393.68	(20,647.00)
Departmental Revenues			
Other Dept Revenue	260,244.21	223,000.00	(37,244.21)
Park & Recreation	96,606.50	73,000.00	(23,606.50)
Inspections	79,460.00	85,000.00	5,540.00
Rentals	54,020.53	52,800.00	(1,220.53)
Sub-total : Departmental Revenues	490,331.24	433,800.00	(56,531.24)
Fines & Forfeits			
Fines & Forfeits	2,561.93	3,200.00	638.07)
Sub-total : Fines & Forfeits	2,561.93	3,200.00	638.07
Licenses & Permits			
Licenses	16,460.50	13,500.00	(2,960.50)
Permits	106,630.13	96,500.00	(10,130.13)
Sub-total : Licenses & Permits	123,090.63	110,000.00	(13,090.63)
State Revenue			
Cherry Sheet	966,941.00	962,166.00	(4,775.00)
CMVI	2,076.82	0.00	(2,076.82)
Miscellaneous	728.00	0.00	(728.00)
Veterans Benefits	14,575.00	10,116.00	(4,459.00)
Sub-total : State Revenue	984,320.82	972,282.00	(12,038.82)
Intermunicipal Revenue			
Council on Aging	184,377.73	183,000.00	(1,377.73)
Sub-total : Intermunicipal Revenue	184,377.73	183,000.00	(1,377.73)
Miscellaneous			
Miscellaneous	21,490.26	1,600.00	(19,890.26)
Bond Premium	2,250.00	2,250.00	0.00
Sub-total : Miscellaneous	23,740.26	3,850.00	(19,890.26)
Investment			
Investment	22,866.87	22,000.00	(866.87)
Sub-total : Investment	22,866.87	22,000.00	(866.87)
Transfers In			
From Special Revenues	23,675.00	23,675.00	0.00
Sub-total : Transfers In	23,675.00	23,675.00	0.00
<b>Total : REVENUE</b>	<b>19,196,005.16</b>	<b>19,072,200.68</b>	<b>(123,804.48)</b>

	Actual	Revised Budget	Under (Over) Budget
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
FY 2019 Appropriations/Budget			
General Government			
114-5110 Moderator Salary	370.00	370.00	0.00
114-5700 Moderator Expenses	1,170.00	1,170.00	0.00
122-5110 Selectmen Salaries	10,000.00	15,000.00	5,000.00
122-5120 Selectmen Pers Serv	156,035.20	172,847.32	16,812.12
122-5700 Selectmen Expenses	20,913.75	25,400.00	4,486.25
124-5120 Municipal Hearing Officer	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
131-5120 FinCom Pers Serv	1,439.02	2,940.55	1,501.53
131-5700 FinCom Expenses	1,718.59	2,200.00	481.41
132-5700 Reserve Fund	0.00	3,538.00	3,538.00
133-5300 Annual Audit	17,000.00	17,000.00	0.00
135-5120 Accountant Pers Serv	94,504.40	94,521.43	17.03
135-5700 Accountant Expenses	1,609.56	1,720.00	110.44
141-5110 Assessors Salaries	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
141-5120 Assessors Pers Serv	154,028.27	154,568.04	539.77
141-5305 Assessors Legal	11,147.00	30,000.00	18,853.00
141-5700 Assessors Expenses	23,737.27	23,750.00	12.73
145-5120 Treasurer Pers Serv	132,431.16	133,728.47	1,297.31
145-5700 Treasurer Expenses	25,057.77	28,345.00	3,287.23
151-5305 Legal	31,002.71	40,000.00	8,997.29
152-5120 Personnel Bd Pers Serv	6,029.72	11,013.52	4,983.80
152-5700 Personnel Bd Expenses	493.94	800.00	306.06
155-5120 Data Proc Pers Serv	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00
155-5700 Data Proc Expenses	72,883.86	87,165.00	14,281.14
158-5305 Tax Foreclosure Legal	5,752.40	6,250.00	497.60
158-5700 Tax Foreclosure	0.00	150.00	150.00
161-5110 Town Clerk Salaries	59,984.46	59,984.46	0.00
161-5700 Town Clerk Expenses	1,546.57	1,720.00	173.43
162-5120 Elections Pers Serv	1,359.25	3,304.00	1,944.75
162-5700 Elections Expenses	5,598.26	5,800.00	201.74
163-5120 Registrars Salaries	300.00	300.00	0.00
163-5700 Registrars Expenses	1,696.41	1,700.00	3.59
171-5120 ConCom Pers Serv	45,790.20	47,358.14	1,567.94
171-5700 ConCom Expenses	2,920.12	3,350.00	429.88
175-5110 Planning Bd Salaries	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
175-5120 Planning Bd Pers Serv	51,822.30	57,543.06	5,720.76
175-5700 Planning Bd Expenses	1,140.00	6,245.00	5,105.00
176-5120 ZBA Pers Serv	58,752.00	59,213.07	461.07
176-5305 ZBA Legal	12,838.80	14,000.00	1,161.20
176-5700 ZBA Expenses	3,723.27	3,725.00	1.73
177-5600 MV Commission	132,622.00	132,622.00	0.00
179-5120 AH Com Pers Serv	10,365.18	11,188.80	823.62
179-5700 AH Com Expenses	390.06	1,000.00	609.94
179-5305 AHC Legal	2,995.85	3,000.00	4.15
192-5700 Town Hall Expenses	125,664.05	125,750.00	85.95
193-5700 Property Insurance	112,209.00	116,441.00	4,232.00
195-5700 Town Report Expenses	7,910.00	7,910.00	0.00
196-5120 Town Clock Pers Serv	0.00	250.00	250.00
197-5600 DCRHA Administrative	42,447.00	42,447.00	0.00
194-5700 Town Electric	27,691.35	47,160.00	19,468.65
Sub-total : General Government	1,491,590.75	1,618,988.86	127,398.11



	Actual	Revised Budget	Under (Over) Budget
Public Safety			
210-5120 Police Pers Serv	1,075,962.20	1,095,809.71	19,847.51
210-5700 Police Expenses	130,819.97	131,854.00	1,034.03
220-5120 Fire Pers Serv	122,650.00	144,500.00	21,850.00
220-5700 Fire Expenses	188,458.33	189,100.00	641.67
231-5600 Tri-Town Ambulance	363,691.18	363,691.18	0.00
241-5120 Bldg Inspect Pers Serv	185,800.71	193,311.86	7,511.15
241-5700 Bldg Inspect Expenses	10,221.05	15,925.00	5,703.95
291-5120 Emer Mgmt Pers Serv	17,850.00	17,850.00	0.00
291-5700 Emergency Managment	4,854.04	7,805.00	2,950.96
292-5120 ACO Pers Serv	66,863.85	66,866.64	2.79
292-5700 ACO Expenses	11,392.19	12,750.00	1,357.81
293-5120 Herring Warden Pers Serv	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
293-5700 Herring Warden Expenses	0.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
294-5110 Tree Warden Salaries	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
294-5120 Tree Warden Expenses	1,280.00	1,320.00	40.00
294-5700 Tree Warden Expenses	7,764.90	11,200.00	3,435.10
297-5700 Insect Pest Control	0.00	500.00	500.00
298-5120 Shellfish Dept Pers Serv	5,000.00	13,000.00	8,000.00
298-5700 Shellfish Dept Expenses	4,532.44	4,550.00	17.56
299-5700 MV Shellfish Group	38,000.00	38,000.00	0.00
Sub-total : Public Safety	2,240,640.86	2,314,733.39	74,092.53
Education			
311-5600 Up-Island RSD	7,624,269.02	7,624,269.02	0.00
313-5600 MVRHS District	2,847,231.39	2,847,231.39	0.00
Sub-total : Education	10,471,500.41	10,471,500.41	0.00
Public Works			
421-5120 Super Streets Pers Serv	37,000.00	37,000.00	0.00
422-5120 Highway Pers Serv	121,165.15	121,349.41	184.26
422-5700 Highway Expenses	67,674.50	75,150.00	7,475.50
423-5700 Snow & Ice	52,990.52	65,000.00	12,009.48
424-5700 Street Lights	600.00	600.00	0.00
Sub-total : Public Works	279,430.17	299,099.41	19,669.24
Sanitation			
433-5120 Town LDO Pers Serv	0.00	50.00	50.00
433-5600 Town LDO Intergov	7,945.44	24,000.00	16,054.56
433-5700 Town LDO Expenses	0.00	3,700.00	3,700.00
439-5600 MVRDRRD Intergov	118,766.43	118,766.43	0.00
Sub-total : Sanitation	126,711.87	146,516.43	19,804.56
Health & Human Services			
491-5120 Cemeteries Pers Serv	2,850.12	3,000.00	149.88
491-5700 Cemeteries Expenses	13,057.27	21,475.00	8,417.73
510-5110 BOH Salaries	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
510-5120 BOH Pers Serv	78,040.79	79,235.82	1,195.03
510-5700 BOH Expenses	14,104.34	14,142.00	37.66
522-5700 Health Services	17,929.16	18,100.00	170.84
525-5600 Vineyard Health Care Access	53,598.00	53,599.00	1.00
540-5700 MV Center for Living	85,524.00	85,524.00	0.00
541-5120 UpIsland COA Per Serv	254,515.80	274,942.09	20,426.29
541-5700 UpIsland COA Expense	15,270.00	20,700.00	5,430.00
543-5700 Veterans Benefits	17,721.70	18,750.00	1,028.30
Sub-total : Health & Human Services	555,611.18	592,467.91	36,856.73

	Actual	Revised Budget	Under (Over) Budget
Culture & Recreation			
610-5120 Library Pers Serv	496,570.78	499,667.65	3,096.87
610-5700 Library Expenses	247,157.91	247,550.00	392.09
620-5110 P&R Com Salaries	664.00	830.00	166.00
620-5120 P&R Pers Serv	25,939.02	26,013.46	74.44
620-5700 P&R Expenses	1,450.00	1,450.00	0.00
632-5120 Beaches Pers Serv	79,319.58	79,553.07	233.49
632-5700 Beaches Expenses	10,562.05	16,625.00	6,062.95
640-5120 Rec Programs Pers Serv	14,950.35	15,900.55	950.20
640-5700 Rec Programs Expenses	6,322.05	9,600.00	3,277.95
650-5700 Town Grounds	5,072.50	10,250.00	5,177.50
691-5700 Historical Commission	0.00	350.00	350.00
690-5700 Historic District	448.00	500.00	52.00
692-5600 MV Cultural Council	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
Sub-total : Culture & Recreation	891,456.24	911,289.73	19,833.49
Debt Service			
710-5910 Principal-Long Term	810,083.00	810,083.33	0.33
751-5915 Interest-Long Term	200,338.75	200,338.75	0.00
752-7925 Interest-Short Term	19,689.00	24,190.00	4,501.00
Sub-total : Debt Service	1,030,110.75	1,034,612.08	4,501.33
Benefits			
911-5170 County Retirement	501,305.00	501,305.00	0.00
912-5170 Workers Comp Ins	13,052.00	13,052.00	0.00
913-5170 Unemployment	1,890.20	3,000.00	1,109.80
914-5170 Health Insurance	824,908.28	895,000.00	70,091.72
915-5170 Life Insurance	2,367.33	2,625.00	257.67
916-5170 Employers Medicare	44,451.10	48,510.00	4,058.90
945-5740 Public Official Liability	16,338.00	16,361.10	23.10
Sub-total : Benefits	1,404,311.91	1,479,853.10	75,541.19
Cherry Sheet Assessments			
820-5600 State-Air Pollution	3,083.00	3,083.00	0.00
821-5600 State-RTA	123,515.00	123,515.00	0.00
824-5600 State Non-Renew MVE	5,620.00	5,620.00	0.00
830-5600 County Assessment	61,222.00	62,830.00	1,608.00
Sub-total : Cherry Sheet Assessments	193,440.00	195,048.00	1,608.00
FY2019 Warrant Articles			
ATM2018 5 Police Vehicle	43,777.20	44,215.00	437.80
ATM2018 6 Building Maintenance	50,376.30	100,000.00	49,623.70
ATM2018 8 Tiahs Coive Culvert	9,563.00	10,000.00	437.00
ATM2018 10 Station 1 Paving	34,543.57	75,000.00	40,456.43
ATM2018 11 Fire Command Vehicle	59,268.04	60,000.00	731.96
ATM2018 15 WT School Alarms	17,152.00	17,152.00	0.00
ATM2018 16 Ch School HVAC	23,261.88	23,261.88	0.00
ATM2018 14 Adult Ed	8,042.13	12,590.00	4,547.87
ATM2018 17 Revaluation	0.00	24,000.00	24,000.00
ATM2018 18 County Social Services	7,852.00	7,852.00	0.00
ATM2018 19 County SUD Prevention	7,195.00	7,195.00	0.00
ATM2018 20 County CORE	11,512.00	11,512.00	0.00
ATM2018 21 County First Stop	6,835.00	6,835.00	0.00
ATM2018 22 County Healthy Aging	10,233.00	10,233.00	0.00
ATM2018 24 Comp Absence Reserve	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00
ATM2018 25 County Debt	26,158.32	26,158.32	0.00

	Actual	Revised Budget	Under (Over) Budget
ATM2018 26 Collector Salary	0.00	68,886.00	68,886.00
ATM2019 10 Shelffish Equipment	0.00	18,675.00	18,675.00
ATM2019 12 Cemetery Headstones	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
ATM2019 14 2019 Town Picnic	550.00	2,700.00	2,150.00
ATM2019 36 Personnel Study	2,700.00	18,000.00	15,300.00
ATM2019 37 Permitting Software	0.00	23,500.00	23,500.00
ATM2019 38 N Tisbury Wheelchair Access	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Sub-total : FY2019 Warrant Articles	339,019.44	597,765.20	258,745.76
<b>Total : FY 2019 Appropriations/Budget</b>	<b>19,023,823.58</b>	<b>19,661,874.52</b>	<b>638,050.94</b>
<b>PRIOR YEAR CARRIED FORWARD</b>			
FY18 Encumberances			
FY18 Vineyard Gardens FD	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00
FY18 Building Dept	1,529.19	1,798.99	269.80
FY18 Educomp DP	4,307.25	8,164.00	3,856.75
FY18 BOH Workstation	1,353.00	1,353.00	0.00
FY18 WB Mason BOH	1,045.50	1,045.50	0.00
FY18 CVEC Electric	2,882.26	2,882.26	0.00
Sub-total : FY18 Encumberances	12,317.20	16,443.75	4,126.55
Prior Year Warrant Articles			
ATM2017 6 County Debt	3,006.00	3,006.00	0.00
ATM2018 7 Fire Stn 1 Tank	43,205.00	50,000.00	6,795.00
ATM2016 Assessors Reval	13,500.00	18,425.62	4,925.62
ATM2017 Building Maintenance	9,355.00	35,711.25	26,356.25
ATM2015 Veteran Monument	0.00	1,220.00	1,220.00
STM 11-2015 Howes House Repairs	0.00	7,150.00	7,150.00
STM 11-2015 Old County Streetlight	0.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
ATM2016 Facilities Consultant	7,000.00	7,000.00	0.00
ATM2016 Building Maintenance	9,299.53	11,521.21	2,221.68
ATM2016 Landfill Swale	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
ATM2014 Personnel Comp Study	1,050.00	1,050.00	0.00
Capital Appropriation Balances			
Road Reconstruction ATM 2012	7,100.91	51,951.14	44,850.23
Police Station	0.00	845.75	845.75
Sub-total : Prior Year Warrant Articles	93,516.44	201,880.97	108,364.53
<b>Total : PRIOR YEAR CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<b>105,833.64</b>	<b>218,324.72</b>	<b>112,491.08</b>
<b>Total : EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>19,129,657.22</b>	<b>19,880,199.24</b>	<b>750,542.02</b>

**TOWN OF WEST TISBURY**  
**Other Fund Activity (Non-General Fund)**  
**July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2019**

**SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

<b>Emergency Management Grant</b>	
7/01/18 Opening Balance	205.00
FY 2019 Receipts	0.00
FY 2019 Expenditures	0.00
6/30/19 Closing Balance	<u>205.00</u>
<b>Martha's Vineyard Cultural Council</b>	
7/01/18 Opening Balance	44,146.91
FY 2019 Receipts	42,438.21
FY 2019 Expenditures	(39,414.66)
6/30/19 Closing Balance	<u>47,170.46</u>
<b>MV Fire Training Council</b>	
7/01/18 Opening Balance	13,861.14
FY 2019 Receipts	18,000.00
FY 2019 Expenditures	(4,742.06)
6/30/19 Closing Balance	<u>27,119.08</u>
<b>State MVP Grant</b>	
7/01/18 Opening Balance	(5,000.00)
FY 2019 Receipts	5,000.00
FY 2019 Expenditures	0.00
6/30/19 Closing Balance	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Refuse District Revolving Fund</b>	
7/01/18 Opening Balance	0.00
FY 2019 Receipts	110,057.00
FY 2019 Expenditures	(109,691.13)
6/30/19 Closing Balance	<u>365.87</u>
<b>State Aid, Elderly Persons</b>	
7/01/18 Opening Balance	920.79
FY 2019 Receipts	7,107.21
FY 2019 Expenditures	(8,028.00)
6/30/19 Closing Balance	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Green Community State Grant</b>	
7/01/18 Opening Balance	24,454.97
FY 2019 Receipts	0.00
FY 2019 Expenditures	(38,227.35)
6/30/19 Closing Balance	<u>(13,772.38)</u>
<b>Electric Vehicle State Grant</b>	
7/01/18 Opening Balance	3,440.49
FY 2019 Receipts	0.00
FY 2019 Expenditures	(3,440.49)
6/30/19 Closing Balance	<u>0.00</u>

<b>Recycling Dividends State Grant</b>	
7/01/18 Opening Balance	3,462.50
FY 2019 Receipts	3,500.00
FY 2019 Expenditures	0.00
6/30/19 Closing Balance	<u>6,962.50</u>
<b>Library MVCC Grant</b>	
7/01/18 Opening Balance	(281.45)
FY 2019 Receipts	692.00
FY 2019 Expenditures	(410.55)
6/30/19 Closing Balance	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Library Troubador Grant</b>	
7/01/18 Opening Balance	1,200.00
FY 2019 Receipts	2,472.70
FY 2019 Expenditures	(3,518.70)
6/30/19 Closing Balance	<u>154.00</u>
<b>State Aid to Libraries</b>	
7/01/18 Opening Balance	18,405.27
FY 2019 Receipts	10,316.46
FY 2019 Expenditures	(8,795.54)
6/30/19 Closing Balance	<u>19,926.19</u>
<b>State Library LSTA Grant</b>	
7/01/18 Opening Balance	3,849.74
FY 2019 Receipts	7,500.00
FY 2019 Expenditures	(9,300.35)
6/30/19 Closing Balance	<u>2,049.39</u>
<b>WT Library Foundation Grant</b>	
7/01/18 Opening Balance	4,086.91
FY 2019 Receipts	63,200.00
FY 2019 Expenditures	(53,571.11)
6/30/19 Closing Balance	<u>13,715.80</u>
<b>State Library LEED Grant</b>	
7/01/18 Opening Balance	26,085.61
FY 2019 Receipts	0.00
FY 2019 Expenditures	(26,085.61)
6/30/19 Closing Balance	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Library, Beagary (Morse Memorial) Grant</b>	
7/01/18 Opening Balance	2,570.55
FY 2019 Receipts	0.00
FY 2019 Expenditures	(996.66)
6/30/19 Closing Balance	<u>1,573.89</u>
<b>Library, Comcast Technology Grant</b>	
7/01/18 Opening Balance	321.50
FY 2019 Receipts	0.00
FY 2019 Expenditures	(321.50)
6/30/19 Closing Balance	<u>0.00</u>

<b>Library, Friends WTFPL Grant</b>	
7/01/18 Opening Balance	1,627.93
FY 2019 Receipts	30,000.00
FY 2019 Expenditures	(23,881.14)
6/30/19 Closing Balance	<u>7,746.79</u>
<b>Library, Brannen/Hemberger Grant</b>	
7/01/18 Opening Balance	787.70
FY 2019 Receipts	0.00
FY 2019 Expenditures	0.00
6/30/19 Closing Balance	<u>787.70</u>
<b>Library Biber Foundation Grant</b>	
7/01/18 Opening Balance	0.00
FY 2019 Receipts	20,000.00
FY 2019 Expenditures	(2,723.93)
6/30/19 Closing Balance	<u>17,276.07</u>
<b>Sale of Cemetery Lots</b>	
7/01/18 Opening Balance	69,710.65
FY 2019 Receipts	4,200.00
FY 2019 Transfer to General Fund	(5,000.00)
6/30/19 Closing Balance	<u>68,910.65</u>
<b>Wetlands Protection</b>	
7/01/18 Opening Balance	32,879.21
FY 2019 Receipts	2,130.00
FY 2019 Expenditures	0.00
6/30/19 Closing Balance	<u>35,009.21</u>
<b>Septic System Repairs</b>	
7/01/18 Opening Balance	94,541.08
FY 2018 Receipts	0.00
FY 2018 Expenditures	0.00
6/30/18 Closing Balance	<u>94,541.08</u>
<b>Insurance Proceeds</b>	
7/01/18 Opening Balance	2,600.85
FY 2019 Receipts	20,194.69
FY 2019 Expenditures	(22,795.54)
6/30/19 Closing Balance	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Wetlands By-Law Fees</b>	
7/01/18 Opening Balance	1,450.00
FY 2019 Receipts	300.00
FY 2019 Expenditures	0.00
6/30/19 Closing Balance	<u>1,750.00</u>
<b>State TNC Allotment (Reserved for Appropriation)</b>	
7/01/18 Opening Balance	551.50
FY 2019 Receipts	974.50
FY 2019 Expenditures	0.00
6/30/19 Closing Balance	<u>1,526.00</u>

<b>State Complete Streets Grant</b>	
7/01/18 Opening Balance	(34,966.68)
FY 2019 Receipts	34,966.68
FY 2019 Expenditures	0.00
6/30/19 Closing Balance	0.00
<b>State Community Engagement Grant</b>	
7/01/18 Opening Balance	10,001.67
FY 2019 Receipts	0.00
FY 2019 Expenditures	(10,001.67)
6/30/19 Closing Balance	0.00
<b>Police Vest Grant</b>	
7/01/18 Opening Balance	(1,515.00)
FY 2019 Receipts	1,335.00
FY 2019 Expenditures	(1,522.50)
6/30/19 Closing Balance	(1,702.50)
<b>County Econ &amp; Tourism (Reserved for Appropriation)</b>	
7/01/18 Opening Balance	18,675.00
FY 2019 Receipts	15,562.50
FY 2019 Transfer to General Fund	(18,675.00)
6/30/19 Closing Balance	15,562.50
<b>Gifts</b>	
7/01/18 Opening Balance	13,002.98
FY 2019 Receipts	7,486.50
FY 2019 Expenditures	(11,566.08)
6/30/19 Closing Balance	8,923.40
<b>Community Preservation Fund</b>	
7/01/18 Opening Balance	923,810.29
FY 2019 Receipts/Surcharge	446,731.30
FY 2019 Receipts/State Match	138,334.00
FY 2019 Receipts/Penalties & Interest	1,057.22
FY 2019 Receipts/Investment	18,546.96
FY 2019 Receipts/Tax Liens Redeemed	1,123.17
FY 2019 Receipts/Tax Liens Pen & Int	136.47
FY 2019 Expenditures	(386,753.57)
FY 2019 Transfer to Trust Funds	0.00
6/30/19 Closing Balance	1,142,985.84
<b>CAPITAL PROJECT</b>	
<b>Highway Building/Truck/HH Roof</b>	
7/01/18 Opening Balance	4,114.64
FY 2018 Old BAN Paid	(729,000.00)
FY 2018 New BAN Proceeds	630,500.00
FY 2018 Paydown from General Fund	98,500.00
FY 2018 Expenditures	0.00
6/30/18 Closing Balance	4,114.64

# **NON-EXPENDABLE TRUSTS**

<b>Perpetual Care</b>	
7/01/18 Opening Balance	54,790.00
6/30/18 Closing Balance	54,790.00
<b>F.E. Mayhew</b>	
7/01/18 Opening Balance	1,000.00
6/30/18 Closing Balance	1,000.00
<b>W.J. Rotch</b>	
7/01/18 Opening Balance	4,000.00
6/30/18 Closing Balance	4,000.00
<b>J.C. Martin</b>	
7/01/18 Opening Balance	200.00
6/30/18 Closing Balance	200.00
<b>P. Hancock</b>	
7/01/18 Opening Balance	5,343.45
6/30/18 Closing Balance	5,343.45

# **EXPENDABLE TRUSTS**

<b>Perpetual Care</b>	
7/01/18 Opening Balance	4,475.26
FY 2019 Interest Earned	1,358.55
FY 2019 Expenditures	0.00
6/30/19 Closing Balance	5,833.81
<b>F.E. Mayhew</b>	
7/01/18 Opening Balance	176.79
FY 2019 Interest Earned	14.75
FY 2019 Expenditures	0.00
6/30/19 Closing Balance	191.54
<b>W.J. Rotch</b>	
7/01/18 Opening Balance	690.67
FY 2019 Interest Earned	58.82
FY 2019 Expenditures	0.00
6/30/19 Closing Balance	749.49
<b>J.C. Martin</b>	
7/01/18 Opening Balance	76.53
FY 2019 Interest Earned	2.81
FY 2019 Expenditures	0.00
6/30/19 Closing Balance	79.34
<b>P. Hancock</b>	
7/01/18 Opening Balance	1,997.54
FY 2019 Interest Earned	74.35
FY 2019 Expenditures	0.00
6/30/19 Closing Balance	2,071.89
<b>Library Gift Fund</b>	
7/01/18 Opening Balance	12,361.18
FY 2019 Additions	4,094.26
FY 2019 Expenditures	0.00
6/30/19 Closing Balance	16,455.44



<b>Conservation Fund</b>	
7/01/18 Opening Balance	64,165.43
FY 2019 Interest Earned	649.90
6/30/19 Closing Balance	<u>64,815.33</u>
<b>Affordable Housing Trust Fund</b>	
7/01/18 Opening Balance	447,311.48
FY 2019 Receipts	0.00
FY 2019 Interest Earned	10,355.83
FY 2019 Transfer from CPA	0.00
FY 2019 Expenditures	(1,468.25)
6/30/19 Closing Balance	<u>456,199.06</u>
<b>Stabilization Fund</b>	
7/01/18 Opening Balance	508,319.23
FY 2019 Interest Earned	9,634.36
FY 2019 Transfer from General Fund	0.00
6/30/19 Closing Balance	<u>517,953.59</u>
<b>Stabilization Fund-Ambulance</b>	
7/01/18 Opening Balance	56,650.33
FY 2019 Interest Earned	1,295.56
FY 2019 Transfer to General Fund	0.00
6/30/19 Closing Balance	<u>57,945.89</u>
<b>Stabilization Fund-Fire Equip</b>	
7/01/18 Opening Balance	4,467.70
FY 2019 Interest Earned	158.34
FY 2019 Transfer to Capital Fund	0.00
6/30/19 Closing Balance	<u>4,626.04</u>
<b>Separation Benefits Reserve</b>	
7/01/18 Opening Balance	47,954.27
FY 2019 Interest Earned	999.69
FY 2019 Transfer From General Fund	20,000.00
FY 2019 Expenditures	0.00
6/30/19 Closing Balance	<u>68,953.96</u>
<b>Stabilization Fund-Building Maintenance</b>	
7/01/18 Opening Balance	36,574.45
FY 2019 Transfer From General Fund	0.00
FY 2019 Interest Earned	693.78
FY 2019 Transfer to General Fund	0.00
6/30/19 Closing Balance	<u>37,268.23</u>

#### AGENCY FUNDS

<b>Retiree &amp; Firefighters Benefits Contribution</b>	
7/01/18 Opening Balance	74.10
FY 2019 Receipts	78,271.71
FY 2019 Expenditures	(78,345.81)
6/30/19 Closing Balance	<u>0.00</u>

<b>Due to Police Special Detail</b>	
7/01/18 Opening Balance	(2,640.00)
FY 2019 Receipts	98,665.00
FY 2019 Expenditures	<u>(101,305.00)</u>
6/30/19 Closing Balance	(5,280.00)
<b>Due to Comm. of Mass.(PD Firearm Licenses)</b>	
7/01/18 Opening Balance	325.00
FY 2019 Receipts	4,087.50
FY 2019 Expenditures	<u>(3,700.00)</u>
6/30/19 Closing Balance	712.50
<b>Due to Deputy Collector</b>	
7/01/18 Opening Balance	0.00
FY 2019 Receipts	109,409.78
FY 2019 Expenditures	<u>(100,919.67)</u>
6/30/19 Closing Balance	8,490.11
<b>Due to Comm Of Mass F&amp;W (Town Clerk)</b>	
7/01/18 Opening Balance	(232.50)
FY 2019 Receipts	2,032.58
FY 2019 Payments	<u>(1,937.00)</u>
6/30/19 Closing Balance	(136.92)
<b>Consultants, Chap. 44, Sect. 53G</b>	
7/01/18 Opening Balance	7,045.62
FY 2019 Interest	71.35
FY 2019 Receipts	0.00
FY 2019 Expenditures	<u>0.00</u>
6/30/19 Closing Balance	7,116.97
<b>Misc Escrow</b>	
7/01/18 Opening Balance	50,543.04
FY 2019 Interest	511.83
FY 2019 Receipts	0.00
FY 2019 Expenditures	<u>0.00</u>
6/30/19 Closing Balance	51,054.87
<b>WT School Share of Solar Project</b>	
7/01/18 Opening Balance	(6,305.17)
FY 2019 Receipts	33,702.64
FY 2019 Expenditures	<u>(32,197.75)</u>
6/30/19 Closing Balance	(4,800.28)
<b>Due to Other Municipalities</b>	
7/01/18 Opening Balance	0.00
FY 2019 Receipts	311.81
FY 2019 Expenditures	<u>(261.81)</u>
6/30/19 Closing Balance	50.00

**TOWN OF WEST TISBURY**  
**PAYMENTS TO VENDORS (OVER \$2,000)**  
**July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Up-Island Regional School District	7,664,682.90	Educomp Inc.	66,672.69
MV Regional High School District	2,855,273.52	Foggy Bottom Company LLC	65,546.30
Rockland Trust	1,826,125.57	Cape & Vineyard Electric Coperative Inc.	58,016.97
Cape Cod Municipal Health Group	856,280.06	J and E Mechanical	57,000.00
US Bank	820,338.76	Baker & Taylor	54,066.40
Dukes County Contributory Retirement	762,677.61	MV Museum	51,116.19
Norwood Bank	743,176.01	Industrial Protection Services	45,782.46
EFTPS (Federal Withholding)	383,572.78	Richard T Olsen & Son Inc.	43,487.00
Town of Chilmark	363,691.18	Health Equity, Inc.	41,921.00
County of Dukes County	280,808.28	Lawrence Lynch Corp	41,644.48
MV Refuse District	236,728.56	MV Shellfish Group	38,000.00
Empower Retirement Services	223,887.56	MV Law Enforcement Council	34,954.11
Dukes County Pooled OPEB Trust	200,955.58	Reynolds Rappaport & Kaplan	33,241.94
MV Insurance Agency	195,369.50	Amazon	29,789.39
Cape Cod Five Cents Savings Bank	141,700.00	Haynes Plumbing & Caretaking Inc.	29,179.30
Comm of Mass (Withholding)	139,371.22	Adobe Cinema & Automation	24,282.67
MV Commission	134,082.00	MV Transit Authority	21,882.78
Island Housing Trust Corp	106,361.69	Clams Inc.	21,542.60
Dukes County Reg Housing Authority	105,923.00	Oakleaf Landscape Inc.	20,701.21
Colonial Municipal Group	97,350.50	Travis E Pachico	20,000.00
Island Water Source Inc.	86,410.00	Cafeteria Plan Advisors, Inc.	18,529.68

Name	Amount	Name	Amount
Christopher Keefe d/b/a daRosa Corporation	20,000.00	latman Bobrowski & Haverty, LLC	10,844.40
R E Brown & Company	17,433.96	Rise Engineering Inc.	10,727.35
MV Agricultural Society	17,000.00	Vineyard Land Surveying	10,650.00
Verizon Wireless	15,990.00	TDR Landscaping and Irrigation Inc.	10,500.00
Accela, Inc.	15,987.56	Keith M. Fenner	9,920.00
Thomas H. Colligan d/b/a Island Health Care Center	14,853.65	Vineyard Propane & Oil	9,723.87
United Rentals (NA) Inc.	14,531.15	Comcast Business	9,530.21
Nissan Motor Acceptance Corp	14,438.16	Plan B Construction Co LLC	9,355.00
Richard M. Hull	14,025.11	Factor Systems	8,652.01
R L Fullin & Daughters	13,947.50	Tyler Technologies, Inc.	8,499.70
Vineyard Baseball Inc.	13,374.06	John T. Cotterill III	8,340.97
Beth Kramer	13,350.00	Cronig's Market	8,232.61
MIIA Property & Casualty Group Inc.	13,335.11	Diane K. Braun	8,000.00
Associated Elevator Companies Inc.	13,315.00	Eversource	7,737.59
Nilton E. Desousa	12,393.00	Steamship Authority	7,732.00
Comcast	12,225.00	Bala   Tmp Consulting Engineers	7,656.00
Indian Hill Power Equipment	11,742.09	Clear Gov Inc.	7,500.00
AFLAC	11,640.27	Bardwell Electronics	7,245.00
MV Times	11,546.02	Hi-Way Safety Systems Inc.	7,221.96
Ellen M. Hutchinson, Law Office Of	11,386.58	West Tisbury Firefighter's Civic Assn	7,188.15
MV Inspections LLC	11,147.00	Overhead Door of Cape Cod	7,025.00
Daniel De Foe d/b/a	11,139.88	C & S Specialty Inc	6,519.35
BJ. Deb's Garage Inc.	11,100.00	Civicplus	6,496.67
	10,876.80	Dukes County Audio Visual	6,291.84
		Regency Police Supply	6,288.65

Name	Amount	Name	Amount
Mid-Island Repair Inc.	6,214.92	MV Community Services / IYC	4,189.00
Fort Dearborn Life	6,100.39	MV Chamber Music Society	4,157.00
City Hall Systems Inc.	6,000.00	Axon Enterprise Inc.	4,096.00
Pitney Bowes Postage Reserve Account	5,500.00	E. C. Cottle Inc.	4,084.52
Patriot Properties Inc.	5,500.00	Land By Hand	4,056.25
Savoie Electric	5,325.00	Clivus New England Inc.	3,931.00
LHS Associates Inc.	5,197.45	Bruce K Stone (Expense Reimb)	3,911.71
EBSCO	5,172.28	W B Mason Co Inc.	3,865.00
Verizon	5,169.95	Fire Tech & Safety	3,824.00
MC Clements Tree Service	5,050.00	Sharp Electronics Corporation	3,788.44
The Upton Group Ltd.	5,000.00	Dukes County Fire Chiefs Assn.	3,779.06
Lighthouse Payment Services Inc.	4,883.19	Axion Business Technologies	3,776.85
RM Packer Co Inc.	4,754.74	Human Resources Services, Inc.	3,750.00
Demco	4,729.58	Dept of Criminal Justice Info Serv.	3,700.00
Tisbury Printer	4,705.62	AT&T Mobility	3,695.42
Overdrive Inc.	4,695.68	New Horizon Communications	3,595.00
Coppola & Coppola	4,665.72	MV Film Festival	3,518.00
Goodale Construction Co Inc.	4,562.57	Napa Auto & Truck Parts	3,421.79
Kanta Lipsky	4,500.00	Joseph K Tierney Jr (Expense Reimb)	3,339.32
Carroll's MVRT Inc.	4,430.00	Vineyard Gazette	3,240.00
Vineyard Generator LLC	4,419.26	Vineyard Bottled Waters	3,221.38
Advanced Imaging Technologies Inc.	4,418.00	Boston Mutual Life Ins Co.	3,166.41
Kathleen Hoffman (Expense Reimb)	4,313.07	Office Resources Inc.	3,141.68
CAI Technologies	4,302.50	Angels Auto Body	3,133.41
Hewlett-Packard Financial Serv Co	4,192.37	Wenzels Auto Body & Glass	3,100.85

<b>Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Unibank Fiscal Advisory Services	3,100.00
Margaret Stone (Expense Reimb)	3,097.08
Vineyard Gardens Inc.	3,075.55
Lighthouse Payment Systems	3,046.47
Kanopy LLC	3,033.00
Bruno's Rolloff Inc.	3,030.00
MV Cultural Council	3,000.00
Municipal Police Training Committee	3,000.00
Beetlebung Tree Care	2,989.90
Cheryl Bryan	2,748.46
Russell V Hartenstine (Expense Reimb)	2,709.65
Wampanoag Environmental Lab	2,615.00
Dude Solutions Inc.	2,600.00
MV Library Assn.	2,571.00
Midwest Tape	2,561.43
L B Form Co.	2,500.00
Hobin & Hobin Inc.	2,478.00

<b>Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Ma	2,401.08
Carol L Aranzabe	2,400.00
New York Times	2,347.80
NCPERS Group Life Ins.	2,336.00
Abby Bender	2,322.00
Eric Johnson	2,300.00
Brynn Schaffner	2,284.81
Lillian C Province	2,262.84
Elizabeth Witham	2,248.00
Lampke & Lampke, Law Offices Of	2,211.77
Richard T Olsen (Expense Reimb)	2,195.48
Bulldog Fire Apparatus Inc.	2,156.00
Onsolve LLC	2,144.39
Vineyard Cash & Carry	2,107.95
Araujo Brothers Inc.	2,045.00
Island Grown Initiative	2,000.00

**TOWN OF WEST TISBURY  
EMPLOYEE WAGES  
July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Department/Position</b>	<b>Wages</b>	<b>OT/Holiday Stipends/Call</b>	<b>Paid Details</b>	<b>Total</b>
Gebo, Matthew	Police	90,716.80	40,808.86	16,467.50	147,993.16
Vieira, Garrison	Police	98,786.95	31,463.53	7,465.00	137,715.48
Mincone, Matthew	Police Chief	136,999.64			136,999.64
Rand, Jennifer	Town Administrator	128,493.79			128,493.79
Manter, Jeffrey	Police	122,574.07	353.58		122,927.65
Cortez, Bradley	Police	75,034.40	18,692.28	15,550.00	109,276.68
Rogers, Jeremie	Police	65,269.68	23,736.77	17,502.50	106,508.95
Kramer, Beth	Library	100,753.68			100,753.68
Stone, Bruce	Town Accountant	94,504.40			94,504.40
Stone, Bruce	Data Processing		1,650.00		1,650.00
Wojkielo, Nikolaj	Police	69,318.08	18,602.91	6,270.00	94,190.99
De Oliveira, Leomar	Police	86,913.41	4,512.98		91,426.39
Barnes, Dawn	Assessors	91,141.05			91,141.05
Logue, Katherine	Treasurer/Collector	89,716.59			89,716.59
Logue, Katherine	Data Processing		2,350.00		2,350.00
Tierney, Joseph	Inspector	88,423.29			88,423.29
Albertine, Joyce	Council on Aging	86,985.54			86,985.54
Hollinger, Philip	Police	58,844.10	5,910.80	3,960.00	68,714.90
Oliver, Jesse IV	Highway Foreman	67,106.11	1,299.48		68,405.59
Oliver, Jesse IV	Fire		3,350.00		3,350.00
Johnson, Omar	Health Agent	65,671.51			65,671.51
Decker, Cornelia	Library	65,521.11			65,521.11

Name	Department/Position	Wages	OT/Holiday Stipends/Call	Paid Details	Total
Sprague, Tammis	Assessors	62,887.22			62,887.22
Larsen, Tanya	Council on Aging	62,612.34			62,612.34
Whiting, Tara	Town Clerk	59,984.46	150.00		60,134.46
Coit, Laura E	Library	59,765.69			59,765.69
Thors, Pamela	Board of Appeals	58,752.00			58,752.00
Smith, Samantha	Police	56,140.64			56,140.64
Gouldrup, Daniel	Police	44,203.85	3,503.73	6,600.00	54,307.58
Rossi, Jane	Planning Board	51,822.30			51,822.30
Fisher, Jeffrey	Inspector	51,652.42			51,652.42
Estrella, Manuel III	Fire Chief		50,000.00		50,000.00
Cordray, B. Anthony	Animal Control	47,111.75	1,861.05		48,972.80
Cordray, B. Anthony	Fire		1,500.00		1,500.00
Hatt, Kevin	Highway Laborer	47,874.40			47,874.40
Rooney, Rachel	Library	47,722.56	54.79		47,777.35
Hammond, Bethany	Council on Aging	46,254.88			46,254.88
McFarland, Maria	Conservation Commission	45,790.20			45,790.20
McFarland, Maria	Personnel Board	6,029.72			6,029.72
McFarland, Maria	Board of Assessors		1,000.00		1,000.00
McFarland, Maria	Elections	93.50			93.50
Larsen, Olivia	Library	43,718.28			43,718.28
Hearn, Laura	Library	42,867.66			42,867.66
Chavez, Joan	Asst Treasurer/Collector	42,714.57			42,714.57
Demoe, Diane	Police	12,594.96	185.22	26,530.00	39,310.18
Stone, Margaret	Parks & Recreation	28,503.96			28,503.96
Haynes, Janice	Selectmen Office	27,613.21			27,613.21
Braillard, Diana	Council on Aging	26,987.52			26,987.52



<b>Name</b>	<b>Department/Position</b>	<b>Wages</b>	<b>OT/Holiday Stipends/Call</b>	<b>Paid Details</b>	<b>Total</b>
Olsen, Richard	Highway Superintendent		34,500.00		34,500.00
Colligan, Thomas	Inspector	24,205.00			24,205.00
Hall, Maureen	Library	16,460.87			16,460.87
Reynolds, Ellen	Council on Aging	15,096.14			15,096.14
Hartenstine, Russell	Emergency Management		14,790.00		14,790.00
Hartenstine, Russell	Fire		1,200.00		1,200.00
Leopold, Deirdre	Library	14,772.36			14,772.36
Neilley, Dorelyn	Library	14,646.92			14,646.92
Milstein, Emily	Library	14,360.28			14,360.28
Barton, Matthew	Library	14,084.47			14,084.47
Norton, Ginger	Library	13,250.74			13,250.74
Schroeder, Joseph	Parks & Recreation	13,053.95			13,053.95
Cotnoir, Charles	Council on Aging	12,645.36			12,645.36
Block, Susan	Health	12,369.28			12,369.28
Dietterich, Heidi	Community Preservation	11,760.86			11,760.86
Conley, Rhonda	Affordable Housing	10,365.18			10,365.18
Norris, Lucy	Parks & Recreation	10,334.14			10,334.14
Hoff, Amy Falvo	Library	10,258.54			10,258.54
Giancio, Michael	Inspector	10,200.00			10,200.00
Andrade, Kimberly	Animal Control	3,809.29	5,325.00		9,134.29
Cotterill, John III	Fire		9,000.00		9,000.00
Pachico, Gregory	Fire		9,000.00		9,000.00
Hoffman, Kathleen	Animal Control	5,031.76	3,825.00		8,856.76
Bettencourt, Connor	Police	6,967.80	396.90	960.00	8,324.70
Neville, Julia	Parks & Recreation	7,631.99			7,631.99
Smith, Olivia	Parks & Recreation	7,042.52			7,042.52

Name	Department/Position	Wages	OT/Holiday Stipends/Call	Paid Details	Total
Haynes, William	Inspector	6,480.00			6,480.00
Barlett, Alexandra	Parks & Recreation	5,988.19			5,988.19
Athearn, Hunter	Parks & Recreation	5,871.06			5,871.06
Meegan, Emily	Library	5,849.13			5,849.13
Gilpin, Louise	Library	5,789.82			5,789.82
Lakis, Natalija	Parks & Recreation	5,383.86			5,383.86
White, Lauraye	Library	5,324.46			5,324.46
Hoff, Chloe	Parks & Recreation	5,093.32			5,093.32
Pratt, Alexandra	Library	5,010.34			5,010.34
Mitchell, Cynthia	Board of Selectmen		5,000.00		5,000.00
Healy, Kent	Board of Selectmen		5,000.00		5,000.00
Gale, Raymond	Shellfish Warden		4,950.00		4,950.00
Girouard, John	Library	4,926.37			4,926.37
Neville, Leo	Parks & Recreation	4,918.32			4,918.32
Hall, Imani	Parks & Recreation	4,905.37			4,905.37
Oliver, Jacob	Seasonal Highway Laborer	4,885.16			4,885.16
Berman, David	Parks & Recreation	4,753.31			4,753.31
Stone, Matthew	Parks & Recreation	4,721.43			4,721.43
Stone, Barry	Inspector	4,585.00			4,585.00
Bradshaw, Maximilian	Police	4,351.20			4,351.20
Schaffner, Brynn	Fire		4,100.00		4,100.00
Bennett, Elliott	Library	4,042.39			4,042.39
Marzbanian, Wendy	Council on Aging	3,971.94			3,971.94
Taylor, Claudia	Library	3,768.63			3,768.63
Mastromonaco, Kenneth	Fire		3,500.00		3,500.00
Cranston, Samuel	Parks & Recreation	3,088.95			3,088.95

Name	Department/Position	Wages	OT/Holiday Stipends/Call	Paid Details	Total
West, Christopher	Emergency Management		3,060.00		3,060.00
West, Christopher	Fire		2,200.00		2,200.00
Serusa, Stephen	Fire		3,000.00		3,000.00
Hoy, John	Herring Warden		3,000.00		3,000.00
Dorr, Alexander	Fire		2,900.00		2,900.00
Alley, John	Cemetery	2,850.12			2,850.12
Walt, Galya	Parks & Recreation	2,813.44			2,813.44
GordonBeck, Alexander	Parks & Recreation	2,769.48			2,769.48
Hull, Richard	Fire		2,750.00		2,750.00
Medeiros, Eric	Fire		2,750.00		2,750.00
Taylor, Aubrey	Library	2,666.02			2,666.02
Malik, Rizwan	Library	2,641.70			2,641.70
Rivers, Marques	Fire		2,600.00		2,600.00
Olsen, Keith	Asst Highway Superintendent		2,500.00		2,500.00
Powers, John	Municipal Hearing Officer		2,500.00		2,500.00
Powers, John	Elections	172.00			172.00
Brown, Jeremiah	Tree Warden		2,500.00		2,500.00
De Geofroy, Louis	Fire		2,400.00		2,400.00
Estrella, Manuel IV	Fire		2,300.00		2,300.00
Bettencourt, Mark	Fire		2,250.00		2,250.00
Sigelman, Marlan	Library	2,171.76			2,171.76
Fontes, Michael	Fire		1,750.00		1,750.00
Wielor, Doris	Library	1,633.38			1,633.38
DeBlase, Glenn	Fire		1,500.00		1,500.00
Hennessey, Robert	Fire		1,350.00		1,350.00
Haynes, Bruce	Fire		1,300.00		1,300.00

<b>Name</b>	<b>Department/Position</b>	<b>Wages</b>	<b>OT/Holiday Stipends/Call</b>	<b>Paid Details</b>	<b>Total</b>
Marzbanian, Peter	Fire		1,300.00		1,300.00
Kemp, Brian	Parks & Recreation	1,252.68			1,252.68
Lowe, Erik	Fire		1,200.00		1,200.00
Lowe, Erik	Board of Health		1,000.00		1,000.00
Edwards, Kenneth	Fire		1,100.00		1,100.00
Haynes, Nathaniel	Fire		1,100.00		1,100.00
Shannon, John	Fire		1,100.00		1,100.00
White, Granville Jr	Fire		1,100.00		1,100.00
Cohen, Richard	Board of Assessors		1,000.00		1,000.00
Colaneri, Michael	Board of Assessors		1,000.00		1,000.00
Barnett, Timothy	Board of Health		1,000.00		1,000.00
Early, John	Fire		1,000.00		1,000.00
Jones, Virginia	Planning Board		1,000.00		1,000.00
Merry, Mathew	Planning Board		1,000.00		1,000.00
Phear, Beatrice	Planning Board		1,000.00		1,000.00
Smith, Leah	Planning Board		1,000.00		1,000.00
Christensen, John	Fire		950.00		950.00
Patel, Shivani	Finance Committee	916.74			916.74
Silva, Susan	Planning Board		890.00		890.00
Edwards, Clay	Fire		800.00		800.00
DaSilva, Elizabeth	Library	793.88			793.88
Van Nes, Hans	Board of Health		780.00		780.00
Chaves, Jose	Parks & Recreation	703.36			703.36
Wilson, Julianne	Parks & Recreation	703.36			703.36
Scott, Madeline	Fire		700.00		700.00
Chabouis Murtha, Caroline	Library	684.38			684.38

Name	Department/Position	Wages	OT/Holiday Stipends/Call	Paid Details	Total
Bettencourt, Connor	Fire		600.00		600.00
Medeiros, Evelyn	Fire		600.00		600.00
D'Angelo, Margaret	Library	547.51			547.51
Urbany-Joyce, Margo	Finance Committee	450.48			450.48
Montrowl, Dionis	Elections	418.00			418.00
Kaeka, Elizabeth	Fire		400.00		400.00
Waters, Daniel	Moderator		370.00		370.00
Culbert, Wendy	Library	346.75			346.75
Schwab, David	Inspector	255.00			255.00
Miller, Jessica	Board of Health		220.00		220.00
Oliveira, Carlos	Parks & Recreation	187.80			187.80
Amols, Lisa	Parks & Recreation Board		166.00		166.00
Bernard, Mark	Parks & Recreation Board		166.00		166.00
Hammond, Suzanne	Parks & Recreation Board		166.00		166.00
Lowe, Cheryl	Parks & Recreation Board		166.00		166.00
Fielder, Evan	Elections	161.00			161.00
Barnett, Timothy	Elections	148.00			148.00
Powers, Linda	Elections	138.75			138.75
Steere, Bonnie	Elections	136.00			136.00
Geller, Henry	Planning Board		110.00		110.00
Colaneri, Karen	Elections	92.00			92.00
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	Board of Registrars		50.00		50.00
Silber-Part, Isaac	Library	49.68			49.68
Schroeder, Whitney	Parks & Recreation	37.96			37.96

**TOWN OF WEST TISBURY  
APPROPRIATION ANALYSIS FY 2019**

	Balance Forwards as of 07/01/2018	Appropriations/ Transfers/	Revised Total Appropriations	Expenditures/ Charges	Forward 06/30/2019	Surplus Revenue 06/30/2019
<b>FY 2019 BUDGET</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	1,170.00		0.00
122-5110 Selectmen Salaries	15,000.00		15,000.00	10,000.00		5,000.00
122-5120 Selectmen Pers Serv	172,847.32		172,847.32	156,035.20		16,812.12
122-5700 Selectmen Expenses	25,400.00		25,400.00	20,913.75		4,486.25
124-5120 Municipal Hearing Officer	2,500.00		2,500.00	2,500.00		0.00
131-5120 FinCom Pers Serv	2,940.55		2,940.55	1,439.02		1,501.53
131-5700 FinCom Expenses	2,200.00		2,200.00	1,718.59		481.41
132-5700 Reserve Fund	46,000.00	(42,462.00)	3,538.00			3,538.00
133-5300 Annual Audit	17,000.00		17,000.00	17,000.00		0.00
135-5120 Accountant Pers Serv	94,521.43		94,521.43	94,504.40		17.03
135-5700 Accountant Expenses	1,720.00		1,720.00	1,609.56		110.44
141-5110 Assessors Salaries	3,000.00		3,000.00	3,000.00		0.00
141-5120 Assessors Pers Serv	154,568.04		154,568.04	154,028.27		539.77
141-5305 Assessors Legal	30,000.00		30,000.00	11,147.00		18,853.00
141-5700 Assessors Expenses	23,750.00		23,750.00	23,737.27		12.73
145-5120 Treasurer Pers Serv	133,728.47		133,728.47	132,431.16		1,297.31
145-5700 Treasurer Expenses	28,345.00		28,345.00	25,057.77		3,287.23
151-5300 Legal	40,000.00		40,000.00	31,002.71		8,997.29
152-5120 Personnel Bd Pers Serv	11,013.52		11,013.52	6,029.72		4,983.80
152-5700 Personnel Bd Expenses	800.00		800.00	493.94		306.06
155-5120 Data Proc Pers Serv	4,000.00		4,000.00	4,000.00		0.00
155-5700 Data Proc Expenses	87,165.00		87,165.00	72,883.86	13,995.00	286.14

	Balance Forwards as of 07/01/2018	Appropriations/ Transfers/	Revised Total Appropriations	Expenditures/ Charges	Forward 06/30/2019	Surplus Revenue 06/30/2019
158-5305 Tax Foreclosure Legal	6,250.00		6,250.00	5,752.40		497.60
158-5700 Tax Foreclosure	150.00		150.00	0.00		150.00
161-5110 Town Clerk Salaries	59,984.46		59,984.46	59,984.46		0.00
161-5700 Town Clerk Expenses	1,720.00		1,720.00	1,546.57		173.43
162-5120 Elections Pers Serv	3,304.00		3,304.00	1,359.25		1,944.75
162-5700 Elections Expenses	5,800.00		5,800.00	5,598.26		201.74
163-5120 Registrars Salaries	300.00		300.00	300.00		0.00
163-5700 Registrars Expenses	1,700.00		1,700.00	1,696.41		3.59
171-5120 ConCom Pers Serv	47,358.14		47,358.14	45,790.20		1,567.94
171-5700 ConCom Expenses	3,350.00		3,350.00	2,920.12		429.88
175-5110 Planning Bd Salaries	5,000.00		5,000.00	5,000.00		0.00
175-5120 Planning Bd Pers Serv	57,543.06		57,543.06	51,822.30		5,720.76
175-5700 Planning Bd Expenses	6,245.00		6,245.00	1,140.00		5,105.00
176-5120 ZBA Pers Serv	59,213.07		59,213.07	58,752.00		461.07
176-5305 ZBA Legal	4,000.00	10,000.00	14,000.00	12,838.80		1,161.20
176-5700 ZBA Expenses	3,725.00		3,725.00	3,723.27		1.73
177-5600 MV Commission	132,622.00		132,622.00	132,622.00		0.00
179-5120 AH Com Pers Serv	11,188.80		11,188.80	10,365.18		823.62
179-5700 AH Com Expenses	1,000.00		1,000.00	390.06		609.94
179-5305 AHC Legal	3,000.00		3,000.00	2,995.85		4.15
192-5700 Town Building Expenses	119,750.00	6,000.00	125,750.00	125,664.05		85.95
193-5700 Property Insurance	116,441.00		116,441.00	112,209.00		4,232.00
194-5700 Town Electric	47,160.00		47,160.00	27,691.35	10,519.49	8,949.16
195-5700 Town Report Expenses	6,500.00	1,410.00	7,910.00	7,910.00		0.00
196-5120 Town Clock Pers Serv	250.00		250.00	0.00		250.00
197-5600 DCRHA Administrative	42,447.00		42,447.00	42,447.00		0.00
Sub-total : General Government	1,644,040.86	(25,052.00)	1,618,988.86	1,491,590.75	24,514.49	102,883.62

	Balance Forwards as of 07/01/2018	Appropriations/ Transfers/	Revised Total Appropriations	Expenditures/ Charges	Forward 06/30/2019	Surplus Revenue 06/30/2019
<b>Public Safety</b>						
210-5120 Police Pers Serv	1,095,809.71		1,095,809.71	1,075,962.20		19,847.51
210-5700 Police Expenses	131,854.00		131,854.00	130,819.97	93.26	940.77
220-5120 Fire Pers Serv	144,500.00		144,500.00	122,650.00		21,850.00
220-5700 Fire Expenses	179,100.00	10,000.00	189,100.00	188,458.33		641.67
231-5600 Tri-Town Ambulance	363,691.18		363,691.18	363,691.18		0.00
241-5120 Bldg Inspect Pers Serv	193,311.86		193,311.86	185,800.71		7,511.15
241-5700 Bldg Inspect Expenses	15,925.00		15,925.00	10,221.05		5,703.95
291-5120 Emer Mgt Pers Serv	17,850.00		17,850.00	17,850.00		0.00
291-5700 Emer Mgt Expenses	7,805.00		7,805.00	4,854.04		2,950.96
292-5120 ACO Pers Serv	62,866.64	4,000.00	66,866.64	66,863.85		2.79
292-5700 ACO Expenses	9,150.00	3,600.00	12,750.00	11,392.19	114.65	1,243.16
293-5120 Herring Warden	3,000.00		3,000.00	3,000.00		0.00
293-5700 Herring Exoenses	1,200.00		1,200.00	0.00		1,200.00
294-5110 Tree Warden Salaries	2,500.00		2,500.00	2,500.00		0.00
294-5120 Tree Warden Pers Serv	1,320.00		1,320.00	1,280.00		40.00
294-5700 Tree Warden Expenses	11,200.00		11,200.00	7,764.90		3,435.10
297-5700 Insect Pest Control	500.00		500.00	0.00		500.00
298-5120 Shellfish Pers Serv	5,000.00		13,000.00	5,000.00		8,000.00
298-5700 Shellfish Expenses	4,550.00		4,550.00	4,532.44		17.56
299-5700 MV Shellfish Group	38,000.00		38,000.00	38,000.00		0.00
Sub-total : Public Safety	2,289,133.39	25,600.00	2,314,733.39	2,240,640.86	207.91	73,884.62
<b>Education</b>						
311-5600 Up-Island RSD	7,624,269.02		7,624,269.02	7,624,269.02		0.00
313-5600 MVRHS District	2,847,231.39		2,847,231.39	2,847,231.39		0.00
Sub-total : Education	10,471,500.41	0.00	10,471,500.41	10,471,500.41	0.00	0.00



	Balance Forwards as of 07/01/2018	Appropriations/ Transfers/	Revised Total Appropriations	Expenditures/ Charges	Forward 06/30/2019	Surplus Revenue 06/30/2019
<b>Public Works</b>						
421-5120 Super Streets Pers Srv	37,000.00		37,000.00	37,000.00		0.00
422-5120 Highway Pers Serv	112,149.41	9,200.00	121,349.41	121,165.15		184.26
422-5700 Highway Expenses	75,150.00		75,150.00	67,674.50	1,045.18	6,430.32
423-5700 Snow & Ice	65,000.00		65,000.00	52,990.52		12,009.48
424-5700 Street Lights	600.00		600.00	600.00		0.00
Sub-total : Public Works	289,899.41	9,200.00	299,099.41	279,430.17	1,045.18	18,624.06
<b>Sanitation</b>						
433-5120 Town Landfill Pers Serv	50.00		50.00	0.00		50.00
433-5600 Town Landfill Intergov	24,000.00		24,000.00	7,945.44		16,054.56
433-5700 Town Landfill Expenses	3,700.00		3,700.00	0.00		3,700.00
439-5600 MVRDRD Intergov	118,766.43		118,766.43	118,766.43		0.00
Sub-total : Sanitation	146,516.43	0.00	146,516.43	126,711.87	0.00	19,804.56
<b>Human Services</b>						
491-5120 Cemeteries Pers Serv	3,000.00		3,000.00	2,850.12		149.88
491-5700 Cemeteries Expenses	21,475.00		21,475.00	13,057.27		8,417.73
510-5110 BOH Salaries	3,000.00		3,000.00	3,000.00		0.00
510-5120 BOH Pers Serv	79,235.82		79,235.82	78,040.79		1,195.03
510-5700 BOH Expenses	14,142.00		14,142.00	14,104.34		37.66
522-5700 Health Services	18,100.00		18,100.00	17,929.16		170.84
525-5600 Vineyard Health Access	53,599.00		53,599.00	53,598.00		1.00
540-5700 MV Center for Living	85,524.00		85,524.00	85,524.00		0.00
541-5120 Upland COA Per Serv	274,942.09		274,942.09	254,515.80		20,426.29
541-5700 Upland COA Expense	20,700.00		20,700.00	15,270.00		5,430.00
543-5700 Veterans Benefits	14,000.00	4,750.00	18,750.00	17,721.70		1,028.30
Sub-total : Human Services	587,717.91	4,750.00	592,467.91	555,611.18	0.00	36,856.73

	Balance Forwards as of 07/01/2018	Appropriations/ Transfers/	Revised Total Appropriations	Expenditures/ Charges	Forward 06/30/2019	Surplus Revenue 06/30/2019
<b>Culture &amp; Recreation</b>						
610-5120 Library Pers Serv	499,667.65		499,667.65	496,570.78		3,096.87
610-5700 Library Expenses	247,550.00		247,550.00	247,133.98		416.02
620-5110 P&R Com Salaries	830.00		830.00	664.00		166.00
620-5120 P&R Pers Serv	26,013.46		26,013.46	25,939.02		74.44
620-5700 P&R Expenses	1,450.00		1,450.00	1,450.00		0.00
632-5120 Beaches Pers Serv	79,553.07		79,553.07	79,319.58		233.49
632-5700 Beaches Expenses	16,625.00		16,625.00	10,562.05		6,062.95
640-5120 Rec Programs Pers Serv	15,900.55		15,900.55	14,950.35		950.20
640-5700 Rec Programs Expenses	9,600.00		9,600.00	6,322.05	694.82	2,583.13
650-5700 Town Grounds	10,250.00		10,250.00	5,072.50		5,177.50
690-5700 Historic District	500.00		500.00	448.00		52.00
691-5700 Historical Commission	350.00		350.00	0.00		350.00
692-5600 Cultural Council	3,000.00		3,000.00	3,000.00		0.00
Sub-total : Culture & Recreation	911,289.73	0.00	911,289.73	891,432.31	694.82	19,162.60
<b>Debt Service</b>						
710-5910 Principal-Long Term	810,083.33		810,083.33	810,083.00		0.33
751-5915 Interest-Long Term	200,338.75		200,338.75	200,338.75		0.00
752-7925 Interest-Short Term	24,190.00		24,190.00	19,689.00		4,501.00
Sub-total : Debt Service	1,034,612.08	0.00	1,034,612.08	1,030,110.75	0.00	4,501.33
<b>Benefits</b>						
911-5170 County Retirement	501,305.00		501,305.00	501,305.00		0.00
912-5170 Workers Comp Ins	11,550.00	1,502.00	13,052.00	13,052.00		0.00
913-5170 Unemployment	3,000.00		3,000.00	1,890.20		1,109.80
914-5170 Health Insurance	895,000.00		895,000.00	824,908.28		70,091.72
915-5170 Life Insurance	2,625.00		2,625.00	2,367.33		257.67
916-5170 Employers Medicare	48,510.00		48,510.00	44,451.10		4,058.90

	Balance Forwards as of 07/01/2018	Appropriations/ Transfers/	Revised Total Appropriations	Expenditures/ Charges	Forward 06/30/2019	Surplus Revenue 06/30/2019
945-5740 Public Official Liability	16,361.10		16,361.10	16,338.00		23.10
Sub-total : Benefits	1,478,351.10	1,502.00	1,479,853.10	1,404,311.91	0.00	75,541.19
<b>TOTAL BUDGET ITEMS</b>	<b>18,853,061.32</b>	<b>16,000.00</b>	<b>18,869,061.32</b>	<b>18,491,340.21</b>	<b>26,462.40</b>	<b>351,258.71</b>
<b>FY 2019 WARRANT ARTICLES</b>						
ATM2018 5 Police Vehicle	44,215.00		44,215.00	43,777.20	437.80	0.00
ATM2018 6 Building Maintenance	100,000.00		100,000.00	50,376.30	49,623.70	0.00
ATM2018 8 Tiahs Cove Culvert	10,000.00		10,000.00	9,563.00	437.00	0.00
ATM2018 10 Station 1 Paving	75,000.00		75,000.00	34,543.57	40,456.43	0.00
ATM2018 11 Fire Command Vehicle	60,000.00		60,000.00	59,268.04	731.96	0.00
ATM2018 14 Adult Ed	12,590.00		12,590.00	8,042.13		4,547.87
ATM2018 15 W/T School Alarms	17,152.00		17,152.00	17,152.00		0.00
ATM2018 16 Ch School HVAC	23,261.88		23,261.88	23,261.88		0.00
ATM2018 17 Revaluation	24,000.00		24,000.00	0.00	24,000.00	0.00
ATM2018 18 County Social Services	7,852.00		7,852.00	7,852.00		0.00
ATM2018 19 County SUD Prevention	7,195.00		7,195.00	7,195.00		0.00
ATM2018 20 County CORE	11,512.00		11,512.00	11,512.00		0.00
ATM2018 21 County First Stop	6,835.00		6,835.00	6,835.00		0.00
ATM2018 22 County Healthy Aging	10,233.00		10,233.00	10,233.00		0.00
ATM2018 24 Comp Absence Reserve	20,000.00		20,000.00	20,000.00		0.00
ATM2018 25 County Debt	26,158.32		26,158.32	26,158.32		0.00
ATM2018 26 Collector Salary	68,886.00		68,886.00	0.00		68,886.00
ATM2019 09 Shellfish Dept Equiprment		18,675.00	18,675.00	0.00	18,675.00	0.00
ATM2019 12 Cemetery Headstone Repair		5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00
ATM2019 14 2019 Town Picnic		2,700.00	2,700.00	550.00	2,150.00	0.00
ATM2019 36 Personnel Class/Comp		18,000.00	18,000.00	2,700.00	15,300.00	0.00

	Balance Forwards as of 07/01/2018	Appropriations/ Transfers/	Revised Total Appropriations	Expenditures/ Charges	Forward 06/30/2019	Surplus Revenue 06/30/2019
ATM2019 37 Permitting Software		23,500.00	23,500.00	0.00	23,500.00	0.00
ATM2019 38 N Tisbury Wheelchair Access		5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL FY 2019 WARRANT ARTICLES</b>	<b>524,890.20</b>	<b>72,875.00</b>	<b>597,765.20</b>	<b>339,019.44</b>	<b>185,311.89</b>	<b>73,433.87</b>
<b>PRIOR YEAR BALANCE FORWARDS</b>						
FY2018 Encumbrances						
Data Processing Expenses	8,164.00		8,164.00	4,307.25		3,856.75
Building Dept Equipment	1,798.99		1,798.99	1,529.19		269.80
Electric Payable	2,882.26		2,882.26	2,882.26		0.00
Fire Dept Supplies	1,200.00		1,200.00	1,200.00		0.00
Board of Health Supplies	2,398.50		2,398.50	2,398.50		0.00
Sub-total : FY2018 Encumbrances	16,443.75		16,443.75	12,317.20		4,126.55
Prior Year Warrant Articles						
ATM2018 7 Fire Station #1 Water Tank	50,000.00		50,000.00	43,205.00		6,795.00
ATM2017 6 County Debt	3,006.00		3,006.00	3,006.00		0.00
ATM2016 Assessors Reval	18,425.62		18,425.62	13,500.00	4,925.62	0.00
ATM2017 Building Maintenance	35,711.25		35,711.25	9,355.00	26,356.25	0.00
ATM2015 Veteran Memorial	1,220.00		1,220.00	0.00	1,220.00	0.00
STM 11-2015 Howes House Repairs	7,150.00		7,150.00	0.00	7,150.00	0.00
STM 11-2015 Old County RD	4,000.00		4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00	0.00
ATM2016 Facilities Consultant	7,000.00		7,000.00	7,000.00		0.00
ATM2016 Building Maintenance	11,521.21		11,521.21	9,299.53	2,221.68	0.00
ATM2016 Landfill Swale Repair	10,000.00		10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.00
ATM2014 Personnel Comp Study	1,050.00		1,050.00	1,050.00		0.00
Police Station Balance	845.75		845.75	0.00	845.75	0.00

	Balance Forwards as of 07/01/2018	Appropriations/ Transfers/	Revised Total Appropriations	Expenditures/ Charges	Forward 06/30/2019	Surplus Revenue 06/30/2019
Road Resurfacing ATM 2012	51,951.14		51,951.14	7,100.91	44,850.23	0.00
Sub-total : Prior Year Warrant Articles	201,880.97		201,880.97	93,516.44	101,569.53	6,795.00
<b>TOTAL PRIOR YEAR BALANCE FORWARDS</b>	<b>218,324.72</b>		<b>218,324.72</b>	<b>105,833.64</b>	<b>101,569.53</b>	<b>10,921.55</b>
Other Budget Items						
Debt Service Int Raised on Recap			0.00			
State Cherry Sheet Assessments	195,048.00		195,048.00	193,440.00		1,608.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>19,791,324.24</b>	<b>88,875.00</b>	<b>19,880,199.24</b>	<b>19,129,633.29</b>	<b>313,343.82</b>	<b>437,222.13</b>

**Town of West Tisbury, Massachusetts**  
**Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups**  
**as of 30 June 2019**  
**(unaudited)**

	Governmental Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Types	Account Groups	Totals
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Trust & Agency	Long-term Obligations (Memorandum Only)
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	1,855,295	1,516,379	4,115	1,362,164	4,737,953
Receivables:					
Personal property taxes	27,508	6,466			33,974
Real estate taxes	260,635				260,635
Allowance for abatements and exemptions	(190,383)				(190,383)
Tax liens	15,893				16,171
Tax foreclosures	75,064				75,322
Motor vehicle excise	91,590				91,590
Due from other governments	72,570				72,570
Amounts to be provided - payment of bonds					7,933,917
Amounts to be provided - landfill post closure costs					63,000
Total Assets	2,208,171	1,523,382	4,115	1,362,164	13,094,749
<b><u>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</u></b>					
Liabilities:					
Warrants payable	93,998	16,802		6,480	117,280
Accrued payroll and withholdings	82,953	228			83,182

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Types	Account Groups	Totals
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects			
Other liabilities	34,190					34,190
Agency Funds						57,207
Deferred revenue:				57,207		
Real and personal property taxes	97,760	6,466				104,227
Prepaid taxes/fees	16,406	563				16,969
Tax liens	15,893	278				16,171
Tax foreclosures	75,064	258				75,322
Motor vehicle excise	91,590					91,590
Bonds payable					6,545,000	6,545,000
Notes payable					1,388,917	1,388,917
Landfill closure					63,000	63,000
Total Liabilities	507,855	24,595	0	63,687	7,996,917	8,593,054
Fund Equity:						
Reserved for encumbrances	26,462					26,462
Reserved for expenditures	550,000					550,000
Reserved for continuing appropriations	286,881	601,854				888,735
Reserved for premiums	17,687					17,687
Reserved fund balance	3,119	896,933	4,115	780,523		1,684,690
Undesignated fund balance	816,167			517,954		1,334,121
Total Fund Equity	1,700,317	1,498,787	4,115	1,298,477	0	4,501,695
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	2,208,171	1,523,382	4,115	1,362,164	7,996,917	13,094,749

**TOWN OF WEST TISBURY**  
**COMBINED BALANCE SHEETS BY FUND**  
as of June 2019

**GENERAL FUND**

Assets/Debit Balances		Liabilities/Fund Equity
Cash	1,855,294.68	
Real Estate Tax Receivables	260,634.92	Allowance Abatements & Exemptions
Personal Property Tax Receivables	27,507.99	Warrants Payable/Accounts Payable
Tax Liens	15,892.78	Warrants Payable/Payroll
MVE Tax Receivables	91,590.05	Deferred Revenue/FY 2020 RE Tax
Tax Foreclosures	75,063.66	Unclaimed Checks
Due From Commonwealth	72,570.00	Deferred Revenue/Property Taxes
		Deferred Revenue/Tax Liens
		Deferred Revenue/Tax Foreclosures
		Deferred Revenue/MVE
		Fund Balance/Encumbrances
		Fund Balance/Continuing Appropriations
		Fund Balance/Reserved for Expenditure
		Fund Balance/Reserved for Bond Premium
		Fund Balance/Reserved for Excluded Debt
		Undesignated Fund Balance
	<u>2,398,554.08</u>	<u>190,382.63</u>
		93,998.08
		82,953.27
		16,406.22
		34,190.27
		97,760.28
		15,892.78
		75,063.66
		91,590.05
		26,462.40
		286,881.42
		550,000.00
		17,687.00
		3,119.00
		816,167.02
		<u>2,398,554.08</u>



SPECIAL REVENUE		
Cash on Deposit	1,516,379.20	228.26
CPA Surcharge Receivables	6,466.27	16,801.71
CPA Surcharge Tax Liens Receivables	278.26	6,466.27
CPA - Tax Foreclosures	257.98	278.26
		257.98
		562.69
Warrants Payable/Payroll		
Warrants Payable/Accounts Payable		
Deferred Revenue CPA Surcharge		
Deferred Revenue CPA Tax Liens		
Deferred Revenue CPA Foreclosures		
Deferred FY2020 CPA June Receipts		
Fund Balances CPA:		
Fund Balance/Reserved for Appropriations		601,853.98
Fund Balance/Reserved for Open Space		50,000.00
Fund Balance/Reserved for Historic Presev		102,881.96
Fund Balance/Unrestricted		388,249.90
Fund Balances:		
Police Vest Grant		(1,702.50)
State Grant Emergency Management		205.00
State Regional Cultural Council		47,170.46
MV Fire Training Council Grant		27,119.08
Revolving Fund/Transfer Station		365.87
State TNC Receipts Reserved		1,526.00
State Green Community Grant		(13,772.38)
State EPM Grant		6,962.50
Library Troubadors		154.00
State Library LSTA		2,049.39
State Aid to Libraries		19,926.19
WT Library Foundation Gift		13,715.80
Library - Beagary/Morse Memorial		1,573.89

	Library Friends Grant	7,746.79	
	Library-Brannen/Hemberger Grant	787.70	
	Library-Biber Foundatoin	17,276.07	
	Sale of Cemetery Plots Reserved	68,910.65	
	Septic Systems Repair	94,541.08	
	Wetlands Protection	35,009.21	
	Revolving Fund/Wetlands By-Law Fees	1,750.00	
	Duke Cty/C&I Tourism - Econ Develop	15,562.50	
	Gift	5,148.40	
	Gift Fund-Council on Aging Designated	3,775.00	
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			1,523,381.71

#### CAPITAL PROJECTS

Cash			
	Warrant Payable	0.00	
	Balance Authorized for Highway Building	3,925.64	
	Balance Authorized for Highway Truck	189.00	
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			4,114.64

#### NON-EXPENDABLE TRUSTS

Cash			
	Fund Balance/Cemetery Funds	59,790.00	
	Fund Balance/Library Funds	5,543.45	
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			65,333.45

# EXPENDABLE TRUSTS

Cash	1,233,143.61	Warrants Payable	0.00
		Fund Balance/Stabilization	517,953.59
		Fund Balance/Stabilization-Ambulance	57,945.89
		Fund Balance/Stabilization-Bldg Maint	37,268.23
		Fund Balance/Stabilization-Fire Department	4,626.04
		Fund Balance/Terminated Emp Reserve	68,953.96
		Fund Balance/Cemeteries	6,774.84
		Fund Balance/Affordable Housing Trust	456,199.06
		Fund Balance/Libraries	18,606.67
		Fund Balance/Conservation	64,815.33
	<u>1,233,143.61</u>		<u>1,233,143.61</u>

# AGENCY

Cash	63,687.20	Warrants Payable/Payroll Payable	6,480.00
		Agency Balance/Police Details	(5,280.00)
		Agency Balance/Deputy Collector	8,490.11
		Agency Balance/Licenses Town Clerk	(136.97)
		Agency Balance/Police Firarms to State	712.50
		Agency Balance/Escrow Account	51,054.87
		Agency Balance/Consultants(44-53G)	7,116.97
		Agency Balance/School PPA due CVEC	(4,800.28)
		Agency Balance/Due to Other Libraries	50.00
	<u>63,687.20</u>		<u>63,687.20</u>

**LONG TERM DEBT/OBLIGATIONS**

Bonds Authorized			
Amts to be Provided for Retirement of Long Term Obligations	0.00	Bond Authorized and Unissued	0.00
Amts to be Provided for Landfill Post Closure Costs	6,545,000.00	Bonds Payable	6,545,000.00
Amts to be Provided for Retirement of Short Term Obligations	63,000.00	Landfill Closure & Post Closure Costs	63,000.00
	1,388,917.00	BANS Payable	1,388,917.00

**SCHEDULE OF DEBT OUTSTANDING, ISSUED, AND RETIRED**  
**July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019**

	Balance 06/30/2018	Issued FY 2019	Retired FY 2019	Balance 06/30/2019	Interest Paid FY 2019
<b><u>Long Term Debt</u></b>					
Town Hall Renovation	2,560,000.00		235,000.00	2,325,000.00	80,481.26
Library Renovation	1,100,000.00		100,000.00	1,000,000.00	25,275.00
Police Station Construction	1,945,000.00		125,000.00	1,820,000.00	60,100.00
Reconstruction of Roads	1,560,000.00		160,000.00	1,400,000.00	34,482.50
<b>Total - Long Term Debt</b>	<b>7,165,000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>620,000.00</b>	<b>6,545,000.00</b>	<b>200,338.76</b>
<b><u>Short Term Debt</u></b>					
Highway Garage/Highway Truck/Howes House	638,000.00		79,750.00	558,250.00	12,406.44
Howes House Roof	47,200.00		15,733.00	31,467.00	917.84
Highway Dump Truck	43,800.00		14,600.00	29,200.00	851.73
Scott's Grove Affordable Housing Project	500,000.00		50,000.00	450,000.00	6,500.00
Fire Department Pumper Truck	400,000.00		80,000.00	320,000.00	5,200.00
<b>Total - Short Term Debt</b>	<b>1,629,000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>240,083.00</b>	<b>1,388,917.00</b>	<b>25,876.01</b>
<b><u>Bonds Authorized and Unissued</u></b>					
None					

**SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS**  
**July 1, 2019 - December 31, 2019**

	Appropriation/ Balance Forward	Year To Date	Appropriation Balance
<b>FY 2020 BUDGET</b>			
General Government			
114-5110 Moderator Salary	370.00	185.00	185.00
114-5700 Moderator Expenses	1,170.00	0.00	1,170.00
114-5305 Moderator Legal	500.00	0.00	500.00
122-5110 Selectmen Salaries	10,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
122-5120 Selectmen Pers Serv	164,276.47	76,707.91	87,568.56
122-5700 Selectmen Expenses	31,500.00	13,499.57	18,000.43
124-5120 Municipal Hearing Officer	2,500.00	1,250.00	1,250.00
131-5120 FinCom Pers Serv	2,727.80	379.52	2,348.28
131-5700 FinCom Expenses	2,200.00	535.00	1,665.00
132-5700 Reserve Fund	37,022.00	0.00	37,022.00
133-5300 Annual Audit	17,000.00	0.00	17,000.00
135-5120 Accountant Pers Serv	96,712.13	44,987.99	51,724.14
135-5700 Accountant Expenses	1,695.00	83.49	1,611.51
141-5110 Assessors Salaries	3,000.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
141-5120 Assessors Pers Serv	158,693.02	75,356.29	83,336.73
141-5305 Assessors Legal	30,000.00	0.00	30,000.00
141-5700 Assessors Expenses	23,550.00	13,687.58	9,862.42
145-5120 Treasurer Pers Serv	143,167.36	67,685.62	75,481.74
145-5700 Treasurer Expenses	27,930.00	6,512.93	21,417.07
151-5305 Legal	40,000.00	4,981.30	35,018.70
152-5120 Personnel Bd Pers Serv	11,266.43	3,967.50	7,298.93
152-5700 Personnel Bd Expenses	800.00	279.91	520.09
155-5120 Data Proc Pers Serv	4,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
155-5700 Data Proc Expenses	95,747.00	53,291.08	42,455.92
158-5305 Tax Foreclosure Legal	6,250.00	300.00	5,950.00
158-5700 Tax Foreclosure	150.00	0.00	150.00
161-5110 Town Clerk Salaries	61,342.05	30,671.03	30,671.02
161-5700 Town Clerk Expenses	1,800.00	616.96	1,183.04
162-5120 Elections Pers Serv	2,694.75	0.00	2,694.75
162-5700 Elections Expenses	4,400.00	0.00	4,400.00
163-5120 Registrars Salaries	300.00	75.00	225.00
163-5700 Registrars Expenses	1,700.00	0.00	1,700.00
171-5120 ConCom Pers Serv	48,445.65	21,752.48	26,693.17
171-5700 ConCom Expenses	3,350.00	1,315.63	2,034.37
175-5110 Planning Bd Salaries	5,000.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
175-5120 Planning Bd Pers Serv	59,122.22	26,706.76	32,415.46
175-5700 Planning Bd Expenses	6,145.00	532.59	5,612.41
176-5120 ZBA Pers Serv	63,926.01	29,006.25	34,919.76
176-5305 ZBA Legal	4,000.00	931.00	3,069.00
176-5700 ZBA Expenses	3,725.00	2,717.47	1,007.53
177-5600 MV Commission	133,285.00	133,285.00	0.00
179-5120 AH Com Pers Serv	13,351.80	5,507.62	7,844.18
179-5700 AH Com Expenses	1,000.00	153.00	847.00

	Appropriation/ Balance Forward	Year To Date	Appropriation Balance
179-5305 AHC Legal	3,000.00	992.25	2,007.75
192-5700 Town Hall Expenses	142,300.00	48,176.66	94,123.34
193-5700 Property Insurance	116,000.00	96,099.00	19,901.00
194-5700 Town Electric	43,460.00	16,342.13	27,117.87
195-5700 Town Report Expenses	6,825.00	0.00	6,825.00
196-5120 Town Clock Pers Serv	250.00	0.00	250.00
197-5600 DCRHA Administrative	49,295.00	49,295.00	0.00
Sub-total : General Government	1,686,944.69	838,866.52	848,078.17
Public Safety			
210-5120 Police Pers Serv	1,109,080.85	524,052.25	585,028.60
210-5700 Police Expenses	134,300.00	90,171.64	44,128.36
220-5120 Fire Pers Serv	157,000.00	60,675.04	96,324.96
220-5700 Fire Expenses	184,100.00	82,308.61	101,791.39
231-5600 Tri-Town Ambulance	371,290.03	371,290.03	0.00
241-5120 Bldg Inspect Pers Serv	202,717.74	93,888.57	108,829.17
241-5700 Bldg Inspect Expenses	13,450.00	3,666.48	9,783.52
291-5120 Emer Mgmnt Pers Serv	18,207.00	9,103.50	9,103.50
291-5700 Emergency Managment	7,805.00	589.84	7,215.16
292-5120 ACO Pers Serv	65,602.18	32,699.42	32,902.76
292-5700 ACO Expenses	8,005.00	3,742.93	4,262.07
293-5120 Herring Warden Pers Serv	3,000.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
293-5700 Hering Warden Expenses	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00
294-5110 Tree Warden Salaries	2,500.00	1,250.00	1,250.00
294-5120 Tree Warden Expenses	1,440.00	0.00	1,440.00
294-5700 Tree Warden Expenses	12,000.00	925.00	11,075.00
297-5700 Insect Pest Control	500.00	0.00	500.00
298-5120 Shellfish Dept Pers Serv	23,976.00	5,377.82	18,598.18
298-5700 Shellfish Dept Expenses	11,100.00	3,499.41	7,600.59
299-5700 MV Shellfish Group	38,000.00	38,000.00	0.00
Sub-total : Public Safety	2,365,273.80	1,322,740.54	1,042,533.26
Education			
311-5600 Up-Island RSD	8,126,902.62	4,063,451.30	4,063,451.32
313-5600 MVRHS District	2,510,113.57	1,255,056.79	1,255,056.78
Sub-total : Education	10,637,016.19	5,318,508.09	5,318,508.10
Public Works			
421-5120 Super Streets Pers Serv	44,500.00	22,250.00	22,250.00
422-5120 Highway Pers Serv	140,437.05	65,053.32	75,383.73
422-5700 Highway Expenses	78,050.00	23,242.62	54,807.38
423-5700 Snow & Ice	70,000.00	7,785.00	62,215.00
424-5700 Street Lights	700.00	0.00	700.00
Sub-total : Public Works	333,687.05	118,330.94	215,356.11
Sanitation			
433-5120 Town LDO Pers Serv	50.00	0.00	50.00
433-5600 Town LDO Intergov	20,000.00	0.00	20,000.00
433-5700 Town LDO Expenses	3,000.00	1,148.63	1,851.37
439-5600 MVRDRRD Intergov	121,863.19	60,931.54	60,931.65
Sub-total : Sanitation	144,913.19	62,080.17	82,833.02

	Appropriation/ Balance Forward	Year To Date	Appropriation Balance
Human Services			
491-5120 Cemeteries Pers Serv	3,000.00	950.04	2,049.96
491-5700 Cemeteries Expenses	21,800.00	7,014.52	14,785.48
510-5110 BOH Salaries	3,000.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
510-5120 BOH Pers Serv	83,684.38	39,114.69	44,569.69
510-5700 BOH Expenses	13,722.00	3,955.11	9,766.89
522-5700 Health Services	17,500.00	6,271.60	11,228.40
525-5600 Vineyard Health Care Access	52,718.00	26,359.00	26,359.00
540-5700 MV Center for Living	84,535.34	42,268.00	42,267.34
541-5120 UpIsland COA Per Serv	274,310.95	123,744.42	150,566.53
541-5700 UpIsland COA Expense	19,850.00	6,664.27	13,185.73
543-5700 Veterans Benefits	20,000.00	8,835.97	11,164.03
Sub-total : Human Services	594,120.67	266,677.62	327,443.05
Culture & Recreation			
610-5120 Library Pers Serv	504,473.93	264,569.07	239,904.86
610-5700 Library Expenses	249,900.00	113,558.88	136,341.12
620-5110 P&R Com Salaries	830.00	332.00	498.00
620-5120 P&R Pers Serv	28,828.38	12,156.42	16,671.96
620-5700 P&R Expenses	1,450.00	688.46	761.54
632-5120 Beaches Pers Serv	80,910.35	62,498.41	18,411.94
632-5700 Beaches Expenses	16,625.00	5,450.73	11,174.27
640-5120 Rec Programs Pers Serv	16,238.32	10,168.16	6,070.16
640-5700 Rec Programs Expenses	10,100.00	3,798.14	6,301.86
650-5700 Town Grounds	10,250.00	2,293.96	7,956.04
691-5700 Historical Commission	350.00	0.00	350.00
690-5700 Historic District	500.00	119.00	381.00
692-5600 MV Cultural Council	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00
Sub-total : Culture & Recreation	923,955.98	479,133.23	444,822.75
Debt Service			
710-5910 Principal-Long Term	810,085.00	575,000.00	235,085.00
751-5915 Interest-Long Term	185,590.00	95,856.88	89,733.12
752-7925 Interest-Short Term	27,278.00	8,288.00	18,990.00
Sub-total : Debt Service	1,022,953.00	679,144.88	343,808.12
Benefits			
911-5170 County Retirement	518,240.00	518,240.00	0.00
912-5170 Workers Comp Ins	14,978.00	14,978.00	0.00
913-5170 Unemployment	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
914-5170 Health Insurance	921,000.00	419,923.29	501,076.71
915-5170 Life Insurance	2,700.00	1,209.62	1,490.38
916-5170 Employers Medicare	50,500.00	24,898.70	25,601.30
945-5740 Public Official Liability	17,500.00	17,193.00	307.00
Sub-total : Benefits	1,527,918.00	996,442.61	531,475.39
<b>TOTAL BUDGET ITEMS</b>	<b>19,236,782.57</b>	<b>10,081,924.60</b>	<b>9,154,857.97</b>
<b>FY 2020 STATE CHERRY SHEET ASSESSMENTS</b>			
820-5600 State-Air Pollution	2,996.00	1,500.00	1,496.00
821-5600 State-RTA	126,603.00	63,306.00	63,297.00



	Appropriation/ Balance Forward	Year To Date	Appropriation Balance
824-5600 State Non-Renew MVE	6,420.00	2,814.00	3,606.00
830-5600 County Assessment	61,410.00	30,696.00	30,714.00
<b>TOTAL FY 2020</b>			
<b>CHERRY SHEET ASSESSMENTS</b>	<b>197,429.00</b>	<b>98,316.00</b>	<b>99,113.00</b>
<b>FY 2020 WARRANT ARTICLES</b>			
ATM2019 08 Building Maintenance	50,000.00	0.00	50,000.00
ATM2019 11 Police Vehicle	30,000.00	821.73	29,178.27
ATM2019 13 Town Phone Upgrade	60,000.00	0.00	60,000.00
ATM2019 16 Town AWD Vehicle	22,000.00	0.00	22,000.00
ATM2019 18 Assessor Revaluation	24,000.00	0.00	24,000.00
ATM2019 32 Compensated Absences	20,000.00	0.00	20,000.00
ATM2019 39 Voting Machine	7,000.00	0.00	7,000.00
ATM2019 07 County-Communications	32,484.21	0.00	32,484.21
ATM2019 26 County-Social Services	7,492.00	7,492.00	0.00
ATM2019 27 County-SUD Prevention	4,495.00	4,495.00	0.00
ATM2019 28 County-CORE	11,416.00	11,416.00	0.00
ATM2019 29 County-First Stop	4,467.00	4,467.00	0.00
ATM2019 30 County-Healthy Aging	9,767.00	9,767.00	0.00
ATM2019 33 County-OPEB	12,450.00	12,450.00	0.00
ATM2019 34 County-Building Debt	28,496.88	2,224.44	26,272.44
ATM2019 15 School-Adult Education	9,995.00	8,881.02	1,113.98
ATM2019 17 High School-Super Bldg	138,138.83	0.00	138,138.83
ATM2019 45 School-Youth Task Force	14,280.00	14,240.02	39.98
ATM2019 46 UIRSD-Ch Windows	19,725.00	0.00	19,725.00
ATM2019 47 UIRSD-Ch Floors	1,875.00	0.00	1,875.00
ATM2019 48 UIRSD-WT Bell Wing	91,016.00	0.00	91,016.00
ATM2019 49 UIRSD-WT Decks	75,056.00	0.00	75,056.00
ATM2019 50 UIRSD-Lot Design	16,000.00	0.00	16,000.00
<b>TOTAL FY 2020</b>			
<b>WARRANT ARTICLES</b>	<b>690,153.92</b>	<b>76,254.21</b>	<b>613,899.71</b>
<b>PRIOR YEAR BALANCE FORWARDS</b>			
FY2019 Encumbrances			
FY19 Data Processing Server	7,500.00	6,707.23	792.77
FY19 Data Processing Workstations	6,495.00	0.00	6,495.00
FY19 WTPD Office Supplies	93.26	93.26	0.00
FY19 Park & Rec Supplies	694.82	694.82	0.00
FY19 Animal Control Fuel	114.65	114.65	0.00
FY19 CVEC Electric	460.69	460.69	0.00
FY19 CVEC Electric	10,058.80	10,058.80	0.00
FY19 Indian Hill Hwy	1,045.18	1,045.18	0.00
Sub-total : FY2019 Encumbrances	26,462.40	19,174.63	7,287.77
Prior Year Warrant Articles			
ATM2018 5 Police Vehicle	437.80	0.00	437.80
ATM2018 6 Building Maintenance	49,623.70	32,154.75	17,468.95
ATM2018 8 Tiahs Coive Culvert	437.00	0.00	437.00

	Appropriation/ Balance Forward	Year To Date	Appropriation Balance
ATM2018 10 Station 1 Paving	40,456.43	0.00	40,456.43
ATM2018 11 Fire Command Vehicle	731.96	0.00	731.96
ATM2018 17 Revaluation	24,000.00	8,074.38	15,925.62
ATM2019 10 Shelffish Equipment	18,675.00	12,621.46	6,053.54
ATM2019 12 Cemetery Headstones	5,000.00	450.00	4,550.00
ATM2019 14 2019 Town Picnic	2,150.00	2,150.00	0.00
ATM2019 36 Personnel Study	15,300.00	11,250.00	4,050.00
ATM2019 37 Permitting Software	23,500.00	4,909.60	18,590.40
ATM2019 38 N Tisbury Wheelchair Access	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
ATM2016 Assessors Reval	4,925.62	4,925.62	0.00
ATM2017 Building Maintenance	26,356.25	26,356.25	0.00
ATM2015 Veteran Monument	1,220.00	0.00	1,220.00
STM 11-2015 Howes House Repairs	7,150.00	317.98	6,832.02
STM 11-2015 Old County RD Streetlight	4,000.00	483.00	3,517.00
ATM2016 Building Maintenance	2,221.68	0.00	2,221.68
ATM2016 Landfill Swale Repair	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00
Road Reconstruction ATM 2012	44,850.23	0.00	44,850.23
Police Station Balance	845.75	0.00	845.75
Sub-total : Prior Year Warrant Articles	286,881.42	103,693.04	183,188.38
<b>TOTAL PRIOR YEAR</b>			
<b>BALANCE FORWARDS</b>	<b>313,343.82</b>	<b>122,867.67</b>	<b>190,476.15</b>

## **REPORT OF THE TREASURER/COLLECTOR**

### **JUNE 30, 2019**

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To the Selectmen and Citizens of West Tisbury:

The Town began the fiscal year with \$7,165,000 in outstanding long-term direct debt; we retired \$620,000 in principal, so the year ended with \$6,545,000 in outstanding long-term direct debt. We paid down \$240,083 on our short-term debt, so rolled \$1,388,917 into the following fiscal year. In addition, the town shares responsibility for regional debt through entities such as the county, school and refuse districts. I invite you to review the annual report of the Capital Improvements Planning Committee for a projection of future capital spending, including projected borrowing.

We continued to receive substantial payments on parcels in tax title foreclosure, with a number of taxpayers paying regularly on payment plan agreements. The fiscal year began with 8 parcels with tax liens; 8 parcels had new tax liens recorded; 10 parcels were paid off entirely. One was foreclosed but then paid off; the fiscal year ended with tax liens on 6 parcels.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Logue  
Treasurer/Collector

#### **BALANCE IN CASH AND INVESTMENT**

<b>ACCOUNTS AS OF JUNE 30, 2018:</b>	<b>5,198,586.11</b>
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#### **RECEIPTS:**

Total Receipts	\$20,197,648.89
(including taxes, interest and other investment income, bond proceeds, and departmental and miscellaneous receipts)	

#### **EXPENDITURES:**

Orders of Selectmen	(\$20,660,609.88)	
Less Voided Checks	\$2,327.66	
Net Expenditures:		(\$20,658,282.22)
<b>BALANCE IN CASH AND INVESTMENT</b>		
<b>ACCOUNTS AS OF JUNE 30, 2019:</b>		<b>\$4,737,952.78</b>

**REPORT OF ASSETS  
JUNE 30, 2019**

**CASH/CHECKS IN OFFICE:** **\$27,423.91**

**CHECKING ACCOUNT:** **\$170,103.90**

**SAVINGS/NOW ACCOUNTS:**

Deputy Collector	\$8,183.70
Library Postage	\$308.80
Permitting/Licensing	2,649.79

**SUBTOTAL, SAVINGS/NOW ACCOUNTS:** **\$11,142.29**

**MONEY MARKET AND OTHER INVESTMENTS:**

Affordable Housing Trust Fund	\$457,409.38
Ambulance Stabilization Fund	57,945.89
Bond Proceeds	1,049.69
Building Maintenance Stabilization Fund	37,268.23
Capital Projects (Short-Term Borrowing)	56,711.60
Community Preservation Fund	1,143,918.32
Conservation Fund	64,815.33
Escrow Account (Projects)	51,045.85
Fire Equipment Stabilization Fund	4,626.04
Floss E. Mayhew Fund (Cemetery)	1,191.54
ICS Investment	1,687,325.46
Investment Money Market	214,397.82
Jessie C. Martin Fund (Library)	279.34
Library Gift Fund	36,455.44
M. V. Regional Cultural Council	48,033.58
Perpetual Care (Cemetery)	60,623.81
Priscilla Hancock Fund (Library)	7,415.34
Project Review/53G Account	7,112.98
Stabilization Fund (Undesignated)	517,953.59
Tax Revenue Lockbox	0.00
Terminated Employees Compensated Absence	68,953.96
William T. Rotch Fund (Cemetery)	4,749.49

**SUBTOTAL, INVESTMENTS:** **\$4,529,282.68**

**TOTAL CASH AND INVESTMENTS:** **\$4,737,952.78**

**REPORT OF TAX COLLECTIONS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2019**

**REAL ESTATE TAXES**

Tax Receivables Balance at 6/30/2018	\$217,179.77
Tax Commitments Added	16,926,333.21
Tax Payments Received	(16,875,558.20)
Abatements/Exemptions/Refunds	(17,822.50)
Tax Receivables Balance at 6/30/2019	250,132.28

**PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES**

Tax Receivables Balance at 6/30/2018	46,713.80
Tax Commitments Added	266,471.55
Tax Payments Received	(271,430.39)
Abatements/Exemptions/Refunds	(14,246.97)
Tax Receivables Balance at 6/30/2019	27,507.99

**MOTOR VEHICLE/EXCISE TAXES**

Tax Receivables Balance at 6/30/2018	197,826.63
Tax Commitments Added	556,887.12
Tax Payments Received	(581,018.06)
Abatements/Exemptions/Refunds	(82,105.64)
Tax Receivables Balance at 6/30/2019	91,590.05

**TAX TITLE/LIEN PAYMENTS**

Tax Receivables Balance at 6/30/2018	29,120.04
Taxes Transferred to Tax Title	35,684.71
Tax Lien Payments Received	(48,633.71)
Disclaimed/Foreclosed/Other	0.00
Tax Receivables Balance at 6/30/2019	16,171.04

**TOTAL RECEIVABLES AT 6/30/2019:           \$385,401.36**

**INTEREST AND FEE REVENUE RECEIVED**

Real Estate Interest/Fees	46,067.73
Personal Property Interest/Fees	6,423.54
Excise Interest/Fees	17,364.14
Tax Title/Lien Interest/Fees	20,165.60

**TOTAL INTEREST/FEES:                   \$90,021.01**

## **REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN**

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Hello Again,

And another year goes by, but it was a relatively slow year, tree wise with no major issues. We can consider that a good thing.

This year's main topic seemed to be the trees on Music Street -Panhandle Rd. Everyone has an opinion, some of them quite strong. As with most issues the Towns folk are very divided. I'm sure we always can come up with a solution. For now, we are holding off and waiting to see how the trees hold out.

At the end of the year, in November and December I witnessed and received many reports of the Winter Moths. I am hoping this does not mean another major caterpillar attack and I will be watching!

Some of the work that was done this past year includes:

- 17 dead trees removed
- 12 phone calls from town residents with questions or concerns
- 2 site visits
- 1 day of pruning work

As always, my thanks go out to Jen, Jessie and Richie who work with me to deal with the issues that come up; The West Tisbury Police Department and other officers who work details to keep the roads safe. And thanks to the local Landscapers for their time providing bids and getting the actual hard work done!

Again, I am happy to serve and look forward to the next year's challenges.

Sincerely,

Jeremiah Brown  
Tree Warden

## 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 Bradley Carroll (Chilmark) and David Marinelli (Oak Bluffs), to the squad. They have been a great addition so far.
- In January, we helped deliver the first baby of the New Year, in our ambulance while in-route to the hospital. It was a joyous and exciting event for the crew involved.
- In February, one of our crews assisted Oak Bluffs Fire/EMS with a call in which CPR was in progress. Due to the excellent work of all the providers on that call, we are happy to report that the Patient recovered fully. We are very proud of our crew for their great assist.
- 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, 2019:

Total Ambulance Runs: **394**

- West Tisbury: **229** Ambulance Runs (58.12% of total ambulance runs)
  - Medical Emergencies: **206**
  - Motor Vehicle Accidents: **17**
  - Fire Standby: **6**
- Chilmark: **117** Ambulance Runs (29.69%)
  - Medical Emergencies: **107**
  - Motor Vehicle Accidents: **8**
  - Fire Standby: **2**
- Aquinnah: **39** ambulance runs (9.89%)
  - Medical Emergencies: **34**
  - Motor Vehicle Accidents: **5**
  - Fire Standby: **0**
- Mutual Aid to calls: **10** Ambulance Runs (2.70%)

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

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  
Belinda Booker  
Allison Graczykowski

**EMT-Basics:**

Meg Athearn  
Randhi Belain  
Robyn Bollin  
Simon Bollin  
Jonathan Brudnick  
Bradley Carroll  
Connor Chisholm  
Diane Demoe  
Rebecca Cournoyer

**EMT-Paramedics:**

Brenden Cooney  
Christopher Cowan  
Kyle Gatchell  
Christopher Greim  
Myriah Hallinan  
Tracey Jones  
Haley Krauss  
Jeff Pratt  
Heather McElhinney

Alan Ganapol  
Dawn Gompert  
Amanda Gonsalves  
Bruce Haynes  
Jennifer Haynes  
Harry Hill  
Phil Hollinger  
Jeffrey "Skipper" Manter  
Paul Manning  
David Marinelli



Molly Martone  
Sam Neubauer  
Jim Osmundsen  
Farley Pedler  
Gary Robinson  
Katherine Smith  
Samantha Smith  
Gerrison Vieira  
Nisa Webster  
Adam Wilson

Respectfully submitted,

Benjamin Retmier  
Ambulance Chief

## **REPORT OF THE UP-ISLAND COUNCIL ON AGING**

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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 180 hours per month in 2019.

### **Senior Population**

35% of West Tisbury residents are 60 yrs. of age & over

49% of Chilmark residents are 60 yrs. of age & over

40% of Aquinnah residents are 60 yrs. Of age and over

### **Service Indicators January 1 – December 31, 2019**

#### **Unduplicated Count**

Approximately 966 up-island residents (seasonal & year-round) sixty years of age and older, and 64 individuals under the age of sixty received services and/or participated in our programs in 2019.

### **Social, Recreational & Cultural Programs**

335 individuals participated in the following:

Day Trips (theatre, museums)

Recreational games

Lobster Picnic

Holiday Events

Annual Cookout

Off-Island Shopping Trips

### **Direct Service Programs**

486 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)	Friendly Visits
FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Association)	
Tax work-off program (West Tisbury)	

**In-Kind Services and Goods**

Durable Medical Equipment  
 Fish (M.V. Bluefish Derby)  
 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**

72 individuals participated in the following nutrition programs:

Congregate Lunch  
 Home Delivered Meals (holiday meals included)

**Health & Fitness Programs**

294 individuals received and /or participated in the following:

Pedi-care Nurse	Strength Training Class
Freestyle Dance	Yoga Class
Parkinson's Support Group	Balletics
Smile Program (Free dental checks & cleanings)	
Meditation Group (new)	

**Health Programs Sponsored by the Up-Island Boards of Health:**

40 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 Coordinator'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 Coordinator 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 110 elders in 2019.

**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**

19 volunteers contributed approximately 325 hours in 2019. We estimate the fair market value of their services to exceed \$4,800

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 \$19,000 for the following:

- Defray utility costs (propane & telephone)
- Provide for meeting/conference attendance
- Defray transportation costs to off-island meetings & client transportation
- Purchase a Commercial Ice Maker
- Purchase assisted listening equipment
- Purchase one office laptops & printer
- Sound mitigation for basement level floor
- Defray costs for office supplies, including postage
- Professional Development (Staff)
- Office furniture

**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 \$20,028 in 2019 for the following:

Commissioned Melissa Patterson to make a new sign for the Howes House (see below)

Special Programs Support

Monthly Cell Phone Service

&

***Friends' Gift Fund***

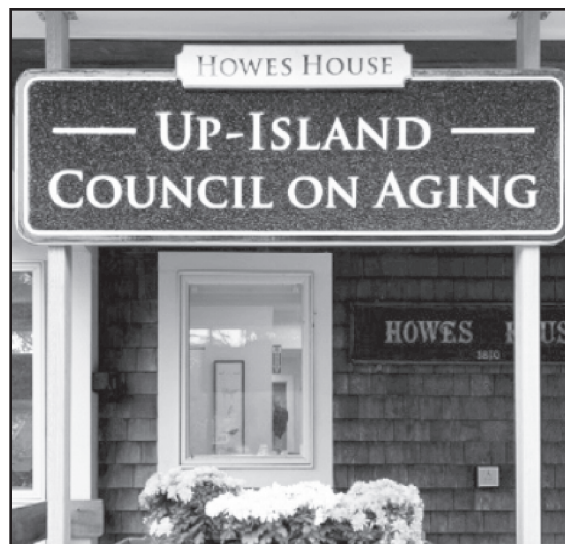
Many of our seniors are especially vulnerable and are struggling to put food on the table, pay for heating bills, purchase prescription drugs, along with other everyday expenses. The Friends, concerned about the welfare of our elderly population on fixed incomes, established a Gift Fund to provide assistance paying for heating costs and food. Twenty-nine households received a total of

\$13,850 to pay for heat (\$7,750) and food (\$3,025) The Gift Fund is administered by the COA Director and Outreach Worker.

In closing, I would like to thank the Staff for their commitment to enhancing the quality of life of our seniors, and 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 2019: July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019**

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**Client Services:** The Access Program's core service is connecting Island residents with Massachusetts' affordable health insurance programs, 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 dental care, vision care and prescription medication assistance. The . The Senior Assistance Program provides application assistance, benefits counseling and program navigation for Island seniors and their families.

***In FY2019, the Access Program provided application and enrollment assistance for 3,977 individuals of all ages for MassHealth and Health Connector affordable insurance programs; 378 seniors were assisted with Medicare, Medicare Part D and Prescription Advantage; MassHealth Long Term Care and Frail Elder Waiver programs; and Disability. We provided health insurance, medical, dental, prescription and related referral assistance 6,744 times.***

The Access Program is a grantee of the Massachusetts Health Connector's **Navigator Program**. The Navigator program is an outreach, education and enrollment program for health insurance 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.

**The David Kurth Memorial Fund** provides emergency financial assistance to Islanders with medical-related expenses that they cannot afford, primarily prescription medication. We also provide transportation assistance for low income Islanders and for those who need help paying for travel to medical appointments off-Island. ***In FY2019, we assisted uninsured or underinsured Islanders to get prescription medications and related assistance by providing \$6,594 in financial assistance.*** Contributions to the fund came from the Elizabeth and Peter Tower Foundation; the United Methodist Church; individual donors, and local businesses. This fund has provided over \$65,000 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 2019, 220 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.

***Eighty five low income adults received services, including elderly and disabled patients.*** These services are made possible by funding from the Town Boards of Health for health promotion services.

**Local and Regional Initiatives:** Access Program employees have been involved in a number of additional health care initiatives including:

- The Dukes County Health Council
- Regional Advisory Board for the Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance
- The DCHC's Oral Health Work Group
- Healthy Aging Martha's Vineyard
- Elder Care Providers Work Group

**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 FY19 budget was \$499,911.

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 FY19 was \$359,184.

Other FY19 funding sources totaling \$140,727 included Island Health Care via the US Health Services Resources Administration, the Massachusetts Health Connector Authority, the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation, Martha's Vineyard Hospital and local funders including the Peter and Elizabeth C. Tower Foundation, local businesses and individual donors.

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**Advisory & Oversight Board:** Pam Bennett, Eleanor Beth, Tad Crawford, Beth Donnelly, Karen Gear, Janet Holladay, Rex Jarrell, Herb Kiehn, Marina Lent, Kathy Perotta, Susan Sanford, Adam Wilson

## REPORT OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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To the Board of Selectman:

**The Zoning Board of Appeals held 92 hearings for 59 applications in 2019.**

**Case 2019-01 January 10**

*John Cain - 90 Manaquayak Rd, Assessors' Map 7, Lot 99*

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted to **DENY** the application for a Special Permit to amend a 1982 Special Permit to allow the construction of five rental cabins (without kitchens) thereby extending and altering a pre-existing, non-conforming use.

**Case 2019-02 February 7**

*Thomas B. and Christina M. Shropshire-147 Middle Point Rd, Assessors' Map 39, Lot 2.1*

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously to **GRANT** with CONDITIONS a Special Permit for a ground mounted Solar Array over 1,500 square feet and a Personal Wireless Service Facility Antenna.

**Case 2019-03 February 21**

*Brad Abbott and Alice Kyburg-190 Skiffs Ln, Assessors' Map 17, Lot 3.22*

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously to **GRANT** a Special Permit for the construction of an Accessory Apartment.

**Case 2019-04 February 21**

*Rosemarie Ovia - Tr: of the 2006 Ovia Family Tr:- 15 Music Street, Assessors' Map 32 Lot 57*

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously to **GRANT** a Special Permit to increase a non-conformity (setback & height), to allow the proposed 4 foot wide by 2 foot high deck to be constructed 8 and ½ feet from the eastern boundary, to allow 9 inches of height relief for the proposed addition and to allow the extension/alteration of the pre-existing, non-conforming structure.

**Case 2019-05 March 28**

*Louise A Sweet-Cardellino- 43 Tiasquam Rd, Assessor's Map 32, Lot 16,*

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously to **GRANT** with CONDITIONS, a Special Permit for a Home Occupation, (florist studio).

**Case 2019-06 March 14**

*Ken and Abigail Bailey-60 Halcyon Way, Assessors' Map 21 Lot 14.3*

**WITHDRAWN** Without Prejudice

**Case 2019-07 March 28**

*Beetlebung Tree Care, LLC-22 Cournoyer Rd., Assessors' Map 16, Lot 104,*

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously to **GRANT** a Special Permit



for five 12-15 foot high lighting posts requiring 28 feet of setback relief located as drawn on approved site plan.

**Case 2019-08 March 28**

*John and Maureen Eisner, 62 Music Street, West Tisbury, MA, Assessors' Map 32, Lot 31*

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously to **GRANT** a Special Permit to allow 16 inches of height relief for a flat roof on a structure located within the Special Places District and to amend Special Permit #2018-40.

**Case 2019-09 March 14**

*JoAnn Weiner and Finbarr O'Connor-24 South Vine Ln., Assessors' Map 31 Lot 70.8*

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously to **GRANT** a Special Permit with CONDITIONS to allow the addition of a master bedroom and bath, mud room/laundry room and an additional entrance to a pre-existing, non-conforming structure requiring 21.3 feet of setback relief on the Northeast side of the property.

**Case 2019-10 March 28**

*Jason Gale- 14 Four Way, Assessors' Map 7, Lot 136,*

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously to **GRANT** a Special Permit for a 20'x20' bedroom addition and the conversion of a screen porch to additional living space in a pre-existing, non-conforming structure requiring 15 feet of setback relief .

**Case 2019-11 March 28**

*David Graff and Dawn M. Porter-200 John Hoft Rd, Assessors' Map 2, Lot 7.2,*

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously to **GRANT** with CONDITIONS, a Special Permit for an addition to a pre-existing, non-conforming structure requiring 14.7 feet of setback relief.

**Case 2019-12 April 25**

*Carl Sobel-171 Otis Bassett Rd, Assessors' Map 17, Lot 42*

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted to **DENY** the application for a Special Permit to allow the operation of a Home Occupation, (Lumber Mill).

**Case 2019-13 April 25**

*Scott Stearns-33 Bailey Park Rd, Assessors' Map 10, Lot 101*

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously to **GRANT** a Special Permit for a 9x18 foot mudroom addition requiring 25 feet of setback relief to a pre-existing, non-conforming structure.

**Case 2019-14 April 25**

*South Mountain Company, Inc.- 15 Red Arrow Rd. Assessors' Map 8, Lot 37*

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously to **GRANT** with CONDITIONS An Amendment to a Comprehensive Permit under MGL Chapter 40B granted in 1998 to John Abrams, South Mountain Company to allow 1) A 3600 SF lumber storage and shop space 2) A 600 SF Solar Components storage

building 3) Conversion of an existing shop to meeting and office space 4) Conversion of lumber storage space to shop space 5) The removal of a temporary 1,350 SF hoop building 6) An increase in the number of parking spaces from 35 to 40 7) Clearing of an additional 12,000 SF of wooded area 8) Increase the number of full time on site employees from 18 to 24.

**Case 2019-15 May 9**

*Jim Powell-49 Old Courthouse Rd., Assessors' Map 22, Lot 17*

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously to **GRANT** with CONDITIONS, a Special Permit to convert an existing Bed and Breakfast to a 5 resident Assisted Living Facility.

**Case 2019-16 May 9**

*Matthew E. Epstein-71 Stone Bridge Rd, Assessors' Map 3, Lot 54*

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously to **GRANT** with CONDITIONS, a Special Permit for an 18x40 foot in ground swimming pool with associated pool equipment shed.

**Case 2019-17 May 9**

*Adam and Lisa Gross- 645 State Rd, Assessors' Map 22 Parcel 42*

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously to **GRANT** a Special Permit for an alteration and extension of a pre-existing non-conforming structure/use to allow a conversion of an existing studio to a detached 4th bedroom on subject property.

**Case 2019-18 May 9**

*John Cain-90 Manaquayak Rd, Assessors' Map 7, Lot 99*

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously to **GRANT** a Special Permit to substitute elevated seating for 9 of the 70 seats allowed at the Lambert's Cove Inn Restaurant.

**Case 2019-19 May 30**

*James M. Ferry- 67 Blackwater Hollow Rd., Assessors' Map 3 Parcel 85.4*

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously to **GRANT** with CONDITIONS, a Special Permit for a 29'7" x 14'6" in ground swimming pool requiring 19 feet of setback relief.

**Case 2019-20 June 13**

*Michael Colaneri, Trustee RP Realty Trust-41 Rogers Path, Assessors' Map 22, Lot 10.1,*

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted to **GRANT** the application with CONDITIONS for a Special Permit to allow an existing barn to be converted to an Accessory Apartment.

**Case 2019-21 July 11**

*Julia Humphreys-16 Briarwood Ln, Assessors' Map 10, Lot 11*

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted to **GRANT** with CONDITIONS, the application for a Special Permit to allow an existing carport to be torn down and replaced by a two car garage with an Accessory Apartment above.

**Case 2019-22 July 11**

*Thomas Walker Roman-20 Albert's Pond Rd, Assessors' Map 25, Lot 4*

**WITHDRAWN** Without Prejudice

**Case 2019-23 August 1**

*Henry and Leslie Nolte-149 Vineyard Meadow Farms Rd, Assessors' Map 37, Lot 43*

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted to **GRANT** with CONDITIONS, the application for a Special Permit to allow a 24'x24' detached two car garage with a 6'5" x 24' farmers porch and 2nd floor storage accessed by a pulldown staircase requiring 6 feet of setback relief.

**Case 2019-24 August 1**

*Dean and Petronella Gianocostas-71 Otis Bassett Rd, Assessors' Map 17, Lot 18*

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted to **GRANT** a Special Permit to allow construction of a 12'x16' non-habitable storage shed requiring 31 feet of setback relief.

**Case 2019-25 August 1**

*Erik Blake-18 Amos Lane, Assessors' Map 16, Lot 240*

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted to **GRANT** with CONDITIONS, the application for a Special Permit to construct a 13'x33' in ground swimming pool allowing for 4 feet of setback relief from the Northeasterly property line and 14 feet of setback relief from the Southwesterly property line.

**Case 2019-26 August 1**

*Peter and Patricia Accinno-57 Island Farms Rd, Assessors' Map 16, Lot 9*

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted to **GRANT** a Special Permit to allow construction of a 20'x 24' garage connected by a 12'6"x12' mudroom addition to a pre-existing, non-conforming structure requiring 37 feet of setback relief.

**Case 2019-27 August 29**

*Christopher W. Cottrell-274 Indian Hill Rd, Assessors' Map 15 Lot 1*

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted to **GRANT** a Special Permit to change the use of a pre-existing, nonconforming dwelling to a garage with storage, an office with a half bath and to allow 79 feet of setback relief.

**Case 2019-28 August 29**

*John and Maureen Eisner-62 Music Street, Assessors' Map 32, Lot 31*

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted to **GRANT** a Special Permit with CONDITIONS to allow construction of an 8'x14' mudroom requiring 6.5' of setback relief, a 4'x15' deck extension requiring 31' of setback relief and a 10'x19' sunroom requiring 13' of setback relief.

**Case 2019-29 August 29**

*Carter Hakala-19 Kaitlyn Farm Way, Assessors' Map 10 Lot 192.1*

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously to **GRANT** with CONDITIONS a Special Permit to allow a 741 sf. Accessory Apartment.

**Case 2019-30 August 29**

*Juliette & Walter Pryor-35 Tom Neelon Rd, Assessors' Map 3 Lot 37.1*

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted to **GRANT** a Special Permit with CONDITIONS to allow construction of a 20x42.5 foot in ground swimming pool with associated pool equipment storage.

**Case 2019-31A September 12**

*Graham Lewis-42 Fire Tower Rd, Assessors' Map 12, Lot 40.3*

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously to **DENY part A** of a Special Permit application to allow a rooftop deck on a structure located within the Special Places District and to amend Special Permit #2018-40.

**Case 2019-31B September 12**

*Graham Lewis-42 Fire Tower Rd, Assessors' Map 12, Lot 40.3*

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously to **GRANT part B** of a Special Permit application to allow 40 feet of setback relief from the front lot line for a 24'x33' barn, to serve as a garage with storage & recreation area above located in front of the main dwelling in the Special Places District.

**Case 2019-32 September 12**

*Christopher M. Zilla-224 Vineyard Meadow Farms Rd., Assessors' Map 37 Parcel 20*

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously to **GRANT** with CONDITIONS, a Special Permit for a 20x40 foot in ground swimming pool.

**Case 2019-33 June 6**

*John Cain-90 Manaquayak Rd., Assessors' Map 7, Lot 99*

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously to **GRANT** with CONDITIONS, a Special Permit to outline, within the limits imposed by its Conditions, the allowable uses of the Lamberts Cove Inn property.

**Case 2019-34 September 26**

*Robert Courcier-133 Indian Hill Rd, Assessors' Map 15 Lot 26.121*

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously to **GRANT** with CONDITIONS, a Special Permit to allow a Variance for relief from Section 10.1-1 (C) of the Zoning Bylaws which requires a property to have boundary monuments at each change of boundary direction.

**Case 2019-35 September 26**

*Anne Fisher-137 Road to Great Neck, Assessors' Map 35 Lot 4*

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously to **GRANT** a Special Permit to allow the addition of a deck and stairs requiring 20 feet of setback relief to a pre-existing, non-conforming dwelling.

**Case 2019-36 October 3**

*Peter Brown, Esq. agent for Hazel T. Coffin Trustee of the Coffin Real Estate Nominee Trust and Peter Nicholson agent for Michael Franken-118 Sarita Walker Rd., Assessors' Map 38 Lot 7.12*

**WITHDRAWN** Without Prejudice

**Case 2019-37 October 3**

*Damian Wilmot & Yndia Lorick-Wilmot-192 Waldron's Bottom Rd, Assessors' Map 37 Lot 37.1*

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously to **GRANT** a Special Permit with CONDITIONS to allow 9 feet 6 inches of setback relief from the rear lot line for a 620 sf. one story garage.

**Case 2019-38 October 3**

*Josh Saltmarsh-143 Old Holmes Hole Rd, Assessors' Map 16 Lot 146*

**WITHDRAWN** Without Prejudice

**Case 2019-39 October 3**

*Lynley Projects LLC-63 Boghouse Way, Assessors' Map 3, Lot 7*

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously to **GRANT** with CONDITIONS, a Special Permit to allow a 20 x 40 foot swimming pool to be constructed in the Inland Zone.

**Case 2019-40 September 26**

*Tiasquam Rd LLC-57 Tiasquam Rd, Assessors' Map 32 Lot 7*

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously to **GRANT** a Special Permit to allow a kitchen, dining room and mud room addition, requiring 4 feet of setback relief at the southeast corner of the lot, to a single family dwelling.

**Case 2019-41 November 7**

*Thomas Walker Roman-20 Albert's Pond Rd, Assessors' Map 25, Lot 4,*

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously to **GRANT** a Special Permit for an Accessory Apartment with attached Art Studio.

**Case 2019-42 October 17**

*Hadden Blair-115 Old County Rd, Assessors' Map 10, Lot 3*

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously to **GRANT** a Special Permit to allow 25' of setback relief for a 440 sf shed.

**Case 2019-43 October 3**

*Leah Houghton-20 Hopps Farm Rd, Assessors' Map 16, Lot 247*

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously to **GRANT** a Special Permit to allow construction of an Accessory Apartment on the second floor of an existing detached garage.

**Casefile 2019-44 October 17**

*McCracken-511 Old County Rd, Assessors' Map 26, Lot 14*

**WITHDRAWN** Without Prejudice

**Case 2019 -45 filed on December 27, heard on January 24**

*Shampoo Beach LLC-350 Big Homer's Pond Rd., Assessors' Map 39, Lot 14*

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously to **GRANT** a Special Permit for 22" of height relief for a railing surrounding a 275 sf. rooftop deck and the stairway that services it on a residence located in the Coastal District.

**Case 2019-46 October 17**

*Brian Abbott Sr. tr., Nancy-Alyce Abbott 2018 Tr.-60 Bartimus Luce Rd, Assessors' Map 3, Lot 9.1*

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously to **GRANT** with CONDITIONS, a Special Permit to allow a 4'6" deep rooftop wading pool and guardrail requiring 1'5" of height relief and setback relief for the following roof overhangs; 1'10" from the NE corner, 8'9" from the NW corner and 8'8" from the SW corner on a 5,130 sf residence located in the Coastal District per submitted plans & elevations.

**Case 2019-47 November 7**

*Linda Alley-1043 State Rd, Assessors' Map 32 Lot 58 and 58.2*

**WITHDRAWN Without Prejudice**

**Case 2019-48 November 14**

*Peter and Mary Fohlin-174 Otis Bassett Rd., West Tisbury Assessors' Map 17, Lot 43*

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously to **GRANT** a Special Permit for 21' of setback relief from the rear lot line and 25' of setback relief from the side lot line for a 22'x20' non habitable single story garage.

**Case 2019-49** – Number not used

**Case 2019-50 November 14**

*Jeffrey A. Cassis-170 Vineyard Meadow Farms Rd., Assessors' Map 37, Lot 30*

On November 14, 2019 the Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously to **GRANT** a Special Permit for 7' of setback relief to construct a 14' x 14' non-habitable shed.

**Case 2019-51 November 7**

*Eliot Coutts-65 Longview Rd, Assessors' Map 7, Lot 79*

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously to **GRANT** a Special Permit to allow construction of an addition to a single family dwelling of a covered porch with attached deck requiring 11 feet of setback relief.

**Case 2019-52 November 14**

*Debra Cedeno-182 Otis Bassett Rd., Assessors' Map 17, Lot 45*

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously to **GRANT** a Special Permit for a Home Occupation (Architectural Design).

**Case 2019-53 September 26**

*Philip Pratt-85 Oak Ln., Assessors' Map 17 Lot 63*

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously to **GRANT** with CONDITIONS, a Special Permit to allow 40 feet of relief from the side setback and 33 feet of relief from the rear setback for a 160 sf. shed under Section 4.2-2 (D) 4 of the Zoning Bylaws.

**Case 2019-54 December 5**

*Stoilka Sabeva-216 Oak Lane, Assessors' Map 17, Lot 96,*

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously to **GRANT** a Special Permit to allow construction of a Detached Garage with a two bedroom Accessory Apartment above requiring 20' of setback relief on a pre-existing, non-conforming lot.

**Case 2019-55 December 5**

*Joshua Saltmarsh-143 Old Holmes Hole Rd, Assessors' Map 16, Lot 146*

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously to **GRANT** with CONDITIONS, a Special Permit to allow the operation of a Service Business (Boat maintenance and Winter Storage) for up to 12 boats.

**Case 2019-56 October 24**

*Jason Gale-14 Four Way, Assessors' Map 7, Lot 136*

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously to **GRANT** a Special Permit to allow an amendment to Special Permit 2019-10 to construct a full second story over approved addition.

**Case 2019-57 December 5**

*Sarah and Allison Flanders- 20 Blackthorn Rd, Assessors' Map 31, Lot 104.1*

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously to **GRANT** with CONDITIONS, a Special Permit to allow the operation of a Home Occupation, (Chocolate Factory).

**Case 2019-58 December 12**

*Donald H. Romano-17 Otis Bassett Rd, Assessors' Map 17, Lot 4,*

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously to **GRANT** a Special Permit to allow a the previously unfinished second floor space over the garage to become a finished recreation room

\*amendment to application voted to remove the word "non-habitable".

**Case 2019-59 December 12**

*Gail Tipton-30 Oak Ln., Assessors' Map 10, Lot 269*

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously to **GRANT** a Special Permit with CONDITIONS for a 7x9 foot bathroom addition requiring 23.5 feet of setback relief to a pre-existing, non-conforming Guest House.

**Case 2019-60 December 12**

*Douglas and Andrea F. Plotkin-252 Waldron's Bottom Rd, Assessors' Map 37, Lot 41*

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously to **GRANT** a Special Permit to allow a 435.6 sf. Solar Array requiring 8' of height relief and 30' of setback relief from the Northern property line.

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The West Tisbury Zoning Board of Appeals consists of five standing members and two associate members, 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 a 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 (Ch.40A of MGL)
- 2) To hear and decide applications for 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  
Julius B. Lowe  
Deborah Wells  
John Rau – 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 2020  
EXPENDITURES - FY 2019; APPROPRIATIONS - FY 2020;  
BUDGET PROPOSAL - FY 2021**

Line Item	Account	Expenditures FY 2019	Appropriations FY 2020	Requested Appropriations FY 2021	Recommended by Finance Committee FY 2021
		\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>					
<b>MODERATOR</b>					
114-5110	Elected Official, Salary	370	370	<b>370.00</b>	370.00
114-5305	Legal	N/A	500	<b>500.00</b>	500.00
114-5700	Expenses	1,170	1,170	<b>1,520.00</b>	1,520.00
	Total Moderator	1,540	2,040	<b>2,390.00</b>	2,390.00
<b>BOARD OF SELECTMEN</b>					
122-5110	Elected Officials, Salaries 3 @ \$5,000	10,000	10,000	<b>11,050.00</b>	11,050.00
122-5120	Personal Services	156,035	164,276	<b>165,897.78</b>	165,897.78
122-5700	Expenses	19,110	26,500	<b>14,000.00</b>	14,000.00
122-5780	Miscellaneous/Consultant Expense	1,804	5,000	<b>5,000.00</b>	5,000.00
	Total Board of Selectmen	186,949	205,776	<b>195,947.78</b>	195,947.78
<b>MUNICIPAL HEARING OFFICER</b>					
124-5120	Personal Services	2,500	2,500	<b>2,500.00</b>	2,500.00
	Total Municipal Hearing Officer	2,500	2,500	<b>2,500.00</b>	2,500.00
<b>FINANCE COMMITTEE</b>					
131-5120	Personal Services	1,439	2,728	<b>2,491.00</b>	2,491.00
131-5700	Expenses	1,719	2,200	<b>1,410.00</b>	1,410.00
	Total Finance Committee	3,158	4,928	<b>3,901.00</b>	3,901.00
<b>RESERVE FUND</b>					
132-5700	Expenses (Transfers)		46,000	<b>55,000.00</b>	55,000.00
	Total Reserve Fund		46,000	<b>55,000.00</b>	55,000.00
<b>ANNUAL AUDIT</b>					
133-5700	Expenses	17,000	17,000	<b>17,000.00</b>	17,000.00
	Total Annual Audit	17,000	17,000	<b>17,000.00</b>	17,000.00
<b>TOWN ACCOUNTANT</b>					
135-5120	Personal Services	94,504	96,712	<b>96,712.13</b>	96,712.13
135-5700	Expenses	1,610	1,695	<b>320.00</b>	320.00
	Total Town Accountant	96,114	98,407	<b>97,032.13</b>	97,032.13
<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	154,028	158,693	<b>158,728.66</b>	158,728.66
141-5305	Legal Services	11,147	30,000	<b>30,000.00</b>	15,000.00
141-5700	Expenses	23,737	23,550	<b>22,750.00</b>	22,750.00
	Total Board of Assessors	191,913	215,243	<b>214,478.66</b>	199,478.66
<b>TREASURER/COLLECTOR</b>					
145-5120	Personal Services	132,431	143,167	<b>147,787.06</b>	147,787.06
145-5700	Expenses	25,058	27,930	<b>27,680.00</b>	27,680.00
	Total Town Treasurer	157,489	171,097	<b>175,467.06</b>	175,467.06

Line Item	Account	Expenditures FY 2019	Appropriations FY 2020	Requested Appropriations FY 2021	Recommended by Finance Committee FY 2021
<b>LEGAL SERVICES</b>					
151-5305	Expenses	31,003	40,000	<b>40,000.00</b>	40,000.00
	Total Legal Services	31,003	40,000	<b>40,000.00</b>	40,000.00
<b>PERSONNEL BOARD</b>					
152-5120	Personal Services	6,030	11,266	<b>11,376.89</b>	11,376.89
152-5700	Expenses	494	800	<b>400.00</b>	400.00
	Total Personnel Board	6,524	12,066	<b>11,776.89</b>	11,776.89
<b>DATA PROCESSING</b>					
155-5120	Personal Services	4,000	4,000	<b>4,000.00</b>	4,000.00
155-5700	Expenses	86,879	95,747	<b>93,840.00</b>	93,840.00
	Total Data Processing	90,879	99,747	<b>97,840.00</b>	97,840.00
<b>TAX TITLE FORECLOSURE</b>					
158-5305	Legal Services	5,752	6,250	<b>6,250.00</b>	6,250.00
158-5700	Expenses		150	<b>150.00</b>	150.00
	Total Tax Title Foreclosure	5,752	6,400	<b>6,400.00</b>	6,400.00
<b>TOWN CLERK</b>					
161-5110	Elected Official, Salary	59,984	61,342	<b>61,342.05</b>	61,342.05
161-5700	Expenses	1,547	1,800	<b>1,800.00</b>	1,800.00
	Total Town Clerk	61,531	63,142	<b>63,142.05</b>	63,142.05
<b>ELECTIONS</b>					
162-5120	Personal Services	1,359	2,695	<b>3,414.00</b>	3,414.00
162-5700	Expenses	5,598	4,400	<b>6,100.00</b>	6,100.00
	Total Elections	6,958	7,095	<b>9,514.00</b>	9,514.00
<b>BOARD OF REGISTRARS</b>					
163-5120	Personal Services	300	300	<b>300.00</b>	300.00
163-5700	Expenses	1,696	1,700	<b>2,300.00</b>	2,300.00
	Total Board of Registrars	1,996	2,000	<b>2,600.00</b>	2,600.00
<b>CONSERVATION COMMISSION</b>					
171-5120	Personal Services	45,790	48,446	<b>48,920.61</b>	48,920.61
171-5700	Expenses	2,920	3,350	<b>3,180.00</b>	3,180.00
	Total Conservation Commission	48,710	51,796	<b>52,100.61</b>	52,100.61
<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	51,822	59,122	<b>59,645.80</b>	59,645.80
175-5700	Expenses	1,140	6,145	<b>3,145.00</b>	3,145.00
	Total Planning Board	57,962	70,267	<b>67,790.80</b>	67,790.80
<b>BOARD OF APPEALS</b>					
176-5120	Personal Services	58,752	63,926	<b>66,519.36</b>	66,519.36
176-5305	Legal Services	12,839	4,000	<b>2,000.00</b>	2,000.00
176-5700	Expenses	3,723	3,725	<b>4,925.00</b>	4,925.00
	Total Board of Appeals	75,314	71,651	<b>73,444.36</b>	73,444.36
<b>MARTHA'S VINEYARD COMMISSION</b>					
177-5600	Intergovernmental	132,622	133,285	<b>149,872.00</b>	149,872.00
	Total Martha's Vineyard Comm.	132,622	133,285	<b>149,872.00</b>	149,872.00

Line Item	Account	Expenditures FY 2019	Appropriations FY 2020	Requested Appropriations FY 2021	Recommended by Finance Committee FY 2021
<b>AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE</b>					
180-5120	Personal Services	10,365	13,352	<b>13,351.80</b>	13,351.80
180-5305	Legal Services	2,996	3,000	<b>3,500.00</b>	1,750.00
180-5700	Expenses	390	1,000	<b>2,000.00</b>	2,000.00
	Total				
	Affordable Housing Comm.	13,751	17,352	<b>18,851.80</b>	17,101.80
<b>TOWN BUILDINGS</b>					
192-5700	Expenses	125,664	142,300	<b>139,200.00</b>	139,200.00
	Total Town Buildings	125,664	142,300	<b>139,200.00</b>	139,200.00
<b>TOWN PROPERTY INSURANCE</b>					
193-5700	Expenses	112,209	116,000	<b>114,000.00</b>	114,000.00
	Total Property Insurance	112,209	116,000	<b>114,000.00</b>	114,000.00
<b>TOWN ELECTRIC</b>					
194-5700	Expenses	38,211	43,460	<b>42,000.00</b>	42,000.00
	Total Town Electric	38,211	43,460	<b>42,000.00</b>	42,000.00
<b>TOWN REPORTS</b>					
195-5700	Expenses	7,910	6,825	<b>8,200.00</b>	8,200.00
	Total Town Reports	7,910	6,825	<b>8,200.00</b>	8,200.00
<b>TOWN CLOCK</b>					
196-5120	Personal Services		250	<b>250.00</b>	250.00
	Total Town Clock		250	<b>250.00</b>	250.00
<b>DUKES COUNTY REGIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY</b>					
197-5600	Expenses	42,447	49,295	<b>52,781.00</b>	52,781.00
	Total DCRHA	42,447	49,295	<b>52,781.00</b>	52,781.00
<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>		<b>1,516,105</b>	<b>1,695,923</b>	<b>1,713,480.14</b>	<b>1,696,730.14</b>
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>					
<b>POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>					
210-5120	Personal Services	1,075,962	1,109,081	<b>1,141,618.54</b>	1,141,618.54
210-5700	Expenses	130,913	134,300	<b>135,275.00</b>	135,275.00
	Total Police Department	1,206,875	1,243,381	<b>1,276,893.54</b>	1,276,893.54
<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>					
220-5120	Personal Services	122,650	157,000	<b>161,600.00</b>	161,600.00
220-5700	Expenses	188,458	184,100	<b>188,000.00</b>	188,000.00
	Total Fire Department	311,108	341,100	<b>349,600.00</b>	349,600.00
<b>TRI-TOWN AMBULANCE</b>					
231-5600	Intergovernmental	363,691	371,290	<b>385,519.11</b>	385,519.11
	Total Tri-Town Ambulance	363,691	371,290	<b>385,519.11</b>	385,519.11
<b>INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS</b>					
241-5120	Personal Services	185,801	202,718	<b>220,150.62</b>	220,150.62
241-5700	Expenses	10,221	13,450	<b>14,575.00</b>	14,575.00
	Total Inspector of Buildings	196,022	216,168	<b>234,725.62</b>	234,725.62

Line Item	Account	Expenditures FY 2019	Appropriations FY 2020	Requested Appropriations FY 2021	Recommended by Finance Committee FY 2021
<b>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</b>					
291-5120	Personal Services	17,850	18,207	<b>26,000.00</b>	26,000.00
291-5700	Expenses	4,854	7,805	<b>11,905.00</b>	11,905.00
	Total Emergency Management	22,704	26,012	<b>37,905.00</b>	37,905.00
<b>ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER</b>					
292-5120	Personal Services	66,864	65,602	<b>71,522.62</b>	71,522.62
292-5700	Expenses	11,507	8,005	<b>8,155.00</b>	8,155.00
	Total Animal Control Officer	78,371	73,607	<b>79,677.62</b>	79,677.62
<b>HERRING WARDEN</b>					
293-5120	Personal Services	3,000	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	3,000	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	1,280	1,440	<b>1,440.00</b>	1,440.00
294-5700	Expenses	7,765	12,000	<b>13,200.00</b>	13,200.00
	Total Tree Warden	11,545	15,940	<b>17,140.00</b>	17,140.00
<b>INSECT PEST CONTROL</b>					
297-5700	Expenses		500	<b>500.00</b>	500.00
	Total Insect Pest Control		500	<b>500.00</b>	500.00
<b>SHELLFISH DEPARTMENT</b>					
298-5120	Personal Services	5,000	23,976	<b>24,488.00</b>	24,488.00
298-5700	Expenses	4,532	11,100	<b>11,100.00</b>	11,100.00
	Total Shellfish Department	9,532	35,076	<b>35,588.00</b>	35,588.00
<b>MV SHELLFISH GROUP</b>					
299-5700	Expenses	38,000	38,000	<b>38,000.00</b>	38,000.00
	Total M.V. Shellfish Group	38,000	38,000	<b>38,000.00</b>	38,000.00
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY</b>		<b>2,240,848.77</b>	<b>2,365,274</b>	<b>2,459,748.89</b>	2,459,748.89

#### EDUCATION

<b>UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT</b>					
311-5600	Intergovernmental	7,624,269	8,126,903	<b>8,466,876.34</b>	TBD
	Total				
	Up-Island Reg. School Dist.	7,624,269	8,126,903	<b>8,466,876.34</b>	
<b>MV REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL</b>					
313-5600	Intergovernmental	2,847,231	2,510,114	<b>2,770,219.74</b>	TBD
	Total M.V.				
	Regional High School	2,847,231	2,510,114	<b>2,770,219.74</b>	
<b>TOTAL EDUCATION</b>		<b>10,471,500</b>	<b>10,637,016</b>	<b>11,237,096.08</b>	

Line Item	Account	Expenditures FY 2019	Appropriations FY 2020	Requested Appropriations FY 2021	Recommended by Finance Committee FY 2021
<b>HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT</b>					
<b>SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS</b>					
421-5120	Personal Services	37,000	44,500	<b>52,000.00</b>	52,000.00
	Total Superintendent of Streets	37,000	44,500	<b>52,000.00</b>	52,000.00
<b>GENERAL HIGHWAY FUND</b>					
422-5120	Personal Services	121,165	140,437	<b>136,985.38</b>	136,985.38
422-5700	Expenses	68,720	78,050	<b>78,750.00</b>	78,750.00
	Total General Highway Fund	189,885	218,487	<b>215,735.38</b>	215,735.38
<b>SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL</b>					
423-5700	Expenses	52,991	70,000	<b>70,000.00</b>	70,000.00
	Total Snow and Ice Removal	52,991	70,000	<b>70,000.00</b>	70,000.00
<b>STREET LIGHTS</b>					
424-5700	Expenses	600	700	<b>700.00</b>	700.00
	Total Street Lights	600	700	<b>700.00</b>	700.00
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT</b>		<b>280,475</b>	<b>333,687</b>	<b>338,435.38</b>	338,435.38
<b>SANITATION</b>					
<b>TOWN LOCAL DROP-OFF</b>					
433-5120	Personal Services		50	<b>50.00</b>	50.00
433-5600	Intergovernmental	7,945	20,000	<b>15,000.00</b>	15,000.00
433-5700	Expenses		3,000	<b>3,000.00</b>	3,000.00
	Total Town Local Drop-Off	7,945	23,050	<b>18,050.00</b>	18,050.00
<b>MARTHA'S VINEYARD REFUSE DISPOSAL AND RESOURCE RECOVERY DISTRICT (MVRDRRD)</b>					
439-5600	Intergovernmental	118,766	121,863	<b>121,872.58</b>	121,872.58
	Total MVRDRRD	118,766	121,863	<b>121,872.58</b>	121,872.58
<b>TOTAL SANITATION</b>		<b>126,712</b>	<b>144,913</b>	<b>139,922.58</b>	139,922.58
<b>HUMAN SERVICES</b>					
<b>CEMETERIES</b>					
491-5120	Personal Services	2,850	3,000	<b>7,455.00</b>	7,455.00
491-5700	Expenses	13,057	21,800	<b>21,950.00</b>	21,950.00
	Total Cemeteries	15,907	24,800	<b>29,405.00</b>	29,405.00
<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	78,041	83,684	<b>118,259.54</b>	118,259.54
510-5700	Expenses	14,104	13,722	<b>17,937.00</b>	17,937.00
	Total Board of Health	95,145	100,406	<b>139,196.54</b>	139,196.54
<b>HEALTH SERVICES</b>					
522-5700	Expenses	17,929	17,500	<b>26,000.00</b>	26,000.00
	Total Health Services	17,929	17,500	<b>26,000.00</b>	26,000.00

Line Item	Account	Expenditures FY 2019	Appropriations FY 2020	Requested Appropriations FY 2021	Recommended by Finance Committee FY 2021
<b>DUKES COUNTY PROGRAMS**</b>					
525-5600	Vineyard Health Care				
	Access Program	53,598	52,718	<b>53,101.00</b>	53,101.00
526-5600	Dukes County Social Services	**	**	<b>7,317.00</b>	7,317.00
	Total Dukes County Programs	53,598	52,718	<b>60,418.00</b>	60,418.00
<b>MARTHA'S VINEYARD SENIOR SERVICES**</b>					
540-5700	Expenses	85,524	84,535	**	**
	Total MV Senior Services	85,524	84,535		
** Assessments for Dukes County programs staffed by County employees are included in the FY 2021 budget.					
Dukes County contracted programs are presented as separate warrant articles. For FY 2021, Dukes County Social Services has been included in the Town budget while services contracted to the Martha's Vineyard Center for living (previously included in the budget) is now presented in a warrant article (Article 22).					
<b>UP-ISLAND COUNCIL ON AGING</b>					
541-5120	Personal Services	254,516	266,311	<b>272,608.43</b>	272,608.43
541-5700	Expenses	15,270	19,850	<b>22,400.00</b>	22,400.00
	Total				
	Up-Island Council on Aging	269,786	286,161	<b>295,008.43</b>	295,008.43
<b>VETERANS' BENEFITS</b>					
543-5700	Expenses	17,722	20,000	<b>20,000.00</b>	20,000.00
	Total Veterans' Benefits	17,722	20,000	<b>20,000.00</b>	20,000.00
<b>TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES</b>		555,611	586,121	<b>570,027.97</b>	570,027.97
<b>CULTURE AND RECREATION</b>					
<b>PUBLIC LIBRARY</b>					
610-5120	Personal Services	496,571	504,474	<b>498,132.42</b>	498,132.42
610-5700	Expenses	247,134	249,900	<b>255,800.00</b>	255,800.00
	Total Public Library	743,705	754,374	<b>753,932.42</b>	753,932.42
<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	25,939	28,828	<b>28,718.35</b>	28,718.35
620-5700	Expenses	1,450	1,450	<b>1,450.00</b>	1,450.00
	Total				
	Park and Rec. Committee	28,053	31,108	<b>30,998.35</b>	30,998.35
<b>LAMBERT'S COVE BEACH AND UNCLE SETH'S POND</b>					
632-5120	Personal Services	79,320	80,910	<b>84,449.34</b>	84,449.34
632-5700	Expenses	10,562	16,625	<b>16,625.00</b>	16,625.00
	Total Lambert's Cove Beach and Uncle Seth's Pond	89,882	97,535	<b>101,074.34</b>	101,074.34

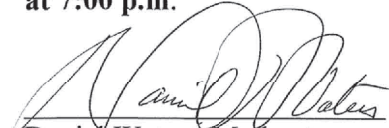


Line Item	Account	Expenditures FY 2019	Appropriations FY 2020	Requested Appropriations FY 2021	Recommended by Finance Committee FY 2021
<b>RECREATION PROGRAMS</b>					
640-5120	Personal Services	14,950	16,238	<b>2,440.32</b>	2,440.32
640-5700	Expenses	7,017	10,100	<b>10,100.00</b>	10,100.00
	Total Recreation Programs	21,967	26,338	<b>12,540.32</b>	12,540.32
<b>TOWN GROUNDS</b>					
650-5700	Expenses	5,073	10,250	<b>10,250.00</b>	10,250.00
	Total Town Grounds	5,073	10,250	<b>10,250.00</b>	10,250.00
<b>HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION</b>					
690-5700	Expenses	448	500	<b>500.00</b>	500.00
	Total Historic District Comm.	448	500	<b>500.00</b>	500.00
<b>LOCAL HISTORICAL COMMISSION</b>					
691-5700	Expenses		350	<b>350.00</b>	350.00
	Total Local Historical Comm.		350	<b>350.00</b>	350.00
<b>MARTHA'S VINEYARD CULTURAL COUNCIL</b>					
691-5700	Expenses	3,000	3,500	<b>3,500.00</b>	3,500.00
	Total MV Cultural Council	3,000	3,500	<b>3,500.00</b>	3,500.00
<b>TOTAL CULTURE AND RECREATION</b>		892,127	923,956	<b>913,145.43</b>	913,145.43
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>					
710-5910	Principal, Long-Term Debt	810,083	810,085	<b>805,083.33</b>	805,083.33
710-5915	Interest, Long-Term Debt	200,339	185,590	<b>169,638.75</b>	169,638.75
710-5925	Interest, Short-Term Debt	19,689	27,278	<b>12,212.80</b>	12,212.80
<b>TOTAL DEBT SERVICE</b>		1,030,111	1,022,953	<b>986,934.88</b>	986,934.88
<b>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>					
911-5170	County Retirement	501,305	518,240	<b>549,853.00</b>	549,853.00
912-5170	Workers' Compensation	13,052	14,000	<b>15,500.00</b>	15,500.00
913-5170	Massachusetts Unemployment	1,890	3,000	<b>1,500.00</b>	1,500.00
914-5170	Health Insurance	824,908	921,000	<b>778,380.00</b>	778,380.00
917-5170	Life Insurance	2,367	2,700	<b>4,500.00</b>	4,500.00
916-5170	Medicare Tax	44,451	50,500	<b>51,000.00</b>	51,000.00
945-5170	Public Officials Liability Ins.	16,338	17,500	<b>18,375.00</b>	18,375.00
<b>TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>		1,404,312	1,526,940	<b>1,419,108.00</b>	1,419,108.00
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>		18,517,803	19,236,783	<b>19,777,899.35</b>	8,524,053.27

NOTICE OF DECLARATION OF RECESS AND CONTINUANCE

**WEST TISBURY ANNUAL TOWN MEETING POSTPONED**

Due to COVID-19 (Coronavirus), a public safety emergency, notice is hereby given that the West Tisbury Annual Town meeting originally scheduled for April 14, 2020, has been continued to **Tuesday, May 12, 2020, at the West Tisbury School, Old County Road, West Tisbury at 7:00 p.m.**

  
Daniel Waters, Moderator

Date and Time: March 17, 2020 9:41 am

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 **Tabernacle, Trinity Park**, in the **Town of Oak Bluffs Tuesday the Twenty-Third day of June, Two Thousand Twenty**, at **Four 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 Twenty Fifth Day of June, at Eleven 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 **Eleven O'Clock in the Morning** and shall be closed **at Seven 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 Town Clerk for One Year
- One Tree Warden for One Year
- Two Members of the Finance Committee for Three Years
- Two Library Trustees for Three Years
- Two Members of the Planning Board for Five Years
- Two Members of Parks and Recreation for Three Years
- One Constable for Three Years
- One Member of the Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commission for Three Years

**ARTICLE 2:** 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 2021. (See the Budget published in the Town Report)

**(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Personnel Bylaw at Section 27.4 (Seasonal Pay Schedule) to reflect the increase in the Massachusetts minimum wage to \$12.75, that went into effect on January 1, 2020; The new

seasonal wage scale is shown below.

***Seasonal Wage Scale  
Section 27.4***

<b><i>Grade</i></b>		<b><i>Step 1</i></b>	<b><i>Step 2</i></b>	<b><i>Step 3</i></b>	<b><i>Step 4</i></b>
1	Hourly	12.75	13.39	14.06	14.76
2	Hourly	13.55	14.23	14.94	15.69
3	Hourly	15.24	16.00	16.80	17.64
4	Hourly	17.11	17.97	18.87	19.81
5	Hourly	19.42	20.39	21.41	22.48
6	Hourly	23.98	25.18	26.44	27.76
7	Hourly	25.35	26.62	27.95	29.35

**(RECOMMENDED5-0)**

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Personnel Bylaw at Section 27.1 to make the following changes to the Year Round Town Classification Plan. The amended text appears in **Bold:**

27. 0 Classification and Compensation Plans (To be effective July 1, 2020)

27.1 Year Round Classification Plan

- GRADE 1    Circulation Assistant  
              Substitute Circulation Assistant  
              Custodian  
              Kitchen Manager
- GRADE 2    Administrative Clerk (Board of Health and Council on Aging)  
              Building Maintenance Worker
- GRADE 3    Administrative Assistant (Board of Selectmen, Community  
              Preservation Commission and Affordable Housing Committee)  
              Assistant Animal Control Officer  
              Programming Coordinator/Administrative Assistant (4/12/16)  
              Highway Department Laborer  
              Shellfish Agent
- GRADE 4    Associate Assessor/Data Collector  
              Assistant Librarian/Children's Librarian/Youth Librarian  
              Assistant Council on Aging Director  
              Executive Assistant  
              Outreach Coordinator  
              Animal Control Officer  
              Reference and Technology Librarian  
              **Cemetery Superintendent (New position effective July 1, 2020)**
- GRADE 5    Head of Circulation/Assistant Library Director  
              Highway Department Foreman  
              Assistant Treasurer/Collector

GRADE 6	Board Administrator Local Building Inspector Patrol Officer <b>Assistant Board of Health Agent (New position effective July 1, 2020)</b>
GRADE 7	Council on Aging Director Health Agent Library Director
GRADE 8	Inspector of Buildings/Zoning Enforcement Officer Police Sergeant Town Accountant Principal Assessor
GRADE 9	Police Lieutenant Treasurer/Collector
GRADE 10	Town Administrator
GRADE 11	None

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty One Dollars (\$2,761) for the purchase of one double headed Electric Vehicle Charger to be located in the Library/Howes House Parking Lot for use by the community. The cost of electricity will be covered through a charge for a “fill-up”.

*The total cost of the Charger is \$10,261.00. \$7,500 will be paid for through the State’s Competitive Green Communities program. (RECOMMENDED 5-0)*

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of Fourteen Thousand Two Hundred and Forty Dollars (\$14,240) to fund the Town of West Tisbury’s share of the expenses of the All Island School Committee’s contract for adult and community education in Fiscal Year 2021.

**(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will endorse a program to be provided by the Martha’s Vineyard Regional Transit Authority for the restoration of year round service starting in FY 2021. The maximum annual assessment to the Town will be Ninety Two Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Six Dollars and Ninety Five Cents (\$92,496.95) which will be funded by assessment through the so-called “Cherry Sheet”.

**(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to be put toward the purchase and equipping of All Wheel Drive Police Cruisers.

*Note: This sum will be added to the \$30,000 appropriated in Article 11 of the 2019 annual town meeting and will allow for the purchase of a vehicle in FY2021. The remaining balance, together with \$30,000 to be requested at the*

2021 annual town meeting, will go to the purchase of a second vehicle in FY2022.  
**(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town of West Tisbury will vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of Forty Four Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Four Dollars and Seventy Five Cents (\$44,234.75) of the Town's proportionate share of the Fiscal Year 2021 maintenance cost of the State-funded development and upgrades of the Dukes County Regional Emergency Communication Center and Radio System ("RECC"), such share based on the apportionment formula equal to an average of 16.67% fixed share of Island-wide maintenance costs of \$300,000.00 plus 12.82% variable share of such costs based on dispatch volume, for the total share of 14.74%, pursuant to the Cooperative Agreement with Dukes County Sheriff's Office for annual payment of such costs. The funding is contingent on all Island Towns paying for such maintenance costs in FY21 according to their agreed upon proportionate shares.  
**(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will vote to Redirect Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) in unspent funds from Article 22 of the 2016 Town meeting and further to Appropriate from Free Cash the sum of Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000) for a total of Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000) for safety and other improvements at the Local Drop Off (*A.K.A the West Tisbury dump*).  
**(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will vote to Appropriate from Free Cash the sum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) to reduce the tax levy in Fiscal Year 2021.  
**(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

**ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the expenditure in Fiscal Year 2021 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 LIMIT
Wetlands Protection Bylaw	Conservation Commission lay 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 MVRDRRD	Board of Health	Expenses to operation of the Local Drop-off	\$125,000

**(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to Appropriate One Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Six Dollars (\$1,526) from the Receipts Reserved for

Appropriation from the Transportation Network Companies in accordance with Chapter 187 of the Acts of 2016, to address the impact of transportation network services on municipal roads, bridges and other transportation infrastructure or any other public purpose substantially related to the operation of transportation network services in the Town of West Tisbury including, but not limited to, the Complete Streets Program established in G. L. c. 90I § 2 and other programs that support alternative modes of transportation.

**(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

**ARTICLE 14:** To see if the Town will vote to act upon the recommendations of the Community Preservation Committee to appropriate and set aside for later expenditure from the Community Preservation Fund established pursuant to Chapter 44B of the Mass. General Laws, FY 2021 revenues, in the following amounts to the following:

- a. Open Space reserve \$50,000 (10% of estimated FY 2021 Community Preservation Fund revenues)
- b. Historical Resources reserve \$50,000 (10% of estimated FY 2021 Community Preservation Fund revenues)
- c. Community Housing reserve \$50,000 (10% of estimated FY 2021 Community Preservation Fund revenues)
- d. Undesignated reserve \$325,000 (65% of estimated FY 2021 Community Preservation Fund revenues)

And to appropriate for the Administrative Expenditures the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) from FY 2021 Community Preservation Fund Revenues.

**(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00), as West Tisbury's share of the total project budget of \$483,000.00, from the Community Preservation Undesignated Reserve Fund to the Dukes County Regional Housing Authority to support the rental assistance program for West Tisbury residents.

**(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) from the Community Preservation Housing Reserve Fund and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) from the Community Preservation Undesignated Reserve Fund for a total of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00), granted to the Island Housing Trust, Inc., for acquisition and development of seven new apartments in the Perlman House, permanently deed restricted for households earning 80% and 100% or less of the area median income in Dukes County, as West Tisbury's share of the total regional project budget of \$2,361,549.00.

**(RECOMMENDED 4-1-0)**

**ARTICLE 17:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000.00) from the Community Preservation Undesignated Reserve Fund, granted to Harbor Homes of Martha's Vineyard, Inc., as West Tisbury's share of the total regional project budget of \$815,000.00, to fund the

acquisition of future housing for homeless residents earning less than 30% of the County median income. The funds shall not be released until the closing on the selected property, and all financing is in place. An appropriate homeless housing permanent deed restriction shall also be filed with the deed to the property. If the property is sold or its use changes, 100% of the funds shall be reimbursed to the Town of West Tisbury CPA fund reserves. If the Town has repealed the CPA, the funds shall be reimbursed to the Town's Affordable Housing Trust Fund. **(RECOMMENDED 4-1-0)**

**ARTICLE 18:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Fifty Six Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Five Dollars (\$56,925.00) as the third installment in a maximum of ten installments, from the Community Preservation Undesignated Reserve Fund to pay down principal and interest on the borrowing for Scott's Grove Affordable Housing development approved in Article #21 at the Annual Town Meeting held on April 11, 2017.

**(RECOMMENDED 4-1-0)**

**ARTICLE 19:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Nineteen Thousand Dollars (\$19,000.00) from the Community Preservation Open Space/Recreation Reserve Fund to fund the playground equipment for the Martha's Vineyard Public Charter School playground, located at 424 State Road, West Tisbury. If the property is sold or its use changes prior to 2030, 100% of the funds shall be reimbursed to the Town of West Tisbury CPA fund reserves.

**(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

**ARTICLE 20:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of One Hundred Forty Five Thousand Dollars (\$145,000.00) from the Community Preservation Undesignated Reserve Fund to be transferred to the West Tisbury Affordable Housing Trust for future use toward affordable housing opportunities including, search, predevelopment and legal fees associated with various other affordable housing projects that meet CPA guidelines.

**(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

**ARTICLE 21:** To see if the Town will vote to Raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Two Dollars (\$4,272) to support the Substance Use Disorder and Homelessness Prevention Programs on Martha's Vineyard through Dukes County in accordance with the Inter-municipal Agreement, as the same may be amended from time to time, provided all six towns vote to approve their share.

**(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

**ARTICLE 22:** To see if the Town will vote to Raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty Four Thousand Five Hundred and Two Dollars (\$84,502) to support the Martha's Vineyard Center for Living Programs through Dukes County in accordance with the Inter-municipal Agreement, as the same may be amended from time to time, provided all six towns vote to approve their share.

**(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

**ARTICLE 23:** To see if the Town will vote to Raise and appropriate the sum of Eleven Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Two Dollars (\$11,392) to support the CORE program to provide coordinated counseling, outreach, and referral



services to our residents who are 55 years and older through Dukes County in accordance with the Inter-municipal Agreement, as the same may be amended from time to time, provided all six towns vote to approve their share.

**(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

**ARTICLE 24:** To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Seven Dollars (\$4,457) to support the First Stop Information and Referral Service through Dukes County in accordance with the Inter-municipal Agreement, as the same may be amended from time to time, provided all six towns vote to approve their share.

**(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

**ARTICLE 25:** To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Seven Dollars (\$15,927) to support the planning, advocacy and education for healthy aging on Martha's Vineyard through Dukes County in accordance with the Inter-municipal Agreement, as the same may be amended from time to time, provided all six towns vote to approve their share.

**(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

**ARTICLE 26:** To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate Seven Thousand Three Hundred Eight Dollars (\$7,308) to cover the County of Dukes County FY2021 budget shortfall, provided all six towns vote to approve their share.

**(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

**ARTICLE 27:** To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of Twenty Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Five Dollars and Forty Four Cents (\$27,775.44) to pay the Town's assessed share of the County of Dukes County debt authorized by Chapter 287 of the Acts of 2014 for a building to provide health and human services for county residents.

**(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

**ARTICLE 28:** To see if the Town will vote to redirect the sum of Fourteen Thousand Nine Dollars (\$14,009) in unspent funds from Article 17 of the 2019 Annual Town Meeting to be paid to the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District as the Town's share of the costs of the District's capital project for the replacement of the dust collection system in Building Trades, including without limitation design, engineering, installation, and any other costs incidental and relative thereto, provided, however, that this appropriation shall not be effective unless each of the other member Towns of the District approve a corresponding appropriation for their respective share of the total project costs; or to take any other action relative thereto.

**(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

**ARTICLE 29:** To see if the Town will vote to redirect the sum of Fifty Five Thousand Five Hundred Forty Three Dollars (\$55,543) in unspent funds from Article 17 of the 2019 Annual Town Meeting to pay the Town's share of the Up-Island Regional School District's roofing design project at the West Tisbury School providing for an Owner's Project Manager, designer fees, and any costs incidental and relative thereto. Provided, however, the other two member Towns of the District approve in their share of the total project costs of \$69,316.

**(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof in not less than six (6) public places in West Tisbury fourteen days 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 27th Day of May in the Year Two Thousand Twenty.

Cynthia E. Mitchell, Chair  
Kent A. Healy  
Jeffrey S. "Skipper" Manter  
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.

Timothy A. Barnett, Constable

A true copy, attest:

Tara J. Whiting-Wells  
Town Clerk



ABSENTEE  
OFFICIAL BALLOT  
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION  
WEST TISBURY, MASSACHUSETTS  
APRIL 16, 2020

*Don 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.

<b>FOR MODERATOR</b> One Year      Vote for ONE <b>DANIEL A. WATERS</b> 18 Christiantown Road      Candidate for Re-election <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	<b>FOR TOWN CLERK</b> One Year      Vote for ONE <b>TARA J. WHITING-WELLS</b> 488 Edgartown Road      Candidate for Re-election <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	<b>FOR PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE</b> Three Years      Vote for TWO <b>MATTHEW D. GEBO</b> 22 Stoney Hill Lane <input type="radio"/> <b>JOHN C. RAU</b> 29 Sachem Circle <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>
<b>FOR SELECTMAN</b> Three Years      Vote for ONE <b>MICHAEL BELLISSIMO</b> 18 Millstone Lane <input type="radio"/> <b>KENT A. HEALY</b> 1 Island Farms Road      Candidate for Re-election <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	<b>FOR TREE WARDEN</b> One Year      Vote for ONE <b>JEREMIAH BROWN</b> 2 Holy Lane      Candidate for Re-election <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	<b>FOR CONSTABLE</b> Three Years      Vote for ONE <b>JOHN J. POWERS</b> 20 Oak Knoll Road      Candidate for Re-election <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>
<b>FOR BOARD OF HEALTH</b> Three Years      Vote for ONE <b>ERIK B. LOWE</b> 250 Oak Lane      Candidate for Re-election <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	<b>FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEE</b> Three Years      Vote for TWO <b>ELAINE MARIE BARNETT</b> 11 Southbrook Lane      Candidate for Re-election <input type="radio"/> <b>WENDY G. NIERENBERG</b> 45 Old Bassett Road      Candidate for Re-election <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	<b>FOR PLANNING BOARD</b> Five Years      Vote for TWO <b>HENRY A. GELLER</b> 237 Vineyard Meadow Farms Road      Candidate for Re-election <input type="radio"/> <b>LEAH J. SMITH</b> 45 Smith Lane      Candidate for Re-election <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>
<b>FOR BOARD OF ASSESSORS</b> Three Years      Vote for ONE <b>MARIA G. McFARLAND</b> 45 South Vine Lane      Candidate for Re-election <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	<b>FOR FINANCE COMMITTEE</b> Three Years      Vote for TWO <b>JOHN CHRISTENSEN</b> 56 Mayhew Norton Road <input type="radio"/> <b>JANE DREEBEN</b> 239 Yaldrum Bottom Road      Candidate for Re-election <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	<b>FOR LAND BANK COMMISSIONER</b> Three Years      Vote for ONE <b>PETER S. WELLS</b> 488 Edgartown Road <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>

